



# AZORES

with Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco, Canary Islands, and Madeira

Aboard the *Clipper Odyssey*  
May 4 - 20, 2011



PRESENTED BY VICTOR EMANUEL NATURE TOURS



## DEAR FRIENDS

Rising from the eastern Atlantic Ocean as the exposed tips of undersea volcanoes, the archipelagos of Macaronesia are a beautiful and intriguing destination. Known for their scenery and historical significance, these “Atlantic Isles,” are more familiar to us as Madeira, the Azores, and Canary Islands. Individually, they are biological treasure troves, each containing a wealth of special birds and plants found nowhere else; collectively, they offer an impressive variety of landforms rivaling those of the mainland.

I am excited to announce that VENT is partnering with Zegrahm Expeditions for a voyage to the **Azores with Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco, Canary Islands, and Madeira**, May 4 - 20, 2011, on what promises to be a bird-filled and culturally diverse cruise. Traveling aboard the very comfortable *Clipper Odyssey*, we will sail in the wake of Columbus and other navigators who used the islands as stepping stones during the great age of discovery. Our time among the islands will include birding options at most major stops as we seek the region’s special land-birds and seabirds including Bulwer’s and Fea’s petrels, Barolo Shearwater, Houbara Bustard, Laurel and Bolle’s pigeons, Berthelot’s Pipit, Blue Chaffinch, Azores Bullfinch, Trumpeter Finch, and many others. Those less interested in birding or those traveling with a non-birding partner will be pleased with the many opportunities to experience the regions’ rich history, culture, and architecture.

As a part of Spain, the **Canary Islands** sit at the meridian of 0° longitude. Here, we’ll explore three islands: La Gomera, marked by deep valleys and canyons; Tenerife, crowned by the massive El Tiede, Spain’s highest peak; and Lanzarote, its lunar landscape attesting to the dynamic forces of volcanism.

Mountainous **Madeira** is breathtakingly beautiful; its volcanic slopes covered in lush foliage form a lovely backdrop to the charming town of Funchal, where formal gardens abound and expert viticulture techniques have produced the rich Madeira wines for which the island is perhaps best known.

The **Azores** comprise a stunning archipelago of nine volcanic islands containing lakes, mountains, and scenic coastlines. Our thorough five-day exploration of the archipelago includes visits to six islands including the interior volcanic crater lakes and tea plantations of São Miguel; tiny villages and a remarkable cavern on Graciosa; the wild volcanic crater of Faial; the World Heritage Site of Angra do Heroísmo on Terceira Island; and tiny Santa Maria Island, a place to enjoy birding and cultural hikes.

We’ll begin in Spain with a visit to the World Heritage Site of Alhambra, featuring exquisite 14th century Moorish architecture. We’ll step ashore on the Rock of Gibraltar, a location as famous as an outstanding place to view migrating birds as it is for its singular geologic features. We’ll experience exotic Morocco where we’ll allot two days visiting legendary Casablanca, Agadir, and Taroudant, an attractive town often called “Little Marrakech.”

This wonderful cruise will be led by David Wolf, with a minimum of seven VENT registrations. David possesses over 35 years of tour leading experience worldwide and is one of our most popular leaders, both for his bird knowledge and his tour leading skills. David has had a lifelong interest in birds and all aspects of nature and I am confident you will enjoy being with him.

I hope you will take advantage of what promises to be a rich and fascinating voyage.

Best wishes,

Victor Emanuel

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- May 4 USA
- May 5 Granada, Spain
- May 6 Granada, Spain / Malaga / Embark *Clipper Odyssey*
- May 7 Gibraltar, U.K.
- May 8 Casablanca, Morocco
- May 8 & 9 Optional Two-Day Excursion to Marrakech
- May 9 Agadir / Taroudant
- May 10 Arrecife, Lanzarote Island, Canary Islands
- May 11 Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife Island
- May 12 San Sebastian, La Gomera
- May 13 Funchal, Madeira Island
- May 14 Cruising the Atlantic Ocean
- May 15 Vila do Porto, Santa Maria Island, Azores
- May 16 Angra do Heroismo, Terceira Island
- May 17 Santa Cruz, Graciosa Island
- May 18 São Roque do Pico, Pico Island / Horta, Faial Island
- May 19 Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island / Disembark *Clipper Odyssey*
- May 20 Ponta Delgada / USA



CANARY ISLANDS

## Making a Difference

Joining us on this voyage is Duane Silvers, Director of Seacology, an organization that is dedicated to the preservation of island environments and cultures of islands throughout the world. Seacology is focused on habitat degradation caused by livestock and the spread of invasive species in the high mountains of Funchal. In November 2001, Seacology and the Association of Friends of the Ecological Park of Funchal created a 12-acre area on the park's highest peak. This project involved hundreds of volunteers, including our crew. Seacology is providing funding for restoration of extremely rugged terrain within the park and the already-planted 12-acre area.

## SÃO LOURENÇO



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PRAIA DA VITORIA



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RUDDY SHELDUCK

© Scott Bickell

© Peter Ziva

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

### USA

Depart on your independent flights to Granada, Spain.

Thursday, May 5

### Granada, Spain

Upon arrival transfer to our hotel. Relax with the remainder of the day at leisure. Welcome dinner and overnight.

Friday, May 6

### Granada, Spain / Malaga / Embark *Clipper Odyssey*

Today we visit the Alhambra, a fantasy-land of lacy stonework, slender columnar arcades, beautifully-tiled chambers, porticos, and courtyards surrounding light-reflecting water basins. After lunch visit Granada's splendid cathedral and enjoy a walk along the Alcaiceria, a delightful crafts precinct. Or, join a birding tour to search for Lesser Kestrel, Collared Pratincole, Eurasian Griffon, Booted and Bonelli's eagles, Western Orphean and Sardinian warbler and many others. Board the *Clipper Odyssey* in Malaga this afternoon.

Saturday, May 7

### Gibraltar, U.K.

The 1,400-foot Rock of Gibraltar soars from the sea as we sail through the strategic Strait of Gibraltar, which connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Visit Europa Point and enjoy a walk through the labyrinthine St. Michael's Cave or visit the Rock's migration hotspots, with more than 250 recorded species such as Eurasian Griffon, Bonelli's and Short-toed eagles, as well as flocks of migrating shearwaters, storks, flamingos, bee-eaters, and a host of passerines.

Sunday, May 8

### Casablanca, Morocco

Today our ship docks in Casablanca, Morocco's largest city and economic capital. The city has both modern quarters with broad boulevards lined by palm trees, and elegant and historic civic buildings. Many of these buildings were designed in the 1930s in the local Mauresque architectural style—a decorative blend of traditional Moroccan, French Colonial, and Art Deco styles. We begin with an excursion to the colorful Central Market followed by a guided interior exploration of the Hassan II Mosque, the only mosque in Morocco open to non-Muslims. This seaside building, the second largest religious structure in the world (after Mecca), is a stunning example of contemporary religious architecture. Its 688-foot minaret, the tallest in the world, is visible for miles.

We then pass through the Corniche district; the Anfa Quarters; the Law Courts, which include the variety of architectural features and decorative motifs found in Hispano-Moorish art; and the Habbous Quarters. This afternoon we set sail for Agadir.

Monday, May 9

### Agadir / Taroudant

After an early lunch on board we drive inland from Agadir to Taroudant. Often called "little Marrakech," the village is surrounded by red ramparts, its gardens featuring palms and pomegranate trees. We walk the fortress ramparts and through the central plaza and the souks. The Berber Market offers a fascinating array of spices and vegetables, while the artisan souk displays silverwork, leather goods, and carpets. Relax with mint tea and Moroccan pastries at the *Jnane Soussia Hotel*. This evening we set sail for the Canary Islands.

GRAY WAGTAIL



© Jack S. Grove

HASSAN II MOSQUE



© Gibraltar Tourist Board

GIBRALTAR





© Ralph Eshelman



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Tuesday, May 10

### Arrecife, Lanzarote Island— Canary Islands

Our lecturers introduce the Canary Islands as we approach Lanzarote. The islands are part of Spain, and their strategic location made them a steppingstone in the era of exploration.

A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Lanzarote is a volcanic island with some 300 cinder cones pock-marking its rugged landscape. This afternoon we have three tour options to choose from. A scenic drive north takes us to the Mirador del Rio, with superb views over the Famara Mountains and islands off the seacoast. A highlight of our visit is the Jameos del Agua, a lava-tube cave transformed by famed local artist César Manrique into a delightful series of pools, gardens, and a natural amphitheater.

A second option goes south to Timanfaya National Park, which showcases the island's stunning volcanic landscape. The 1824 eruption left an unusual lunar landscape of craters, multi-colored petrified lava streams, geysers, and smoking fumaroles. We explore by coach, on dromedary, and on foot, watching for 177 species of rare plants, many of them unique to the Canaries.

The third option is a birding tour on which we seek Houbara Bustard, Cream-colored Courser, Berthelot's Pipit, Eurasian Stone Curlew, and Trumpeter Finch. Migration can be spectacular and includes flocks of bee-eaters, Pallid and Common swifts, and various raptors.

Wednesday, May 11

### Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife Island

From the capital of Santa Cruz you may choose

a full-day exploration of the southern side of Tenerife, visiting the Botanical Gardens, the attractive town of La Orotava, and Teide National Park. Here, we'll see twisted volcanic formations of basalt and obsidian surrounding El Teide. After lunch at El Parador, we hike to view the Roques de Garcia—bizarrely eroded rocks set in ochre plains and lava rivers at the mountain's base.

Alternatively you can choose a half-day excursion that visits the northern side of the island, with its charming small villages, dramatic *miradors* (viewpoints), and the university town of La Laguna. This World Heritage Site, designated the first, non-fortified Spanish colonial town, has superb examples of 16th—18th-century architecture and a layout that became a model for many American colonial towns.

Birders will enjoy an excursion that may produce many resident and migrant birds, with good possibilities for finding four Canarian endemics including Bolle's and Laurel pigeons, Tenerife Goldcrest, and Blue Chaffinch.

Thursday, May 12

### San Sebastian, La Gomera

This island is mountainous with little arable land; to grow their crops, generations of villagers have reshaped the landscape into a series of terraces, punctuated by palm groves. We take a morning driving tour to Garajonay National Park to view the thick forests of protected laurel, with an opportunity for a hike and another chance to bird for such species as Barbary Falcon, Eurasian Turtle-Dove, Plain Swift, Gray Wagtail, Spectacled Warbler, Canary Islands Chiffchaff, Spanish Sparrow, and many others.

BOLLE'S PIGEON



© Roger Tidman

TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK



© Steve Clymer



Friday, May 13

### **Funchal—Madeira Island**

Be out on deck early this morning as we search for Fea's and Bulwer's petrels, Barolo's (Macaronesian) and Cory's shearwaters, White-faced and Madeiran storm-petrels, and other seabirds. You may choose from a half-day or a full-day tour in this land of prized floral gardens, or opt for a full day of birding.

The half-day tour takes us from the town of Funchal by cable car to the top of Monte, with its 18th-century church and splendid views. Back in Funchal, our local guide takes us to the town's historic sites: the main square, São Lourenço Palace, and the 15th-century cathedral. Watch a lace-making demonstration at an embroidery factory, before visiting the open-air market—one of the most sumptuous in the Atlantic.

The full-day excursion takes us through western Madeira, with its craggy green peaks and verdant valleys. We stop in small wine making villages to learn about local viniculture, visit a banana plantation, and gaze out over the second-highest sea cliff in the world. In Porto Moniz we enjoy lunch and samples of local wine as well as a refreshing swim in a rock pool, weather permitting.

The birding option includes a visit to track down a number of the island's breeding species and a selection of migrating birds. Among the possibilities are Trocaz Pigeon, Plain and Pallid swifts, Eurasian Hoopoe, Berthelot's Pipit, Spectacled Warbler, Blackcap, Madeira Firecrest, Rock Sparrow, and European Serin.

Sunday, May 14

### **Cruising the Atlantic Ocean**

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Our lecture series

continues and we learn more about the history, geology, and culture of the Azores. Birders will want to be on deck looking for seabirds including Bulwer's Petrel, Cory's Shearwater, Manx Shearwater, Barolo (Macaronesian) Shearwater, and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel.

Sunday, May 15

### **Vila do Porto, Santa Maria Island—Azores**

This southernmost island of the Azores has an interesting geological history, having submerged five million years ago and uplifted a million years later, complete with sedimentary layers and fossils. We drive to the east, visiting villages, a church, and a museum. The panoramic views are superb at São Lourenço and Maia.

In the afternoon enjoy an active hike between two charming villages, or a scenic tour to the village of Anjos—where Columbus landed after his first passage to the Americas. Weather permitting, birders will make a Zodiac excursion to a nearby island, home to thousands of Cory's Shearwaters and Bulwer's Petrels plus Barolo's (Macaronesian) shearwaters, and Band-rumped Storm-Petrels.

Monday, May 16

### **Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island**

This morning our ship anchors off Angra, a World Heritage Site. A necessary port of call from the 15th century until the steamship came along in the 19th-century, the impressive 400-year-old fortifications are unique examples of military architecture. We take a walking tour of this spectacular and photogenic town.

After lunch on the ship, or optionally in town, we have two choices for the afternoon: a cultural tour into the island's interior, or an active hike



SANTA MARIA



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for those with natural history interest. The cultural excursion takes us across the island to São Sebastiao; Praia da Vitoria, with its central plaza and historic district; and a wine museum. Or, hike up Monte Brasil with its scenic overlooks and botanical wonders, then visit the famed cave near Algar da Carvao.

Birds possible anywhere on the island include Common Buzzard, Common Snipe, Yellow-legged Gull, Wood Pigeon, Gray Wagtail, European Robin, Eurasian Blackbird, Goldcrest, and Common Chaffinch.

Tuesday, May 17

### **Santa Cruz, Graciosa Island**

We cruise slowly this morning watching for the sperm whales and dolphins that frequent the inter-island channels. Graciosa is one of the less-visited islands of the archipelago, and one with great charm. After visiting the museum at Santa Cruz, we drive inland and pass through several picturesque villages. We stop at Furna do Enxofre, where a deep cavern, 426 feet in diameter, is pierced by sunlight streaming through a narrow funnel. On our return route, we stop at the village of Praia and the chapel of Senhora Da Ajuda along the north coast for stunning views.

Wednesday, May 18

### **São Roque do Pico, Pico Island / Horta, Faial Island**

Pico, whose name is derived from the 7,713-foot volcanic cone of Mt. Pico, is the second largest of the Azores Islands and a designated World Heritage Site for its vineyard culture. We depart for a beautiful morning drive through highlands of spring flowers and endemic vegetation. It is believed that of the 300 native plant species, possibly 60 are endemic, and of the 11 species of native trees, eight are endemic to the

Azores. We visit the Whaling Industry Museum, and stop at a Madalena vineyard where we sample local wines and cheeses.

Lunch is onboard as we cross the narrow strait that separates Pico from Faial Island. Docking in the natural harbor of Horta for the afternoon, we go ashore in one of the most popular yachting harbors of the Atlantic. The Museum of Horta at Capelo illustrates the magnitude of volcanic eruptions on the island in 1957.

Bird species likely today include Cory's Shearwater, Common Buzzard, Yellow-legged Gull, Wood Pigeon, Common Tern, Atlantic Canary, European Greenfinch, and European Goldfinch.

Thursday, May 19

### **Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island / Disembark Clipper Odyssey**

Jagged and verdant cliffs, eroded lava rocks, and crater lakes are all evidence of the forces of volcanic eruptions that shaped this rugged island. We disembark this morning for a full-day excursion that highlights the picture-perfect landscape of lush green fields lined with basalt and adorned with flowers; the smoking fumaroles in the town of Furnas; and the crater lakes of Fogo and Furnas. After we view the Terra Nostra Botanical Gardens, we enjoy a dip in the mineral-rich thermal waters before lunch at a local hotel. Birders search for the Piora, or Azores Bullfinch, the archipelago's only endemic bird, as well as Cory's Shearwaters, and a variety of Eurasian shorebirds. This afternoon we enjoy free time to explore the town before a farewell dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, May 20

### **Ponta Delgada / USA**

After breakfast this morning we transfer to the airport for independent homeward flights.



**RUDDY TURNSTONES**

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© Shirley Metz



**FAIAL ISLAND**

© Jack S. Grove



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## Optional Two-Day Excursion to Marrakech

Sunday & Monday, May 8 & 9

Join us for a two-day optional overnight excursion to magical Marrakech. From Casablanca, we drive inland through the “breadbasket of Morocco,” the Chaouia Plain. The romantic rose-red city of Marrakech perches on the edge of the pre-Saharan Plains along Berber trade routes. We explore sites such as the opulent 19th-century Bahia Palace, the Medina—a World Heritage Site—and the Koutoubia Mosque. We visit the imperial Saadian tombs and Djemaa El Fna Square, a vibrant crossroads of magicians, acrobats, henna tattooists, and snake charmers. In the evening enjoy a dinner of traditional Moroccan specialties. We overnight in a Marrakech hotel.

The next day, you may choose to explore the Majorelle Gardens, an oasis in the heart of this desert city; the Palmeraie, a vast area of date palms; and the bustling Souk. After lunch at a local restaurant, we drive through stunning desert scenery and through the Atlas Mountains before arriving in Agadir where we reboard the ship.

Or you may join an optional full-day birding tour that visits some of Morocco’s top birding areas including Oukaimeden in the western High Atlas, the Oued Souss, Tamri, and Cape Rhir to search for the critically endangered Waldrapp (Bald Ibis), one of the rarest birds on the planet. We hope to record well over 100 species on this excursion which will be one of the birding highlights of the entire voyage. Species will be both exotic and diverse and include everything from storks and flamingos to Lanner and Barbary falcons, Eurasian Spoonbill, plus various egrets and herons. For the most dedicated birders our targets include Black-crowned Tchagra, Alpine and Red-billed choughs, Crimson-winged Finch, Common Nightingale, Red-rumped Swallow, Moussier’s Redstart, Rock Thrush, and Rock Sparrow.

**Excursion Price: \$780 per person, double occupancy; \$200 single supplement.**



KOUTOUBIA MOSQUE



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MAJORELLE GARDENS

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**1. Reservations:** 30% of the expedition fare, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for you on this Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT) and Zegrahm Expeditions (ZE) program. The balance of the expedition fare is due 150 days prior to departure. Airfare is due at the time tickets are issued. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars, and must be paid in U.S. dollars.

**2. Cancellation and Refund Policy:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by VENT/ZE. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- 150 days or more prior to departure: \$600 per person
- 90 through 149 days prior to departure: 65% of expedition fare
- 1 through 89 days prior to departure: 100% of expedition fare

Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from VENT/ZE for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

**3. Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance:** We strongly advise that all travelers purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as protection against an emergency that may force you to cancel or leave an expedition while it is in progress. A brochure describing coverage will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

**4. Share Policy:** Accommodations on all VENT/ZE programs are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you whenever possible. When pairing roommates, we will always pair participants of the same sex. All shared accommodations are nonsmoking. If it is not possible to pair you with a roommate, you may be asked to pay a single supplement for the land portion of the program.

**5. Medical Information:** Participation in a VENT/ZE program requires that you be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. We can counsel you on whether the expedition you have selected is appropriate for you.

The tour leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the tour if he or she feels the participant is physically incapable and/or if a participant's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

**6. Luggage Restrictions:** Luggage size and weight limitations for both checked and carry-on luggage, imposed by the airlines or as an operational requirement due to type of aircraft, will apply for flights to/from/within this program. Specifications will be provided with pre-departure materials.

**7. Currency Fluctuation and Fuel Cost Increases:** In order to keep rates as low as possible, we do not build into the trip fare an allowance to cover possible increases from currency fluctuations or fuel costs. Therefore, as currencies do fluctuate around the world and as fuel cost increases may occur, it may be necessary for us to initiate a minor rate surcharge, at any

time before departure, if there are exceptional cost increases beyond our control.

**8. Itinerary Changes & Trip Delay:** Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. VENT/ZE reserves the right to change a program's dates, staff, itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. If a trip must be delayed or the itinerary changed due to bad weather, road conditions, transportation delays, government intervention, airline schedules, sickness, or other contingency for which VENT/ZE or its agents cannot make provision, the cost of delays or changes is not included.

**9. Itinerary Cancellation:** VENT/ZE reserve the right to cancel an itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants or logistical problems such as strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstances that may make operation of the trip inadvisable. All trip payments received will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of VENT/ZE's liability. VENT/ZE are not responsible for any expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip, including nonrefundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other trip-related expenses.

**10. Participation:** VENT/ZE reserves the right to decline to accept any individual as a trip member for any reason whatsoever.

**11. Limitations of Liability:** This section defines VENT/ZE's responsibility with respect to all of our trips, including extensions and independent arrangements. Please read it carefully. VENT/ZE, its Owners, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and assume no responsibility howsoever caused for injury, loss, or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

As described in item 7 above, all prices are subject to change.

As described in item 9 above, in the event that an expedition must be cancelled, VENT/ZE is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the program.

Certain ship owners require use of preprinted ticket forms that limit the ship owner's and operator's liability. When such tickets are used, you are generally bound by the terms of these tickets with respect to your legal relationship to the owner and operators of the ship, their agent (ZE), and the ship's crew.

On advancement of deposit to VENT, the depositor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above recited terms and conditions, and agrees to be bound by them.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

For most activities, a relatively moderate level of exertion is required. Ashore, you must be able to walk moderate distances, unaided, over rough terrain and cobblestone streets, and climb stone steps that may not have handrails. Temperatures will range from 55°– 70°F throughout our itinerary.

You will travel with experienced leaders and a renowned lecture team of naturalists and historians who will add insight to both the cultural and natural riches you will encounter. We will mail a complete list of recommended clothing and a suggested reading list to you approximately five months prior to departure. Participants will most enjoy the remarkable opportunities this expedition offers if they travel with a spirit of adventure.

# EXPEDITION LEADERS

Our team of expert leaders and lecturers serves to bring a comprehensive educational component to your adventure through lectures, guided excursions, and daily recaps. Experts from additional fields of study will join the team below.

**David Wolf** – A senior member of the VENT staff, David is an experienced tour leader and has birded extensively on all seven continents. After birding the U.S. and Mexico for more than a decade, an interest in the wildlife of Africa led him to Kenya in 1975 where he studied the birds and other wildlife of the African continent. Soon after his return to Texas he began leading tours for VENT and hasn't looked back since. He unites his birding skills with a wide-ranging interest in all aspects of natural history, which he shares readily with tour participants. David and his wife, Mimi, live on a small farm in Nacogdoches, Texas, with assorted horses, cats, and dogs.

**Russell Evans (Expedition Leader)** – Russ is a sixth-generation Falkland Islander who grew up working on farms on Pebble and Saunders Islands. In the mid 1990s, Russ left farming to pursue his interest in the sea and small boats and went to work crewing and skippering commercial boats. His passion for the sea and interests in wildlife, photography, and travel have led Russell to a career in expedition travel, which has recently taken him to the Arctic and the British Isles.

**Jack Grove** – A marine biologist, professional naturalist, and cofounder of Zegrahm Expeditions, Jack is a leading authority on the fishes and marine environments of the eastern tropical Pacific. In 1997 Stanford University Press published his comprehensive volume, *The Fishes of the Galápagos Islands*, and he received his Ph.D. from Pacific Western University. An active conservationist, and Fellow of The Explorers Club, Jack has led numerous expeditions to the remote corners of the world.

**Peter Harrison, MBE** – A professional birder, artist, author, and screenwriter, Peter is widely considered the world's foremost authority on seabirds. Often credited with having seen more seabirds than anyone, past or present, Peter has written and illustrated over a dozen books, of which *Seabirds: An Identification Guide* is considered the bible of seabird identification. He is also a cofounder of Zegrahm Expeditions and a Fellow of The Explorers Club.

**Shirley Metz** – Shirley is a modern-day adventurer and explorer. In 1989 she became the first woman, and one of the first Americans, in history to ski overland to the South Pole, a journey of over 800 miles. She has been listed in the *Guinness Book of Records*, and in 1989 the Soviet minister of polar research and exploration bestowed his country's prestigious Polar Award upon her, the only woman to receive this distinction. Shirley is a cofounder of Zegrahm Expeditions, a Fellow of The Explorers Club, and member of the Society of Woman Geographers.

**Duane Silverstein** – Duane is the executive director of Seacology, dedicated to preserving the environments and cultures of islands throughout the world. Duane has visited over 135 islands and his work has been covered in publications as diverse as *TIME*, *The Bangkok Post*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Explorer's Journal*. He is a recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service, elected a community All Star by Major League Baseball, and is a National Fellow of The Explorers Club.



## CLIPPER ODYSSEY

The *Clipper Odyssey* is a 110-passenger luxury expedition vessel, ideally suited for expedition cruising. All cabins have an ocean view, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, in-room music system, and sitting area with sofa. Passengers can track the progress of their voyage on the Global Positioning System broadcast in each cabin. Beds can be configured for twin or queen-size sleeping arrangements. All cabins have an en suite bathroom with shower. The *Clipper Odyssey* maintains a gourmet kitchen, providing American and international specialties. Facilities on board the *Clipper Odyssey* include a dining room, lounge, small library and gym, outdoor pool, massage room, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Clipper Odyssey* has an infirmary staffed by a registered physician and a sophisticated telecommunications system permitting Internet access and telephone and fax communication with any location around the world. Ship registry: Bahamas.



# RESERVATION FORM

**AZORES with Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco, Canary Islands, and Madeira** May 4 - 20, 2011

Optional Two-Day Excursion to Marrakech May 8 & 9, 2011

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Name #1 *(as it appears on passport)*

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*(preferred name)*

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E-mail Fax

**Cabin Category:**  1  2  3  4  5  6  Suite

**Accommodations:**  Twin  Share *(roommate to be assigned)*  Single

**I am/We are:**  Nonsmokers  Smokers

**Deposit Information:**

Enclosed is a deposit check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(30% per person of the program fare)*

Charge 30% deposit per person to:  VISA  MasterCard

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**I/We have read and understand the enclosed Terms & Conditions for this program, and agree to abide by them.**

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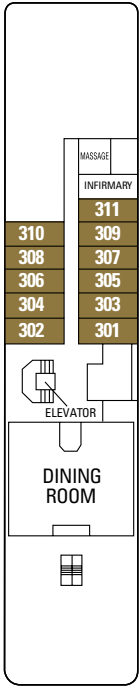
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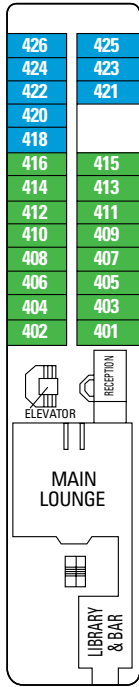
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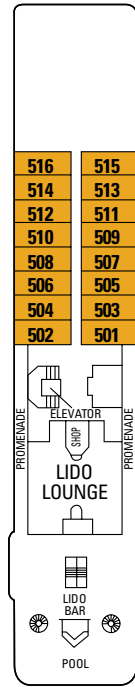
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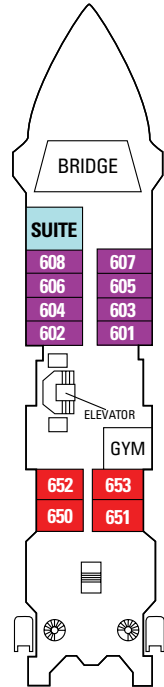
A-Deck



Main Deck



Lido Deck



Bridge Deck

## RATES

CATEGORY	RATE	CATEGORY	RATE
Category 1	\$10,280	Category 6	\$15,480
Category 2	\$10,980	Suite	\$18,480
Category 3	\$11,980	Single/Cat 2	\$17,580
Category 4	\$12,980	Single/Cat 3	\$19,180
Category 5	\$14,480		

**Optional Marrakech Excursion:** \$780 per person double occupancy; \$200 single occupancy supplement

Limited singles available at the quoted single rate above. Additional singles may be available at 1.7 times the share rate (suite not applicable).

**Included:** Accommodations in our hotels and on board *Clipper Odyssey* as outlined in the itinerary; all onboard meals; all group meals on land; group transfers; services of the expedition staff, including lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; all group activities and excursions; landing and port fees; \$50,000 of emergency sickness/accident medical expenses and \$75,000 in evacuation insurance;\* all gratuities.

**Not Included:** All air transportation; excess baggage charges; airport arrival and departure taxes; transfers for independent arrivals and departures; passport and/or visa fees; accident/baggage/cancellation insurance; items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, e-mail/Internet/fax/telephone charges.

**Air Fare:** Air fare is not included in rates. Please call 800-328-VENT (8368) or 512-328-5221 to reserve your cabin and learn more about air arrangements.

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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Search for endemic landbirds such as Azores Bullfinch, Atlantic Canary, Laruel and Bolle's pigeons, Tenerife Goldcrest, and Blue Chaffinch
- Exquisite Moorish architecture at the Alhambra, a World Heritage Site
- The Rock of Gibraltar, known in antiquity as the northern Pillar of Hercules
- Morocco's unique architecture, fascinating culture, exotic cuisine, and beguiling souks
- Bizarre volcanic landscapes and geologic wonders of the Canary Islands
- Wine tasting in Madeira, and stunning views from the second largest sea cliff in the world
- Watch for whales in the nutrient-rich channels that surround the Azores
- View many nesting seabirds including Fea's and Bulwer's petrels; Barolo, Cory's and Manx shearwaters; Band-rumped and European storm-petrels; and others.

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