

# WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WONDERS: CANARY ISLANDS, MOROCCO, SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Your 17-night journey includes: 12-night small ship cruise to Arrecife, Agadir, Casablanca, Tangier, Gibraltar, Seville, Portimão; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Las Palmas; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Lisbon

Beginning in Las Palmas, this incomparable voyage will visit incredible ports throughout the Canary Islands, Morocco, Spain, and Portugal. From savoring tasty traditional cuisine and joining engaging guided tours to exploring UNESCO World Heritage Sites and delving deep into the history of the destinations you'll visit, you'll enjoy 14 included features and Cultural Discoveries throughout your world-class small ship voyage.

Explore famed monuments in Lisbon, see the treasures of Seville, discover Tangier's labyrinthine medina, delve into the history of Casablanca, and set out on a day trip to southern Spain. Treat your tastebuds to traditional fare, such as Portuguese pastéis de Belém and Moroccan tagine. In addition to Vantage's included activities, you'll have ample free time to further explore many of these destinations at your leisure. Plus, you'll enjoy extended hotel stays in Portugal and the Canary Islands.

All throughout your memorable Mediterranean cruise, you'll enjoy the luxury amenities and 5-star service for which Vantage is known. Treat yourself to a pampering spa treatment, take a soak in the top-deck hot tubs, work up a sweat at the fitness center, find a favorite book or movie at the well-stocked library, or simply relax with a cocktail while taking in the views from the panoramic Observation Lounge. After a day of shoreside exploration, retreat to your sumptuous stateroom, a true oasis at sea. Our small passenger-to-crew ratio and top-of-the-line personalized service ensures an incomparable, unsurpassed journey for all our guests. Step aboard and join Vantage Deluxe World

Travel on this comprehensive small ship luxury cruise across the Western Mediterranean.	

# **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **OCEAN ODYSSEY**



Sail aboard the luxurious, 5-star *Ocean Odyssey* 

#### **LISBON**



Discover the endless nooks and crannies of UNESCO-listed and cobblestoned Lisbon

#### **PORTIMAO**



Delve into the history of Portugal's Moorish roots during an included excursion

#### **SEVILLE**



Explore the historic sites of Seville, from the famed Spanish Steps to the UNESCO-listed Seville Cathedral

#### **GIBRALTAR**



Experience the British side of Spain in Gibraltar

#### **ARRECIFE**



Uncover the natural wonders of the volcanic Canary Islands in Arrecife

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Purchase your airfare from Vantage and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- Accommodations: 12 nights on board the Ocean
   Odyssey, 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Las Palmas,
   and 2 nights at the Corinthia Hotel Lisbon (or similar)
- 40 meals: 16 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 13 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- 14 included features and Cultural Discoveries
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- Complimentary Destination Manager service on

- **board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service
  prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or
  provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and
  submit a request, or send an email any time up to two
  weeks prior to your departure
  at Concierge@vantagetravel.com
- Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi
- All transfers and baggage handling overseas
- Vantage's 5% Travel Reward, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel
- plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS
  requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



#### **UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit Belém Tower and Monastery of Jerónimos in Lisbon
- Visit Gibraltar, which has been a British territory longer than the United States has been in existence
- See the monuments of Lisbon that honor its central role in the Age of Discovery
- Visit the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca
- See Seville Cathedral and Plaza de España
- Jameos del Agua, Cueva de los Verdes, and La Graciosa Island in

Arrecife

• Enjoy a day trip to UNESCO-listed Córdoba, Spain



#### **CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Get a true taste of Morocco with an included lunch of traditional tagine, a savory stew comprised of a rich mixture of spiced meat, poultry, or fish combined with vegetables or fruit
- Sample traditional pastéis de Belém, a Portuguese custard pastry



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS The magnificent Mediterranean is a wonder for the senses, from its sprawling landscapes to its ancient landmarks. Here are a few tips to help you capture beautiful and memorable pictures:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images
- From the Hassan II Mosque in Morocco to the vast landscapes on the coastline, you'll encounter large landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot.

Instead, try focusing on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate everything into frame

- Incorporate your surroundings. Don't try to edge out other tourists from your photos, but use them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target, including tourists and the real scene in the background or forefront, and the image instantly is more intriguing than a generic snapshot
- Pursue quirky composition shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, hot tubs, and a gym



#### CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

 Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey. Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

# LAS PALMAS TO LISBON

DAY 1:	Board an overnight flight to Las Palmas
DAY 2:	Arrive in Las Palmas and settle in A Deluxe Las Palmas Hotel or similar
DAY 3:	Las Palmas at your leisure A Deluxe Las Palmas Hotel or similar
DAY 4:	Embark the Ocean Odyssey today Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 5:	Uncover the magnificent wonders of Arrecife
	Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 6:	Delight in your ship's amenities during a day at sea  Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 7:	Sea and sun in Agadir Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 8:	Relax on board and enjoy your ship's amenities Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 9:	Travel to Casablanca, Morocco's largest city  Ocean Odyssey >
DAY 10:	Get a true sense of Moroccan artistry in Casablanca  Ocean Odyssey >
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	Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar
DAY 18:	Return home today





DAY 1: Board an overnight flight to Las Palmas

You'll board an overnight flight to the Canary Islands today. Or, depart earlier for your optional pre-trip extension in Tenerife.

#### DAY 2: Arrive in Las Palmas and settle in

Welcome to the Canary Islands! If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel.

Later, you'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Las Palmas. Founded in 1478 by Juan Rejón, an Aragonese captain serving in the Castilian navy, this Spanish city is the capital of Gran Canaria and the 9th-largest city in Spain. With its North

African flavor and mixture of Modernist,
Bauhaus, and Spanish colonial architecture, this
underrated destination is one of the most
culturally diverse cities in the Mediterranean. Its
expansive beaches, boasting soft sand and calm
waters, are perfect for those seeking a relaxing
spot to soak up the sun. The blend of Modernist
structures in the Triana district and the charming
colonial architecture of Vegueta's Old Quarter
make this one of the most interesting places to
photograph in Europe. Today's guided walking
tour will acquaint you with some of the unique
and special sites to be found in this enchanting
city.

#### **Included Features:**

• Guided walking tour of Las Palmas A Deluxe Las Palmas Hotel or similar

DAY 3: Las Palmas at your leisure

Craft your own itinerary today with a full day at leisure to explore more of Las Palmas on your own.

Included meals: Breakfast

A Deluxe Las Palmas Hotel or similar

DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey today

Today, you'll proceed to the pier and step aboard

the Ocean Odyssey to begin your small ship cruise. Along the way, you'll be treated to a private motorcoach tour of Las Palmas.

Get settled into your sumptuous stateroom and take time to explore the onboard amenities, including the boutique, spa, and fitness center. Stop by the Destination Manager's desk to make a spa appointment or organize a group dinner with your travel companions. Later, join the first of your daily port talks to learn about tomorrow's exciting destination.

#### **Included Features:**

 Private motorcoach tour of Las Palmas Included meals: Breakfast & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

**DAY 5:** Uncover the magnificent wonders of Arrecife

Arrecife, the quiet capital of Lanzarote in the Canary Islands, is a beautiful port city filled with historic buildings and interesting venues. On today's guided tour, you'll be able to visit a few of these sites for yourself.

Your first stop will be Jameos del Agua.

Originally conceived as a performance hall, this auditorium space is carved into the basalt rock of a volcanic tunnel. Completed in 1977, the auditorium offers fantastic acoustics with a stage set inside a section of the volcanic tunnel and terraced seating that follows the natural slope of the terrain.

Next, you'll visit Cueva de los Verdes, a lava tube found within the Monumento Natural del Malpaís de La Corona, a protected area of the Canary Islands. Created over 3 millennia ago from the lava flows of nearby Monte Corona, the cave system extends for over three-and-a-half

miles above the sea, and almost one mile below sea level.

Your final stop will be the cliffs of La Graciosa, a volcanic Island located across the Strait of El Rio. Created by the Canarian hotspot — a volcanically active region of the Canary Islands, just off the coast of northwest Africa — and with a year-round population of just under 1,000 residents, this island is a popular travel destination due to its tempered climate and sandy beaches.

#### Included Feature:

• Guided tour of Arrecife Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 6: Delight in your ship's amenities during a day at sea

One of the true pleasures of a luxurious, small ship cruise is the onboard experience as you sail from one incredible destination to another. From indulgent spa treatments and soothing hot tubs to elegant dining and engaging onboard lectures, you'll find everything you need to feel relaxed, pampered, and entertained today.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

#### Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner *Ocean Odyssey* >

DAY 7: Sea and sun in Agadir

Today we'll arrive in Agadir. Located in the foothills of the Anti-Atlas Mountains, along the

southern Atlantic coast of Morocco, this resort destination is known as much for its seaside promenade and numerous golf courses as it is for its maze-like souks and traditional hammams. With over 300 sunny days per year, and countless cafés and restaurants offering both traditional and trendy specialties, Agadir is a favorite destination for sun-seekers and foodies alike. Today, you'll head out to explore this delightful seaside city for yourself during a guided tour, followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

#### **Included Features:**

Guided Agadir city tour
 Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
 Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 8: Relax on board and enjoy your ship's amenities

Relax with a day at sea — refresh, renew, and relish in your ship's Deluxe amenities. Perhaps you'll join a morning workout class. You could enjoy a facial at the spa, meet friends in the lounge for a game of bridge, attend a lecture about the places you'll visit, or simply soak in the hot tub with the cocktail of the day — the choice is yours!

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#### Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 9: Travel to Casablanca, Morocco's largest city

Today, you'll venture to Casablanca, the city immortalized in the 1942 film of the same name. This is a city of contrasts that should be on every traveler's must-see list.

Upon first arriving in Casablanca, you'll be struck by its fascinating architecture. From the Art Deco style of the Cinéma Rialto and Gothic Église du Sacré-Couer to the traditionally Moroccan Hassan II Mosque and Brutalist Église Notre Dame de Lourdes, buildings of almost every architectural style sit side-by-side. You'll have the opportunity to explore this diverse city for yourself on an included tour.

Later, get a true taste of Morocco with an included lunch of traditional tagine. Typically comprised of a rich mixture of spiced meat, poultry, or fish combined with vegetables or fruit, this savory stew has been a staple of North African cuisine for hundreds of years.

Following your tour, the remainder of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. The Ocean Odyssey will remain in port overnight.

#### **Included Feature:**

Casablanca city tour

#### **Cultural Discovery**

 Traditional Moroccan tagine lunch Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 10: Get a true sense of Moroccan artistry in Casablanca

This morning, you'll visit the Hassan II Mosque. Built by over 6,000 Moroccan artisans, this is the largest functioning mosque in Africa and 7th largest in the world. Constructed of hand-carved stone and wood, intricate marble flooring, and mosaic tilework, it is a true testament to

Moroccan artistry. You'll be granted entrance into the mosque to take in the full scope of its interior design. Following our time at the mosque, we'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship.

#### **Included Feature:**

 Visit Hassan II Mosque Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 11: Get to know Tangier and enjoy an evening at leisure in Gibraltar

Situated at the entrance of the Strait of Gibraltar on the northernmost tip of Morocco, Tangier has been settled by the Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, Arabs, Portuguese, British, French, and Spanish over thousands of years. It's no wonder its nickname is the "City of Strangers"!

Today, you'll set off on a walking tour of the medina, a maze of alleyways containing both businesses and private residences. Contained within the walls of Tangier's 15th-century Portuguese fortress, the medina offers a glimpse into traditional daily life in this region.

You'll return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of scenic sailing as we make our way to Gibraltar. Upon arrival, you'll have the evening at leisure in this British Territory.

#### Included Feature:

Guided walking tour of Tangier's medina
 Destination Enhancement: Customize your
 journey when you add an optional excursion.

 Join us this evening for a hosted Gibraltar pub
 crawl — a true British delight! Learn more
 Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
 Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 12: Get a taste of Britain at the tip of Spain

Gibraltar, also known as The Rock of Gibraltar, is steeped in history dating back approximately 100,000 years when the earliest humans inhabited its limestone caves. However, it remained mostly unsettled until AD 711 when the first Moors of rig ibn Ziyd arrived. In fact, "Gibraltar" is a Spanish derivation of the Arabic Jabal rig, which translates to "mountain of rig." Gibraltar's position at the entrance to the Mediterranean made it a prized sight, and its people were subjected to many sieges from France, Spain, and Britain throughout the centuries that followed. It was finally captured by the British in the early 18th century and ceded to them under the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht. Today, Gibraltar's multicultural society makes it one of the most unique and interesting places to visit in the Mediterranean. During today's walking tour not only will you be able to visit some of Gibraltar's most interesting highlights, you'll also enjoy sweeping views of both the Strait of Gibraltar over Africa and the Bay of Algeciras. Keep your eyes peeled and cameras ready in case you catch a glimpse of the famed Barbary apes that live on the rock.

#### Included Feature:

Walking tour of Gibraltar
 Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Set off on a full-day tour of Gibraltar's significant sites, with refreshments included. Learn more Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 13: Uncover the treasures of Seville

Today, you'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of Seville, the storied capital of Andalusia. Stop at the University of Seville, whose main building is housed in the former Royal Tobacco Factory where Bizet set the famous opening scene of his opera Carmen. Founded in 1551, the university is one of Spain's leading institutions of higher learning.

Next, you'll see the Plaza de España, inarguably the most well-known public square in Seville. Constructed for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition, this is where you'll find the famed Spanish Steps, as well as elegant fountains and tiled mosaics. Continuing on, you'll view the exterior façade of the Plaza de Toros, Seville's famed 18th-century bullring. You may also have an opportunity to step inside the Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site most notable as the final resting place of King Ferdinand III of Castile and Christopher Columbus.

At the conclusion of your tour, you'll have the remainder of the afternoon to continue exploring Seville at your leisure.

#### **Included Feature:**

 Half-day Seville sightseeing tour Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 14: Explore Córdoba on a day trip

Located in the Andalusia region of southern Spain, the city of Córdoba was an important site during the time of the Roman empire, and a major Islamic center following the 8th-century Moorish conquest of Spain. At one time, the city boasted almost 300 mosques and palaces, said to rival those of Constantinople and Damascus. Today, you'll embark on a day trip this UNESCOlisted city to take in all of its incredible historical sites.

#### Included Feature:

 Day trip to Córdoba Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 15: Portimão, gateway to the vistas and villages of The Algarve

Cruise along Portugal's scenic Algarve region this morning before mooring in Portimão, a former center of fishing and shipbuilding. In fact, well before the 11th-century Moorish occupation, Portimão's early trading partners included the Greeks, Phoenicians, and Carthaginians. Modern day Portimão boasts an attractive riverfront running from the road bridge all the way to the city's marina.

One of Portimão's most historic sites is the Igreja da Nossa Senhora da Conceição. This 14th-century was devastated during the earthquake of 1755, and a new church was later built on the same site. The new church features the original Maueline doorway, one of the only pieces of the original church to have miraculously survived the earthquake. The immediate area also host several charming shops selling traditional lace, ceramics, handwoven baskets, and leather goods.

You'll have a chance to take in the city's sites for yourself during an included walking tour today.

#### Included Feature:

 Walking tour of Portimão Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 16: Disembark the Ocean Odyssey and tour Lisbon

Say goodbye to the Ocean Odyssey today as the cruise portion of your journey comes to a close.

You will board a private transfer to your hotel in Lisbon. Along the way, enjoy an included panoramic and walking tour of the Portuguese capital. You'll explore the city's famed monuments, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery. The latter is inextricably tied to the country's history of exploration, and it's said that Vasco da Gama spent his last night here before sailing to the Far East (his tomb is in the monastery). Your tour culminates in a stop at the towering Monument to the Discoveries: a massive white-stone tribute to some of the world's most intrepid sailors and explorers. While on your tour, sample pastéis de Belém, a traditional Portuguese custard pastry.

#### **Included Feature:**

Panoramic Lisbon sightseeing tour

#### **Cultural Discovery:**

Sample authentic pastéis de Belém custard pastries

Included meals: Breakfast

DAY 17: Lisbon at your leisure

You'll have a full day at leisure to explore more of Lisbon on your own.

Visit the Arco da Rua Augusta, a triumphal arch made entirely of stone, and walk up to the top for unparalleled views of Commerce Square.

Standing over 100 feet tall, it was constructed in the late 18th century to commemorate Lisbon's reconstruction after the entire city was demolished by an earthquake in 1755. Perhaps you'll make time to visit the Abbey of Alcobaça. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded in AD 1153 and is one of the greatest examples of early Portuguese Gothic architecture.

Lisbon is also a paradise for foodies. From traditional tascas to exceptional eateries, there is sure to be something to delight every palate. Fresh seafood is abundant here, from classic bacalhau (salted cod) — a Portuguese favorite — to octopus à lagareiro. Whether it's a casual eatery or a Michelin-starred restaurant, there is no shortage of dining establishments in Lisbon. Your onboard Destination Manager can help with suggestions and reservations.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Head out for a full day of exploration in UNESCO-listed Sintra and the fishing village of Cascais. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar

#### DAY 18: Return home today

Today, you will head to the airport and board your return flight home. Or, continue on to your post-trip extension in Madeira.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**



## Ocean Odyssey

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography. In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- •77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- •30 triple-ready cabins available
- •Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel
- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- •134-guest capacity
- •Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- •The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- •Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager

•Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

#### Amenities:

- •A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- •Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lecturers, performances, and more
- •Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- •Sauna
- •Two hot tubs
- •Fitness center
- •Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- •Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- •Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- •Gift Shop
- •Library with over 200 titles
- •Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- •Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- •20+ live TV channels featuring popular U.S. news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- •Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies



## Corinthia Hotel Lisbon ★★★★

Soak in the best of Portugal's capital city with a stay at the Corinthia Hotel Lisbon. Located just minutes from multiple museums, shopping malls, and Lisbon's underground system, you'll be ideally situated to explore the gems of this historic city. Unwind after a day of exploration with a visit to the hotel's spa and indoor pool, or simply relax and gaze out over stunning views of the city. Room amenities include air-conditioning, a coffee-maker, an in-room safe, cable television, and Wi-Fi, as well as daily maid service.



# Pestana Carlton Madeira Hotel ★★★★

The Pestana Carlton Madeira Hotel is one of the most sophisticated 5-star hotels on Madeira Island, recently refurbished to reflect the newest trends. Located in Funchal, Madeira, the Pestana Carlton boasts a unique location with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean and magnificent ocean views, and rooms feature a private bathroom, cable TV, radio, telephone, air-conditioning, minibar, safety deposit box, balcony or terrace, coffee and tea facilities, and Wi-Fi. Not only that, but you'll have a guaranteed sea-view room!