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# Enchanting Morocco & the Canary Islands

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

**OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**WITH W&L FACULTY HOST Shane Lynch**





A ksour, a fortified adobe village,  
a key example of Berber architecture.

## Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and friends,

**EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY** through time and tradition aboard the *Sea Cloud Spirit*, a majestic 3-masted sailing vessel that blends old-world charm with modern luxury. This 69-cabin luxury ship, launched in 2021, offers an unparalleled experience as you trace the routes of ancient mariners along the captivating coasts of Morocco and Spain's Canary Islands.

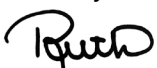
Your adventure begins with a three-night stay in the heart of Marrakech for an immersive experience exploring the hidden quarters of the city's famed medina, visiting magnificent palace museums and gardens, and learning about Morocco's culture and cuisine. This experience culminates in a spectacular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

You'll then travel to Casablanca to soak up its Art-Deco atmosphere before boarding the privately chartered *Sea Cloud Spirit*, your home for the next seven 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.

As you traverse this storied route from Marrakech to Las Palmas, each day unfolds new wonders. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a landlubber seeking adventure, the *Sea Cloud Spirit* offers an intimate, sustainable, and truly unforgettable journey through some of the world's most captivating destinations.

Space is limited for this unique voyage, so we urge you to reserve your spot without delay. To make your reservation, please visit: [go.wlu.edu/seacloud](https://go.wlu.edu/seacloud) or email the attached reservation form to [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu). You may also call (540) 458-8723.

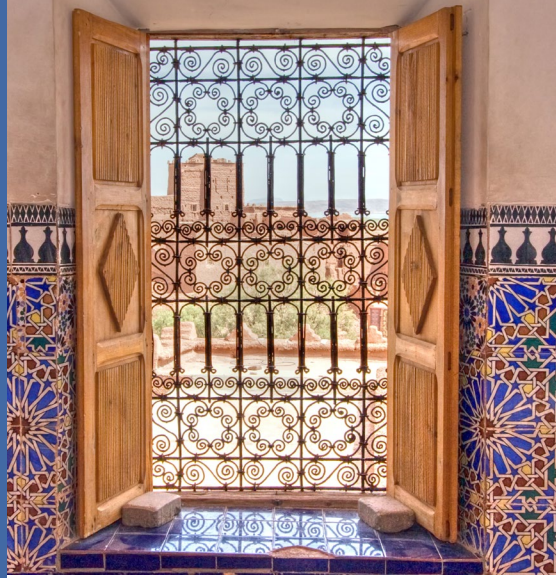
Sincerely,



Ruth Candler  
Associate Director of Lifelong Learning

# 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's 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.



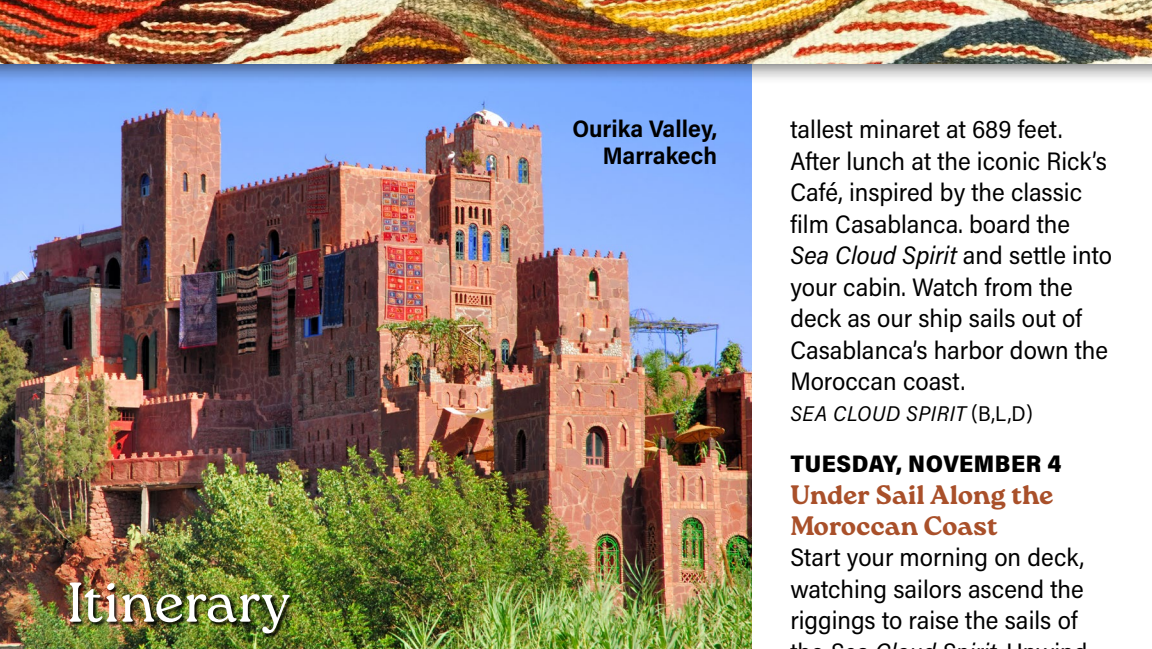
## W&L FACULTY HOST Shane Lynch

Internationally renowned conductor and Professor of Music **Shane Lynch** has been a part of group travel throughout the world for almost three decades. A sought-after guest artist, he has used his musical expertise to lead trips throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Shane routinely hosts complex musical travel experiences, including leading W&L's esteemed University Singers to festivals, competition performances and culturally explorative trips across the globe. Known for his public speaking, he is in demand for his addresses and lectures on a wide variety of musical topics, recently being featured as the Mayoral Keynote Speaker

on Evocative Choral Performance in Londonderry, United Kingdom. He is excited to explore the unique musical culture of Morocco and the Canary Islands on this exhilarating trip.



Lanzarote



**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 Morocco 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.

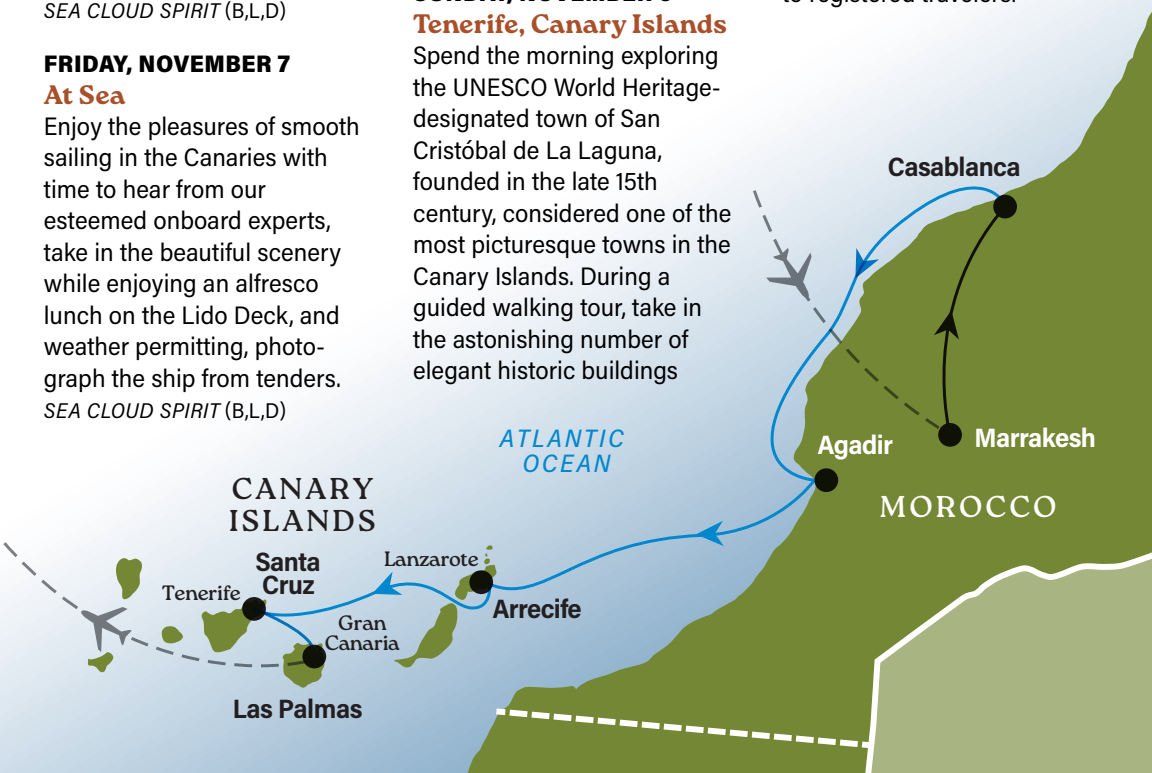
After breakfast, depart for the airport for flights home or embark on morning tour of historic Las Palmas for those with later flights. (B)

#### 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 ■ All gratuities are included ■ Port charges ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome and farewell wine receptions ■ House wine, beer and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners ■ Filtered water on motorcoaches ■ Professional tour manager 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.

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

**ACTIVITY LEVEL** 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 without 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/sanitization protocols set forth by W&L or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

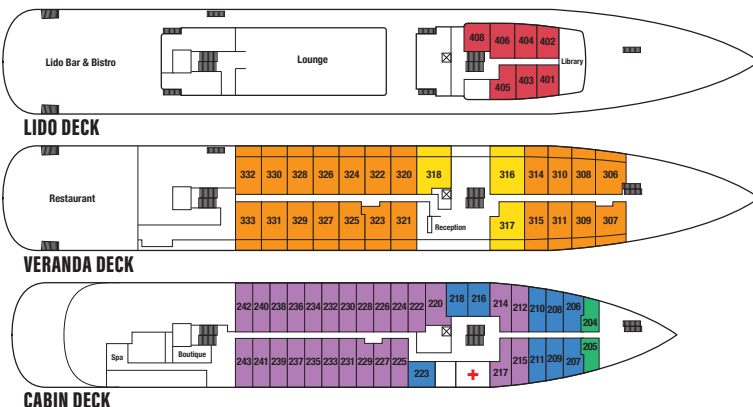
**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE** U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the 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

## 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
<b>1 STANDARD SINGLE STATEROOM</b> 140 ft <sup>2</sup> 2 portholes. One twin bed.	—	\$11,990
<b>2 SUPERIOR STATEROOM</b> 170-205 ft <sup>2</sup> , 2 portholes	\$8,990	\$13,490
<b>3 DELUXE STATEROOM</b> 205-225 ft <sup>2</sup> , 2 portholes	\$9,990	—
<b>4 GRAND STATEROOM</b> 160-195 ft <sup>2</sup> , 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	—
<b>5 JUNIOR VERANDA SUITE</b> 205-235 ft <sup>2</sup> private balcony (65 sq ft) & panoramic window	\$13,990	—
<b>6 VERANDA SUITE</b> 280-300 ft <sup>2</sup> private balcony (85 sq ft) & panoramic window	\$15,990	—



cleaning ■ Telephone and fax charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

**A NOTE ABOUT RATES** Tour rates 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 rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

**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 "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. For ease, please reserve your space at [go.wlu.edu/seacloud](http://go.wlu.edu/seacloud) or call (540) 458-8723. You may also email the completed reservation form to: [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu). Within two business days after receiving your reservation, Criterion will contact you to confirm your reservation and collect the deposit. 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. Final payment deadline is July 2, 2025. 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 W&L Office of Lifelong Learning. Cancellations are subject to the following refund schedule: within 30 days of booking, refundable less a \$250 per person administrative fee; Up to 6 months prior to departure, refundable less a \$500 per person administrative fee; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the July 2, 2025 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip

cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **NOTE:** Neither W&L Office of Lifelong Learning nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

**RESPONSIBILITY** W&L Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, and Criterion Travel, its officers and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (hereafter referred to as "the Organizers") act only as agents for the passenger with respect to the travel services on this program, including but not limited to transportation, ship arrangements, food services, etc. The Organizers are not responsible for any injury, loss, accident, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, negligence, acts of God or force majeure, COVID-19 or other illness, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. If delayed past tour dates due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meals costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this program at any time. Passenger certifies not to have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. We reserve the right to change the itinerary, trip features, or accommodations at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, as deemed necessary by program staff. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the program. The Organizers do not accept liability for any airline carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour. Upon payment of their deposit, tour participants indicate acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions.

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MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP OR POSTAL CODE

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## PAYMENT

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

## ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):

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 Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated therein.*

SIGNATURE #1

DATE

SIGNATURE #2

DATE



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