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A voyage from Seville to the Canary Islands
aboard the MS Serenissima

2nd to 14th November 2018

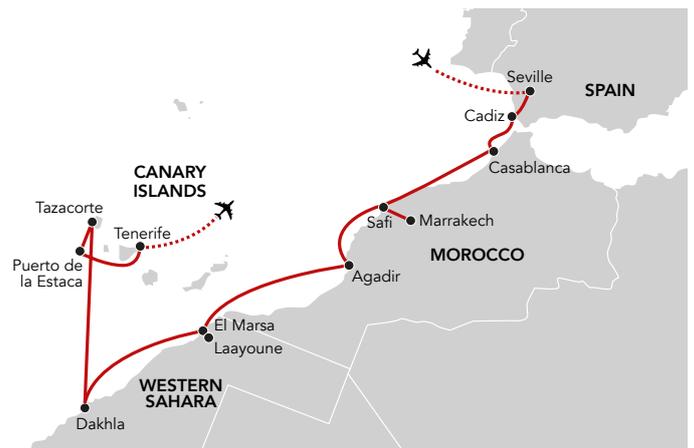
NOBLE CALEDONIA



Gardens of Realés Alcazar, Seville

Join us aboard the charming MS Serenissima for a journey that will take us from Spain along the coastlines of Morocco and Western Sahara to the Atlantic archipelago of the Canary Islands where we will visit some of the lesser known of these captivating islands. We begin our voyage in Seville where there will be ample time to discover the city's many riches, including the breathtaking Alcazar Palace before we follow the Moroccan coast down to Casablanca. From here there is the opportunity to join a two day overland excursion to the incomparable desert city of Marrakech, re-joining the vessel further along the coast in Safi. The old walled city of Marrakech is an intoxicating mix of architecture, colour and aromas, a timeless gem that leaves a lasting impression.

Sailing from Agadir we sail past Cape Juby, also known as the Tarfaya Strip, a semi-desert region of Southern Morocco and Western Sahara where we will call into two little visited places along the coast and travel overland to the desert city of Laayoune. Our cruise to this region promises to be a most memorable experience and for those who enjoy visiting out of the way islands where tourists are a rarity it is a unique opportunity. We continue to the Canary Islands for our visit to La Palma and Hierro where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees. Our voyage to this fascinating region will be particularly enjoyable as it includes some daytime sailing, allowing for time to relax on deck and attend the informative lectures by our knowledgeable guest speaker who, along with the excellent local guides will bring to life all we see.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Seville, Spain.

Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Serenissima and enjoy drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Seville. On our morning excursion we will see one of Seville's greatest monuments, the Alcazar with its exotic terraced garden. Built by the Moors in the 14th century, it is still used as a residence by the King of Spain. Also see the Christian Cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world. Here we will find the 138 foot high central nave and fine gothic carvings in the altar. This afternoon will be at leisure for individual exploration. You may wish to explore the maze of cobble streets which was once the Jewish Quarter of the city, taking in

the atmosphere of this historic town. We sail late tonight for anyone wishing to dine ashore in one of the many tapas restaurants.

Day 3 Cadiz. Spend the morning in Cadiz, a city which is located on a peninsula jutting out into a bay, and is almost entirely surrounded by water. It is the oldest surviving city in Spain and was founded by the Phoenicians in 1100 BC and later occupied by the Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. On a guided tour we will discover the most beautiful monuments and landmarks of the city including the Mudejar-style tobacco factory, Santo Domingo Church, the Santa Catalina Fortress and finally the Cathedral of Cadiz and Diocesan Museum in the old city. Return to



Laayoune Desert, Western Sahara



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca

the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising.

Day 4 Casablanca for Marrakech, Morocco. There will be a choice of activities today. For those wishing to see Casablanca join a morning drive during which we will visit the city's most important sights, including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Olive Market. The highlight of our tour, however, is a visit to the Hassan II Mosque, the largest religious monument in the world after Mecca. It took 3,300 traditional Moroccan artisans to create the beautiful mosaics, marble floors and the splendid wood ceilings. The mosque also has the world's tallest minaret, soaring 200 metres above the city. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon in the city. Alternatively you may wish to join an overnight trip to Marrakech. Leaving the MS Serenissima after breakfast we will drive inland to the "red city". During our time in Marrakech we will see the rich monuments of this second imperial city including the Koutoubia minaret, a symbol of the city for 800 years, the Bahia palace with its lovely courtyards, late Moorish architecture and the Saadian tombs including the royal pavilion. We will have time to wander in the souks, visit the Jemaa El Fna square and the Marjorelle Gardens and enjoy some wonderful meals in local restaurants. Guests on this tour will re-join the ship in Safi on day 5.

Day 5 Safi. For those who have remained on board we will depart the

port of Safi and head along the coast to Essaouira. Founded in the 18th century, Essaouira was built to be a rival city to Agadir. Formerly known as Mogador, meaning small fortress, it was designed as a fortified town surrounded by Vauban-style ramparts and played a major role as an international trading seaport, linking Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa with Europe and the rest of the world. On our full day tour we will see the amazing mixture of Portuguese and Berber architecture, the 16th century sea bastions built to protect the city, the 18th century Medina and in the Mellah we find the souks dedicated to gold, spices and fish. We enjoy a seafood lunch near the beach before returning to the MS Serenissima in Safi. Those who have travelled to Marrakech return to the ship this evening and once we are all back on board we will sail.

Day 6 Agadir. This morning we arrive in southern Morocco in the vast bay of Agadir. A morning tour will include time at the Kasbah, built to defend the Atlantic shoreline and offering wonderful views over the coast, and the Talborjit Mosque. After some time in the souk we will drive through the fertile Souss valley to the gold, pink and orange tinted imperial city of Taroudant, a past capital of the Saadian dynasty. Explore the medina with its souks and climb the red ramparts and end with a visit to the Assarag and Tamaklotte Squares. After a local lunch we return to the ship and sail this evening.

Day 7 At Sea. Spend the day at sea, maybe join the lecture programme or find a spot on deck.

Day 8 El Marsa for Laayoune, Western Sahara. From the port of El Marsa drive across the sand dunes to the city of Laayoune. There are not many travellers who can boast of a visit to the territory of Western Sahara. Mostly consisting of flat desert it is one of the least populated regions in the world. It makes for a really interesting morning as we take in the unique Spanish-Saharan architecture in the old town, visit the Roman catholic church, the Moulay Abdelaziz Mosque and see the food and artisan markets. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 9 Dakhla. After a morning at sea we arrive after lunch at Dakhla in the far south of Western Sahara. The town occupies a long peninsula which juts out into the Atlantic and is well off the traditional tourist routes. We will drive along the lagoon, a paradise for migratory birds, before visiting a Sahraoui camp in the sand dunes. We will learn about the nomadic Sahraoui culture, partake in a tea ceremony and use the 4x4 vehicles to see the stunning views from the top of the dunes. Return to the ship and sail this evening.

Day 10 At Sea. Relax at sea as we make our way to the Canary Islands.

Day 11 Tazacorte, La Palma, Canary Islands. La Palma is known

by locals as the 'Beautiful Island', and it is easy to see why, it is a simply stunning, peaceful and most importantly an unspoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This morning drive inland to the beautiful village of El Paso and visit the Silk Museum. This is the only place in Europe where the 500 year old tradition and processes have been preserved. From here we will continue onto the Caldera de Taburiente, a massive depression eight kilometers wide, scientists agree that this was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed on itself. Explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work, some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5000 years. Alternatively for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park. This afternoon will be at leisure to relax on board the ship or a shuttle service will run to Los Llanos de Aridane for independent exploration; the La Palma Archaeological Museum is well worth a visit.

Day 12 Puerto de la Estaca, El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. On our morning island



tour it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower meadows of the interior; by the eerily beautiful juniper groves; and by the desolate volcanic badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's excellent wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction they are protected by international law.

Alternatively, opt for the La Llania hiking excursion which will take us through primeval forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island. This afternoon will be at leisure to relax on the ship or a shuttle service will run to Valverde for independent exploration.

Day 13 Tenerife to London.
Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Inside Twin/Double	£4495	£4195
2	Standard Stateroom	£4895	£4595
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£4995	£4695
4	Superior Stateroom	£5295	£4995
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5795	£5495
6	Junior Suite	£6295	£5995
7	Executive Suite	£6795	£6495
8	Owner's Suite	£6795	£6495
9	Inside Single	£4495	£4195
10	Standard Single	£4895	£4595
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5895	£5595
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£5995	£5695

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 12 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia onboard team, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

TENERIFE POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

14th to 17th November 2018



If you would like to spend some more time in Tenerife, join our three night extension staying at the five-star Hotel Botanico in Puerto de La Cruz. Your time here is to be as busy or relaxed as you wish, maybe enjoy the pool, spa or local beaches or alternatively arrange tours to the highlights of Tenerife including Mount Teide National Park or the nearby botanical gardens.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Deluxe Double: **£495**

Deluxe Double for sole occupancy: **£645**

Price Includes: Three nights in a Deluxe Room at the Hotel Botanico on a half board basis with breakfast and dinner, transfer from ship to hotel and hotel to airport.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS Serenissima

The handsome MS Serenissima began her career as Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Extensively renovated in 2003 she was rechristened MS Andrea and began her career as a classic cruise ship, and was chartered by Noble Caledonia for a number of years. In spring 2012 MS Andrea was purchased by our long-standing associates Volga Dream and renamed the MS Serenissima. After a thorough renovation and upgrading, the charming MS Serenissima commenced cruise operations in April 2013 and since then we have chartered her for multiple voyages. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships. She appears an impressive sight when moored, and is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 100 passengers, the cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are replenished daily. There are ten different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and with the exception of the inside cabins, all staterooms feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Choose from the cosy inside cabins of approx 10 square metres, to the sumptuous newly built executive suites of 25 square metres boasting private balconies, minibar and all the mod cons.



Restaurant



Harald Lounge

Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library with a computer for internet access and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with fitness room, Jacuzzi and outside bar. The newly built covered seating area at the back of deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this

vintage, providing intimacy and classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

Your Dining

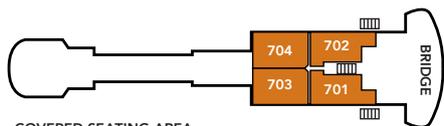
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting. Being on deck 5, it has great views from all tables. The picture windows mean the restaurant is light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is 4 courses, except for at the Captain's Dinner, which is a 6 course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water are included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee is available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.



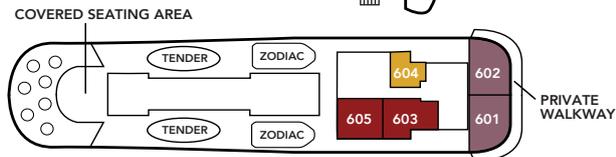
Sun Deck

Deck Plan & Cabins

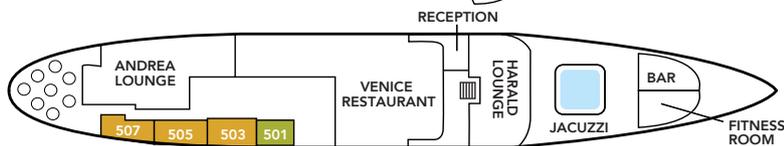
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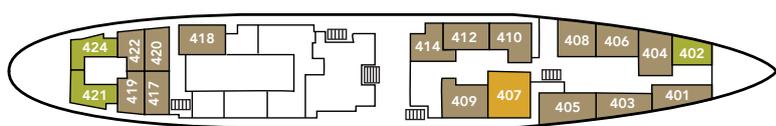
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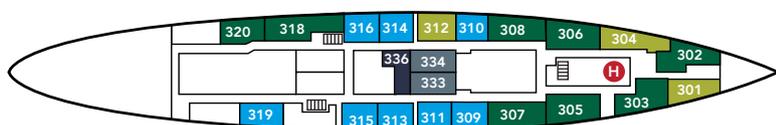
DECK 5



DECK 4



DECK 3



- INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE
- STANDARD STATEROOM
- STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM
- DELUXE STATEROOM
- JUNIOR SUITE
- EXECUTIVE SUITE
- OWNER'S SUITE
- INSIDE SINGLE
- STANDARD SINGLE



OWNER'S SUITE
(approx. 22 square metres)



EXECUTIVE SUITE
(approx. 25 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(approx. 21 square metres)



DELUXE STATEROOM
(approx. 15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(approx. 11.5 to 18 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS
(approx. 14 to 19 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(approx. 10 to 11.5 square metres)



INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE
(approx. 10 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(approx. 7 to 12.5 square metres)

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