



# IBERIAN WATERWAYS: PORTUGAL & SPAIN

***Your 18-night journey includes: 13-night small ship cruise with Portimão, Seville, Tangier, Gibraltar, Motril, Almería, Alicante, Valencia, Palma de Mallorca, Mahon, Tarragona, Palamós; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Lisbon; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Barcelona***

Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel on a luxurious small ship cruise of the Iberian Peninsula's most magical destinations.

Step aboard the elegant Ocean Odyssey and delve history, culture, and traditions, and experience the real Spain and Portugal up close. Visit Mallorca's stunning island capital of Palma, overlooked by most other cruise lines. Share an intimate dinner at a family-owned bull farm in Seville and learn about the history of bull-fighting in Spain. Explore the lively and Moorish-flavored cultural center of Granada. In Barcelona, see the surreal masterpieces of visionary architect Antoni Gaudí. Admire famed monuments in Lisbon, visit medieval towns in Portimão, discover Tangier's labyrinthine medina, and treat your tastebuds to traditional Portuguese pastéis de Belém. In all, you'll enjoy 20 included features and Cultural Discoveries throughout this enchanting small ship cruise.

When not exploring shoreside, you'll luxuriate in the Ocean Odyssey's world-class 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. At the end of the day, 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*

## LISBON



Discover Portugal's capital city with visits to UNESCO-listed Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower

## 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



Explore the last stronghold of Moorish Spain at this UNESCO-listed complex of palaces, gardens, and fortified ramparts

## SEVILLE



Explore the historic sites of Seville, from the famed Spanish Steps to the UNESCO-listed Seville Cathedral

## BULL FARM, SEVILLE



Visit a local bull farm in Seville and enjoy a home-hosted meal

## GIBRALTAR



Experience the British side of Spain in Gibraltar

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 2 nights at the *Corinthia Hotel Lisbon* (or similar) in Lisbon, 13 nights aboard the *Ocean Odyssey*, and 2 nights at the *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar) in Barcelona
- **45 meals:** 17 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 15 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **20 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- **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



UNESCO World Heritage Site

## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the massive La Seu Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca
- Admire the UNESCO-designated works of visionary architect Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona
- Visit Seville's Alcázar and Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- In Lisbon, you'll visit the UNESCO-listed Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower
- Discover the 5th-century Spanish port town of Tarragona, a



**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



## CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Taste Lisbon's traditional Portuguese pastéis de Belém, a flaky, buttery custard tart
- Enjoy dinner at the bull farm of a Seville family, featuring traditional favorites prepared by your hosts
- Enjoy many opportunities to savor Spanish tapas, fresh Mediterranean seafood, and other delicacies, both on your own and during included meals aboard ship and at local restaurants



## RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

- See the Seville Cathedral and have the opportunity to climb to the top of its soaring La Giralda Tower
- See some of the Jerónimos Monastery during a tour of Lisbon
- Witness the glory of Gaudí's La Sagrada Família with ticketed entrance and an outside visit in Barcelona



**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
- A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and

a gym



**CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS** Prior to your expedition 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@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com) to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio 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.



# LISBON TO BARCELONA

DAY 1:	Board an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal	DAY 16:	Visit charming Palamós <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 2:	Lisbon arrival <i>Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar</i>	DAY 17:	Disembark the Ocean Odyssey and explore Catalonia's vibrant cultural heart <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 3:	Lisbon: Monumental city with an epic past <i>Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar</i>	DAY 18:	Follow your own whims and desires in Barcelona <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
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DAY 6:	Uncover the treasures of Seville <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		
DAY 7:	Get to know Tangier, Morocco's "City of Strangers" <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		
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**DAY 1:** Board an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal

Today you'll board an overnight flight to Lisbon. Or, depart earlier for your pre-trip extension in Madeira.

**DAY 2:** Lisbon arrival

Arrive in Lisbon, center of the Age of Discovery and a living history of Portugal's past. If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer or transport to your hotel.

This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel with your fellow travelers.

Included meals: Dinner  
*Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar*

**DAY 3:** Lisbon: Monumental city with an epic past

Today, enjoy an included panoramic and walking tour of the Portuguese capital. You'll explore the city's famed monuments, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery. The latter is inextricably tied to the country's history of exploration, and it's said that Vasco da Gama spent his last night here before sailing to the Far East (his tomb is in the monastery). Your tour culminates in a stop at the towering Monument to the Discoveries — a massive white-stone tribute to some of the world's most intrepid sailors and explorers. While on your tour, sample pastéis de Belém, a traditional Portuguese custard pastry.

**Included Feature:**

- Panoramic Lisbon sightseeing tour

## Cultural Discovery:

- Sample authentic *pastéis de Belém* custard pastries

Included meals: Breakfast  
*Corinthia Hotel Lisbon or similar*

### DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey today

Today, you'll proceed to the pier and step aboard the Ocean Odyssey to begin your small ship cruise. Get settled into your cabin and take time to explore the onboard amenities, including the boutique, spa, and fitness center. Stop by the Destination Manager's desk to make a spa appointment or organize a group dinner with your travel companions. Later, join the first of your daily port talks to learn about tomorrow's exciting destination. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner on board.

**Destination Enhancement:** Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Enjoy a full-day tour of UNESCO-listed Sintra and the resort town of Cascais. Learn more  
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

### DAY 5: Portimão, gateway to the vistas and villages of The Algarve

Cruise along Portugal's scenic Algarve region this morning before mooring in Portimão, a former center of fishing and shipbuilding. From here, you'll head northeast to the medieval town of Silves, where you will enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic destination.

Situated along the banks of the Rio Arade, Silves is a charming destination full of winding streets, whitewashed buildings with red terracotta roofs, and groves of orange and lemon trees. Your first stop will be the Castelo de Silves, an impressive red-brick castle, believed to have been occupied

by a Lithuanian castro until 201 BC, when the Romans conquered Silves, where they ruled over the next five centuries. The city was later conquered by the Umayyad Caliphate, who reinforced and expanded the structure, resulting in the castle seen today, and making it one of the most well-preserved Moorish fortifications in Portugal.

Next, you'll visit the 13th-century Silves Cathedral, classified as a Portuguese national monument in 1922. Originally built as a mosque during Portugal's Moorish occupation, it was converted into a Catholic cathedral during the Reconquista period of the Iberian Peninsula under the reign of King Afonso III. Although the style of the cathedral is mostly Gothic, it does contain some Baroque elements. You'll also have time to peruse the fascinating exhibits of the Silves Municipal Archaeological Museum before continuing to the market town of Monchique. Set among the pine and eucalyptus forests of the Serra de Monchique mountain range, this delightful mountain enclave of cobbled streets and artisan workshops is a charming contrast to Algarve's beach resorts.

#### Included Feature:

- Walking excursion of Silves and Monchique  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

### DAY 6: Uncover the treasures of Seville

Today, you'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of Seville, the storied capital of Andalusia. Stop at the University of Seville, whose main building is housed in the former Royal Tobacco Factory where Bizet set the famous opening scene of his opera Carmen. Founded in 1551, the university is one of Spain's leading institutions of higher

learning.

Next, you'll see the Plaza de España, inarguably the most well-known public square in Seville. Constructed for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition, this is where you'll find the famed Spanish Steps, as well as elegant fountains and tiled mosaics. Continuing on, you'll view the exterior façade of the Plaza de Toros, Seville's famed 18th-century bullring. You may also have an opportunity to step inside the Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site most notable as the final resting place of King Ferdinand III of Castile and Christopher Columbus. This evening, you'll set out into the countryside to visit a local family's bull farm for a tour, followed by a delicious home-hosted dinner of traditional Spanish fare.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Seville sightseeing tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Home-hosted meal at a local family's bull farm
- Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Set out on an optional full-day exploration of Alhambra. Learn more  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 7:** Get to know Tangier, Morocco's "City of Strangers"

Situated at the entrance of the Strait of Gibraltar on the northernmost tip of Morocco, Tangier has been settled by the Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, Arabs, Portuguese, British, French, and Spanish over thousands of years. It's no wonder its nickname is the "City of Strangers"!

Today, you'll set off on a walking tour of the

medina, a maze of alleyways containing both businesses and private residences. Contained within the walls of Tangier's 15th-century Portuguese fortress, the medina offers a glimpse into traditional daily life in this region.

**Included Feature:**

- Guided walking tour of Tangier's medina  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 8:** Get a taste of Britain at the tip of Spain

Gibraltar, also known as The Rock of Gibraltar, is steeped in history dating back approximately 100,000 years when the earliest humans inhabited its limestone caves. However, it remained mostly unsettled until AD 711 when the first Moors of riq ibn Ziyd arrived. In fact, "Gibraltar" is a Spanish derivation of the Arabic Jabal riq, which translates to "mountain of riq." Gibraltar's position at the entrance to the Mediterranean made it a prized sight, and its people were subjected to many sieges from France, Spain, and Britain throughout the centuries that followed. It was finally captured by the British in the early 18th century and ceded to them under the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht. Today, Gibraltar's multicultural society makes it one of the most unique and interesting places to visit in the Mediterranean. During today's walking tour not only will you be able to visit some of Gibraltar's most interesting highlights, you'll also enjoy sweeping views of both the Strait of Gibraltar over Africa and the Bay of Algeciras. Keep your eyes peeled and cameras ready in case you catch a glimpse of the famed Barbary apes that live on the rock.

**Included Feature:**

- Walking tour of Gibraltar

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. 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

#### **Cultural Discovery:**

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

### DAY 12: 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

**Cultural Discovery:**

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

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

The ship arrives 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:** Discover the lovely Menorcan city of Mahón

Menorca, the easternmost of Spain's Balearic Islands, is a delightfully laidback destination. Surrounded by sun-dappled cities, golden-sanded beaches, and whitewashed rural villages. Following breakfast on board this morning, you'll head ashore to explore the highlights of Mahón,

the island's capital city, on an included tour. Officially known as Maó, Mahón is home to one of the world's longest natural harbors. Measuring three miles in length and 3,000-foot-wide, its deep waters remain crystal clear due to the port's enclosed nature. One fun fact about Mahón is that mayonnaise is believed to have originated here!

**Included Feature:**

- Mahón city tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 15:** 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 16:** Visit charming Palamós

Situated at the north end of a large bay in the Mediterranean's Costa Brava region, you'll find the beachy port town of Palamós. Just past the beach, you'll find the old city center. Lined with

narrow streets, brightly painted buildings, and two centuries-old churches — the Santa Eugenia Villarroma and the Santa Maria del Mar. As you stroll along the streets of this charming town, you'll enjoy lovely views of the beach and the adjoining marina.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Palamós highlights tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 17:** Disembark the Ocean Odyssey and explore Catalonia's vibrant cultural heart

This morning you'll disembark the Ocean Odyssey and get to know the sophisticated capital of Catalonia on a panoramic tour that includes the hugely successful revitalization project of Port Vell, the Olympic Village that hosted the 1992 Games. First, ascend Montjuïc, which means Jewish Mountain and behold its ornate castle as well as panoramic views of the city. Then, head to Plaza de España, one of Barcelona's most important historic squares. Finally, continue to La Barceloneta Beach, where you'll enjoy lunch. Afterward, we'll have an outside visit to La Sagrada Família cathedral, Antoni Gaudí's famous masterpiece and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After seeing the architectural treasures along the tree-lined Passeig de Gràcia — including surreal buildings by Gaudí — there'll be plenty of time to shop the city's famous pedestrian-only Las Ramblas before checking into your hotel.

Later, enjoy an evening at leisure with dinner on your own. And after that, prepare yourself for a passionate flamenco performance at a local tablao. This is an experience you won't forget!

#### **Included Feature:**

- Half-day Barcelona city tour

#### **Cultural Discovery:**

- Flamenco performance at a local tablao  
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 18:** Follow your own whims and desires in Barcelona

During this free day in Barcelona, you may set your sights on the city's atmospheric Gothic Quarter, the Barrio Gótico adjacent to Las Ramblas. It is pure delight to follow its labyrinthine streets into intimate squares, or plaças, stopping along the way for a café crema or a lunch of traditional tapas and rioja wine. Browse the colorful food stalls of the Mercat de la Boqueria, a food-lover's paradise for its artisanal cheeses, smoked meats, chocolate truffles, and so much more. Tonight, reunite with your fellow travelers for a special Farewell Dinner.

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

**DAY 19:** Fly home or transfer to Madrid

Following breakfast this morning, you'll transfer to the Barcelona airport for your flight home. Or, board a high-speed train to Madrid for your post-trip extension.

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



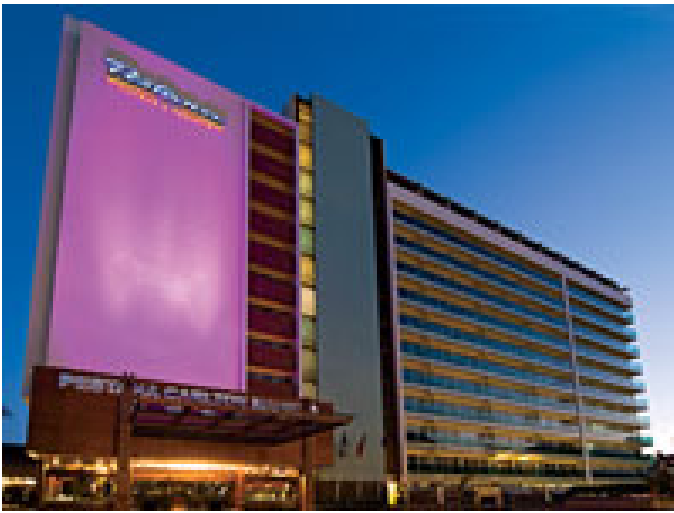
Corinthia Hotel Lisbon ★★★★★

Soak in the best of Portugal's capital city with a stay at the Corinthia Hotel Lisbon. Located just minutes from multiple museums, shopping malls, and Lisbon's underground system, you'll be ideally situated to explore the gems of this historic city. Unwind after a day of exploration with a visit to the hotel's spa and indoor pool, or simply relax and gaze out over stunning views of the city. Room amenities include air-conditioning, a coffee-maker, an in-room safe, cable television, and Wi-Fi, as well as daily maid service.



## Grand Hotel Central ★★★★★

This upscale hotel is a 2-minute walk from the Jaime 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.



## Pestana Carlton Madeira Hotel ★★★★★

The Pestana Carlton Madeira Hotel is one of the most sophisticated 5-star hotels on Madeira Island, recently refurbished to reflect the newest trends. Located in Funchal, Madeira, the Pestana Carlton boasts a unique location with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean and magnificent ocean views, and rooms feature a private bathroom, cable TV, radio, telephone, air-conditioning, minibar, safety deposit box, balcony or terrace, coffee and tea facilities, and Wi-Fi. Not only that, but you'll have a guaranteed sea-view room!



## 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.