



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours



Enchanting Morocco & the Canary Islands

A Private Voyage aboard the Luxurious 69-cabin Sailing Yacht
Sea Cloud Spirit

OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 10, 2025

with John Meffert





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Dear National Trust Tours Traveler,

EMBARK ON A GRAND VOYAGE following the wake of ancient mariners, navigating exotic ports in Morocco and Spain's Canary Islands, aboard the *Sea Cloud Spirit*—an elegant 69-cabin 3-masted sailing vessel, launched in 2021, that seamlessly blends old-world elegance with modern amenities, unparalleled service, and exquisite cuisine, while offering stability and a smooth ride.

Commence with a three-night stay in the heart of Marrakech for an immersive experience exploring the hidden quarters of the city's famed medina, visiting jaw-dropping palace museums and gardens, and learning about Morocco's culture and cuisine. This experience culminates in a spectacular 1,001 Nights gala dinner in a private tented camp surrounded by date palms featuring folkloric entertainment by torchlight.

Travel to Casablanca to soak up its Art-Deco atmosphere before boarding the privately chartered *Sea Cloud Spirit*, home for the next 7 nights. Sail down the Moroccan coast, enjoying the ship's smooth ride, to Agadir for an unforgettable adventure into the Berber countryside meeting with local villagers. Cruise westward to explore Spain's enchanting Canary Islands with stops at Lanzarote and Tenerife. Delve into the exceptional natural history and cultural experiences offered by these remote islands, visiting three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, before concluding your journey in Las Palmas. Uncover dramatic lunar landscapes shaped by centuries of volcanic activity, take in the colorful markets and unique Canarian art and architecture of beautifully preserved medieval towns, and marvel at the beauty of Tenerife from Spain's highest peak at Teide National Park. Let this grand voyage be a symphony of cultural discovery, nature's marvels, and maritime elegance.

With kind regards,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the **rich culture of Marrakech**: walk narrow alleys of the enchanting medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; visit architecturally renowned palaces, breathtaking gardens, and world class museums; and learn about Morocco culture and culinary riches.
- Discover the **spectacular beauty of Tenerife** with a ride up the cable car to the 11,663-foot lookout from Spain's highest peak in Teide National Park.
- Soak up the **unforgettable atmosphere of a 1,001 Nights Gala Dinner** in a private tented camp set amid date palms, featuring Oriental carpets and torchlit folkloric performances.
- Experience the **stunning beauty of the High Atlas Mountains** and historic Berber villages.
- In **Casablanca**, soak up the city's Art-Deco atmosphere and marvel at the Hasan II Mosque, Morocco's largest mosque.
- Cruise for 7 nights aboard the **privately chartered Sea Cloud Spirit**, an incomparable 69-cabin 3-masted sailing barque launched in 2021. She seamlessly combines old-world elegance with modern amenities, offering unparalleled service and cuisine with smooth sailing.
- In **Spain's Canary Islands**, enjoy incredible art and delicious wine on Lanzarote and explore dramatic volcanic landscapes and beautifully preserved medieval towns on Tenerife.
- Travel through **Morocco's Sous Valley** to the historic market town of Taroudant and visit a women's co-op where argan oil is processed for culinary and cosmetic purposes.
- Take in the colorful markets, **art and unique Canarian architecture in San Cristóbal de La Laguna**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lanzarote



FACULTY LEADER

John Meffert, consultant on Heritage Conservation Services, has a long tradition with the National Trust. He has served as the Director for our Southern Office and was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States, responsible for preserving the historic resources of Charleston, S.C. John has delighted many study tour groups with his lectures and insights on preservation, and receives rave reviews as study leader.





Ourika Valley,
Marrakech

Itinerary

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30-31

Depart from the U.S./ Marrakech, Morocco

Fly overnight to Marrakech, Morocco. Upon arrival, transfer to the 5-star Le Naoura Hotel, a peaceful oasis at the gates of Marrakech's famed medina. Enjoy a free evening to relax and recover from your journey. LE NAOURA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 Marrakech, Morocco

Begin today with a welcome orientation before setting out with local guides to explore the hidden quarters of Marrakech's medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy a stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square, where dancers, mime artists, and street musicians perform. Following lunch featuring local specialties, choose to visit the Dar El Bacha Palace and the Dar Si Said Museum of Moroccan Arts or join a Moroccan historical tour to see the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, a landmark Islamic religious structure, and Medersa Ben Youssef. Tonight, soak up the unforgettable atmosphere of our welcome dinner, a 1001 Nights evening gala in a private tented camp with torchlit folkloric entertainment. LE NAOURA (B,L,R,D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 Marrakech, Morocco

Start your day with an optional sunrise hot air balloon excursion (for an additional fee), offering breathtaking views of Marrakech and the surrounding landscapes. Choose from one of three excursions: explore Marrakech's artistic wonders, including the vibrant Majorelle Garden, designed by artist Jacques Majorelle and later owned by Yves Saint Laurent; delve into Moroccan culinary heritage with a hands-on cooking class led by local chefs; or venture into the stunning High Atlas Mountains, known for their scenic beauty and traditional Berber villages. The remainder of the day is free for individual pursuits and a chance to enjoy dinner independently at one of the city's many fine restaurants. LE NAOURA (B,L)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Casablanca, Morocco/ Embark Sea Cloud Spirit

Travel this morning through scenic landscapes during a drive to bustling Casablanca, Morocco's largest city. Take in the city's Art Deco architecture, a hallmark of Casablanca's 20th-century urban design, and visit the Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in Morocco, featuring the world's

tallest minaret at 689 feet. After lunch at the iconic Rick's Café, inspired by the classic film *Casablanca*, board the *Sea Cloud Spirit* and settle into your cabin. Watch from the deck as our ship sails out of Casablanca's harbor down the Moroccan coast. *SEA CLOUD SPIRIT* (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 Under Sail Along the Moroccan Coast

Start your morning on deck, watching sailors ascend the riggings to raise the sails of the *Sea Cloud Spirit*. Unwind with a good book, enjoy insightful talks by our onboard experts, and take advantage of the ship's many amenities, including a fully equipped spa. Join us for tours of the *Sea Cloud Spirit* and the Captain's welcome reception and dinner this evening. *SEA CLOUD SPIRIT* (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 Agadir, Morocco

Dock in Agadir and travel into the Berber countryside to witness breathtaking valleys and timeless villages. The Berbers, Morocco's original inhabitants with a history spanning more than 3,000 years, have preserved their deep-rooted culture, dialects, and rich customs despite centuries of conquest. In the Sous Valley, visit the authentic Berber market town of Taroudant, where its 11th-century ramparts remain largely intact. Once a trading post for caravans from Saharan regions, Taroudant retains the charm of a medieval city, with alleys shaded by reed canopies and vibrant open-air markets. Today, you'll experience both ancient and modern Agadir, taking in stunning Kasbah views and visiting landmarks like the Mohamed V Mosque and the Souk El Had marketplace.

The excursion concludes with a coffee break at a local café facing the beach. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea with time for lectures.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain

Arrive today in Spain's beautiful Canary Islands, an archipelago of seven large and several smaller islands whose rich cultural history stretches back 2,000 years. Call at Lanzarote, an island where nature and art prevail, thanks to the pioneering work of César Manrique, an internationally recognized artist who dedicated his life to balancing tourism with the authenticity of his native island. Visit his former home in Tahiche, half submerged in volcanic rock and now an art gallery and cultural center, and Jameos del Agua, a spectacularly unique fusion of volcanic geological features and art envisioned and created by Manrique. Enroute back to the ship, enjoy a wine-tasting at one of Lanzarote's unique volcanic vineyards.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

At Sea

Enjoy the pleasures of smooth sailing in the Canaries with time to hear from our esteemed onboard experts, take in the beautiful scenery while enjoying an alfresco lunch on the Lido Deck, and weather permitting, photograph the ship from tenders.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Tenerife, Canary Islands

Wake up this morning docked at Tenerife, the Canary Island's largest and most famous island. Choose one of two full-day excursions: (1) Explore Parque Nacional de Teide, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasts the highest peak in Spain as well as fascinating geological features that represent nearly the entire range of volcanic formations found around the world. Learn about the park's unique geology and ecology and meet researchers who use powerful telescopes to probe the skies at Izaña Observatory. (2) Embark on a panoramic tour of the postcard picturesque Tenerife North Coast. Stop in idyllic villages like Orotava, boasting well-preserved Canarian architecture, take in spectacular coastal views, and learn about the island's culture and culinary heritage over lunch at a beautiful bodega owned by the same family since 1750. Overnight in port with the option to disembark for independent exploration and dine ashore. *SEA CLOUD SPIRIT (B,L,D)*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Tenerife, Canary Islands

Spend the morning exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-designated town of San Cristóbal de La Laguna, founded in the late 15th century, considered one of the most picturesque towns in the Canary Islands. During a guided walking tour, take in the astonishing number of elegant historic buildings

dating from different eras. Enjoy free time to explore independently or participate in an optional tour to the LM Arte Colección, a museum housed in a restored 18th-century Canarian house, showcasing Canarian and international artists. Return to the ship for lunch and a final afternoon of sailing. Celebrate the adventure tonight at the Captain's farewell reception and dinner.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT (B,L,D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria / Depart for the U.S.

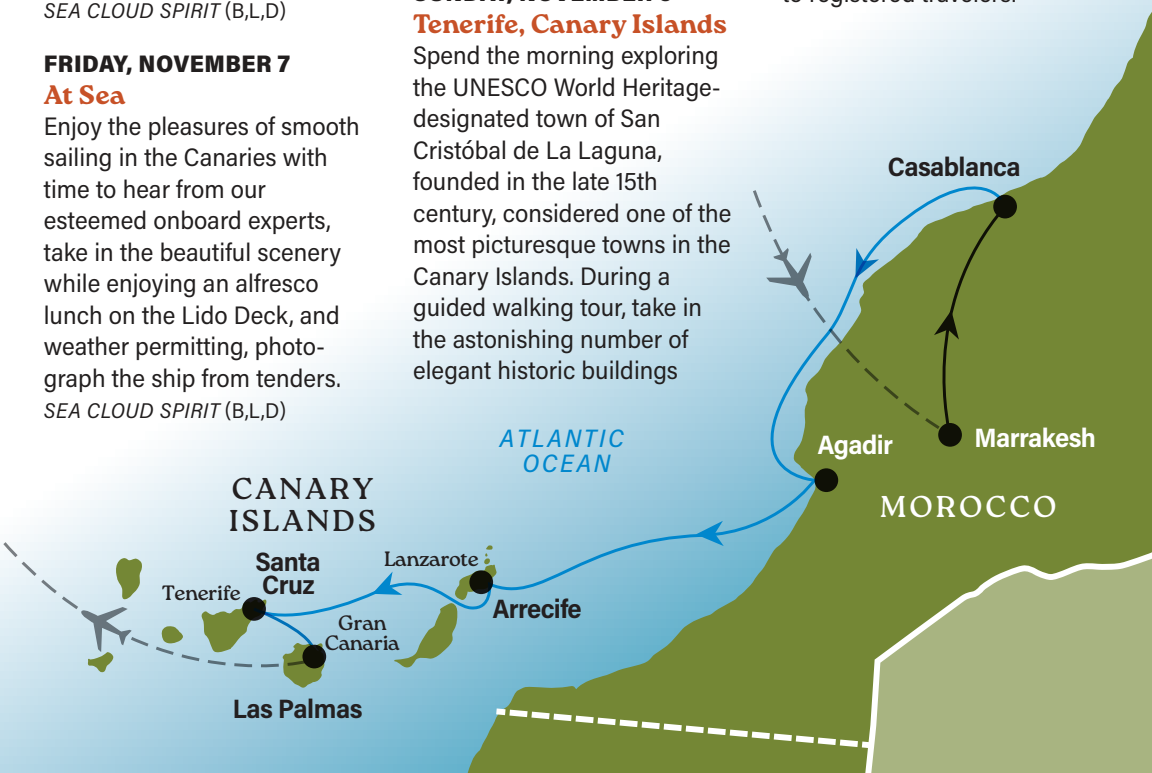
After breakfast, depart for the airport for flights home or embark on morning tour of historic Las Palmas for those with later flights. (B)

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

OCTOBER 27-31, 2025

Fez

Begin with a three-night stay in the historic city of Fez before embarking on the main tour in Marrakech. More information about the Fez extension will be sent to registered travelers.





General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including three hotel nights and seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit* ■ Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations ■ Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers ■ Gratuities to shipboard personnel ■ Port charges ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome and farewell wine receptions ■ House wine, beer and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners ■ Filtered water on motorcoaches ■ Complete packet of predeparture information ■ Professional tour managers throughout the program.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S.

domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. 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. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over uneven terrain and extended periods of standing. While the ship does have two elevators between decks and handrails throughout, on land expect some stairs that may or may not have handrails. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. We will be cruising in the open Atlantic where seas can be choppy. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by National Trust Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT

INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ Airline baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted ■ Laundry or dry cleaning ■ Telephone and fax charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature.

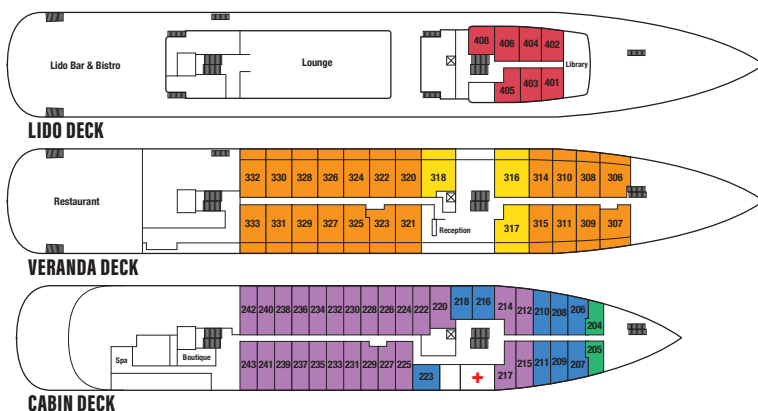
Sea Cloud Spirit

In the autumn of 2021, the *Sea Cloud* family, known for the iconic *Sea Cloud* and the stunning *Sea Cloud II*, introduced a new addition: the elegant and enchanting *Sea Cloud Spirit*. This tall ship combines classic yacht charm with modern luxury, featuring hand-rigged sails and a range of contemporary amenities that set it apart within the *Sea Cloud* fleet. Notably, it includes select cabins with panoramic windows that open and an elevator connecting the decks—the first of its kind on a sailing ship. *Sea Cloud Spirit* boasts 69 exterior cabins, 25 of which have private balconies.

Five-star dining options include the gourmet Restaurant on the Veranda Deck, which hosts all passengers in a single seating, and the Lido Bar & Bistro on the Lido Deck for lunch, weather permitting, or alternatively, in the Restaurant. Guests also enjoy a spacious wellness area that includes three treatment rooms, a Finnish sauna, a steam bath, and a hair salon.

RETAIL PROGRAM FEES (per person):

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
1 STANDARD SINGLE STATEROOM 140 ft ² 2 portholes. One twin bed.	—	\$11,990
2 SUPERIOR STATEROOM 170-205 ft ² , 2 portholes	\$8,990	\$13,490
3 DELUXE STATEROOM 205-225 ft ² , 2 portholes	\$9,990	—
4 GRAND STATEROOM 160-195 ft ² , panoramic window which can be opened (<i>cabin 408 only—access to cabin is via outside deck; panoramic window does not open</i>)	\$11,990	—
5 JUNIOR VERANDA SUITE 205-235 ft ² private balcony (65 sq ft) & panoramic window	\$13,990	—
6 VERANDA SUITE 280-300 ft ² private balcony (85 sq ft) & panoramic window	\$15,990	—



GROUP SIZE This program can accommodate 115 participants, including travelers from National Trust Tours, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Princeton Journeys, Washington and Lee University, and Williams Alumni Travel Study.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

National Trust Tours strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical, and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 75% of your pre-paid, nonrefundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). To purchase travel insurance today, call: (800) 937-1387. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785. Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 484-8785 or email info@nationaltrusttours.com. Final payment deadline is July 2, 2025. For those who register on or after July 2, 2025, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Deposits are

refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After final payment deadline on July 2, 2025 all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **NOTE:** Neither the National Trust for Historic Preservation nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

ITINERARY CHANGES The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel. 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, the National Trust for Historic Preservation 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.

ELIGIBILITY National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Membership dues for 2024/2025 are \$30 for family and \$20 for individual membership. The minimum age limit for the program is 14. Children must pay the full price, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no maximum age limit.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be in excellent health and able to participate in tour activities. Any physical condition that may require special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. If you have any doubt about your ability to participate fully due to health conditions or disabilities, contact the National Trust at (888) 484- 8785 or (202) 588-6300. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. In such case, the refund will be limited to the recoverable cost of unused tour services.

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For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785. Or, return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

NAME #1 (as it appears on passport) DATE OF BIRTH

NAME #2 (as it appears on passport) DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL #1

EMAIL #2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) for _____ place(s) on **Enchanting Morocco & the Canary Islands.**

Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person) to my (circle one): VISA / MC / AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE / CVV SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Bed Preference: One bed Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer single accommodations (*limited availability*)

I plan to share accommodations with:

I'd like to know about roommates. *I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of July 2, 2025, I will pay the single rate.*

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE

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