Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia

Lisbon • Lagos • Andalusia • Seville
Gibraltar • Granada • Mallorca • Barcelona

aboard the
Exclusively Chartered, New Small Ship
Five-Star LE JACQUES CARTIER

October 3 to 11, 2020

SAVE $2000 PER COUPLE!
Dear Alumni, Friends and Parents,

Cruise the ancient trade routes of Phoenician and Roman mariners to discover the extraordinary Moorish monuments and cultural legacy of the most sophisticated civilization of the Middle Ages. This comprehensive itinerary features the unique coastal jewels found only along the Iberian Peninsula, visiting towns and cities at the crossroads of faith and enlightenment during the Age of Discovery.

The exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Jacques Cartier, launching in 2020, embodies the advantages of small ship cruising—elegant accommodations, an exclusive itinerary specially created with a carefully arranged excursion in each port and the ability to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger vessels, circumventing long lines for tenders and touring. This state-of-the-art small ship features only 92 elegant Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony.

Admire three of the world’s most treasured UNESCO World Heritage sites—cruise in style into the heart of Seville on Spain’s legendary Guadalquivir River to visit the astounding Alcázar, call on the enchanting Balearic Island of Mallorca to discover the cultural landscape of Serra de Tramuntana and tour Granada’s magnificent Alhambra Palace. Experience Portugal’s picturesque Algarve region and visit the regal city of Granada, framed by the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada. Stand on Gibraltar’s “Top of the Rock” to see the Pillars of Hercules spanning the scenic Strait of Gibraltar and experience the exuberant spirit and poetic charm of Andalusian culture in Málaga, a city richly endowed with the artistic legacy of Pablo Picasso. Enjoy a visit to the vibrant capital city of the Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca, with excursions to paradisaical Valldemossa and Son Marroig. Onboard lectures will further illuminate these ancient ports and scenic landscapes.

I invite you to join us on this exclusive itinerary—which sells out quickly each year—and encourage you to reserve now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Allison Johnson

Please call the Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or email travelingowls@rice.edu if you have questions.

“The Gohagan staff really nailed the logistics for our trip! Everything ran smoothly and seemingly effortlessly from our viewpoint. I was very impressed! The staff on the tour went out of their way to make sure we had everything we needed.”
—Rice alums, class of ’73 & ’74, on a recent Traveling Owls trip operated by Gohagan & Company.
Iberia’s Coastal Towns, Traditions and Trade Routes to Discovery

Discover the dynamic cultures, architectural and artistic treasures and compelling history of the Iberian Peninsula, revealed throughout its fortified medieval towns and coastal cities. The collaboration and joint influences of Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian and Moorish cultures ushered in advances in mathematics, science, medicine, horticulture and philosophy, creating the catalyst for the Golden Age of Discovery and global trade of the 15th through 18th centuries. Ships sailing from Iberian shores to the New World brought back riches to the peninsula, generating great wealth among this unique mélange of cultures and sparking a veritable renaissance in art and architecture. Experience the distinctly Mediterranean tradition of these idyllic seaside cities, towns and villages as you embark on your voyage in the wake of mariners from centuries past.

Itinerary

Grande Lisboa® Pre-Program Option*
1 Depart the U.S.
2 Lisbon, Portugal/ Embark Le Jacques Cartier
3 Portimão for Lagos
4 Cruise the Guadalquivir River into Seville, Spain
5 Gibraltar, British Overseas Territory
6 Málaga, Spain/Granada®/Motril
7 Cruising the Mediterranean Sea
8 Palma de Mallorca®
9 Barcelona®/Disembark ship/ Return to the U.S.

Barcelona and Beyond Post-Program Option*
*Available at additional cost.

Lisbon, Portugal
Lisbon’s rich cultural heritage and pioneering role in the Age of Discovery is reflected in its lavish colonial churches, fairy-tale Moorish castle and sculpted Manueline monuments.

Lagos, the Algarve
Basking on Portugal’s sun-washed southern coast, the province of the Algarve was settled by the Phoenicians and Romans and later ruled by the Moors. Today, their heritage remains in its distinctive architecture and flavorful regional cuisine. Intrepid 15th- and 16th-century Portuguese mariners, including Vasco da Gama, set sail from the Algarve‘s shores on voyages of discovery to Asia via the African coastline before triumphantly returning to Lisbon.

En route to Lagos, stop to admire Ponta da Piedade, a group of coastal limestone formations and cliffs known for both their size—some as tall as 60 feet—and beauty, their canyon coloring a stunning contrast against the translucent waters of Lagos Bay.

Cover photo: In Seville, stroll across the Plaza de España’s brightly colored bridges, one for each of the ancient kingdoms of Spain—Castilla, León, Aragón and Navarra.

Photo this page: Explore Granada’s Alhambra, set against the backdrop of the magnificent Sierra Nevada mountains.
Enjoy stunning views of sea arches, sea caves and the Algarve coast from the lookout point atop the cliffs.

In the former Algarve capital, the port town of Lagos—one once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa—visit the Baroque Church of St. Anthony, with its intricately gilded and carved wood interior.

Seville, Andalusia, Spain
Cruise into the heart of extraordinary Seville, Andalusia’s lively capital on the Guadalquivir River, with a rare docking directly in the city’s center. During a drive through this historical area, see the neoclassical Maestranza Bullring—the largest

Gibraltar, British Overseas Territory
The near southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, the Rock of Gibraltar was considered by the ancient Greeks and Romans to be one of the two Pillars of Hercules that marked the boundary of the known world. On the “Top of the Rock,” the nearly 1400-foot-high limestone promontory, enjoy an expansive view from Europa Point across the strait separating Europe and Africa, and visit the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated by British Army engineers in the late 18th century to provide defense for the colony.

Discover one of Europe’s most dramatic landforms, the limestone Rock of Gibraltar that guards the entrance to the Mediterranean; this historically contested, 2.6-square-mile landmass is home to 32,000 residents and 300 macaques.

See the dramatic Ponta da Piedade in the aquamarine waters of the Algarve coast.
Observe up close the amusing antics of Barbary macaques, the only colony of wild monkeys in Europe, and see the impressive geological wonders in St. Michael’s Cave. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Grand Casemates Square, the largest pedestrian-only plaza in Gibraltar’s city center.

**Málaga, Spain/Granada**

This morning is at leisure in spirited Málaga, where magnificent hilltop vestiges of Roman and Moorish rule command a quintessentially Andalusian cityscape of fountain-dotted parks, palm-fringed promenades and white-washed streets draped with bouganvillea. Chart the rise of Málaga’s famous native son at the Museo Picasso, housed in an elegant 16th-century mansion.

Granada, the last Moorish kingdom in Spain, is dramatically located atop three hills and framed by the snow-clad Sierra Nevada mountains. Ruled for 250 years by the Nasrid dynasty and home to the priceless architectural legacy of the incomparable Alhambra and the Palace of Generalife with its brilliant gardens—a collective UNESCO World Heritage site—Granada makes an incredible, indelible impression. An evening tour of the Alhambra has been specially arranged for you to admire the genius of medieval Moorish craftspeople within the Nasrid palaces of this unrivaled complex.

**Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands**

Pass the scenic almond groves that are emblematic of Palma on the way to the beautiful estate of Son Marroig, a medieval mansion with amazing panoramic views of the dazzling, azure Mediterranean waters.

See the terraced farms and water mills of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Serra de Tramuntana en route to the traditional village of Valldemossa, where famed composer Frédéric Chopin spent a winter in the Carthusian Monastery. Here, see one of the composer’s pianos and enjoy a piano recital of his music performed by a local musician.

In Palma, visit the Gothic 14th-century Bellver Castle—the only castle in Spain designed to be circular—to see the History Museum, an impressive sculpture collection and spectacular views 450 feet above the city. Tour the magnificent Palma Cathedral, a landmark of the city constructed over the course of 300 years, beginning in 1230 and now representing the apex of Catalan Gothic architecture.

**Barcelona, Catalonia**

The lively quarters of Barcelona’s beautiful Mediterranean metropolis are filled with the artistic wonders of Antoni Gaudí, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dalí. The city center has the greatest concentration of Gothic architecture in Europe and proudly displays its heritage and roots as a Roman seaport since before the 11th century.

Visit the awe-inspiring Seville Cathedral, which incorporates the 12th-century minaret of the site’s original mosque, known today as the Giralda Tower and often invoked as Spain’s most perfect example of Islamic architecture.
EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MV LE JACQUES CARTIER

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Jacques Cartier, launching in 2020, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Jacques Cartier is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Life on Board
Experience the Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. Enjoy sweeping views from the upper lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna or the infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.
Included Features
On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Jacques Cartier

◆ Seven-night cruise from Lisbon, Portugal, to Barcelona, Spain.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
◆ Excursion along the coast of Portugal’s magnificent Algarve province to the splendid Ponta de Piedade rock formation.
◆ Tour of the Algarve’s scenic port town of Lagos, featuring the Baroque Church of St. Anthony.
◆ Cruise on Spain’s monumental Guadalquivir River, “the great river,” into the heart of Seville.
◆ Tour of the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar, featuring the “Top of the Rock” and St. Michael’s Cave.
◆ Visit to the hilltop estate of Son Marroig, offering unforgettable views of Mallorca’s coastline.
◆ Excursion to the Carthusian Monastery in Valldemossa, featuring a piano recital of Chopin’s music.
◆ Tour of the Balearic Islands’ historic port of Palma de Mallorca, featuring its medieval Old City and visits to the famous Bellver Castle and 14th-century cathedral.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights

◆ Tour of Seville, highlighted by rich historical monuments—the lavishly decorated Gothic cathedral alongside its striking Giralda Tower and the eighth-century Moorish Alcázar.
◆ Specially arranged performance of flamenco, on the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.
◆ Excursion to Granada, featuring a specially arranged visit to the Alhambra and the lush gardens of Generalife, with dinner.
◆ Scenic drive through Mallorca’s spectacular Serra de Tramuntana, rich in natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Grande Lisboa
Pre-Program Option*
A historic gateway for world exploration, Lisbon exudes charm from its illustrious palaces, magnificent monuments and impressive architecture. See the unique Manueline-style architecture in the regal 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belém, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the charming village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose Moorish fort is the last remaining medieval royal palace in Portugal, and explore the picture-perfect coastal town of Cascais. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Dom Pedro Lisboa Hotel.

* The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Barcelona and Beyond
Post-Program Option*
Experience the heart of Barcelona, the lively capital city of Catalonia and once an ancient Roman trading port. See the Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter), the city’s Old-World center, with its Roman walls and labyrinthine streets. Discover the UNESCO-inscribed modernista marvels of Antoni Gaudí, including the revered Basílica de la Sagrada Familia—the architect’s magnum opus—the mosaic-encrusted Casa Batlló and the undulating stonework of Casa Milà. Just outside the city, visit the grotto-like Crypt of Colònia Güell, the canvas for Gaudi’s iconoclast visions. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star Majestic Hotel.
Le Jacques Cartier

Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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1st choice _______ 2nd choice _______.

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I/We want you to book my/our air, at

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 30, 2020.

Please make my/reservation(s) in category:

Return Ticket: Economy Class

I/We/My travel plans is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

"Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change."

Details about Louisville and Beyond Post-Program Option:

Double at $1795 per person.

Barcelona and Beyond Post-Program Option:

Double at $1950 per person.

Early Booking Tariff* through March 6, 2020

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Land/Cruise Tariff* excluding taxes*
See the Alhambara’s Court of the Lions, named for its white marble statues representing the 12 tribes of Israel.

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