***Claudia’s Diverse Cultural Journey***

***Portugal, Spain, Gibraltar & Morocco***

***May 1-12, 2025***

***$5,700.00 per person***

**The following itinerary is a celebration of the rich cultural mosaic and scenic beauty of the Southern Iberian Peninsula, Gibraltar and Tangier. Each day unfolds a new chapter of this unforgettable journey. Please join me and let’s enjoy every moment of this exploration together.**

**Day 1 Lisbon**

**Arrival to Lisbon & Welcome Cocktail Party**  
Your journey begins with a warm welcome to Lisbon - the fabulous capital of Portugal. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and a private driver will escort you to the hotel for check-in.

The rest of the day is free so you can start exploring the magnificent city center on your own, dine in one of the local restaurants or take a good rest in your comfortable room.

In the evening, I invite you to join me for the welcome cocktail party to meet our fellow travelers!

**Day 2 Lisbon (B)**

**Exploring the Highlights of Lisbon**  
After breakfast we meet our guide and enjoy a panoramic walking sightseeing tour of Lisbon.

During the tour we will see the most famous attractions, including Restauradores Square with the Obelisk commemorating the Restoration of Portugal’s independence from Spain in 1640.

We will take a funicular up to the Bairro Alto and admire the view of the Mouraria district and the Sao Jorge Castle, the charming neighbourhood of Chiado abundant in old cafés, shops and theaters.

Then we proceed to Baixa including Rossio Square, where we learn how the city was destroyed in 1755 by a massive earthquake, and then totally rebuilt to become the city of today.

Continuing to Alfama Lisbon’s oldest district to admire Se Cathedral - the city’s oldest church and Commerce Square.

**Day 3 Lisbon (B-D)**

**Trip to Sintra & Visit to the Belem Quarter**  
Following breakfast we meet our driver-guide and start the journey on an exciting daytrip to one of Portugal's most beautiful destinations - UNESCO-listed Cultural Landscape of Sintra, that is famous for its fairy-tale castles and beautiful scenery. Upon arrival, we visit the Pena Palace (from the outside) with a round-trip shuttle bus (up to the Pena Palace). Here we will have some free time to admire the beauty of the Palace and take some amazing photos.

Then we have some free time for lunch (not included) before your driver-guide takes you back to Lisbon. Upon arrival, we visit the Belem Quarter, where we admire the Jerónimos Monastery (from the outside). We can also make photo stops at the ancient Belem Tower and Monument to the Discoverers.

After the tour we will be transferred back to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

In the evening, I invite you for a dinner at a traditional Portuguese restaurant.

**Day 4 Lisbon** **& Albufeira (B-D)**

Today after breakfast you check-out from the hotel and we depart to Albufeira.

**Arrival to Algarve**  
Upon arrival in Algarve, we will be transferred to our hotel and have some free time to explore the surrounding area. The Algarve, Portugal’s southernmost region, is known for it’s Atlantic beaches and golf resorts. Once whitewashed fishing villages are now lined with villas, hotels, bars and restaurants.

In the evening, we are invited for a dinner at a traditional Portuguese restaurant.

**Day 5 Albufeira (B)**

**Day at leisure in Albufeira**  
Today is your day!  After breakfast you can do some independent sightseeing around Old Town, you can visit Albufeira Church and local Museum or shop for souvenirs.

Albufeira has beautiful beaches with golden sand and cliffs, you can spend your day on the beach and do some water sport activities.

**Day 6 Albufeira & Seville (B)**

**Departure to Seville**  
After breakfast in the hotel, we check-out and depart from Albufeira for Seville, Spain!

**Arrival & Flamenco Show**  
Welcome to the gem of Andalusia - Seville! Upon our arrival, our driver transfers us to our downtown hotel for check-in.

We then have some free time to start exploring the city on our own or unwind after a long journey before setting off to enjoy one of the highlights of your trip - a Flamenco performance. The venue is located within walking distance from our hotel, which will also allow us a chance to catch a glimpse of the charming city in the evening.

**Day 7 Seville (B-D)**

**Visit of the Seville Cathedral & Alcazar**  
After breakfast we meet our guide in the hotel lobby and have a panoramic city tour of Seville.

Today we experience the authentic Andalusian spirit in one of its most important cities. The sightseeing program features top sights starting from the symbol of the city - the Giralda Tower that used to be a minaret back in the days. We then visit the Seville Cathedral, a Roman Catholic cathedral that is the third-largest church in the world. It was built in the 16th century to demonstrate the power and wealth of the city. Next on the list is the beautiful Real Alcazar of Seville - the oldest European royal residence composed of an ensemble of buildings from different periods. Cathedral and Alcazar, along with the General Archive of the Indies, are registered by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

The rest of the day after the tour is at leisure.

***Note: In order to visit Alcazar, please, take your passport!***

In the evening, we are invited for a dinner at a traditional Spanish restaurant.

**Day 8 Seville, Gibraltar & Tangier (B-D)**

After fueling up on some delicious breakfast, we set off to continue the adventures to Gibraltar & Tangier.

**Tour of Gibraltar & Ferry to Tangier**  
This intriguing journey offers a blend of cultural diversity, duty-free shopping, stunning caves, and the famed Gibraltar monkeys. The adventure begins with a panoramic tour showcasing "Punta de Europa," Europe's southernmost point, offering breathtaking views of the Spanish and Moroccan coasts.

Explore the fascinating St. Michael's Cave before encountering the unique Gibraltar monkeys, the last of their kind in ancient Europe. Following this, enjoy leisure time wandering Gibraltar's lively pedestrian streets, renowned for an array of shops offering exceptional prices on jewelry, electronics, and more.

Following the tour, we are taken to Tarifa for the ferry to Tangier, Morocco.

Welcome to Tangier - a Moroccan port city that is often referred to as Europe's gateway to Africa.

Upon arrival, our driver meets us at the port and transfers us to our centrally located hotel for check-in.

In the evening, we are invited for a dinner at a traditional Moroccan restaurant.

**Day 9 Tangier (B)**

Following breakfast, we meet our guide and driver in the hotel lobby and set off on a 3-hour tour of the city’s major highlights.

Separated from Spain by only 20 miles of the Strait of Gibraltar and being at some point a protectorate of both Spain and France, Tangier has always been a melting pot of cultures.

During the tour, we stop at Bab Kasbah - beautifully decorated gate to Tangier’s fortified area, rising high above the rest of medina. Then we proceed to the Tomb of Ibn Battuta, who was born in 1304 and considered to be the greatest traveler of his time. Together with the guide, we then visit Kasbah Museum of Mediterranean Cultures currently housed in the former sultan’s palace.

After the tour, our driver takes us outside the city to discover Africa’s most Northwestern point, Cape Spartel and visit Hercules Caves which is one of the most visited attractions in the area. Legend has it that Hercules stayed and slept in this cave before getting golden apples from Hesperides Garden.

We will then be transferred back to our hotel and have the rest of the day free.

Full day

**Full Day Guided City Tour**

**Day 10 Tangier (B-D)**

**Achakar Beach, Sunset Camel Ride & Moroccan Dinner**

Our tour begins with a scenic drive through Tangier's upscale neighborhoods, passing by landmarks such as the King's Palace, Forbes House, Perdicaris Park, and Achkar Beach, also known as the Sun Beach.

Experience a camel ride near the Caves of Hercules and Cap Spartel during the sunset, offering a picturesque view where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Capture the moment with a sunset photoshoot.

Following the ride, savor authentic Moroccan cuisine in the company of locals at a historic restaurant, featuring a meal with renowned dishes like Tajin and Couscous. The tour includes a brief stroll through the ancient Medina and a refreshing stop for a drink to soak in the surroundings.

To conclude the experience, our driver will return us to the heart of the medina and to our hotel.

**Day 11 Tangier & Lisbon (B-D)**

**Flight to Lisbon**  
Following breakfast in the hotel, we check out and fly from Tangier to Lisbon.

*Flight is included*

Upon arrival back in Lisbon, we are met by our private driver at the airport, who transfers us to the hotel for check-in.

In the evening, we are invited for a Fado dinner at the local Portuguese restaurant. The musical form of Fado was adopted as a part of Portuguese culture and is now a symbol of the nation. Visiting the show also includes dinner (Menu Fado).

**Day 12 Lisbon (B)**

**Departure Home**Following breakfast in our hotel, we check out and depart from the Lisbon airport for home, or beyond as your schedule dictates!

**B = Breakfast Included**

**D = Dinner Included**