



# SPANISH SOJOURN: BARCELONA AND BEYOND

***Your 15-night journey includes: 10-night small ship cruise with Port-Vendres, Tarragona, Valencia, Cartagena, Motril, Almeria, Alicante, Ibiza, Palma de Mallorca; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Barcelona (2 pre- and 2 post-cruise)***

Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel on a luxurious small ship cruise of Spain's magical destinations, including Barcelona, Cartagena, and Ibiza.

Step aboard the elegant Ocean Odyssey and delve into the history, culture, and traditions of some of the world's most beautiful ports. Visit Mallorca, overlooked by most cruise lines, and take in the stunning island capital of Palma. Uncover layers of history in Cartagena, and explore the lively and Moorish-flavored cultural center of Granada. In Barcelona, see the surreal masterpieces of visionary architect Antoni Gaudí. In all, 10 included features and Cultural Discoveries provide you with meaningful and impactful explorations of the destinations you'll visit.

All throughout your memorable small ship cruise, you'll enjoy Vantage's luxury amenities and 5-star service. Treat yourself to a pampering spa treatment, take a soak in the top-deck hot tubs, work up a sweat at the fitness center, find a favorite book or movie at the well-stocked library, or simply relax with a cocktail while taking in the views from the panoramic Observation Lounge. After a day of shoreside exploration, retreat to your sumptuous stateroom, a true oasis at sea. Our small passenger-to-crew ratio and top-of-the-line personalized service ensures an incomparable, unsurpassed journey for all our guests.

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# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN ODYSSEY



Discover the splendor of the Mediterranean aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*

## BARCELONA



Experience sophisticated Barcelona, as well as the architecture of Antoni Gaudí

## PALMA DE MALLORCA



Explore the lush island paradise of Mallorca, ringed by pristine crescent beaches

## GRANADA



Delve into Spanish history during a guided visit of Granada's palatial complexes

## IBIZA



Sun-kissed beaches, secluded coves, and cerulean waters welcome visitors ashore in Ibiza

## CARTAGENA



See the Roman amphitheater and other historic ruins at this ancient Carthaginian port

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
  - **Accommodations:** 10 nights aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*
  - **35 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 10 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
  - **10 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
  - **1 UNESCO World Heritage Site:** the works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona
  - **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
  - **Complimentary Destination Manager service on board** ship to assist with all your personal requests
- such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com)
  - **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
  - **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
  - **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



**SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS** Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel

— plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



## ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- See the surreal architectural masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí during your time in Barcelona, including his famous Sagrada Família basilica
- Visit Cartagena's Roman amphitheater and other historic ruins at this ancient Carthaginian port



## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the UNESCO-designated architecture of visionary Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona
- Marvel at the massive La Seu Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca
- Explore Port-Vendres, a European city that dates back to the Iron Age
- Discover the 5th-century Spanish port town of Tarragona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Uncover religious history in Valencia with a visit to St. Mary's

Cathedral, consecrated in the 13th century

- Visit Cartagena, established as a major naval center by the Carthaginians in 227 BC, and get acquainted with its history at La Concepción Castle
- Set out on a full-day excursion to fabled Granada, the last stronghold of the Spanish Moors



**PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS** Here are a few tips to help you capture beautiful and memorable pictures throughout your journey:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images
- From the iconic works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona to Sicily's Mount Etna, you'll encounter large landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, try focusing on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate

everything into frame

- Incorporate your surroundings. Don't try to edge out other tourists from your photos, but use them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target, including tourists and the real scene in the background or forefront, and the image instantly is more intriguing than a generic snapshot
- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



**SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS** On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, hot tubs, and a gym



**CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS** Prior to your cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email [Concierge@vantagettravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagettravel.com) to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into MyPortfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

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# BARCELONA TO BARCELONA

DAY 1: Fly overnight to Barcelona

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DAY 2: Arrive in Barcelona and check into your hotel  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

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DAY 3: Barcelona at your leisure  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

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DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona today  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 5: A walking tour of Port-Vendres  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 6: Tour Tarragona's Roman ruins  
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DAY 7: Uncover history and religion in Valencia  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 8: Exploring Cartagena's Roman flourishes  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 9: Experience the storied city of Granada  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 10: Explore untamed Almería today  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 11: Another day of Spanish explorations in Alicante  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 12: Live a Mediterranean dream in Ibiza  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 13: Visit Palma de Mallorca, the jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

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DAY 14: Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

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DAY 15: Another day to explore Barcelona at your leisure  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

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DAY 16: Return home today

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**DAY 1:** Fly overnight to Barcelona

Today you'll board an overnight flight to Barcelona. Or, depart earlier for your optional pre-trip extension to Madrid, Spain.

**DAY 2:** Arrive in Barcelona and check into your hotel

Welcome to Spain! If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel. After checking in, you'll have time to relax at your hotel, or head out and acquaint yourself with your

surroundings. Dinner tonight will be at your hotel.  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 3:** Barcelona at your leisure

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll have a full day to explore Barcelona at your leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 4:** Embark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona today

Today, you'll embark the Ocean Odyssey and begin your exciting Mediterranean voyage. Along the way, you'll enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of a few of Barcelona's highlights, including Montjuïc Hill, the Plaza de España, and Gran Via. You'll also have an opportunity to discover Paseo de Gracia and have free time for shopping at Las Ramblas.

Once on board get settled in your sumptuous stateroom, then explore the Ocean Odyssey's many amenities, including the sundeck and fitness center. Later, gather for the first of your



daily port talks to hear about tomorrow's exciting destination. Tonight, savor a special Welcome Dinner.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day sightseeing in Barcelona

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Opt for a special Barcelona sightseeing tour that includes access to the interior of La Sagrada

Familia. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 5:** A walking tour of Port-Vendres

Following breakfast on board, you'll set out to explore Port-Vendres. Situated at the foot of the Albères mountain, you'll find this tiny resort town, named for the goddess Venus. This small Mediterranean town, situated near the Spanish border of southeastern France's Côte Vermeille, is famous for its fishing port and deep-water harbor, the only natural port on the Vermillion Coast. This charming city has a long history dating back to Europe's Iron Age, and you'll discover its highlights during an included walking tour today.

**Included Feature:**

- Port-Vendres walking tour

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 6:** Tour Tarragona's Roman ruins

Enjoy breakfast on board, then head ashore to explore the Spanish port town of Tarragona. Founded in the 5th century, this historic city once served as a fortification for the Roman empire. It was later captured by the Vandals, and then the Visigoths, before eventually being taken over by

the Spanish empire. Today, Tarragona shines with its golden beaches, fascinating culinary scene, and ancient Roman architecture. In fact, the Roman ruins of Tarragona have been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Your walking tour will include a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre, once used for races, public executions, and gladiatorial combat.

**Included Feature:**

- Tarragona walking tour and amphitheater visit

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 7:** Uncover history and religion in Valencia

Following breakfast on board, you'll head into Valencia to uncover this fascinating city of contrasts for yourself. From its golden beaches and flamboyant Rococo architecture to its cobblestone streets and thriving culture, Valencia is one of Spain's most interesting and welcoming cities. Founded as a Roman colony in the 2nd century BC, today Valencia is renowned for its arts and sciences. Sitting alongside its beautiful Old-World buildings and ancient cathedrals you'll find futuristic structures and Europe's largest aquarium. During your time here, you'll have an opportunity to visit the Valencia Cathedral, also known as St. Mary's Cathedral. Consecrated in AD 1238 by Pere d'Albalat, first bishop of Valencia, this Roman Catholic church was dedicated to Saint Mary by the order of James I the Conqueror, the 13th-century King of Aragon.

**Included Feature:**

- Valencia walking tour and cathedral visit

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Valencia is known as the City of Arts & Sciences, and you'll find out why on this optional tour that

includes an aquarium visit. Learn more  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

#### **DAY 8:** Exploring Cartagena's Roman flourishes

After breakfast on board the ship arrives in the natural harbor of Cartagena, in use since the city was established as a major naval center by the Carthaginians in 227 BC. You'll get acquainted with its history at La Concepción Castle, which overlooks the old Roman Theatre, the second largest in Iberia. Walking down the Calle Mayor, you'll also see some of the Cartagena's noteworthy art nouveau buildings, including the gleaming white façade of the Cervantes House and the elegant Grand Hotel, where you have time to explore on your own. After returning to ship for lunch, you'll have a free afternoon to spend as you wish. Sit in on an onboard cooking demonstration or just relax on deck as you take in the scenery.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Walking tour of Cartagena

#### **Cultural Discoveries:**

- Onboard cooking demonstration
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

#### **DAY 9:** Experience the storied city of Granada

**Today, you'll set out on a full-day excursion to fabled Granada, the last stronghold of the Spanish Moors, and visit two of its UNESCO-listed sites: Alhambra and Generalife. Set in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Granada boasts one of the world's most spectacular fortified palace complexes, the legendary Alhambra. On a guided tour, you'll see its most famous attractions, including the**

**renowned fountains and gardens of the adjacent Generalife. Enjoy lunch in a typical Spanish restaurant before returning to the ship in Motril. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure on board or continue your explorations in Motril on your own.**

#### **Included Feature:**

- Full-day Granada excursion with lunch
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

#### **DAY 10:** Explore untamed Almería today

Situated in southeastern Spain is the city of Almería, founded in AD 955 by Caliph Abd al-Rahman III, the Umayyad Emir of Córdoba in the early 10th century. With over 60 miles of untamed coastline and beautiful landscapes, Almería offers its visitors many natural pleasures. Thanks to its strategic situation on the Mediterranean, Almería has been home to many different civilizations throughout its history, and significant traces of their presence can be seen in the province's archaeological remains. You'll head out on a walking tour this morning to explore the city's incredible sites.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Almería walking tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

#### **DAY 11:** Another day of Spanish explorations in Alicante

Located in the middle of the Costa Blanca, Alicante is one of the most popular Spanish destinations for visitors. Alicante's many golf courses, along with the Mediterranean Sea's tranquil azure waters, are a big part of this beautiful harbor city's appeal. Situated at the foot

of Santa Bárbara Castle, the city's historic quarter conceals an interesting religious and architectural legacy, including the emblematic Esplanada de España (Spain Boulevard). Following breakfast on board, you'll set off on a walking tour to explore this incredible city.

**Included Feature:**

- Alicante walking tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

**DAY 12:** Live a Mediterranean dream in Ibiza

Ibiza, one of Spain's Balearic islands, is well-known for its lively nightlife. But there is more to Ibiza than nightclubs. This diminutive destination is also home to quiet villages, sandy coves, pine forests, and charming street markets. You'll have a full day at leisure to explore Ibiza's rural charms and laid-back lifestyle for yourself.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

**DAY 13:** Visit Palma de Mallorca, the jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands

Your ship will arrive in Palma de Mallorca this morning. Ringed by pristine crescent beaches and cloaked in lush green forest, Mallorca is an island paradise for both residents and visitors alike. On a panoramic city tour, you'll explore the stunning circular Bellver Castle, built in the 14th century for the Kings of Mallorca. Later, step inside the massive La Seu Cathedral. This honey-colored, Gothic masterpiece boasts a cavernous interior designed by Antoni Gaudí and a 144-foot-high nave. Return to the ship for lunch before an afternoon at leisure in Palma de Mallorca.

**Included Feature:**

- Palma de Mallorca highlights tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

**DAY 14:** Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona

After breakfast, you'll disembark the Ocean Odyssey and transfer your Barcelona hotel. Following check-in, you'll have the remainder of the day at your leisure to enjoy Barcelona at your own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 15:** Another day to explore Barcelona at your leisure

Enjoy another leisurely day in Barcelona today. Set your own schedule as you take in the city's renowned sites.

Included meals: Breakfast  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 16:** Return home today

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll check out and head to airport to board your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

**Please Note:** Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Ocean Odyssey

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas. On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel
- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager

- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

### **Amenities:**

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular U.S. news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies



### **Grand Hotel Central ★★★★★**

This upscale hotel is a 2-minute walk from the Jaume I metro station, a short walk from the medieval Gothic Quarter and the iconic Sagrada Família. The modern rooms provide minibars, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs; some feature views of the Gothic Quarter. Upgraded rooms add Nespresso machines, while suites include separate tubs and walk-in showers, sitting areas and/or kitchenettes. Room service is available 24/7. There's a stylish Mediterranean bar/restaurant, as well as a seasonal rooftop bar by an infinity pool overlooking the city. Other amenities include a gym, a sauna and spa.



## Meliá Madrid Princesa ★★★★★

Located in the cultural and business heart of Madrid, the Meliá Madrid Princesa is a boutique hotel that's been recently renovated to combine tradition with a surprising cutting edge "Level" Rooms, meaning high floors, with better views. Only 10 minutes from the Plaza de Espana, Plaza Mayor, Gran Vía and Puerto del Sol, the hotel's guest rooms feature Wi-Fi, satellite TV channels, and air-conditioning, and the on-site Uno Restaurant serves delicious meals for its visitors.