

Cruising Southern Spain and Portugal – with Smithsonian Journeys

From **08/10/2022**
to **15/10/2022**

Ship: **LE CHAMPLAIN**

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



Shore excursion in each port of call + transfers included

In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

Set sail aboard **Le Champlain** on an exceptional 8-day itinerary that will take you along the Spanish and Portuguese coasts, from **Barcelona** to **Lisbon**.

Your voyage begins in **Barcelona**, a city in perpetual movement, where you will fall under the spell of the famous architectural works of Antoni Gaudí, including the UNESCO World Heritage **Basílica de la Sagrada Família**.

Your ship will then head to **Palma de Mallorca** in the **Balearic Islands**. Stop at the Gothic-style **Bellver Castle**, one of only a handful of circular castles in Europe, or board a **vintage train** through the orange and olive groves, almond and locust-bean trees, lush villages, and pine-covered mountains that create the island landscape.

Your call in captivating **Valencia** offers the opportunity to view the city's architectural wonders, from the UNESCO World Heritage **La Lonja de la Seda**, a masterpiece of late Gothic architecture originally used for trading silk, to the **City of Arts and Sciences**, a complex designed by native architect Santiago Calatrava.

You will then head to the rich cultural landscape of Andalusia, where you will discover enchanting **Málaga** and **Cádiz**, one of the country's oldest cities. These calls will allow for visits to the magnificent **Alhambra** of **Grenada** and to the superb palace of the **Alcázar** in **Seville**, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Your voyage will end in **Lisbon**, Portugal's capital. Lisbon boasts two UNESCO World Heritage sites, the **Jerónimos Monastery** and the **Belém Tower**. Enjoy strolling through the streets of this city of seven hills, soaking up the local zest for life.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

BARCELONA

Embarkation 08/10/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 08/10/2022 at 18:00

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 20th 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.

PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 09/10/2022 midday

Departure 09/10/2022 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.

VALENCIA

Arrival 10/10/2022 early morning

Departure 10/10/2022 late afternoon

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.

AT SEA

Arrival 11/10/2022

Departure 11/10/2022

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.

MÁLAGA

Arrival 12/10/2022 early morning

Departure 12/10/2022 late evening

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.

CADIZ

Arrival 13/10/2022 early afternoon

Departure 13/10/2022 late evening

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 Pópulo** 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.

AT SEA

Arrival 14/10/2022

Departure 14/10/2022

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.

LISBON

Arrival 15/10/2022 early morning
Disembarkation 15/10/2022 at 07:00

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 of luxury shopping.