



SHORE EXCURSIONS

11
nights

STAR CLIPPER
Rome - Malaga



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What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating, or similar activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the library.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes, which will be relayed to passengers during the Cruise Director's onboard information sessions. Last updated tour descriptions are available in a file at the library.

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PORTOFERRAIO (ELBA), ITALY

Recent excavations have proved that man inhabited the Isle of Elba in prehistoric times (from the Paleolithic Era to the Iron Age). In 1802 the French gained direct possession of the Isle of Elba, rather than unite it with the kingdom of Etruria. Elba then suddenly attracted the attention of the world when it became Napoleon's little kingdom, while in exile. He arrived at Porto Ferraio on May 3rd 1814, and on the following day took possession of the island. He did everything possible to confer dignity on his own residence, the "Villa dei Mulini." After a stay of 10 months, Napoleon left Elba with a small fleet on February 26th 1815 to face the dramatic adventure of Hundred Days. Today, the island has a population of about 27000 inhabitants. The local economy now depends heavily upon tourism, but the extraction of minerals is also of economic importance. After tourism and mining, the most important activities are agriculture (vineyards), animal husbandry, and fishing.

Island tour and view from Monte Capanne

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 69 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

The scenic drive starting from Portoferraio will take you to the island highlands on the west side. The drive cuts through the centre of the island before continuing along the coast to the up-market resort town of Marciana Marina. The coach will then drive into the hills to reach the cable car station in Marciana Alta. During the drive your guide will tell you a bit about the island culture and natural environment as you sit back and enjoy the beautiful views of the surrounding hilltop villages and coastline. The cable car station has rest room facilities. Upon arrival, your guide will give you a safety briefing and explain how to get in and out of the cable basket safely.

The baskets, which leave every 20 seconds for the 20-minute climb up to the top of Mount Capanne (1.019m), accommodate two passengers each. The views during the cable car ride are quite spectacular, so make sure you have your camera handy. From the top of the mountain, you can enjoy breathtaking views of all the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago and relax on the panoramic terrace.

After some leisure time (approximately 30 minutes) your guide will lead you back to the coach and the tour continues to Marciana Mariana. Here you will have some time to stroll along the waterfront and browse around the picturesque village shops. Look out for Elba's specialties: wonderful perfume, truly the scent of the Mediterranean captured in a bottle, and delicious local wines. There will be a short wine tasting in a typical Cantina to allow you to sample some of the islands' wine before you return to the ship. As you take a last lingering look at Mount Capanne on the drive back, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have scaled its dizzy heights.

Please note: You will take a cable car to the top of Mount Capanne. The tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or vertigo.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. There will be good shopping opportunities in Marciana Marina (except on Sundays).



LERICI, ITALY

Lerici is the largest village on the Gulf of La Spezia, on the Italian Riviera, close to the Cinque Terra and sits across the bay from Portovenere.

One of the main sights of Lerici is its notorious castle controlling the entrance of the Gulf of La Spezia. Today the castle contains a museum of paleontology. The origins of the town date back to the Etruscan period. In the Middle Ages the town came under Genovese control. After it had been sold to Lucca, it became involved in a series of conflicts between Genua and Pisa, as it was on their common border. In 1479, the town came under Genovese sway for good.

Discover the unique beauty of Portovenere (by bus)

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Portovenere is one of the Italian Riviera's most scenic fishing villages, as you will soon discover.

In 1997, UNESCO added Portovenere to its world heritage list because of its outstanding beauty and traditional way of life which has changed little over the centuries.

Upon arrival, you will follow your guide down the Carrugio, a narrow road lined with fashionable shops, which leads to the main square and the Church of St Peter. The church stands on a rocky promontory overlooking the Gulf of Poets on what was once the site of a pagan temple dedicated to the Goddess Venus. Built in the style known as Genoese Gothic, the church was consecrated in 1198 and the black and white marble stripes were added in the 13th century. You will then go down to the quayside or Calatea Doria, as it is called.

The waterfront is lined with pastel-colored houses built in the Middle Ages. The houses originally served as defense towers, which is why they are so tall and narrow; if Portovenere was attacked by sea, the villagers could exit from the back rooms of the top floor and seek safety in the castle above. Here is where the guided tour ends, and you are left to your own devices, with over two hours to shop, sample local specialties and explore on your own. You might like to visit the Romanesque church of Saint Lawrence, which was also built on the site of a pagan temple, dedicated to Jupiter. The church is known as the Sanctuary of the White Madonna, the patron saint of Portovenere who saved the village from the plague.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. The drive between Lerici and Portovenere is approximately 45 minutes (each way). No bare shoulders or shorts are allowed when visiting religious sites.



MONACO

The Principality of Monaco, tucked between the French and Italian borders, covers just 1.1 square miles. This independent sovereign state is headed by Prince Albert II who is descended from the Grimaldi dynasty which has ruled Monaco since 1297. The principality is synonymous with the High Life: glamorous celebrities, Formula One racing and Casinos. Monte Carlo is the most famous area, but in reality, Monaco is divided into four sections: Monaco Ville, the old section of town which includes the Prince's palace, the Condamine, which is the port area and Fontvieille, a man-made water front district.

Monaco has some of the finest examples of Belle Epoque building, an architectural style which began during the rule of the Emperor Napoleon III.

Beautiful natural surroundings, sunny climate, a yacht filled harbor, casino, designer boutiques, prestigious events and gala parties, Monaco can truly be said to have it all. A heady atmosphere of glamour and excitement permeates the Principality, captivating all who visit this storybook land of princes and princesses.

Walking tour in Monaco old town

Duration: 03:00 approx.

Transportation: walking tour

Price: 35 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 12 / Max 25 participants

The tour starts from the world-famous Monaco port; from here you will proceed to the Old Town built high on a rocky promontory, which offers a panoramic view over the new city and its skyscrapers. This tiny principality has been ruled since 1297, almost without interruption, by the Grimaldi family.

Do you believe in fairytales? Whether or not you do, this enchanting city is not to be missed. You will get to the top of the Old Town by escalators and lifts. On the hill, a guided walking tour through the narrow streets will take you past the Oceanographic Museum, the Cathedral which contains the tomb of Princess Grace and Prince Rainier III, and the exterior of the Prince's Palace (no internal visit included). Guests will have some free time on their own before going back to the ship.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues. Guests are advised to wear weather appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and a bottle of water. At the Cathedral, tour guide will give explanations from outside before guests enter. Cathedral could be closed without notice due to religious ceremonies. Proper attire is required to visit the Cathedral (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).



SAINT TROPEZ, FRANCE

Up until 1958 Saint Tropez was just a sleepy, picturesque fishing village; then the legendary couple Brigitte Bardot and Roger Vadim arrived, bringing with them a touch of glamour, and changing the place beyond all recognition.

However, the history of St Tropez goes way back, well before the era of movie stars, luxury yachts and glamour girls in bikinis. It was once a place of Christian pilgrimage, honoring the martyrdom of a young Roman soldier named Tropes. Tropes openly professed his Christian beliefs and was beheaded by the authorities and cast adrift in a small boat which eventually washed ashore at the place now known as St Tropez.

In the 1800's St Tropez became a center for art and culture with the arrival of the French writer Guy de Maupassant and the Impressionist painter Paul Signac who brought with them a host of talented contemporaries, including Matisse.

Today St Tropez is famous the world over for being one of the most glamorous locations on the French Riviera. While it is mostly known for its beaches and port filled with millionaire's yachts, it also boasts tree lined squares, pastel-coloured houses, chic boutiques and quaint cafés serving a delicious local pastry the "Tarte Tropezienne"

Discover the origins of St Tropez (incl. Maritime Museum)

Duration: 02:30 approx.

Transportation: walking tour

Price: 39 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 25 participants

Once a fortified stronghold and later sleepy fishing village, Saint Tropez was catapulted onto the world stage in the 1950s by screen legends such as Brigitte Bardot and Sacha Distel. Their endorsement turned into the chic capital of the French Riviera and these days it's home to many a film star and fashionista.

Upon arrival, disembark and walk with your guide along the waterfront and through the old streets towards the top of the city to start your guided tour with the visit of the Citadel of Saint Tropez.

Your guide will give you the keys to discover the daily life of the men and women who shaped the Saint Tropez of today over the centuries and the famous sailors of Saint Tropez.

Dating from the XVII century, the Citadel is the most important defense element between Antibes and Toulon and one of the only monuments of this magnitude on the Provencal coast with magnificent panorama on the bay. Then back to the village step by step you will discover and learn more about a secret second life that is hidden.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.



MAHON (MINORCA), SPAIN

The island of Menorca received the official title of Biosphere Reserve (Man and Biosphere project – MAB, UNESCO) in 1993. The MAB Program, which means Man and Biosphere, was created in 1971. It is a scientific program for problems related to the use and preservation of natural resources in all kinds of biological and geographical situations. One of the main objectives of this program is to preserve natural places and their genetic material.

Hiking in S'Albufera nature reserve

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: transfer by air-conditioned minibus

Price: 59 €

Activity level: strenuous

Min 10 / Max 25 participants

A short 15-minute drive will take you to a typical Minorcan fishing village, Es Grau, located within the boundaries of the S'Albufera nature reserve. The park covers the wetlands, a marshy coastal area consisting of a 2km lagoon, enclosed by a system of dunes, and a river which flows into the sea.

You will be taken on an itinerary designed to showcase the flora and fauna of the wetlands. The park is home to a wide variety of bird life; waterfowl such as ducks, common coots, herons, and European shags live alongside birds of prey including osprey's, kites and booted eagles, while the torrents and ponds of the wetlands are populated by Iberian green frogs and toads.

The vegetation consists mainly of wild olive trees, holm oak, lentisk shrubs, jasmine box and tree spurge.

The hike will take you on the "Cami de Cavalls", a bridle path which goes right round the island, through woodland, and then along the water reserve which leads to Es Grau beach.

From here you will proceed along a winding path up to the headland overlooking Isla Colom off the north coast.

You will continue down to Cala Tamarells before heading back along the beach to Es Grau village.

This excursion is a must for all nature lovers, the wildlife is abundant in this protected area and the coastal views are simply stunning.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking / standing over uneven surfaces (approx. 5 km walk).

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring sunscreen, a hat and a bottle of water.



PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN

Towering over the harbour, Palma's enormous Gothic cathedral is a powerful symbol of the religious fervour which gripped all of Spain shortly after the defeat of the Moors. Built by Jaume I, its vast open nave and soaring Gothic columns have been added to over the centuries. Behind the Cathedral, a maze of twisting streets leads to designer boutiques and open-air markets.

Beautiful Mallorca : Palma's Cathedral and Valldemosa

Duration: 06:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 69 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Free time for lunch (lunch not included)

Enjoy a panoramic drive through Palma including a visit of the Cathedral and explore Valldemossa and La Cartuja Monastery. Your air-conditioned motor coach will be waiting at the port to drive you to the Cathedral taking the Paseo Maritimo seafront road lined with hotels on one side and luxury yachts on the other. You will visit the interior of Spain's second largest Gothic Cathedral, built more than 500 years ago with its awe-inspiring columns and graceful interior arches. You will also get to see the small Treasure Museum with its collection of ancient manuscripts, paintings, and religious artefacts. There are 80 steps up to the Cathedral.

After this visit, we'll drive to Valldemossa, one of the most beautiful and typical villages on the island, nestled in a valley of the northern mountain range. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of mountains and coastline. The drive continues along the rugged northern coast, with its pine forest, almond groves, and olive trees. There will be a guided tour of the Carthusian Monastery, and you will see a small neo classical church which boasts frescoes painted by Goya's brother-in-law as well as an intricately carved choir stall and some rich tapestries. The 18th century pharmacy, established by the monks in 1723 is practically unchanged. The town owes much of its fame to the fact that the famous musician and composer, Frederic Chopin, and his lover, writer, George Sand, spent their "winter of discontent" here in 1838 and added a note of Romanticism to Majorcan history. During the visit to the Carthusian Monastery, you will see Chopin's piano, and enjoy beautiful garden views. Before returning to the port of Palma, you will have some free time for lunch and independent visit.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. Lunch is not included in the tour; you will have free time for lunch in Valldemosa.

Proper attire is required to visit the Cathedral (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed). If mass is being held inside the Cathedral, information will be given outside.

The drive between Palma and Valldemosa takes approximately 30 minutes (each way).



IBIZA, SPAIN

Ibiza is well known as a Hedonist's paradise where people come to laze on the beach all day and party hard all night, but there is so much more to it than that. Ibiza town was founded by the Carthaginians around the 6th century BC and was ruled in turn by the Romans, Arabs and Catalans. Traces of their presence can be found in the Old quarter of the town known as Dalt Vila or upper town, which boasts many historical buildings and two interesting museums which give an insight into the town's rich historical, archaeological and ethnological past. The medieval walled city and its Gothic cathedral, dedicated to "Our Lady of the Snows", became a designated UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999.

Ibiza is a great place to explore with a host of trendy boutiques and interesting restaurants and a growing number of luxury hotels and spas around its beautiful harbor. The island also boasts 56 sandy beaches along its coastline, making it the perfect place to just chill out and relax.

Discover Ibiza on a 4x4 adventure

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 109 €

Min 12 / Max 24 participants

Transportation: 4x4 vehicle

Activity level: moderate

Driver-guide (no guide onboard)

Discover Ibiza on our « off the beaten track » 4x4 adventure – a fantastic opportunity to discover unusual places, inaccessible by coach.

The excursion starts directly from the pier where you will climb aboard your jeep and be driven inland "off the beaten track" to explore areas of the island untouched by the growing tourist industry, places which have remained unchanged for hundreds of years. The scenic itinerary has been specially designed to showcase all of Ibiza's original beauty, passing through small country settlements, green valleys and mountain tracks to enable you to see the island from a new perspective, not as a clubber's paradise, but as a perfectly preserved environment where Nature holds sway.

During the tour you will visit the wonderful beach of Sa Caleta, Es Vedrà viewpoint, a magical site according to locals and round-off your tour at Cala Comte, where you will have some free time to have a drink or go for a swim if you like.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, pregnant women or anyone suffering from conditions (back, neck or other) which may be affected by bumpy roads.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

For the stop at the beach, guests who plan to swim are advised to wear a swimsuit under their clothes and to bring a towel from the ship and sunscreen.



CARTAGENA, SPAIN

The Port of Cartagena is a natural harbor, ideally situated in a deep bay protected by the surrounding mountains. This strategic location has been a magnet for settlers throughout the ages and has contributed enormously to the city's development and importance.

In the late 3rd century BC the Carthaginians established a trading post here. Fast-forward to the 18th century when the Bourbon King Carlos III picked Cartagena to be one of Spain's main naval bases, a status it still enjoys today.

A Tale of two cities: Cartagena and Murcia

Duration: 05:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 12 / Max 40 participants

Free time for lunch (lunch not included)

The route from Cartagena to the hinterland crosses fertile farmland before wending its way through the mountain pass of the "Mountains of the Chain" to reach Murcia, the charming provincial capital.

There will be a visit to the Old Quarter of the city of Murcia and its beautiful 13th century cathedral (outside only).

The façade of the cathedral is considered to be one of the best examples of Baroque architecture to be found anywhere in Spain.

You will have some free time for lunch before returning to Cartagena and discover with a walking tour this charming city with a superb natural harbor.

The tour starts by the Monument to the Heroes of Cavite and the Town Hall, and then continues along the pedestrian main street where you can admire the 18th century doorway of the casino as well as some delightful modern houses. The city has a rich history and Roman excavations can be seen below street level, protected by glass panels. There is also a Roman Theatre, discovered by chance in 1897, with rows of seats built into the hillside. The commemorative inscriptions indicate that it was built in the late 1st century BC at the height of the Roman colony's urban development.

Please note: The order of the visits may change. This excursion involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. Driving time to Murcia takes approx. 1 hour (each way).



MOTRIL, SPAIN

The town of Motril is located in the Spanish region of Andalucia on the Costa Tropical. Nestling at the foothills of the Sierra Lujar mountains, the town's coastal strip includes two main beaches - the busy Playa Poniente, and the quieter Playa Granada.

Secrets of Granada: Albaicin and Royal Chapel

Duration: 05:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 95 €

Activity level: strenuous

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Leaving Motril, you head north towards Granada: after 45 minutes you will be at 800 meters above sea level, travelling along ancient Arab paths that nowadays are a modern highway. During the drive, you will enjoy views of the Alpujarras Mountains and the Sierra Nevada. Olive and fruit trees line the road to Granada.

Start your tour with a visit at the Capilla Real and the Cathedral of Granada. The close relationship between both gives rise to a curious formal detail seen in the ambulatory that surrounds the circular gallery. The Capilla Real's gothic gateway becomes just another part of the Cathedral's walls, as if it were in reality one of the other many chapels when, in fact it represents the entrance to another building. In the Royal Chapel the remains of Queen Isabella and her husband Ferdinand are kept. It was their wish to be buried in recaptured Granada, not Castile or Aragón.

The coffins are remarkably tiny—a reminder of how short they must have been. In the sacristy, you can view Isabella's personal art collection, including works by Roger Van der Weyden and various Spanish and Italian masters such as Botticelli. The richly ornate Renaissance Cathedral with its spectacular altar is one of the country's architectural highlights, acclaimed for its beautiful facade and gold-and-white interior. Its construction began in 1521 in a gothic style and completed in 1714 as an example of Baroque architecture. Another outstanding feature is the facade by Alonso Cano, a truly marvellous example of Baroque interiors, culminating in the bell tower which holds more than a secret within.

The ground plan incorporated a five-nave basilica and another in the centre to be surrounded by an enormous aisle, in which a high altar would be inserted. This design led Rosenthal to believe that the model was based on the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. On your way back, enjoy a brief photo stop at a viewpoint at the Albaicin quarter. This is the old Arab quarter and was the residential region of the Moors, even after the city was reclaimed by Spain.

This narrow labyrinth of crooked streets escaped the fate of much of Granada, which was torn down in the name of progress. Fortunately, it has been preserved, as have its cisterns, fountains, plazas, whitewashed houses, villas, and the decaying remnants of the old city gate

Please note: This is a strenuous excursion as there is a lot of walking involved. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. The excursion includes an inside visit of the cathedral and of the Royal Chapel. Proper attire is required to visit the Cathedral (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

The drive to Granada takes approx. one hour (each way).

