



MEDITERRANEAN GEMS: SPAIN & FRANCE

Your 14-night journey includes: 9-night small ship cruise to Port-Vendres, Marseilles, St. Tropez, Nice, Ajaccio, Mahon & Palma de Mallorca; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Barcelona (2 pre- and 2 post-cruise)

Embark on a luxurious small ship cruise, exploring beautiful islands and alluring cities as you journey across the southeastern coast of France, making your way to Spain's Balearic Islands. Along the way, you'll enjoy the fascinating history, captivating cultures, and spectacular sites found throughout this region of the Mediterranean.

Experience the sophistication of Barcelona on a highlights tour of this Catalonian capital, join the jet-set during a visit to sun-soaked Saint-Tropez, explore the natural wonders of magical Marseille, and stroll the historic streets of Ajaccio's Old Town district. In all, you'll enjoy 8 included features for a breadth of unique experiences throughout your small ship Mediterranean cruise. Plus, you can extend your discoveries with an optional pre-trip extension in Madrid.

On board, indulge in the Ocean Odyssey's first-class amenities and personalized service. Designed with just 77 cabins onboard – including a landmark 15 solo cabins – this elegant small ship seamlessly blends opulent luxury with intimate discoveries. After a day of portside exploration, relax onboard with a pampering spa treatment or a delicious meal cooked over a hot-rock grill. Take in the panoramic views from the top-level sundeck or relax in one of the outdoor hot tubs. Your onboard Destination Manager can assist with reservations for the ship's spa or salon, and you'll be picture-ready in no time for these glamorous ports of call.

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN ODYSSEY



Soak in the unparalleled beauty of the Mediterranean aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*

BARCELONA



Experience this Catalan city's sophisticated cultural scene and admire the UNESCO-designated architecture of visionary Antoni Gaudí

PALMA DE MALLORCA



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

MARSEILLES



Arrive in Marseilles and embark on a full-day tour of France's Provence region

ST. TROPEZ



Join the jet-set with a visit to the celebrity-favorite destination of Saint-Tropez

MAHÓN



Explore delightfully laidback Mahón, the capital of the Balearic Island of Menorca

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 *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar) in Barcelona pre-cruise, 9 nights aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*, and 2 additional nights at the *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar) in Barcelona post-cruise
- **32 meals:** 13 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 11 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **8 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
- **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



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
- See the birthplace of French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte on an included tour of Ajaccio's Old Town neighborhood



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



a gym

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, jacuzzis, and



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your journey, 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. Call 1-888-982-6824 or email 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.

BARCELONA TO BARCELONA

DAY 1:	Fly overnight to Barcelona
DAY 2:	Arrive in Barcelona and check into your hotel <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 3:	Barcelona at your leisure <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 4:	Embark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona today <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 5:	A walking tour of Port-Vendres <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 6:	Witness the magic of multi-faceted in Marseille <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 7:	Join the jet-set in legendary Saint-Tropez <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 8:	Spend the day in dazzling Nice <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 9:	Step back in time in ancient Ajaccio <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 10:	Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 11:	Discover the lovely Menorcan city of Mahón <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 12:	Visit Palma de Mallorca, the jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 13:	Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 14:	Another day to explore Barcelona at your leisure <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 15:	Return home today



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.

Included meals: Dinner
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 & 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: Witness the magic of multi-faceted in Marseille

The beguiling city of Marseille has long been considered a cultural capital of Europe, thanks in large part to its diversity, sophistication, and history. Today, you'll enjoy the sights of this charming region during a full-day tour of romantic Provence.

Beginning in Gordes, you'll pay a visit to its namesake castle, located in the heart of this picture-perfect village. Continuing on to Roussillon, you'll bask in the beauty of its rust-hued cliffs and ochre quarries. The contrasting emerald pine trees and vivid blue Provençal sky create a stunning canvas. You'll be provided with lunch money to dine at the restaurant of your choosing, then it's on to a walking tour of Aix-en-Provence's Old Town, strolling past elegant mansions and under the lovely plane trees of Cours Mirabeau. If you wish, you may stay behind to visit the art studio of 19th-century Impressionist painter Paul Cézanne's, or return to the ship for an afternoon at leisure on board.

Included Feature:

- Full-day Romantic Provence tour

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Spend a full day in Camargue National Park, a UNESCO-designated biosphere reserve dedicated to the protection of local flora and fauna. [Learn more](#)
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 7: Join the jet-set in legendary Saint-Tropez

The mere mention of Saint-Tropez evokes visions of jet-setting celebrities, sun-soaked beaches, and elegant luxury. What was once a sleepy fishing village in the French Riviera has become an iconic playground for the rich and

famous, and you'll discover it for yourself on an included walking tour this morning. Stroll down the narrow cobblestone streets of this vibrant township, taking in the bright scenery as you breathe in the fresh ocean air of the Gulf of St. Tropez and the scent of lavender from nearby fields. There is more to Saint-Tropez than just the endless beaches lining the French coast, and your tour will introduce you to its ancient stone buildings, heritage sites, and lively boutiques and cafés.

Following your tour, you'll return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure on board as we make our way to Nice. After dinner on board, you'll have the evening free to head ashore on your own.

Included Feature:

- Saint-Tropez walking tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 8: Spend the day in dazzling Nice

Today, you'll head out to explore Monaco on an included day trip. Squeezed into just 200 hectares, Monaco may be the world's second-smallest country, but it's been a favorite destination of high-rollers and celebrities since the early 20th century. Dominated by high-rise hotels, super yachts, and elegant casinos, Monaco is sure to dazzle you with its high-end luxury and stately Prince's Palace.

Included Feature:

- Monaco day trip
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 9: Step back in time in ancient Ajaccio

Ajaccio, the capital of the French island of Corsica, sits just over 200 miles southeast of Marseilles. As the birthplace of French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte, this rugged 2nd-century port city comes with a starring role in world history. Its pastel-hued cafés and trendy waterfront promenade nestle alongside the tangled lanes of its Old Town neighborhood, where Napoléon's childhood home — now a museum displaying treasured family heirlooms — and the 15th-century Genoese-built citadel reside. You will explore this historic area on an included walking tour today, with leisure time on your own afterwards.

Included Feature:

- Ajaccio Old Town walking tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 10: Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board

You'll have a full day of scenic sailing to indulge in your ship's 5-star amenities. Relax on the sundeck, visit the spa for a soothing treatment, and shop for souvenirs at the onboard gift shop. At mealtimes, savor culinary creations prepared by your skilled onboard chefs. In the evening, head up to the Observation Deck for magnificent stargazing.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn more

- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 11: 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 12: 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 13: 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. Dinner tonight will be at your hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast
Grand Hotel Central or similar

DAY 14: 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 15: 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.