



IBERIAN PENINSULA, BALEARIC ISLANDS AND MOROCCAN SHORES LUXURY CRUISE

Fall under the spell of a journey from southern Spain to the shores of Morocco, at the heart of a region where two seas and two continents meet. From light-drenched Andalusia to the coast of North Africa via the Balearic Islands and the region of Murcia, the landscapes and cities tell the story of centuries of exchange and cultural blending, in places such as Melilla, former commercial crossroads and veritable cultural mosaic. Further north, facing the Strait of Gibraltar, Tangier embodies this unique meeting point between Europe and Africa. The mix of historic towns and fortified cities creates a rich and contrasting setting, featuring Andalusian heritage, Arab influences and Mediterranean gentleness.



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Day 1 - Málaga

A historical and festive town, Malaga is located in Andalusia, on the Costa del Sol. Between the marina and the beaches, the seaside promenade of La Farola offers an ideal setting for strolling and relaxing. Set slightly further back, the Malagueta bullring is one of the emblematic sites of the city. From the hill overlooking the old town, one can see **Gibralfaro castle** and **the Alcazaba**, two fortified ensembles rising out from the cypresses and maritime pines. To visit **Pablo Picasso's birthplace**, you will go first to the courtly plaza de la Merced. A few streets back from here, you can explore the museum dedicated to the artist, in the Buenavista palace.



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Day 2 - Tangier

Nestling in the Bay of **Tangier**, this bewitching Moroccan city lies at the northwestern tip of the country, along the famous **Strait of Gibraltar**. Following in the footsteps of the writers and artists inspired and seduced by the city's climate and setting, you'll love its rich landscapes and multicultural charm. You'll instantly understand as soon as you set foot in the heart of the Medina. An architectural masterpiece, the **Kasbah** is your gateway to the **Sultan's Palace** and its gardens. If you prefer beaches to museums, you can relax just a few minutes from the city on the beautiful sweep of sand bathed by the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 3 - Melilla

An autonomous city of Spain on the North African coast, Melilla and its citadel sit on the edge of Cape Three Forks, between Morocco and the Mediterranean Sea, offering breathtaking views of this blue expanse. A perfect blend of history and modernity, the city boasts charming cobbled streets, imposing ramparts and a number of historic sites that are well worth a visit, including the Baluarte de la Concepcion and the Hospital del Rey. In contrast to these vestiges of the city's military past, the Art Nouveau curves of the Palacio de la Asamblea, Casa Melul, the Reconquista building and Plaza Menendez Pelayo reflect the influence of Gaudi's student Enrique Nieto, who lived here, and the great Catalan Modernist period. After Barcelona, Melilla has the largest number of buildings in this style.

Day 4 - Cartagena

Surrounded by hills, the natural site of the **Bay of Cartagena** presided over the fate of this **former fortress** which has been home to the greatest European civilisations. Today, these Phoenician, Roman, Carthaginian, Moorish and

Christian influences form a rich architectural heritage. Its **Roman theatre** is one of the most significant and best conserved in Spain. You will also be able to cross the landscapes of vines and citrus groves stretching endlessly towards **Murcia**, to visit this dynamic regional capital.

Day 5 - Ibiza, Balearic Islands

The emblematic island of the **Balearics**, "the white island" was a haven for European artistic bohemians from the 1930s and a paradise for hippies in search of authenticity in the 1960s. It has been a giant nightclub for gilded youth since the 1990s. Behind this fiesta economy, Ibiza has managed to preserve the charms of its **wild coves** and its villages of white fincas with flat roofs that inspired Le Corbusier. The island is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** thanks to its exemplary marine and coastal ecosystems but also thanks to the architectural vestiges of this former stronghold of the Mediterranean economy, from the Phoenicians up to the Renaissance.

Day 6 - Valencia

Valencia - the city of Art and Sciences. Two hearts beat in this Spanish city: one is modern, avantgarde and almost futuristic; the other is more provincial, more traditional and nostalgic. Valencia has the temperament of a great Mediterranean city whose wide avenues form a border around the old town. The city has an abundance of architectural styles that coexist harmoniously, but above all it resolutely embraces the 21st Century with the futuristic structures of its Agora congress centre and City of Arts and Sciences, emerging from a crystal blue pool.

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264 (200 in Antarctica). Built:

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PASSENGER CAPACITY:

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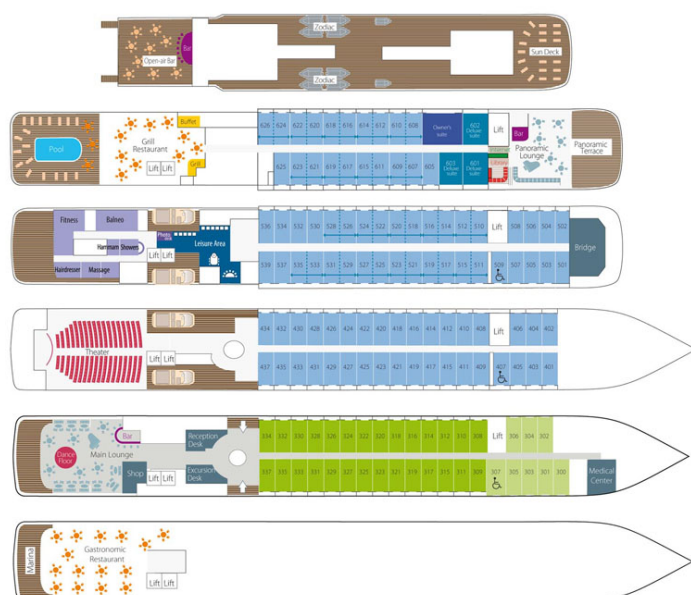
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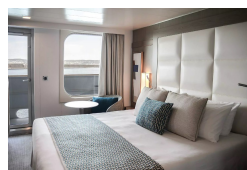
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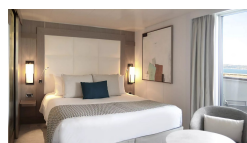
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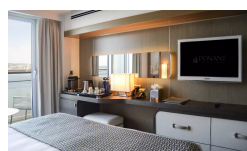
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