



# EUROPE'S ATLANTIC COAST: SPAIN, PORTUGAL, FRANCE, AND ENGLAND

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Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel in 2024 for a stunning small ship ocean cruise along Europe's western coastline! Dramatic vistas, soaring architecture, sumptuous food and wine ... you'll experience these across Spain, Portugal, France, and England, as well as the British territory of Gibraltar.

Trace Iberia from Barcelona to Lisbon, uncovering layers of history in Cartagena and the Moorish-flavored Granada. Visit Spain's oldest bullring in Ronda to hear how Spaniards view the event today, and share an intimate dinner at a family bull farm in Seville. Witness the rustic charms of Portugal's magnificent Algarve and UNESCO sites like the Benedictine abbey of Mont Saint-Michel. In total, 44 included features and Cultural Discoveries, including a full-day exploration of Santiago de Compostela and an overnight stay in Bordeaux, give you a closer look at culture and everyday life in this region.

As you cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Odyssey, you'll also be immersed in local colors, flavors, and sounds. Enjoy gourmet regional fare at our restaurants, attend illuminating lectures by your Cruise Director that add context to your onshore discoveries, and round off each day with delightful local entertainment we've invited on board. Plus, treat yourself to a soak in the top-deck hot tubs, a massage at the onboard spa, or a gym workout whenever you want!

With just 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins for independent travelers, the Ocean Odyssey ensures an intimate cruising experience throughout your journey — from the smaller ports that larger ships can't reach, to the small passenger-to-crew ratio for optimum service.

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# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN ODYSSEY



Discover Europe's western coastline aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*

## GUADALQUIVIR RIVER SAILING



Cruise up the Guadalquivir River into the tranquil Doñana National Park, a haven for birds

## HOME-HOSTED DINNER



Share a meal and gain true cultural insight as the guests of a local Spanish family at their bull farm

## RONDA



Discover the gorge-spanning city beloved by Hemingway and see its historic bullring

## MÁLAGA



Celebrate the city's cultural renaissance at the Picasso Museum and Gibralfaro Castle

## GRANADA



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

## LISBON



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

## BARCELONA



Experience this Catalan city's sophisticated art, dining, and cultural scene, as well as the signature architecture of visionary Antoni Gaudí

## SAINT-MALO & MONT SAINT-MICHEL



Visit this historic French port and the Benedictine abbey Mont Saint-Michel

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



Spend a full day exploring one of the globe's oldest pilgrimage sites — and a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Port charges are included** in the base price as a courtesy to our *Ocean Odyssey* travelers
- **Accommodations:** 24 nights, with 20 nights on board the *Ocean Odyssey*, 2 nights in Barcelona at the *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar), and 2 nights in London at the *Hotel Kimpton Fitzroy, London* (or similar)
- **Small group escorted shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **44 Included features and Cultural Discoveries** with state-of-the-art QuietVox portable audio headsets on all shore excursions throughout your journey
- **66 meals:** 24 breakfasts, 20 lunches, and 22 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **Visit up to 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- **The services of a Cruise Director from the region**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests
- **All transportation on tour**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**, beginning with your first hotel
- **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)
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- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced air and sea emissions 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** A long and storied history of arts and culture await during this enriching itinerary.

- See the surreal architectural masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí during your time in Barcelona, including his famous Sagrada Família basilica. His work as a whole is considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the Picasso Museum in Málaga, where the legendary artist was born
- Lecture by local Artist in Málaga
- Learn about bullfighting during a visit to an arena in scenic Ronda
- Admire the intricately designed azulejo tiles that adorn cathedrals, castles, and many other buildings in Portugal
- Tour Lisbon’s landmarks, including UNESCO-listed Belém Tower
- Spend a full day exploring Santiago de Compostela, one of the most sacred places in the world for Christian pilgrims
- Shop for renowned arts and crafts on Belle-Île, a sandy and secluded isle off France’s Brittany coastline
- Visit Mont-Saint Michel
- Spend two days discovering wine and culture in Bordeaux, with your choice of tours — Saint-Emilion or Arcachon
- A curated lecture series that offers deeper context into the arts and culture of a destination



**UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS** Discover some of the most significant cultural and historic treasures in the world throughout your cruise.

- Visit up to 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Works of Antoni Gaudí; the Alhambra and Generalife, in Granada; Seville’s Alcázar and Cathedral; Doñana National Park; Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower in Lisbon; Porto’s historic city center; Santiago de Compostela; the Tower of Hercules; Monuments of Oviedo and the the Kingdom of the Asturias; Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion, Mont Saint-Michel; London Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey
- Explore San Sebastián’s historic Parte Vieja (Old Town)
- Learn the WWII history of Brest, France
- Visit the Benedictine abbey of Mont Saint-Michel
- Visit Oviedo, where the original Way of St. James began
- Discover the island of Belle-Île, a sandy and secluded outpost off France’s Brittany coastline

- Guided tour of the British Museum
- Marvel at the massive La Seu Cathedral of Palma de Majorca
- See the historic Roman Theatre of Cartagena
- Explore the gorge-hugging city of Ronda, a Moorish and Spanish jewel beloved by Hemingway
- Visit Gibraltar, which has been a British territory longer than the United States has been in existence
- Learn about the castles and cathedrals of The Algarve during visits to Silves and Monchique
- See the monuments of Lisbon that honor its central role in the Age of Discovery



**NATURE HIGHLIGHTS** The soul-stirring beauty of the natural world greets you at every turn, from the sweeping beauty of Spain's Costa del Sol to France's Brittany coast.

- Drive through Portugal's countryside to the western Algarve region
- Embark on a narrated cruise up the Guadalquivir River and through the beautiful wetlands of Doñana National Park, an important waterfowl habitat and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Step ashore on the Rock of Gibraltar and take in the expansive views of both Europe and Africa. Our tour includes a funicular

ride to the Castle of Gibraltar — keep your eyes peeled and cameras ready in case you catch a glimpse of the famed Barbary apes (macaques) that reside here



**CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS** Few things reveal as much about a culture and its people as the food they eat. This journey takes you into the culinary heart of Atlantic Europe. Here are some of the many ways you will indulge in its many flavors:

- 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

- Enjoy fabulous meals on board your ship, including regional specialties
- Seek out meals on your own in select ports
- Indulge in sophisticated wine-paired meals in France's Bordeaux wine region
- Savor seafood and French fare on the island of Belle-Île

- Request restaurant reservations with our worldwide Concierge — specially in Bordeaux, where you'll have access to many Michelin-starred French restaurants
- Local lunch in Granada



**WINE HIGHLIGHTS** You'll journey into Bordeaux, France, on this expedition — all thanks to the agile Ocean Odyssey, which can venture to places larger ships can't. As one of France's leading wine regions, Bordeaux will be a hallmark of your journey, with wine central to your experience.

- Spend two full days in Bordeaux, with an opportunity for a wine tasting in UNESCO-listed Saint-Emilion
- Enjoy a guided tour of Bordeaux's La Cité du Vin wine museum,

founded in 2016

- Savor a wine tasting in Bordeaux's La Cité du Vin
- Included port wine tasting in Porto



#### RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

The world's religious sites often add a powerful spiritual and deeply personal meaning to any journey. Here are some soul-stirring places you'll visit during your trip:

- Witness the glory of Gaudí's La Sagrada Família with ticketed entrance and an outside visit in Barcelona
- Visit one of the largest fortresses in the Arab world in Andalusia
- 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

- A full-day exploration of the Santiago de Compostela, one of the most sacred places in the world for Christian pilgrims
- A visit to Oviedo, where the original Way of St. James began
- Explore San Sebastián's Santa Maria Church and Good Shepherd Cathedral
- A visit to the Benedictine abbey of Mont Saint-Michel
- Panoramic tour of Westminster Abbey in London





**MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS** Music reveals the heart and soul of a place. You'll have ample opportunity to celebrate culture, and even sing and dance along!

- Onboard entertainment in Malaga and Bordeaux
- Get into the rhythm of a flamenco performance in Seville
- Local entertainment in Santiago de Compostela
- Entertainment during lunch in Ronda



**PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS** You'll enjoy a spectrum of picturesque sights and scenes on this cruise — from established cultural capitals such as Barcelona and Lisbon to off-the-beaten-path gems like the Guadalquivir River and the Portuguese village of Silves. Here are a few tips to help you photograph them along the way:

- Don't be afraid of the dark! Exploring cities and landmarks at night offers different lighting and unique new perspectives — just make sure you have a tripod or your camera comes

equipped with a night feature!

- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle, for example. Climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high, or alternatively, get low and shoot a scene from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace this artistic challenge by getting out of your comfort zone!
- Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



**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.

# BARCELONA TO LONDON

DAY 1:	Board an overnight flight to Barcelona, Spain	DAY 16:	Exploring UNESCO-listed Santiago de Compostela <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 2:	Barcelona arrival <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>	DAY 17:	Oviedo, Spain's cosmopolitan northern capital <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 3:	Exploring Catalonia's vibrant cultural heart <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>	DAY 18:	Seaside splendor in the resort town of San Sebastián <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 4:	Follow your own whims and desires in Barcelona and embark the Ocean Odyssey <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 19:	Bordeaux, the Port of the Moon <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 5:	Mallorca: Jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 20:	Pick your choice of tours in Bordeaux <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 6:	Exploring Cartagena's Roman flourishes <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 21:	Brittany's Belle-Île <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 7:	Experience the storied city of Granada <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 22:	The best of Brest <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 8:	Beauty and history in seaside Málaga <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 23:	Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>
DAY 9:	Discover the stunning Ronda gorge <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 24:	Exploring Windsor Castle <i>Kimpton Fitzroy London or similar</i>
DAY 10:	A taste of Britain at the tip of Spain <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 25:	From Big Ben to Buckingham Palace: Exploring London's landmarks <i>Kimpton Fitzroy London or similar</i>
DAY 11:	Give in to the seductions of Seville and home-hosted dinner on a family-owned bull farm <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>	DAY 26:	Return home, or head to Dublin
DAY 12:	Uncover the treasures of Seville and Guadalquivir River sailing <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		
DAY 13:	Portimão, gateway to the vistas and villages of The Algarve <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		
DAY 14:	Lisbon: Monumental city with an epic past <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		
DAY 15:	Inside Porto, the "Unvanquished City" <i>Ocean Odyssey &gt;</i>		



**DAY 1:** Board an overnight flight to Barcelona, Spain

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

extension to Madrid, Spain.

**DAY 2:** Barcelona arrival

Arrive in Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Spain's Catalonia region. 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, including those on the Madrid pre-trip extension.

Included meals: Dinner  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 3:** Exploring Catalonia's vibrant cultural heart

This morning you'll 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. Then, ascend Montjuic for spectacular city views. Continue to the Plaza de España, adorned with Venetian towers and a towering fountain, and 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. The tour concludes at La Barceloneta Beach, where an included lunch awaits.

Then, enjoy an evening at leisure with dinner on your own.

**Included Feature:**

- Full-day Barcelona city tour  
Included meals: Breakfast  
*Grand Hotel Central or similar*

**DAY 4:** Follow your own whims and desires in Barcelona and embark the Ocean Odyssey

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy your morning at leisure in Barcelona. You'll have lunch in a local restaurant, then you'll be welcomed aboard the luxurious new Ocean Odyssey. Your ocean cruise begins! Thanks to the small size of the ship, it'll be docked right in the port, allowing you to stroll right onboard. This is almost exclusively the way you'll embark and disembark throughout your cruise.

Get settled in your cabin, then explore the many amenities, including the sundeck, hot tubs, and fitness center. See your Destination Manager to reserve an appointment at the onboard spa.

After, gather for the first of your daily port talks to hear about tomorrow's exciting destination. In the dining room, savor a special Welcome Dinner. We get underway later in the evening.

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Bid adios to Barcelona, enjoying sublime views of the city skyline, including Montjuic  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

**DAY 5:** Mallorca: Jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands

The ship arrives in Palma de Mallorca this morning. Perhaps you'll catch the sunrise from the Ocean Odyssey's observation deck, or get in an early workout at the gym before a delicious breakfast.

Ringed by pristine crescent beaches and cloaked in lush green forest, Mallorca is an island paradise for the Spanish 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, Gothic La Seu Cathedral. This honey-colored 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.

Before dinner this evening, you'll hear the first in a lecture series that will highlight the historic and fascinating destinations visited on your journey.

**Included Feature:**

- Tour of Palma de Mallorca

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Behold more breathtaking sights of the renowned beach destination as you sail out of

Palma Bay by Ibiza and venture toward your next destination

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

#### **DAY 6:** 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, your afternoon is free. Perhaps you'll relax or take in some Spanish sunshine on deck. Before another gourmet dinner on the *Ocean Odyssey*, yet another lecture illuminates more about this historic region.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Walking tour of Cartagena

#### **Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

#### Scenic Sailing:

- Arrive in Cartagena, a strategically important harbor for centuries, and witness a diverse blend of architectural styles, such as art nouveau, and even remains from the Phoenician, Roman, Byzantine, and Moorish eras

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

#### **DAY 7:** Experience the storied city of Granada

From our berth in Almería you 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. Return to the ship in Motril and you'll learn more about Andalusia during today's onboard lecture as you set sail for Málaga late this evening.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Full-day excursion to Granada

#### Scenic Sailing:

- Cruise into Málaga, where two Moorish citadels crest over the hilltop

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

#### **DAY 8:** Beauty and history in seaside Málaga

Wake up in Málaga, the provincial capital and birthplace of Pablo Picasso that recently remade itself into a popular cultural hub with a restored historic center. Your city tour reveals Málaga's wide boulevards lined with turn-of-the-century apartments; the Gothic Cathedral and Gibralfaro Castle (an 11th-century Moorish fortification), the adjacent Alcazaba, (the old Moorish palace). You will also visit the Picasso Museum, home to almost 300 of the artist's works.

After lunch on board, you'll have the afternoon to relax on the spacious sundeck or explore Málaga on your own.

This evening, enjoy another informative lecture before another sumptuous dinner and an evening

of entertainment on the Ocean Odyssey.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Malaga sightseeing tour

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Onboard lecture by a local artist
  - Picasso Museum visit
  - Evening onboard entertainment
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 9:** Discover the stunning Ronda gorge

After breakfast we'll head inland to the heights of the sierras and Ronda, first settled by the Celts. A procession of Phoenicians, Arabs, Romans, Moors, Berbers, Visigoths, and other Europeans have since left their cultural mark in the town's distinctive white stucco neighborhoods. You'll see the old Roman Bridge spanning the deep El Tajo Gorge below, the stately Casa de Don Bosco, and Mondragon Palace. Then visit the Plaza de Toros — the oldest bullring in Spain.

You'll continue on to a local restaurant, where a docent will provide an informative talk on the history of Spanish bullfighting. Enjoy lunch here, accompanied by rousing entertainment! After some free time to explore Ronda, you'll return to your ship in Málaga for dinner.

**Included Feature:**

- Tour of Ronda

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Visit the Plaza de Toros, with a talk on Spanish bullfighting
  - Lunch at a local family-owned *hacienda*
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 10:** A taste of Britain at the tip of Spain

Step ashore in Gibraltar, known as "The Rock" for its most famous and dominant geographic feature. Throughout the day, you will have expansive views of both Europe and Africa. Our tour includes a funicular ride to the Castle of Gibraltar. Keep your eyes peeled and cameras ready in case you catch a glimpse of the famed Barbary apes (macaques) that live on the rock. British-flavored Gibraltar is a great spot for pub-hopping and duty-free shopping before we return to ship for lunch. You have the afternoon free to wander Gibraltar's streets, perhaps coming up on a red Victorian post box or a fish-and-chips shop. Our afternoon lecture sheds light on your discoveries and you have the evening to admire the imposing Rock of Gibraltar as you sip a cocktail on the sundeck.

**Included Feature:**

- Excursion to Gibraltar

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Scenic Sailing:

- Captivating moments are yours as you cruise out of Gibraltar, with the Rock of Gibraltar behind you, and through the Strait of Gibraltar between Europe and Africa

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

**DAY 11:** Give in to the seductions of Seville and home-hosted dinner on a family-owned bull farm

After breakfast you'll tour Andalusia's storied capital, Seville, including the Real Alcázar, a monumental complex of fortifications, palaces, and gardens spanning the Arabic period through the 19th century. Stop at the old 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.

At the Plaza de España, constructed for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929, admire an elegant canvas of tiled fountains, bridges, and arcades. Another UNESCO site featured today is the Archivo General de Indias, a Renaissance building housing priceless historic records of the Spanish Empire. You may also step inside the Seville Cathedral — where Ferdinand, Isabella, and Christopher Columbus are entombed — and have the opportunity to climb to the top of its soaring La Giralda Tower.

Return to the Ocean Odyssey for lunch. Then, in the evening, you'll set out into the countryside to a local family's bull farm for a tour, a delicious home-host dinner of Spanish fare, and a rich cultural exchange — including a passionate flamenco performance!

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Seville city tour

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Home-hosted meal at a local family's bull farm
  - Onboard entertainment: flamenco performance
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 12:** Uncover the treasures of Seville and Guadalquivir River sailing

Today is full of possibilities as you have the day at leisure to explore the Andalusian capital on your own.

If you remain in Seville, our included shuttle service will whisk you into town. Take in city views from atop the Metropol Parasol, a remarkable wooden structure of 100-foot pillars topped by a wavy roof traversed by a winding walkway. Or visit the excellent Fine Arts

Museum.

This afternoon, enjoy a lecture about the riches of Andalusia as we depart Seville and cruise along the historic Guadalquivir River through Doñana National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an important habitat for waterfowl. Commentary from the bridge gives you insight into this pristine wilderness, and birders should take advantage of this opportunity to get a good look at some of the birds, including Thekla's lark and the western olivaceous warbler. If you've brought a telephoto lens for your camera, try to get some images from the deck.

**Included Feature:**

- Cruise along the Guadalquivir River, with commentary

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Scenic Sailing:

- Set sail on the iconic Guadalquivir River, forever synonymous with Ferdinand Magellan who sailed this river as he began his historic voyage around the world
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 13:** 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. Journey to the historic town of Silves, surrounded by orange and lemon groves, to visit its red sandstone Moorish Castle and 13th-century cathedral constructed by Alfonso X of Castile. There'll be time to peruse the fascinating exhibits of the Archaeological Museum before continuing



to the market town of Monchique, a delightful mountain enclave of cobbled streets where small decorative doorways lead into artisan workshops where folding wooden chairs are still handmade as they were in Roman times. You will see the 17th-century Franciscan monastery for splendid views of the Old Town and admire the traditional azulejo tiles adorning the 16th-century parish church.

You'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant during your tour and return to the Ocean Odyssey for an evening at leisure. Before dinner, don't miss another lecture that elucidates the history and culture of this captivating region.

**Included Feature:**

- Excursion to Silves and Monchique

Scenic Sailing:

- Sail out of Portimão and enjoy panoramic views around Cape St. Vincent, the southwesternmost point of Portugal and mainland Europe

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

**DAY 14:** Lisbon: Monumental city with an epic past

Arrive in Lisbon this morning, center of the Age of Discovery and a living history of Portugal's past. On a panoramic and walking tour the city, you'll visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites like the Belém Tower, the city's iconic gateway at the mouth of the Tagus River. Nearby, marvel at the ornate Jerónimos Monastery, an exquisite example of Portugal's superb Manueline architecture. While here you'll also enjoy a taste of pastéis de Belém, a buttery custard confection based on an old recipe from the monks and still Portugal's favorite pastry.

After a panoramic tour of this remarkable city, enjoy free time to explore the city and savor the local cuisine, with lunch money provided. You'll return to ship later in the afternoon.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Lisbon city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Local pastry tasting during Lisbon walking tour
- Scenic Sailing:

- When cruising into Lisbon, find overwhelmingly gorgeous views of one of the most celebrated cities in the world

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

**DAY 15:** Inside Porto, the "Unvanquished City"

Enjoy breakfast as the ship arrives in Leixões. Your ship will berth in port so you'll be able to disembark with ease—no waiting and no tendering. From here, we'll transfer to Porto, known as the "Unvanquished City" because the Romans or Moors never overtook it. According to 15th-century legend, the people of Porto donated all their meat to a military fleet departing for battle — leaving themselves with nothing but offal (tripas). Considering the sacrifice an ancestral badge of honor, Porto residents still proudly call themselves Tripeiros.

Embark on a panoramic drive through Portugal's second largest city, which includes its UNESCO-listed city center and a visit a local port wine cellar for a tasting. Return to the ship for lunch, with an afternoon at leisure to explore Porto on your own using free shuttle service to and from the ship. Don't miss a visit to one of the top bookstores in the world, Livraria Lello (which inspired J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter library), where you can peruse the shelves and admire

the décor of this one-of-a-kind gem.

Dinner is on board, with overnight sailing to Spain.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Porto city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Port wine tasting
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 16:** Exploring UNESCO-listed Santiago de Compostela

You'll berth in Vigo today, in the westernmost corner of Spain, where you'll step off the ship and get ready to experience a full-day exploration of the UNESCO-listed Santiago de Compostela, one of the most sacred places in the world for Christian pilgrims. It's believed that Saint James was buried here in the first century, but the location was forgotten over the years until a ninth-century hermit saw a shining light over a spot in a wooded field, sparking an ensuing investigation that revealed what was believed to be the lost tomb of Saint James. A church was constructed, and it quickly became one of the most famous pilgrimage destinations of medieval times. It remains so today, with more than 200,000 people walking the nearly 500-mile path (called the Way of Saint James) annually. You'll get a chance to see both the church and the route that millions have taken to get there. Lunch is included at a local restaurant today, complete with local entertainment.

Afterward, transfer to A Coruña, stopping for photos at the Tower of Hercules — the world's oldest working lighthouse and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site — along the way. Re-embark ship in A Coruña.

**Included Feature:**

- Full-day tour of Santiago de Compostela
- See the UNESCO-listed Tower of Hercules

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Local entertainment during lunch in Santiago de Compostela
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 17:** Oviedo, Spain's cosmopolitan northern capital

Discover Oviedo, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's northern coast and home to some impressive churches including Cathedral of San Salvador, which is where the original Way of St. James began. Soak in the old-world beauty of this town and its collectively listed UNESCO monuments before returning to the ship for lunch.

Then, spend an afternoon at leisure in Gijón, a city of beautiful beaches and a rich history situated on the shimmering Bay of Biscay. Return to the ship this evening for dinner on board and another scintillating lecture.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day historical tour of Oviedo

**Cultural Discovery:**

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

**DAY 18:** Seaside splendor in the resort town of San Sebastián

Wake up in San Sebastián today, one of Spain's most alluring resort towns renowned for its

beaches and its food. We'll berth in port today, so you'll be able to step right off the ship and head out for a morning tour of the city's historical gems includes the Parte Vieja (Old Town), the twin-towered Santa Maria Church, and Good Shepherd Cathedral, but merely strolling the streets of this coastal treasure — or watching the waves break over La Concha beach — is a pleasure all its own.

The Ocean Odyssey will cruise to France overnight.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day San Sebastián city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Scenic Sailing:

- Arrive at one of the world's most breathtaking coastal cities today; be sure to soak up all of San Sebastián's romantic views upon arrival and departure

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

**DAY 19:** Bordeaux, the Port of the Moon

You'll revel in the scenic sailing aboard the Ocean Odyssey as it takes you through the Gironde Estuary to the Garonne River and into Bordeaux, France — one of the smaller ports most vessels can't reach!

As you cruise there this morning, spend some time in the boutique, soaking up sun or sightseeing from the deck. Join your guest lecturer for another talk that prepares you for the exciting explorations we've planned: your choice of tours and leisure time to discover UNESCO-listed Bordeaux, known as the "Port of the Moon" because of its crescent-shaped docks along the river. The Ocean Odyssey will anchor offshore,

and you'll board a tender into port. Please be aware that a certain level of agility will be required to embark and disembark these smaller vessels.

Often overlooked by the glamorous outposts of Paris and Marseille, Bordeaux is arguably the wine capital of the world, and home to La Cité du Vin wine museum, which you'll visit on an afternoon city tour that includes a wine tasting.

Enjoy an evening at leisure in Bordeaux, with dinner on the Ocean Odyssey. You'll overnight in Bordeaux, so take advantage of the extra time by heading into town for an after-dinner cocktail or glass of wine, or simply stroll around town. Tonight, enjoy evening entertainment onboard.

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Bordeaux city tour

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Onboard lecture
- Onboard entertainment
- Visit La Cité du Vin wine museum and enjoy a wine tasting

Scenic Sailing:

- Cruise the Gironde Estuary and Garonne River on your way to Bordeaux

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

**DAY 20:** Pick your choice of tours in Bordeaux

This morning after breakfast, you'll have your choice of tours — You may embark on a half-day excursion to the UNESCO-listed Saint-Emilion or a half-day tour to Arcachon. The former will bring you to a commune teeming with medieval architecture where you'll sample local wines during a tasting. The latter will bring you to a seaside resort town where you'll enjoy a tasting

of freshly-shucked oysters. Your ship will be berthed today, so you'll be able to step off easily and commence your second day of discovery in Bordeaux.

Have an afternoon at leisure in Bordeaux. Tonight, enjoy an informative lecture before dinner. Your ship sails overnight to Belle-Île.

**Included Feature:**

- Choice of half-day tours: Saint-Emilion or Arcachon

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Onboard lecture
- Oyster or wine tasting, depending on which tour you choose

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Bid *adieu* to the vineyards and elegant châteaux of Bordeaux as you sail back through the Garonne River to the Gironde Estuary, taking pictures along the way

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

**DAY 21:** Brittany's Belle-Île

Belle-Île, a sandy and secluded isle off France's Brittany coastline, is yours to explore today. Most people arrive to this oft-overlooked island outpost via ferry from the mainland or not at all, but the Ocean Odyssey's small size is versatile enough to let us berth directly in port, allowing you to easily step ashore.

On a full-day tour, discover the stunning pastel-hued harbor and its homes, the star-shaped citadel in capital Le Palais, and charming inland villages like the commune of Sauzon — once the muse for Monet, who spent several months here during the climax of his career. This island is a favorite among celebrities who love its laid-back

charm and rich history of arts and crafts. You'll receive some cash to enjoy lunch on your own. Perhaps you'll seek out fresh seafood, an island staple.

**Included Feature:**

- Full-day scenic tour of Belle-Île
- Scenic Sailing:**
- You're sure to understand why the French chose to name this island Belle-Île, or beautiful isle, while you marvel at its stunning coastline and popular beaches upon arrival and departure

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

**DAY 22:** The best of Brest

Once destroyed by Allied air attacks in World War II, today's rebuilt Brest is a major French hub and the site of your explorations today. Depart on a city tour via coach and walking, including a visit to the Château de Brest, a strategic military outpost and the oldest functioning castle in the world. We will be required to anchor offshore and tender into Brest. We will return to the ship for lunch, after which you may tender back into town for an afternoon at leisure, perhaps touring the Musée des Beaux-Arts or the stunning Brest National Botanical Garden, which features one of the largest collections of endangered plant species in the world. Another enlightening lecture takes place before dinner on board.

**Included Feature:**

- Coach and walking tour of Brest

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Sail into Brest, one of France's most beautiful natural harbors that's captivated sailors and travelers for centuries

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

### DAY 23: Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel

You'll be transported back to medieval times when you arrive in Saint-Malo, France, today. This walled city has a long seafaring history and is the birthplace of Jacques Cartier, the first European man to discover Canada. Inside its walls, Saint-Malo's streets overflow with cafés and restaurants — the modern mixing with the medieval.

A full-day tour unveils a true gem of France: Mont Saint-Michel. Since your ship will berth here, you'll be able to stroll right off the ship to begin your tour. You'll transfer to this Benedictine abbey, which is dramatically situated on a hulking granite island surrounded by granite walls. It is so iconic that UNESCO deemed it a World Heritage Site! On a guided tour, learn about the history of this legendary place while wandering the tangle of lanes within. Afterward, seek out a classic French meal at a nearby brasserie with provided lunch money.

#### Included Feature:

- Full-day guided tour of Mont Saint-Michel
- Scenic Sailing:
- This morning, cruise into Saint-Malo and be charmed by its blend of Gothic and Renaissance architectural styles before heading to Mont Saint-Michel

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

### DAY 24: Exploring Windsor Castle

Today you'll say goodbye to the Ocean Odyssey,

Vantage's second small ship ocean vessel, when you disembark in Poole. We will anchor offshore, and you will board a tender into town. En route to London, you'll set off on a tour of Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Queen Elizabeth spends most of her private weekends at the castle, which has housed 39 monarchs since its founding by William the Conqueror in the 11th century.

Afterward have lunch on your own, then transfer to London where you'll check into your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure and dinner on your own. Your hotel is centrally located, giving you a bevy of dining options from which to choose.

#### Included Feature:

- Tour of Windsor Castle
- Included meals: Breakfast  
*Kimpton Fitzroy London or similar*

### DAY 25: From Big Ben to Buckingham Palace: Exploring London's landmarks

Today you'll discover this great metropolis on a half-day guided city tour that introduces you to London's landmarks, including Westminster Abbey (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, and much more. You'll also enjoy an included visit to the British Museum, famed for its extensive permanent collection of 8 million works dedicated to human history and culture. This afternoon, discover more of the English capital on your own before a Farewell Dinner at the hotel reunites you with your fellow expeditioners; to toast your extraordinary adventure one last time!

#### Included Feature:

- **Half-day London city tour**  
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Kimpton Fitzroy London or similar*

**DAY 26:** Return home, or head to Dublin

Transfer to London's airport this morning for your return flight home, or head to Dublin, Ireland for your optional 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. The above day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Cruise Director or regional expert. Port-of-call orientation walking tours are subject to change based on port time and weather conditions

# 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.





## Kimpton Fitzroy London ★★★★★

The Deluxe Kimpton Fitzroy London puts you right in the heart of central London, just minutes away from Bloomsbury's museums, Covent Garden's trendsetting boutiques and bars, and all of London's iconic landmarks. Then again, you might just choose to stay in and explore the interior of this 19th-century grand dame, get workout in the gymnasium, and then ensconce yourself in the comforts of your stylish room. Each guestroom features flat-screen smart TVs, Nespresso coffee machines, and complimentary Wi-Fi.



## 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.



## Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin ★★★★★

The Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin is conveniently located in the heart in The Liberties, located near the Christ Church Cathedral, with its medieval crypt, as well as Dublin Castle and the Guinness Storehouse, among others. Rooms are modern with a Signature Hyatt Grand Bed, hi-tech amenities, complimentary Wi-Fi, and of course bath toiletries. While here, make use of the private landscaped garden, relaxing reading lounge, 24-hour access to a state-of-the-art fitness center, on-site restaurant — and even bottle your own personalized whiskey at the hotel!