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SPAIN & PORTUGAL

aboard the Sea Cloud II • May 17–29, 2018

Featuring

GERMÁN LABRADOR MÉNDEZ, Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese
Dear Princetonian,

The Iberian Peninsula, important for trade as early as 1100 BC when the seafaring Phoenicians successfully settled there, has a rich history of conquest and amalgamation. Phoenicians, Greeks, and Carthaginians led the way for the Roman Empire, Germanic tribes, and Islamic rule to play a part of history in this valuable area. Join your fellow Princetonians, May 17th-29th, 2018, on an exploration of the region by sea—as the early traders would have approached it—and understand the mixing of cultures seen in the architecture, language, and rituals of today.

Embark in Malaga and cruise for eight days aboard the Sea Cloud II, beginning with a transit of the Strait of Gibraltar. Ports of call include Seville, capital of the Spanish province of Andalucia; Lisbon, the Portuguese departure point for expeditions during the Age of Discovery; and appropriately named Porto, the center of port wine production. Spend an afternoon in beautiful, unspoiled Islas Cies National Park en route to the great pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela, and conclude in Bilbao at the iconic Frank Gehry–designed Guggenheim Museum.

Princeton travelers will share this springtime exploration of Spain and Portugal with participants from Stanford, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. The elegant Sea Cloud II is sure to fill quickly, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

Kind regards,

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HÉCTOR HOYOS, assistant professor of Latin American literature and culture at Stanford University, was born in Bogotá, Colombia, and educated at the Universidad de los Andes and Cornell University. His research areas include visual culture and critical theory, as well as comparative and philosophical approaches to literature. His work has appeared in several venues, among them Comparative Literature Studies, Revista de Estudios Hispánicos, Chasqui, and Revista Iberoamericana. His book, Beyond Bolaño: The Global Latin American Novel (Columbia University Press, 2015) is the first monographic, theoretical study of Latin American novelistic representations of globalization of its kind.

Treasures both old and new—the remarkable Moorish Alhambra fortress (cover) and Generalife gardens (left), the World Heritage city of Porto, center of port wine production (this page), and the intriguing Guggenheim Museum Bilbao (back cover)—await exploration on this Iberian adventure.
Itinerary

Thursday–Friday, May 17–18
Home / Granada, Spain
Depart home on an overnight flight to Granada. Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Alhambra Palace, with spectacular views of the Alhambra fortress and the historic center of Granada.

Saturday, May 19
Granada
This morning enjoy a walking tour of Old Granada, visiting the Capilla Real (Royal Chapel), a lavish mausoleum built by Ferdinand and Isabel to commemorate their victory over the Moors, and the impressive Cathedral, one of only two Renaissance churches in Spain. After a special welcome reception and dinner, enjoy a private evening visit to the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. This 14th-century hilltop fortress-palace, built by the Nasrid kings, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and Spain’s most visited attraction. Explore the refined, elegant Nasrid Palaces, built around the Courtyard of the Lions, and the splendid Generalife Gardens, one of the oldest surviving Moorish gardens. Its Court of the Water Channel, framed by flowerbeds, fountains, colonnades, and pavilions, is considered a superior example of a medieval Persian garden, HOTEL ALHAMBRAPALACE (B,L,D).

Sunday, May 20
Granada / Malaga (Embark)
Travel by motorcoach to Malaga, birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum, where 285 of the artist’s works, donated by members of his family, are on display. After lunch, transfer to the port of Malaga for embarkation. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D).

Monday, May 21
Seville
Sea Cloud II docks this morning in Cadiz for a full-day excursion to Seville, capital of Andalucia and Spain’s fourth-largest city. First established as a Roman provincial capital, Seville flourished under the Moors during the Middle Ages and reached new heights of prosperity during the Age of Discovery. Visit the lovely Reales Alcazares, a Mudéjar palace and gardens built on the site of a former Moorish fortress. Walk through the charming Santa Cruz Quarter (the Jewish Quarter in the Middle Ages) and visit the Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the burial site of Christopher Columbus. Lunch on traditional tapas at a local tablao, accompanied by a private flamenco performance. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D).

Tuesday, May 22
At Sea
En route to Lisbon, enjoy a full day at sea, a continuation of the lecture program, and, weather permitting, an opportunity to experience the ship under sail. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D).
Wednesday, May 23  >> Lisbon, Portugal
Built on seven low hills, Lisbon commands a view of its superb natural harbor at the mouth of the Tagus River. Our visit to this grand Old World city includes two UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Belem Tower, an elegant 15th-century structure built to defend the city from attacks; and the Jeronimos Monastery, the jewel of Manueline architecture, where the renowned Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama is buried. Enjoy a private performance of *fado*, Portugal’s poigniant traditional music, and visit the superb Gulbenkian Museum, whose collections span every major epoch of Western art.  *SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)*

Thursday, May 24  >> Porto
After a morning of cruising, arrive in Porto, Portugal’s second-largest city and a thriving economic center with considerable charm. Enjoy a walking tour of Porto’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site that includes the Palacio da Bolsa, a magnificent 19th-century palace that is now home to Porto’s stock exchange. As most of the world’s port wines are blended and aged in Vila Nova de Gaia, a suburb across the Douro River, a private port wine tasting is the perfect way to cap off a visit to Porto.  *SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)*

Friday, May 25  >> Isla Cies, Spain
Take tenders ashore for an afternoon in Isla Cies National Park, an archipelago off the coast of Galicia in northwestern Spain. Once a pirates’ haunt, Cies today is uninhabited and pristine, with beautiful beaches, clear unpolluted water, and redolent pine forests.  *SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)*

Saturday, May 26  >> Santiago de Compostela
From the port of La Coruña, drive to the pilgrimage town of Santiago de Compostela, which for centuries has drawn pilgrims from all over the world. Here, according to legend, a 9th-century peasant led by the light of a shining star discovered the tomb of Saint James (Santiago) in a field. In the beautiful medieval heart of the city, visit the enormous cathedral, begun in 1075 and expanded in the 16th and 18th centuries. Observe a specially arranged swinging of the famous *botafumeiro* (censer), and enjoy lunch in a Gothic-arched dining room in one of Spain’s most celebrated *paradores*.  *SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)*

Sunday, May 27  >> At Sea
During a final day at sea, partially under sail (weather permitting), enjoy the conclusion of the lecture program and a festive farewell reception and dinner.  *SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)*

Monday, May 28  >> Bilbao (Disembark)
Disembark and visit Bilbao’s crown jewel and award-winning architect Frank Gehry’s masterpiece, the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum. This icon of 20th-century architecture contains a collection of some of the most intriguing artworks of our age. Enjoy a typical Basque lunch and an afternoon and evening free for independent exploration.  *SILKEN GRAN HOTEL DOMINE (B,L)*

Tuesday, May 29  >> Bilbao / Home
Transfer to the airport for flights home.  *(B)*
Sea Cloud II

Christened in 2001, the Sea Cloud II is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post’s legendary Sea Cloud, the Sea Cloud II combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail (weather permitting), as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. The Sea Cloud II offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining.

Program Rates Include

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including an 8-night cruise aboard the Sea Cloud II • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Airport transfers by car on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information including educational materials • Professional tour manager throughout the program

Air Arrangements:
Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

Please note: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Granada, with return from Bilbao, is approximately $1,300 per person as of April 2017 and is subject to change without notice.

What to Expect:
This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Daily activities can involve up to two miles of walking, over sometimes rough terrain; often elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. You will need to climb into and out of tenders for one shore excursion (staff and crew members will be on hand to assist). Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the Sea Cloud II. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

A Note about Costs: Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Program Rates (per person)

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In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.
General Information

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Liquor except as otherwise indicated in Inclusions • Excess-baggage charges • Trip-cancellation/baggage insurance • Independent airport transfers • Laundry, room service, telephone/email/fax charges, and other items of a personal nature

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GROUP SIZE: This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from Princeton, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Stanford, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

Terms & Conditions

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per-person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due January 17, 2018. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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ITINERARY Changes The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Payment

Enclosed is my check for $___________ ($1,000 per person, payable to National Trust Tours), to reserve _______ place(s) on Shores of Iberia: Spain & Portugal OR

Please charge my deposit to:

VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

CREDIT CARD NUMBER  EXP. DATE

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I/we understand that final payment is due January 17, 2018, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after January 17, 2018: full payment is due.

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Single Travelers

I prefer to have single accommodations.

I plan to share accommodations with ________

I’d like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 17, 2018, I will pay the single rate.

Accommodations

Cabin category preference:

1ST CHOICE  2ND CHOICE

Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ King/Queen ☐ Twins

I/we have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

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• Delight in private performances of dramatic and colorful flamenco in Seville and soulful fado in Lisbon.

• Savor local flavors during gourmet meals ashore—Andalucian specialties in Granada, tapas lunches in Seville and Bilbao, a port tasting at a historic port cellar in Porto, and a private lunch at a world-class parador in Santiago de Compostela.

• Trace Spain’s 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, the great cathedral dedicated to St. James, and marvel at one of Europe’s newest landmarks, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.