

Portugal, Spain & France Mini Cruise



Tour Name: Portugal, Spain & France Mini Cruise

Tour Code: 301E

Days: 7

Day 1

Tue, 28 May

Lisbon, Portugal

Welcome to Lisbon, the colourful capital of Portugal and a city with a proud seafaring history. Lose yourself in its cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals.

This afternoon you'll board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, Scenic Eclipse. You'll be warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew. Meet the butler and settle in your spacious suite. Join your fellow guests in the Sky Bar for a glass of Champagne to toast the start of your fascinating exploration of Western Europe. Please book your flight to arrive into Lisbon prior to 02:00 PM.

Day 2

Wed, 29 May

Leixões (Porto) (B,L,D)

Discover the unique treasures of Porto. Located on the Douro River estuary, it's the commercial centre of northern Portugal. The city dates back to pre-Roman times and is the source of the name Portugal and of the famed port wine. Stroll through the winding alleys, admire grand gothic and baroque architecture, see the public street art, hear the rickety tram, and feel the breeze off the Atlantic.

Freechoice:

Easy Porto City Tour with Gaia Cellar Visit: Experience Porto's most emblematic places then visit Gaia for a tasting at the famous port wine cellar Caves Ferreira.

Porto Active City Tour with Palacio da Bolsa visit: Enjoy an active walking tour of Porto's highlights then visit the Palacio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange).

Guimaraes with Ducal Palace visit: Discover Guimarães, considered the birthplace of Portugal, and visit the 15th-century Ducal Palace.

Hiking tour: Experience a different side of the region on a guided hike, including a cable car ride. Explore narrow streets, admire ancient cathedrals and walk to the edge of the Douro.

Aveiro Tour with Gondola Ride: Visit the coastal city of Aveiro, walk through the historic centre, then board a traditional boat to explore the canals of the 'Venice of Portugal'.

Day 3
Thu, 30 May

Vigo, Spain (B,L,D)

Sail north to Vigo, located in the Galicia region just over the border in Spain. Home to the largest fishing fleet in Europe, it dates back to the Middle Ages. The city has Celtic ruins, beautiful beaches and a cathedral that is a sacred place of pilgrimage for millions of Christians around the world. The seafood is excellent and there's a thriving culinary scene with many buzzy tapas bars.

Freechoice:

Vigo Sightseeing & Baiona: Discover the beauty of the marshes of Southern Galicia. Drive up Mount Castro and visit Baiona, an important fishing village with historic monuments.

Santiago de Compostela: Visit the capital of Galicia where a local guide will share the region's history. Learn the history of Saint James and go inside the Romanesque Cathedral.

Gardens of the North: Enjoy a scenic drive to Quiñones de León Palace and its famed gardens. Finish with a panoramic tour passing Samil Beach and Bouzas quarter.

Galician Wine Appreciation: Visit Galicia's premier winery, Agro de Bazan, to sample high-quality wines made with only the Albariño grape.

Enrich

Symphonic Orchestra at Teatro Afundación: Enjoy an unforgettable concert in Teatro Afundación from the 65-person Orchestra Ponferrada y del Bierzo.

Day 4
Fri, 31 May

At sea (B,L,D)

Today, take some time to explore the ship and familiarise yourself with all the areas on board your new ultra-luxury home. Visit the Sky Bar and outdoor Vitality Pool on Deck 10. Step into the tranquil Senses Spa# on Deck 6 with its steam rooms, saunas, and plunge pool therapy lounges.

Stop for a coffee or a cocktail at one of the all-inclusive bars and lounges on board or curl up with a good book in the library of the Observation Lounge. At dinner, tempt your palate at one of up to 10 exceptional dining venues.

Day 5
Sat, 01 Jun

Le Palais, Belle-Île-en-Mer, France (B,L,D)

The aptly named Belle-Île-en-Mer ('beautiful island in the sea') is the largest island in the French region of Brittany. The small bays and beaches along the rocky coastline are generally accessible only on foot or by sea. The capital, Le Palais, has an imposing citadel and plenty of cafés along the harbour. The island also has a strong artistic tradition - Monet produced 39 paintings of the wild Côte Sauvage while living on the island.

Freechoice:

Belle Ile Panoramic Tour: A scenic coach tour of the island's highlights, including Grand Phare, Port Coton, Pointe des Poulains, Kervilahouen and Sauzon.

Belle Ile Eden Garden & Port Coton: Visit Eden Garden where the owner will take you on a guided walk. Then marvel at the rock pyramids of Port Coton Needles.

Belle Ile & Oyster tasting: Enjoy a short sightseeing tour before arriving at the famous Castel Clara restaurant for delicious local oysters paired with a glass of white wine.

Hiking Belle Ile: From Port Jean to Le Palais: Follow your guide on a hike along the wild coast, admiring pretty coves, turquoise water and picturesque ports.

Day 6
Sun, 02 Jun

Douarnenez (B,L,D)

Located on the tip of Brittany, Douarnenez is set around four harbours. With a bustling quayside, the town will captivate you with its craft workshops and fisherman cottages. It owes much to sardine fishing, which has been carried out here since the Roman times.

Freechoice:

The Bigouden Country: Discover the beauty and charm of Bigdouen Country, learn about local history and culture, admire historic villages and wild landscapes.

Douarnenez Walking Tour: Explore Douarnenez on foot, following the unique 'venelles' alleyways, visiting the port museum and tasting fish at a local Sardine House.

Hiking Cap Sizun: Hike among the tremendous landscapes of far western Brittany at the wild Cap Sizun, with its sheer cliffs, breathtaking panoramas and peaks.

Tastes of Locronan: Discover the architecture and history of the medieval village of Locronan, then taste Breton specialities such as kouign amann and apple cider.

Sweet Concarneau: Get away to Concarneau, a typical fishing harbour and a walled city. Taste local sweets with a glass of cider, then enjoy some free time.

Day 7
Mon, 03 Jun

Fowey (B)

Disembark in Fowey after breakfast, taking away memories of a truly unforgettable experience. Please note guests will be required to make their own transfer arrangements in Fowey.

Please book your flight to depart out of Fowey after 12:00 PM.

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