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# Crossroads of Cultures Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Exploris One April 27 - May 9, 2026



**SET** sail on an intercontinental sea voyage aboard *Exploris One*, tracing the historic maritime routes from Spain's volcanic **Canary Islands** to **Morocco**, **Gibraltar**, **Andalusian Spain**, and the **Portuguese Algarve** 

ATTEND private concerts in dramatic settings in the Canaries, including the world's only volcanic cave auditorium, Los Jameos del Agua, and the Alfredo Kraus Auditorium, whose stage features a window overlooking the ocean

**GO** behind the scenes at Marrakesh's **Dar El Bacha**, a rarely accessed palace built for the city's last *pasha*, which hosted leaders such as Winston Churchill

**ENJOY** private tours of **Yves Saint Laurent**'s private Marrakesh retreat, **Villa Oasis**, usually closed to the public, and the **YSL Museum** housing his landmark designs

**PARTICIPATE** in **an exclusive pottery workshop** led by an artisan in Morocco's ceramics capital, **Safi** 

**DISCOVER** how Italian writer **Umberto Pasti** has rescued thousands of endangered native Moroccan bulbs and plants on an exclusive tour of his **Rohuna Garden** near Tangier

**TAKE** an expert-guided walk through often-overlooked World War II history: **Gibraltar's 34-mile subterranean city** featuring a hospital, power station, and barracks for 16,000 British troops

**REVEL** in an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Jerez's prestigious **Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art**, attending its world-renowned performance of classical dressage

**WITNESS** the production of the world's best-selling Fino sherry on a private tour of Tío Pepe's birthplace, Jerez's **Bodegas González Byass**, followed by an exclusive tasting

**GAIN** expert-led access to **Seville**'s UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, and the **Alcázar**, Europe's oldest royal palace still in use

**JOIN** a curator to tour the clifftop **Fortress of Sagres**, Prince Henry the Navigator's maritime outpost in the Portuguese Algarve

Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends,

CAU recommends **Crossroads of Cultures: Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Exploris One**, because it is produced by one of CAU's trusted partners and features esteemed faculty from Cornell's peers (not Cornell). In other words, it's an opportunity we didn't want you to miss!

Aboard the state-of-the-art *Exploris One*, please join this intercontinental study tour by sea from **April 27 to May 9, 2026**. Experience diverse lands connected by navigation, empire, and exchange: Cruise the Atlantic from Spain's volcanic **Canary Islands** to **Morocco**'s ancient ports and imperial cities in North Africa. Sail the **Strait of Gibraltar** to the mighty Rock, then onward to **Andalusian Spain** and the blissful **Portuguese Algarve** along the Mediterranean.

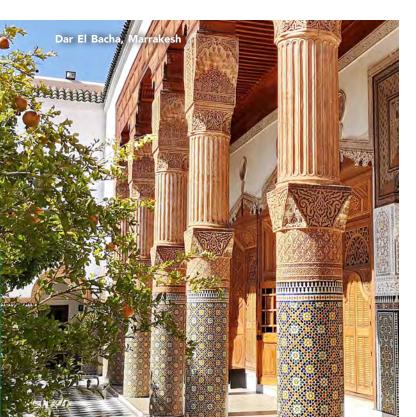
Marvel at the Canary Islands' volcanic terrain, beginning with an overnight hotel stay on **Tenerife**. This island is known for its 17th-century mansions and the moon-like rock formations of Teide National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a day of exploring **Gran Canaria**, where Christopher Columbus set forth for the Americas, board *Exploris One* for your journey. Arrive at the island of **Lanzarote**, enjoying a private concert at the world's only concert hall within a volcanic cave.

Sail in the wake of legendary seafarers to Morocco, discovering how craftsmanship, religion, and trade carried meaning between North Africa and the Mediterranean for more than a thousand years. Enjoy behind-the-scenes excursions to cities such as **Marrakesh**, **Casablanca**, **Rabat**, **Essaouira**, **Tangier**, **Tétouan**, and **Safi**, Morocco's pottery capital.

Cross the ancient Pillars of Hercules to **Gibraltar**. Beneath the Rock, join an expert to explore little-known World War II history: a 34-mile underground city built by British Royal Engineers to house 16,000 troops. Sail the Mediterranean to Andalusia, experiencing such cities as **Càdiz**, one of Europe's oldest; **Seville**, home to the world's largest Gothic cathedral and the Alcázar, Europe's oldest functioning royal residence; and **Jerez**, where you may taste sherry drawn from 19th-century cellars once reserved for kings.

Conclude in the Algarve, standing in the fortress where Prince Henry's cartographers charted new worlds, then visit the site of Europe's first market for enslaved people to understand the human cost of Portugal's Age of Discoveries. Disembark in **Lisbon**, where you may enjoy an optional postlude from **May 9 to 11, 2026**.

Sail in the company of alumni from Columbia, Harvard, the University of Michigan, the University of Miami in Ohio, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest. As this is expected to be a very popular offering, **we encourage you to contact our tour** 



**operator** Arrangements Abroad at 212-514-8921 or email trips@arrangementsabroad.com to reserve your cabin today. We're excited for you to share in this intercontinental sea expedition exploring millennia of history.

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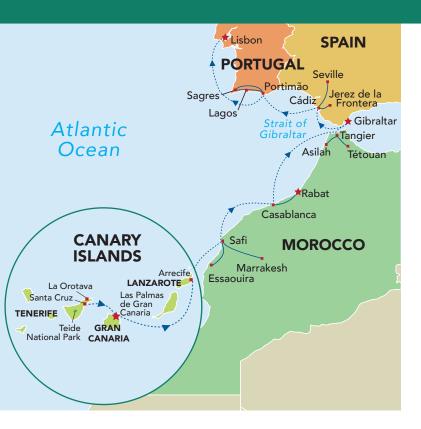




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#### **MONDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE**

Depart to Tenerife on an overnight flight.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

Upon arrival, transfer the Hotel Botánico. Depending on your arrival time, lunch is included. This evening, attend a welcome reception with *canapés*.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: TENERIFE / TEIDE NATIONAL PARK OR LA OROTAVA / SANTA CRUZ / EMBARK EXPLORIS ONE

Select your preferred exploration for today before sailing:

**Full-Day Option 1: Teide National Park.** Explore a UNESCO-listed volcanic landscape and share a picnic near Spain's highest peak.

**Full-Day Option 2: La Orotava.** Walk cobbled streets with a guide to view 17th-century mansions built on the island's historic wine trade.

Afternoon Option: Jardín de Aclimatación de la Orotava. Enjoy your morning and lunch at leisure, then visit Spain's second-oldest botanical garden, founded in 1788 to acclimatize plant species from around the globe.

**Evening (All Guests): Auditorio de Tenerife.** Tour Spanish visionary architect Santiago Calatrava's sculptural concert hall before boarding *Exploris One*. B,L,D

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30: LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA

Discover Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Christopher Columbus's last stop before his 1492 Atlantic crossing. Select from today's options:

**Full-Day Option: Old Town Tour.** Join private tours of such architectural treasures as the lavish Neoclassical Teatro Pérez Galdós. Gather for lunch at the 19th-century Gabinete Literario after a welcome from a town official.

#### Morning Option 1: Roque Nublo Hike & Yoga.

Walk volcanic trails and join a yoga session near Gran Canaria's ancient summit; afternoon at leisure.

**Morning Option 2: Alfredo Kraus Auditorium.** Enjoy special access and a private concert in this sleek hall overlooking the Atlantic.

**Evening (All Guests):** Attend the Captain's welcome reception and dinner aboard *Exploris One*. B,L,R,D

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1: ARRECIFE (LANZAROTE)

Step ashore in Arrecife, Lanzarote, to explore landscapes forged by volcanoes and reimagined as a living canvas by local artist César Manrique (1919–1992).





#### **MORNING**

**Musical Performance at Los Jameos del Agua.** Experience this 550-seat auditorium that Manrique converted from a series of collapsed lava tubes.

#### **AFTERNOON**

**Lunch is at El Diablo Restaurant** in Timanfaya, UNESCO-recognized volcanic terrain. Watch chefs grill dishes with geothermal heat radiating from the dormant volcano below.

**Option 1: Expert-Guided Tour of the César Manrique Foundation**, the artist's former home built atop a lava flow, integrating volcanic caves into its design.

**Option 2: Bodega La Geria Private Wine Tour & Tasting.**Learn about Lanzarote's unique winemaking process in these volcanic vineyards.

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#### SATURDAY, MAY 2: DAY AT SEA

As Exploris One sails towards the Moroccan coast, enjoy a relaxing day at sea. You may choose to attend onboard lectures, savor treatments in the ship's spa facilities, or simply relax on deck as you cross the open waters.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 3: SAFI, MOROCCO / MARRAKESH OR ESSAOUIRA

Welcome to North Africa. Arrive in Safi, Morocco's pottery capital, and select from two full-day, expert-guided excursions or a half-day pottery experience in Safi:

Full-Day Option 1: Explore Marrakesh, the imperial "Red City." Go behind the scenes at the early 20th-century Dar El Bacha, the former palace of a pasha, and watch street performers in UNESCO-listed Djemaa el F'na Square.

Discover Yves Saint Laurent's Marrakesh at Villa Oasis, his cobalt-blue former home; Jardin Majorelle, the garden he rescued from developers; and his designs at the YSL Museum.

**Full-Day Option 2: Essaouira.** In this coastal city, rebuilt in 1765 by a French architect, explore its UNESCO-listed medina, whitewashed architecture, 18th-century sea bastions, and the once-thriving Jewish quarter. Enjoy a seafood lunch and leisure time.

#### Half-Day Option: Private Pottery Course in Safi.

Join an artisan to learn the secrets of Moroccan ceramics during a private hands-on workshop. Discover more about pottery traditions on a guided tour of the National Ceramics Museum. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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#### **MONDAY, MAY 4: CASABLANCA / RABAT**

From Casablanca, Morocco's largest city and chief port, choose among these options:

**Full-Day Option 1: Casablanca Exploration.** Arrive in Casablanca for a guided inside look at the innovatively designed Hassan II Mosque, built partially over the Atlantic.

Travel through the Ain Diab coastal resort area to the Anfa district, Casablanca's ancient core. Enjoy free time in the main square, Place Mohammed V.

**Full-Day Option 2: Rabat.** After touring the Hassan II Mosque, transfer to Morocco's capital, Rabat, to visit the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art and an enchanting stroll through the seaside 12th-century Kasbah des Oudaïas, Rabat's oldest quarter.

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#### TUESDAY, MAY 5: TANGIER / ASILAH OR TÉTOUAN

Step ashore in glamorous Tangier with these options today:

Half-Day Option: Tangier Exploration. Enjoy guided looks at the Tangier American Legation Museum, the only U.S. National Historic Landmark abroad, and the Kasbah Museum, a former sultan's palace housing antiquities such as Roman mosaics.

#### Full-Day Option 1: Asilah & Private Garden Visit.

Travel to the mythical Caves of Hercules, where the Greek god Heracles slept, according to legend, and look out of its famous Africa-shaped opening onto the Strait of Gibraltar.

Stroll through Asilah, an ancient fortified city of whitewashed architecture, 15th-century Portuguese ramparts, and colorful murals.





Enjoy an *al fresco* lunch and private tour at Rohuna Garden, created by Italian horticulturist Umberto Pasti to preserve Moroccan wild plants.

**Full-Day Option 2: Explore Tétouan's UNESCO-listed medina.** Enjoy an exclusive visit to a traditional art school to observe students at work, followed by a visit to Morocco's largest Jewish cemetery.

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#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM

Stand on deck as *Exploris One* navigates the Strait of Gibraltar, the ancient Pillars of Hercules, before arriving at the British Overseas Territory defined by its 1,398-foot limestone rock.

Ascend into Saint Michael's Cave, a natural grotto known since Roman times. Explore a subterranean city created for 16,000 troops inside the World War II Tunnels, a 34-mile network carved by British Royal Engineers.

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## THURSDAY, MAY 7: CÁDIZ, SPAIN / JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA OR SEVILLE

Andalusian Spain awaits today with these optional excursions:

**Morning Option 1: Cádiz Exploration.** Discover Cádiz, one of Western Europe's oldest cities. Visit the 18th-century Catedral de la Santa Cruz and enter the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva to view three canvases by Francisco Goya.

**Morning Option 2: Jerez Equestrian Art.** At the globally prestigious Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, enjoy a performance of classical dressage and exclusive behind-thescenes access to the stables and training areas.

**Afternoon Option: Jerez Sherry Experience.** Go behind the scenes at Bodegas Gonzalez Byass, the birthplace of Tío Pepe Fino. Learn secrets of sherry production inside 19th-century cellars, followed by a tasting with *tapas*.

**Full-Day Option: UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Seville.**Visit the world's largest Gothic cathedral and enjoy expert-led tours of the Alcázar, Europe's oldest continuously used royal palace, and La Casa de Pilatos, a 15th-century palace known for its extensive *azulejo* tilework.

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### FRIDAY, MAY 8: PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL / SAGRES / LAGOS

The program's final day takes us to the lush Portuguese Algarve. From Portimão, explore the region's cultural and natural treasures with your choice of excursions:

Full-Day Option 1: Art & History in Sagres and Lagos. At Europe's southwestern tip, join a curator at the Renaissance ruins of the Fortress of Sagres, where Henry the Navigator established his 15th-century "school."

In Lagos, visit the Igreja de Santo António to see its Baroque gilded woodwork and *azulejo* tiles. Participate in a powerful guided tour of the 15th-century Mercado de Escravos, Europe's first modern market for the trafficking of enslaved people.

Full-Day Option 2: Nature in Trilho dos Moinhos and Monchique. Hike the windmill-lined trails near Monchique, through forested hills rich with birdlife.

**Evening (All Guests):** Return to the ship for a private concert featuring a local saxophonist, followed by a festive farewell dinner.

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SATURDAY, MAY 9: LISBON / DISEMBARK / RETURN
Disembark and transfer to the Lisbon airport for your
return flight.

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## Extend your adventure with an optional Lisbon postlude from May 9–11, 2026.

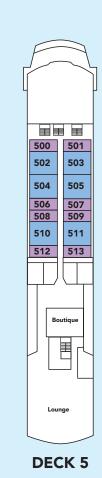
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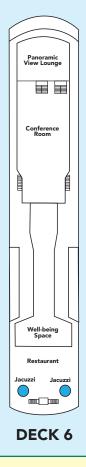
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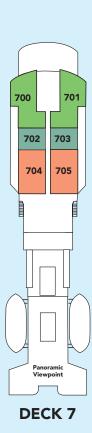
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#### **EXPLORIS ONE**









#### **CRUISE RATES (per person)**

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single	
302-305	Deck 3	\$9,999	\$12,499	
Premium Cabins (approx.160 sq ft, two portholes)				
306-325	Deck 3	\$11,999	\$14,499	
Ocean Staterooms (approx. 192 sq ft, small picture window)				
400-405, 407, 409	Deck 4	\$12,999	\$17,499	
Superior Cabins (approx. 185 sq ft, small picture window)				
406, 408, 410-425, 427, 429	Deck 4	\$13,999	\$20,299	
Deluxe Staterooms (approx. 192 sq ft, large picture window)				
500, 501, 506-509, 512, 513	Deck 5	\$16,999	Inquire	
Balcony Staterooms (approx. 210 sq ft, French balcony)				
702 & 703	Deck 7	\$21,999	Inquire	
Navigator Suites (400 sq ft, private balcony)				
502-505, 510, 511	Deck 5	\$22,999	Inquire	
Discovery Suites (422 sq ft, two French balconies)				
700 & 701	Deck 7	\$24,999	Inquire	
Grand Suites (618 sq ft, private balcony)				
704 & 705	Deck 7	\$26,999	Inquire	

Owners Suites (728 sq ft, large private balcony)

#### **RATES INCLUDE**

- One night accommodations at the Hotel Botánico in Tenerife; ten nights cabin accommodations aboard the renovated and exclusively chartered Exploris One
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with all included lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Exploris One* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES:** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Lisbon postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

#### **EXPLORIS ONE**



The recently renovated *Exploris One* (formerly Silversea Cruise Line's *Silver Explorer*) was specially designed with a reinforced hull to sail the world's most demanding waters. Enjoy an exceptional level of comfort, along with personalized service. The ship features 60 cabins and 12 suites, among the most spacious available on expedition ships. Enjoy a fitness and well-being area, panoramic decks and lounges, and outdoor Jacuzzis for a moment of relaxation with a view.







#### HOTEL BOTÁNICO, TENERIFE

Set amid lush subtropical gardens, this refined five-star retreat features elegantly designed rooms with direct views of either the Atlantic Ocean or Mount Teide's dramatic volcanic slopes. Savor a variety of dining experiences, relax in a full-service spa offering a broad range of wellness treatments, or lounge beside an expansive outdoor pool surrounded by sculpted greenery. Additional amenities include a modern fitness center, an on-site golf course, and boutiques.



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