THE DIVERSITY OF THE IBERIAN COASTS - SAILING CRUISE

Set sail along the Iberian coast on a 6-night journey from Lisbon to Bilbao, blending historic port cities, cultural capitals, and scenic open-sea passages. The itinerary includes Lisbon's iconic Tagus River approach, Porto with its access to the Douro Valley, Vigo on Spain's Galician coast, a full day under sail, and stops in Gijon and Bilbao, with highlights such as Santiago de Compostela, medieval Oviedo, and Bilbao's contemporary architecture and wine culture. This voyage offers a curated progression of maritime heritage and regional identity, beginning in Lisbon's UNESCO-listed Belem waterfront and moving through Portugal's northern heartland before entering northern Spain's culturally rich coastal regions. Guests experience a balance of sea days and immersive shore visits, including pilgrimage routes, historic city centres, and modern urban design, culminating in Bilbao with its architectural landmarks and Basque gastronomy.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Lisbon, Portugal

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Departure 7:00 am

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Day 3 Porto (Leixões), Portugal

Arrival 9:00 am, Departure 2:00 pm

Porto considers itself the country's secret capital. The narrow lanes of the historic old town "Ribeira", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, extend in terraces up the slope overlooking the Douro. The former working class district has blossomed into a beautifully restored trendy neighbourhood. A student of Gustave Eiffel created the bold design for the bridge, which stretches over the river in a wide arc and links the Ribeira with Vila Nova da Geia and its 50 port wineries that lie on the other side. The best way to reach the incredible Douro Valley and the countryside of the Alto Douro wine region, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is by river.

Day 4 Vigo, Spain

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 6:00 pm

Norman warriors, Turkish pirates and English privateers - for centuries, armies from all over the world attacked Vigo. For its protection, the city on the Atlantic built huge fortresses whose ruins still characterize the cityscape today. From the castle hill, there is a magnificent view over the red roofs of Vigo to the Cies Islands National Park, large parts of which incorporate the sea and three uninhabited islands. Along beautiful hiking trails along imposing cliffs, dune landscapes and small forests, discover the diverse flora and fauna. Another well-kept secret is its stunning beaches: a British newspaper even called Playa de Rodas the most beautiful beach in the world.

Day 5 Day under full sails

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

Day 6 Gijón, Spain

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

As an old port metropolis and capital of the Costa Verde or Green Coast, Gijon looks back on a long seafaring tradition. Especially in the quaint fishing quarter of Cimadevilla, colorful, rambling houses exude the charm of times gone by. About 18 miles away, Oviedo was once the residence of the independent kingdom of Asturias. Today, the picturesque old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The best starting point for a walk along the well-kept cobblestone streets (for instance, to the famous cider taverns) is Oviedo's cathedral with its Gothic spire of openwork stone.

Day 7 Bilbao, Spain

Arrival 8:00 am

Bilbao has always been an important port and industrial city. In 1993, Bilbao was a pilgrimage destination for lovers of modern art and avant-garde architecture. The Guggenheim Museum, with its idiosyncratic and unique design by famous architect Frank O Gehry, showcases everything that is important within its 11,000 square meters (118,403 foot). Steel used to be manufactured in Bilbao and it now plays a major role here, since other renowned architects have also been inspired to give Bilbao an attractive, distinctive look. Cross the futuristic Calatrava Bridge to reach the old town, where you can take a delightful stroll round the lanes and enjoy the art of Basque cuisine.

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YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

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LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Building a three-mast full-rigged ship with traditional rigging in the 21st century may seem a little unusual. For SEA CLOUD CRUISES it is a commitment to true passion for sailing. With her clear, classic line she follows the example of her elegant windjammer sisters, but goes completely new ways. An entire deck with balcony cabins, an exclusive wellness and SPA area, a fitness room with sea view, a bistro on deck as an evening alternative to "fine dining" in the restaurant - the youngest member of the SEA CLOUD family offers plenty of room for individuality in addition to genuine windjammer romance. The SEA CLOUD SPIRIT combines traditional windjammer experience with 21st century comfort with up to 136 passengers. Cabins Even more comfort: of the 69 cabins from the owner suite to the superior outside cabin, almost half have balconies or windows to open. Public areas Spacious decks, a generous wellness and SPA area, fitness with sea view and much more: on board the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, one does not only enjoy the freedom under sails.

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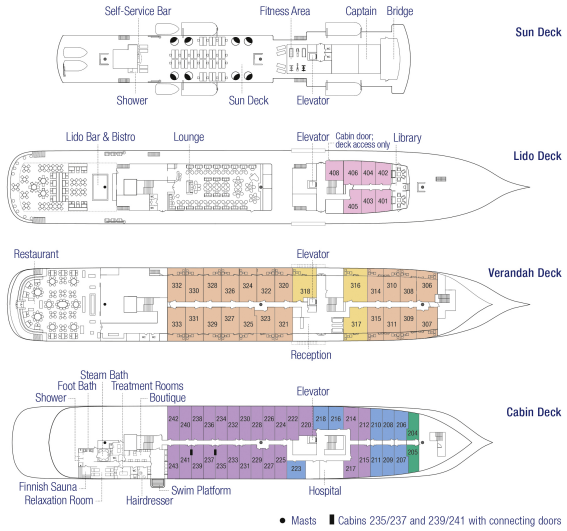

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Category F: Superior single cabins, outside. From	£4465 GBP pp
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