

# Iberian Shores

From **02/10/2021**  
to **09/10/2021**

Ship: **LE JACQUES CARTIER**

From **Lisbon**  
to **Barcelona**



**PONANT** invites you to discover sumptuous landscapes and exceptional cities during an **8-day** cruise between Spain and Portugal. Be inspired by this unforgettable journey aboard *Le Jacques-Cartier*, to visit major cities of the Iberian Peninsula.

Setting sail from **Lisbon**, the seven-hilled Portuguese capital, you will head for Portimão, from where you can discover Silves, the ancient Moorish capital of the Algarve, and Monchique, a peaceful village with cobbled streets leading up to the sea. Your ship will take a course for Spain, where you will sail up the Guadalquivir River to call at **Seville**. Among the treasures of the Andalusian capital, you will discover the cathedral and the Alcazar, both listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

After crossing the legendary **Strait of Gibraltar**, you will call at Gibraltar, a small British territory topped by an imposing limestone rock before heading for Andalusia. In Málaga a visit to the new **Centre Pompidou** and the museum dedicated to the works of Málaga-born **Picasso** is a must.

After a call at **Palma de Majorca**, one of the jewels of the Balearic Archipelago, known for its four main islands that are charming, picturesque and discreet, sitting atop the clear waters of the Mediterranean like grains of sand, you will sail towards **Barcelona**, your port of disembarkation.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### LISBON

Embarkation 02/10/2021 from 16:00 to 17:00  
Departure 02/10/2021 at 18:00

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 luxury shopping.

### PORTIMÃO

Arrival 03/10/2021 early morning  
Departure 03/10/2021 early afternoon

At the entrance of the River Arade, Portimão is a former sardine port that has become a famous seaside city. From this pleasant town, you can explore Silves, the former capital of the Algarve. The town is dominated by a Moorish castle, one of the best preserved in Portugal. You can also admire the incredible cathedral with its baroque façade, built on the site of an old mosque. Then you will go to Monchique, a small mountain town surrounded by a forest lush eucalyptus and cork oaks. In the maze of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses, you will discover here a wilder and more authentic Algarve.

### SEVILLA

Arrival 04/10/2021 early morning  
Departure 04/10/2021 late afternoon

Standing on the banks of the Guadalquivir, **Seville** is a colourful city with a cosmopolitan charm you'll love. This Spanish city welcomes you with open arms while you stay long enough to explore its traditions and rich heritage passed down from its Arabic history. Strolling around the **Andalusian** capital, you will be awestruck by magnificent architectural treasures like the **Cathedral**, the **Giralda** and the **Alcazar**. You'll also love the festive Sevillian atmosphere and the delicious tapas served in the city's many bars.

### GIBRALTAR

Arrival 05/10/2021 early morning  
Departure 05/10/2021 evening

Just twenty kilometres from the Moroccan coast sits **Gibraltar**, stretching to the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula. You'll be impressed by the main attraction of this **British Overseas Territory**, the **limestone monolith Rock of Gibraltar**

which covers most of the area. The top of the rock, served by a funicular railway, offers an amazing view over the Strait. Classified as a nature reserve, the rock is home to a colony of **Barbary apes**, the only wild monkeys in Europe. In the centre of Gibraltar, you'll be surprised by the British feel that infuses the city and blends with the Moorish influences.

## MÁLAGA

Arrival 06/10/2021 early morning

Departure 06/10/2021 early afternoon

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.

## AT SEA

Arrival 07/10/2021

Departure 07/10/2021

During your day 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 day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, 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.

## PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 08/10/2021 early morning

Departure 08/10/2021 late afternoon

**Palma de Mallorca** will reveal its many treasures: idyllic coves, majestic limestone cliffs that plunge into the clear sapphire- and turquoise-coloured waters of the Mediterranean, and vast plains planted with almond trees, olive trees and vineyards. When your ship calls at the capital of the Balearic Islands, take a walk to discover its emblematic monuments, such as its **famous cathedral**, and amble through its old streets. Here, like a painting, the island's historical heritage forms a backdrop to the lively and warm cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Mediterranean.

## BARCELONA

Arrival 09/10/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 09/10/2021 at 07:00

Located on the seashore between the mountains of Montjuïc and Tibidabo, **Barcelona** offers its many visitors a perfect

blend of tradition and modernism. Truly an open-air museum, the “prodigious town” reveals an astonishing range of artistic treasures and museums, combining Roman ruins, medieval districts and a number of avant-garde elements from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Over the years, it has been marked by some of the greatest artists, such as **Picasso**, **Miró** or **Gaudí**, most of whose work has been listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Take the time to stroll along **the Ramblas** and enjoy the gentle, typically Mediterranean lifestyle of the capital of Catalonia.