Spain and Portugal under Sail

FROM MALAGA TO BILBAO
ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

May 17 to 29, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
When I was a junior at Stanford studying at the Stanford Overseas Center in Salamanca, my classmates and I traveled all over Spain and Portugal, crisscrossing the Iberian Peninsula on endless bus rides and train trips, learning much about this fascinating part of Europe. While we covered a lot of ground, it was not the most comfortable of journeys. You, however, can not only have a richer intellectual experience, but you can also do so while cruising in style aboard the splendid *Sea Cloud II*. Join us in Granada before we weigh anchor in Malaga; transit the Strait of Gibraltar; visit Seville, Lisbon and Porto; and finally dock in Bilbao—a much more romantic and comfortable way to experience Spain and Portugal than from the window of a third-class rail car, I promise you!

**Highlights**

**Sail** aboard the magnificent, three-masted *Sea Cloud II*, a perfect marriage of the seafaring elegance of a bygone era and the highest modern standards of luxury.

**Delight** in private performances of dramatic and colorful flamenco in Seville and soulful *fado* in Lisbon.

**Savor** local flavors during gourmet meals ashore: Andalucian specialties in Granada, tapas lunches in Seville and Bilbao, and a port tasting at a historic port cellar in Porto.

**Trace** Spain’s 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela and view one of Europe’s newest landmarks, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.

COVER: FLAMENCO
SHAHZAD BASHIR, the Lysbeth Warren Anderson Professor in Islamic Studies in Stanford’s department of religious studies, grew up in Pakistan and came to the United States in 1987 to attend college. Professor Bashir’s research is concerned with the intellectual and social history of Islamic societies from the 14th century to the present. He is currently finishing a book entitled *Islamic Times: Conceptualizing Pasts and Futures*, for which he recently received an Andrew F. Carnegie Fellowship. “My constant interest in the different projects I have worked on,” says Professor Bashir, “has been the issue of the relationship between human ideas and historical development. The Iberian peninsula is a fantastic case for such exploration because of its vibrant history of intercultural and interreligious interaction.” During our program, Professor Bashir will lecture on such topics as the cultural and religious history of Iberia.

— Professor, department of religious studies, Stanford University, since 2007
— BA, Amherst College; PhD, Yale University

"Professor Bashir was the perfect faculty leader—intellectually brilliant, engaged and profoundly enthusiastic."

ERIN MOORE, ’83, ANDALUCIA WALK, 2015

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 & 18
U.S. / GRANADA, SPAIN
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights, arriving in Granada on Wednesday. Transfer to our hotel and enjoy spectacular views of the Alhambra fortress and the historic center of Granada. HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE

THURSDAY, MAY 19
GRANADA
Moorish architecture in Spain reached its zenith in Granada, as evidenced at the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. This 14th-century hilltop fortress-palace, built by the Nasrid kings, is a World Heritage site and Spain’s most-visited attraction. Explore the refined, elegant Nasrid Palaces, built around the Courtyard of the Lions, and the splendid Generalife Gardens, one of the oldest-surviving Moorish gardens. Its Court of the Water Channel, framed by flowerbeds, fountains, colonnades and pavilions, is considered a superior example of a medieval Persian garden. The afternoon is free for independent exploration, followed by a welcome reception and dinner. HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE (B,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 20
GRANADA / MÁLAGA / EMBARK
This morning enjoy a walking tour in the historic center of Granada, visiting the Capilla Real (Royal Chapel), a lavish mausoleum built by Ferdinand and Isabel to commemorate their victory over the Moors, and the impressive Cathedral, one of only two Renaissance-era churches in Spain. After lunch, transfer to the port of Málaga to embark our ship. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 21
CÁDIZ / SEVILLE
The Sea Cloud II docks this morning in the port of Cádiz for a full-day excursion to Seville, capital of Andalucia and Spain’s fourth-largest city. First established as a Roman provincial capital, Seville flourished under the Moors during the Middle Ages and reached new heights of prosperity during the Age of Discovery. Visit the lovely Reales Alcázares, a Mudejar palace and gardens built on the site of a former Moorish fortress. Walk through the charming Santa Cruz Quarter (the Jewish Quarter in the Middle Ages) and visit Seville Cathedral, the largest gothic cathedral and third-largest church in the world and also the site of Christopher Columbus’ tomb. Enjoy a traditional tapas lunch and private flamenco performance at a local tablao, where we hear a special guest lecture on this quintessentially Spanish form of dance. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 22
AT SEA
En route to Lisbon, enjoy a full day at sea, continuing our lecture program, and, weather permitting, getting to experience our ship under sail. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 23
LISBON, PORTUGAL
Built on seven low hills, Lisbon commands a view of its superb natural harbor at the mouth of the Tagus River. Our visit to this historic capital includes two World Heritage sites: the Belém Tower, an elegant 15th-century structure built to defend the city from attacks, and the Jerónimos Monastery, the jewel of Manuelean (Portuguese late-Gothic) architecture, where the renowned Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama is buried. Enjoy a performance of fado, Portugal’s poignant traditional music, and visit the superb Gulbenkian Museum, whose collection spans every major epoch of Western art. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 24
PORTO
After a morning of cruising, arrive in Porto, Portugal’s second-largest city and a thriving economic center with considerable charm. Visit the Palácio da Bolsa, a 19th-century palace that is
now home to Porto’s stock exchange. As most of the world’s port wines are blended and aged in Vila Nova de Gaia, a suburb across the Douro River, our private port wine tasting here is the perfect way to end a visit to Porto.

**SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

**ILLAS CÍES, SPAIN**

Take tenders ashore for an afternoon in Illas Cíes, an archipelago off the coast of Galicia that is part of the Atlantic Islands of Galicia National Park. Once a pirates’ haunt, the Cíes today are uninhabited and pristine, with beautiful beaches, crystalline water and verdant pine forests.

**SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

From the port of La Coruña, drive to the pilgrimage town of Santiago de Compostela that for centuries has drawn pilgrims from around the world. Here, according to tradition, the remains of the apostle, Saint James, were rediscovered in a tomb in the woods early in the 9th century, sparking the beginning of the pilgrimage. In the medieval heart of the city, visit the enormous cathedral, begun in 1075 and expanded in the 16th and 18th centuries. Observe a specially arranged swinging of the cathedral’s famous *botafumeiro* (censer) and enjoy lunch in a Gothic-arched dining room in one of Spain’s most celebrated *paradores*. **SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)**

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

**AT SEA**

During our final day at sea, enjoy the conclusion of our lecture program and a festive farewell reception and dinner this evening. **SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

**BILBAO / DISEMBARK**

Disembark and visit Bilbao’s crown jewel and award-winning architect Frank Gehry’s masterpiece, the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum. This icon of 20th-century architecture contains a collection of some of the most intriguing artworks of our age. Enjoy a typical Basque lunch and an afternoon and evening free for independent exploration. **SILKEN GRAN HOTEL DOMINE (B,L)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**BILBAO / U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for return flights home. **(B)**
Sea Cloud II

Sister ship of Marjorie Merriweather Post’s legendary Sea Cloud, the three-masted Sea Cloud II was built in the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing ships and christened in 2001. It is complemented with the most modern of amenities. From the mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the fitness area and water-sports platform, no detail on this elegant vessel has been overlooked. Each of the 47 beautifully appointed sea-view cabins features a marble bathroom with brass accents. Sunbathe, enjoy fresh sea breezes and, weather permitting, watch the crew practice the age-old art of setting the sails by hand on the spacious deck. Enjoy friendly world-class service and five-star dining while onboard.

Deck Plan

In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one large bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified.

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<td>Two portholes, upper and lower beds, and shower. 129 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>Four Palladian-style windows, king-sized bed, sitting area, walk-in closet, fireplace and bathtub with separate shower. 290 sq. ft.</td>
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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as one cabin across all three single categories and are full as of July 2015, however we encourage interested single travelers to join our wait-list.
**Information**

**Dates**
May 17 to 29, 2016 (13 days)

**Size**
This program can accommodate a total of 76 participants, including travelers from Stanford, Harvard, Yale and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**Included**
- 3 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 8-night cruise aboard the Sea Cloud II
- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities for guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**Not Included**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**Air Arrangements**
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on British Air and Iberia from San Francisco to Granada or Málaga, Spain, and return from Bilbao, Spain, is approximately $1,660 as of June 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

**Fuel Costs**
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

**What to Expect**
We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to two miles of walking, at times over rough terrain, with tours lasting as long as three hours. You will be required to walk along ancient city streets, which can be uneven, cobblestoned and slippery. In some instances, such as museums, guided tours require standing in one place for 40 to 50 minutes at a time and climbing up and down several flights of stairs that may not have handrails. Many sites and buildings do not have elevators and also do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a walk of several minutes, sometimes uphill, to reach the entrance. You will need to be able to climb into and out of tenders for one shore excursion. Our journey requires travel by motorcoach, the longest drives being up to two hours long. Participants must be physically fit, in good health and able to keep up with an active group of travelers. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/seacloud2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be provided to U.S. residents with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within a specified window: 14 to 21 days of the date listed on the welcome letter, depending on your destination and state of residence.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

**Responsibility**
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. 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. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in July 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

**Terms & Conditions**

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“We loved the beautiful ship experience and the places we visited allowed us to ‘see’ the complex history of Spain and Portugal through song, dance, art and architecture.”

JANET WILSON, ’68, SHORES OF IBERIA, 2013