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## CONTINENTAL CROSSROADS: SPAIN, MOROCCO AND THE CANARY ISLANDS

Sail a storied route between the Canary Islands, Morocco and Spain, where volcanic landscapes meet vibrant coastal cities and timeless medinas echo with centuries of trade and tradition. Along the way, uncover a mosaic of histories--Roman theatres, Moorish fortresses, Andalusian palaces and bustling souks--each revealing the layers of empire and exchange that have shaped these shores. From windswept Atlantic ramparts to sunlit Mediterranean plazas, step into the living history of two continents while savoring the food, music and customs that bring their cultures vibrantly to life.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain / Embark Ship

Arrive in the vibrant city of Las Palmas and transfer to the centrally located hospitality space. This afternoon, explore the city at your own pace, learning about its colonial past or enjoying traditional Canarian meals and local wines. Embark the ship in the late afternoon and enjoy your first evening in the Canary Islands.

Meals Included: Dinner

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### Day 2 Arrecife

Go ashore in Arrecife, the capital of Lanzarote, and venture into Timanfaya National Park to witness volcanic peaks and craters shaped by eruptions as recently as 300 years ago. Explore the Castillo de San Gabriel, a 16th-century fortress set on a small island in Arrecife's harbor and built to defend against pirate attacks. Explore the Museo de Historia de Arrecife inside the castle walls to uncover the city's pre-Hispanic past and the unique natural history of the island.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3 At Sea

Spend a relaxing day at sea en route to Morocco. Join the officers on the Bridge to learn about navigating the western coast of Africa, attend an engaging talk with one of the naturalists or take advantage of the ship's amenities, such as a rejuvenating spa treatment with the wellness specialist.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4 Agadir, Morocco

Nestled between the foothills of the Atlas Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, Agadir is one of Morocco's most modern cities. Destroyed by a major earthquake in 1960, the city has been rebuilt to its current vitality while still retaining its rich history. A beautiful example of this is La Medina d'Agadir, which was recreated in the 1990s using traditional Berber methods. Overlooking the city, the kasbah is one of the few structures that survived the quake. Hike to the top to take in stunning views

and the medieval architecture of this impressive fortress.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5 Essaouira

Essaouira, a coastal gem on Morocco's Atlantic coast, is known for its windswept beaches, whitewashed medina, dramatic sea walls and blend of Berber, Arab, Jewish and European influences. Step into the fortified 18th-century medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site where African and European architecture converge. Later, unwind in a traditional Moroccan hammam, or explore the city's graceful Andalusian-inspired buildings on a guided tour.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6 Casablanca

Meaning 'White House' in Spanish, Casablanca is the largest city in Morocco and a hub of industry on Africa's west coast. The architecture is an eclectic blend of influences, from Moorish design to the French Art Deco era and more. Explore the bustling old medina, where the twisting cobbled streets are lined with whitewashed buildings and alive with activity. Stroll along the Corniche, the popular boardwalk by the sea. Witness the vast beauty of Hassan II Mosque, built on an outcrop jutting out over the ocean.

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### Day 7 Tangier

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Tangier lies just across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain and has long been a gateway between Africa and Europe--a true cultural crossroads. Stroll the winding streets of its medina, ascend to the city's legendary kasbah or visit the American Legation Museum, a symbol of centuries-old diplomacy, and the only U.S. National Historic Landmark located outside the country.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 8 Málaga, Spain

Malaga is one of Spain's oldest cities--a vibrant coastal hub where layers of ancient history blend with contemporary culture. Explore the Alcazaba, a remarkably well-preserved Moorish fortress overlooking the sea, and climb to the Castillo de Gibralfaro, the 14th-century stronghold that once guarded both the Alcazaba and the city below.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 9 Cartagena

Uncover Cartagena's remarkable history, from its Roman foundations to its role as a Mediterranean stronghold. Stand before the magnificent Roman Theatre, admire the remains of the Augustus Temple and see the imposing city walls--a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, set out on a tapas tour of the city, weaving your way through narrow lanes and bustling terraces as you taste local delicacies like caldero del mar menor, a traditional fisherman's rice dish.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 10 Valencia

Begin your exploration of Valencia with a visit to its majestic cathedral, home to the revered Holy Chalice--believed by many to be the cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper. Savor an authentic paella, the city's signature dish, before exploring the City of Arts and Sciences, a futuristic complex where science, culture and architecture converge. Later, set out independently to wander the winding streets of the old quarter, browse the bustling Mercado Central or take in world-class art at the Palau de les Arts.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 11 Columbretes Islands

The ship anchors near the city of Castellon on mainland Spain. From here, enjoy water activities in the Columbretes Islands, an archipelago 30 miles off the coast. The islands are a haven for wildlife, offering opportunities to observe endemic species such as Andouin's gull, Eleonora's falcon and Scopoli's shearwater.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 12 Barcelona / Disembark Ship

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking and proceeding to the airport for onward flights.

Meals Included: Breakfast

### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Orion</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>103 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>102 (in 53 cabins)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2003 / Refurbished 2014</b>

Engineered for maximum comfort and safety, \_Orion\_ is equipped with the latest technology including large retractable stabilizers, sonar, radar, and an ice-strengthened hull. A shallow draft plus bow and stern thrusters provide the convenience of being able to maneuver close to shore. 14 Zodiacs ensure quick disembarkation and offer the ideal transport for up-close exploration. \_National Geographic Orion\_ meets strict specifications for environmental protection and the on board waste management systems meet the stringent Antarctic operational standards enabling us to travel to the most pristine environments. A host of advanced design features and technology ensures sustainable marine environmental practices. \_National Geographic Orion\_ accommodates 102 guests in 53 cabins, including several with balconies. She is spacious and modern, with a variety of public rooms that offer panoramic views of the passing landscape. Friendly and informal, \_Orion\_ fosters a welcoming atmosphere where like-minded guests share in exceptional experiences and enrichment. Her public rooms include a dramatic window-lined main lounge, as well as an observation lounge and library perched at the very top of the ship, with plentiful observation decks. The spacious lounge is

the heart of our expedition community, and is suited for spirited cocktail hours, informative presentations and our nightly tradition of Recap. In addition, a dedicated theater provides a unique setting for specialist presentations or films and slideshows. Both the main dining room and outside buffet easily accommodate all guests at once for open seating dining. On selected nights, weather permitting, our dining room menu is also available on the outside deck. While \_Orion\_ interiors are elegant, life aboard is always casual, with no need for formal clothing. And you'll find shipboard services like laundry, in-room cabled internet, and public-area wifi make packing and traveling more



convenient.

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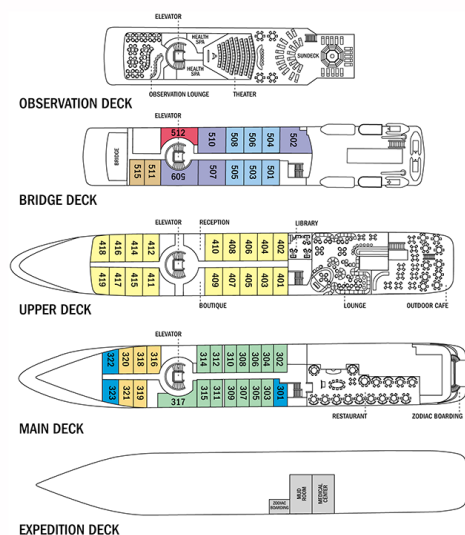
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**03-Oct-2027 to 14-Oct-2027**

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