

LISBON TO THE CANARY ISLANDS BY SEA: SPAIN, MOROCCO, & ATLANTIC ISLES — WITH SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS

In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys. _This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture._ Set sail aboard _Le_ _Champlain_ on an exceptional 14-day itinerary that will take you from the Moorish worlds of Andalusia and Morocco to the Atlantic archipelagos of Madeira and the Canary Islands—worlds of great historical and cultural import and also of great natural beauty. Begin in Lisbon , where a panoramic tour of the city's main sights includes Belém Tower , the point from which many Portuguese explorers, including Vasco da Gama, set sail—now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also visit the Gulbenkian Museum , housing one of Europe's finest private collections of art and objects from various cultures and historical periods. Portimão, in southern Portugal, is your gateway to the natural beauty, history, and culture of the Algarve. Tour the Old Town of Lagos , visit the stunning rock formations and caves of?Ponta da Piedade,?and enjoy a?tasting of Algarve wines. Or travel the short distance to?Sagres?on Cape St. Vincent, from where?Prince Henry the Navigator,?directed the expeditions that led to the discovery of Madeira and the Azores and helped establish Portuguese outposts in West Africa. Your introduction to the rich cultural landscape of Andalusia begins with a call in Cádiz , one of the



country's oldest cities and the home of the Spanish Navy during the discovery of the Americas. From Cádiz you will have an opportunity to visit the superb palace of the Alcázar in Seville , a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From Marbella , you may travel to the picturesque town of Ronda , a center of bullfighting, or you may stay in Marbella to stroll the _Avenida del Mar,_ decorated with ten sculptures by Dali. Next you will spend a full day in and around Malaga , Spain, the gateway to Andalusia and to the legendary Costa del Sol. One highlight of your time here is sure to be your journey to Granada , including lunch and a tour of the incomparable Alhambra. After arriving in Morocco in Tangier, visit the American Legation , the oldest U.S. diplomatic mission in the world, or travel across the Rif Mountains to the showcase of Moroccan handicrafts at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Tetouan. In Casablanca , enjoy a full day either to discover the modern architecture of this bustling metropolis, including the stunning Hassan II Mosque , or to travel to Morocco's capital, Rabat , to delve into the Moorish past represented in the emblematic Hassan Tower and the Oudayas Kasbah. A day at sea brings you to the subtropical Portuguese island ofMadeira , where you will spend an afternoon and following morning. Visit the village of Monte, formerly a resort and spa for European high society, and explore the Botanical Gardens with panoramic views of the bay. Or travel to the thriving fishing village of Câmara de Lobos to discover views that inspired Winston Churchill's painting during his stay on the island. The next day, you reach the Canary Islands , where the remainder of the voyage is spent exploring this fascinating archipelago just off the coast of West Africa. On La Palma , choose from among a number of excursions, all of which focus on the rugged volcanic terrain of this small island—Caldera de Taburiente National Park , home to one of the largest craters in the world; Roque de los Muchachos , the highest elevation on the island and site of the world's largest single-aperture optical telescope; and Tagojaite , a volcano formed in September 2021. The final day of your voyage is spent on the island of Tenerife, the largest of the Canaries, where you may continue exploration of the extraordinary natural beauty of the archipelago on a panoramic tour of the island's lush forest and the Las Cañadas mountain range, or you may travel to San Cristóbal de La Laguna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, capital of the Canary Islands until 1723, which has preserved much of its original architecture. Your voyage ends in Las Palmas on the island of



Gran Canaria.

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Days 1 - 2 Lisbon

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally



rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, Jeronimos monastery and Belem tower. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its fado bars and its Moorish streets, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of of luxury shopping.

Day 3 Lagos

There stands a natural paradise called Lagos, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, in the Algarve region of southern Portugal. With its picturesque and age-old town centre, and the Ponta da Piedade natural site sheltering paradisiacal beaches protected by captivating limestone cliffs in hues of ochre, Lagos enthrals, fascinates and enchants. In this interesting blend between nature and culture, do not miss the chance to stroll along the small paved streets of its historic centre, surrounded by impressive Moorish ramparts and edged with traditional white houses, with decorations sculpted in the stone. In particular, you will be able to admire the Manuelian-style Governor's Castle, the 17th-century Ponta da Bandeira Fort or the Church of Santo Antonio in Baroque architecture.

Day 4 Cadiz

Andalusia's Cadiz is located on the Costa de la Luz, in the south-west of Spain. From the beaches of Cortadura, to the flamenco bars of Santa Maria, through the colourful streets of la Viña, you will be amazed by this city, which is both steeped in history and extremely festive. In the medieval El Populo district, you will stroll along covered passages in the narrow gaps between houses. You will also be able to mosey around the lush Mina square. The star of the show is the magnificent cathedral and its dome crowned with yellow porcelain, presiding above the Ocean.

Day 5 Marbella

In the province of Malaga, Marbella is a renowned seaside resort on the Costa del Sol. The remains of early Christian and Roman sites around this former mining town, located at the foot of the Sierra Blanca mountains, bear witness to a rich history. With its white houses on flowery little streets, the old town is perfect for a pleasant stroll. The Plaza de los Naranjos, former focal point of the city, is near the 10th-century Arabic castle and the Church of Santa Maria de la Encarnacion. Not far from here, you'll be able to discover the magnificent viewpoints offered by Ronda, a picturesque town perched 700 metres (2,296 feet) high. Its Puente Nuevo bridge majestically crosses the gorges of the Guadalevin River that cuts the town in two.

Day 6 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.

Day 7 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 8 Casablanca

Situated along the Atlantic coast, Casablanca is the very image of contemporary Morocco: Westernised and cosmopolitan. Exploring the architectural heritage of the "White City" tells you all you need to know about its cultural and historical diversity. Breathtaking highlights include the majestic Hassan II Mosque, considered to be one of the greatest religious buildings in the world. You can explore the narrow alleys of the old Medina, which stand in sharp contrast to the surrounding modern architecture. To get the most from the seafront, the Ain Diab Corniche provides a pleasant place for strolling with easy access to the beach.

Day 9 At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Days 10 - 11 Funchal, Madeira

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with azulejos, or multi-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the Frederico de Freitas museum, and the golden panelling of the Cathedral de la Se. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the telefericos de Monte, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.

Day 12 Santa Cruz de La Palma, Canary Islands

The capital of the island of Palma, Santa Cruz de la Palma is the pearl of the Canaries. Founded in 1493 by the conquistador Alonso Fernandez de Lugo, the city has preserved a large and atypical architectural heritage from its colonial past, with its traditional Canarian houses adorned with brightly coloured wooden balconies, its cobbled streets, its sumptuous palaces and its numerous religious buildings. The Santa Catalina Castle is the symbol of the city. This 16th century military fortification helped defend the city from repeated attacks by French privateers.

Day 13 Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands

The capital city of Tenerife is located on the north-east coast of the island. Close to the port is the monumental Plaza de España, bedecked with a fountain and plant sculptures. Around the plaza, you can admire the white marble Triunfo de la Candelaria obelisk, the historic casino of Santa Cruz and the



majestic Guimera theatre. Not far from here, the picturesque Iglesia de la Concepcion church features the characteristic traits of Canaries architecture.

Day 14 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the plaza de Santa Ana in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the Casa de Colon, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

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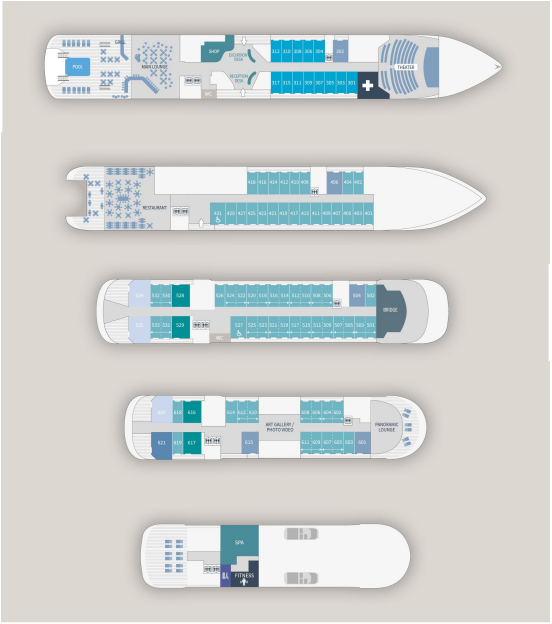
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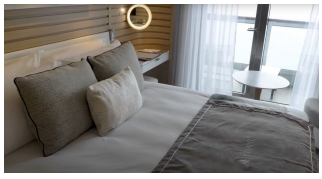
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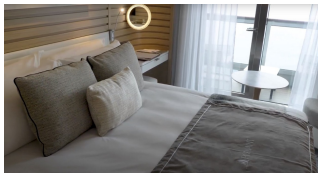
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