



Quilters' Cruise 2025

Spain, Morocco & Portugal

15 – 27 February 2025



Japan Journeys is collaborating once again with our expert quilters, to bring you a quilting cruise to Spain, Morocco and Portugal. Join *Judi Mendelssohn* and *Barbara Chainey* for this wonderful cruising experience with Fred. Olsen Lines.



Judi Mendelssohn

Our Experts

With the sea crossing taking two or three days on the outward and return journeys, there will be four full day hand stitching workshops for you to join, reflecting the colours and sights we'll experience during the cruise. All the workshops will be fully kitted so all you will need to bring is your own personal hand sewing kit. Along the way we'll host some assorted evening entertainments as well of lots of fun and laughter.

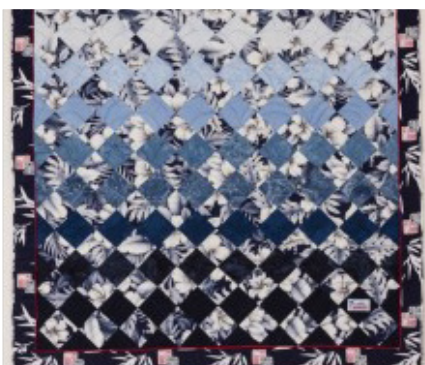
A former Editor for (British) Patchwork & Quilting magazine, Judi gives talks and teaches patchwork workshops around the UK and abroad. She has joined Japan Journeys on several cruises and their quilt tours to Japan.



Barbara Chainey

Barbara is a teacher, writer and designer with more than 35 years' international experience, with hand stitching and especially traditional hand quilting a particular focus. She has written four books, of which, 'The Essential Quilter' and 'Quilt It!' are considered classics. She also has six fabric collections to her credit and has designed hundreds of quilting stencils.

Between them Barbara and Judi will provide a wide range of workshops over the cruise days, as they have very different styles, which is their strength, plus a lot of badinage, Chainey wisdom, and laughter.





The Olsen Art Studio on board where your quilt workshops will be conducted

Your Cruise

Embark on an unforgettable exploration of iconic landmarks in Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. As Borealis approaches the maritime city of Lisbon, you will see the Belém Tower from the viewpoint of the sea, while ashore you can explore the charming town of Sintra, set high in the Portuguese hills. In Malaga, you can taste top quality olive oils, as some of the best in the world hail from the Andalusian region; bake authentic Pastéis de Nata with a local pastry chef in Lisbon; sample tapas and watch a mesmerising flamenco in Cádiz, and learn some steps from a bailaora; and savour Moroccan tagines in Casablanca. Meanwhile, in Casablanca, admire the Moorish architecture of the Hassan II Mosque, discover its Arab-Berber influences, and experience the ancient Moroccan storytelling art form of Halqa.

Discover Iconic Landmarks

On your Borealis cruise to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco, you will have the opportunity to explore some of the region's most iconic landmarks. In Casablanca, visit the Hassan II Mosque, where you can admire the magnificent example of Arab-Islamic architecture, topped by the world's tallest minaret that shines a laser in the direction of Mecca. From Lisbon, you can wander through the picturesque streets of Sintra, a traditional Portuguese town nestled within the hills of Serra de Sintra, home to ornate villas, colourful architecture, and a fairytale-like palace set within mist-veiled forests of pine trees. You will also have the chance to explore the Belém Tower in Lisbon and climb the legendary Rock of Gibraltar.

Spanish & North African Cuisines and Cultures

Throughout your cruise, you'll have an abundance of chances to experience the diverse cultures and cuisines of the destinations you are visiting. Casablanca is home to the rich and flavoursome tagines that are slow cooked to perfection and served in the cone-shaped earthenware pot of the same name, or Pastilla, a delicious savoury-sweet pastry filled with chicken; while in Cádiz, enjoy tapas like Patatas Bravas (fried potatoes with a spicy sauce) or Gambas al Ajillo (garlic-infused prawns) accompanied by a glass of Jerez sherry. Here, you can also learn some steps of the famously passionate Flamenco dance with a local bailaora. Lisbon is famous for its melt in the mouth pastry custard tart, known as Pasteis de Nata, which isn't to be missed when sampled in its country of origin.

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The Itinerary

DATE	LOCATION	ARRIVE	DEPART
15 Feb	Portsmouth		Early evening
16 – 18 Feb	At Sea		
19 Feb	Casablanca	Early morning	Late evening
20 Feb	Ceuta	Early afternoon	Late night
21 Feb	Malaga	Early morning	Late night
22 Feb	Gibraltar	Early morning	Late afternoon
22 Feb	Cadiz	Late evening	Overnight stay
23 Feb	"		Early afternoon
24 Feb	Lisbon	Early morning	Late afternoon
25 – 26 Feb	At Sea		
27 Feb	Portsmouth	Early morning	



Suites & Cabins

BALCONY JUNIOR SUITE (BJ)



SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW (B)



SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW (C)



SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW FULLY RESTRICTED (CO)



Suites & Cabins (cont'd)

OCEAN VIEW (D)



OCEAN VIEW (E)



SINGLE OCEAN VIEW (K)



INTERIOR ROOM (H)



INTERIOR ROOM (I)





Your Ship - Borealis

Borealis joined the fleet 2020, and is perfectly suited for enjoying scenic cruising of the world's lesser-known waterways. From cruising past remarkable landscapes and historical sites to capturing the beauty of the natural world.

Redecorated and refurbished in order to meet the high standards of the Olsen family, Borealis features a wonderful series of lounges, bars, elegant restaurants and wide-open deck spaces, as well as 702 beautiful cabins and suites; perfectly suited to the Fred. Olsen style of cruising.

Enjoy one of the Signatures Experiences of Scenic Discoveries from the perfectly-appointed Observatory, where guests will be able to see outstanding natural scenery and iconic landmarks, accompanied by commentary from our on board teams; or sample delicious Treats of the Region in the Auditorium where our talented chefs will prepare dishes that are local to the exciting destinations you're visiting. Our friendly crew will be on hand throughout your cruise, providing the personal service they're known for.

GRADE	SUITE/CABIN (TWIN USE)	DECK	SIZE	PRICE (GBP)
BJ	BALCONY JUNIOR SUITE	6 & 7	280 -290 SQ FEET	£3,549.00
B	SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW	3	190 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£2,399.00
C	SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW	2	214 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£2,299.00
CO	SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW FULLY RESTRICTED	3	214 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£2,199.00
D	OCEAN VIEW	1 & 2	214 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£2,099.00
E	OCEAN VIEW	1 & 2	214 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£1,999.00
K	SINGLE USE OCEAN VIEW	1, 2 & 3	214 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£3,399.00
H	INTERIOR ROOM	1 & 2	182 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£1,699.00
I	INTERIOR ROOM	1 & 2	182 SQ FEET (APPROX)	£1,599.00

Price Includes:

- 12 nights' aboard Borealis (operated by Fred. Olsen) sailing from Portsmouth
- Visits to Casablanca, Ceuta, Malaga, Gibraltar, Cadiz and Lisbon
- Fantastic on board workshops with Judi Mendelssohn & Barbara Chainey
- All meals on board
- A Welcome gathering
- On board entertainment
- Gratuities

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