



SHORE EXCURSIONS

10
nights

STAR FLYER
Malta, Balearics & Spain



Sun	Valletta, Malta
Mon	Gozo, Malta
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Wed	Cagliari, Sardinia
Thu	At sea
Fri	Mahon, Menorca, Balearic Islands, Spain
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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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GOZO, MALTA

The charm of Malta's sister island Gozo is immediately apparent. Steeped in myth, Gozo is thought to be the legendary Calypso's isle of Homer's Odyssey. It's green, rural and calm, relying on fishing and agriculture as well as tourism. It is one of the Mediterranean's top diving destinations with an incredible range of shore and boat dives including reefs, caves and wrecks. There are also Knight's watchtowers, tiny chapels and beautiful peaceful beaches to explore.

Time at leisure (no tours in program)

CAGLIARI (SARDINIA), ITALY

Cagliari is the capital city of the Italian island of Sardinia. It's known for its hilltop Castello, a medieval walled quarter situated high above the rest of the town. It has a rich and varied heritage reflected in its buildings that includes Baroque churches, Medieval towers, Italian Art Nouveau as well as Roman stonework. Sardinia's fabled beaches are also accessible and as you would expect the restaurants in and around the town are excellent.

Panoramic Cagliari and Su Nuraxi Barumini (with traditional Sardinian lunch)

Duration: 06:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 109 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 22 participants

Lunch included

Visit the Barumini Unesco world heritage site with our guide and learn about the prehistoric culture that built the "Nuraghi", a special type of defensive structure for which no parallel exists anywhere else in the world.

These severe and imposing megalithic buildings from the Bronze Age are one of the most characteristic aspects of the Sardinian landscape.

Leaving from the port, you will enjoy a scenic drive through Cagliari on your way to the Bonaria Basilica, where you'll have the possibility to take a picture from the exterior of this amazing place. Afterward, re-board your coach and continue the drive to Monte Urpinu.

Upon arrival at this panoramic viewpoint, prepare your cameras for a breathtaking view of Guld of Cagliari and the lagoons of Santa Gilla and Molentargius that are home to flamingos, cormorants, ducks and herons.

After the panoramic drive, will be time to move towards Barumini, driving through the Campidano plane, the largest plain in the region and once considered the granary of the Roman Empire.

A traditional Sardinian lunch will be waiting for you before you visit the archeological site.

Barumini's "nuraghe" is the largest "nuraghe" in Sardinia, and it is also the most famous and important archaeological sites in the island due to its state of conservation and its imposing architecture.

The building was intended for a single family but subsequently, following the political and social evolution of the island, the main tower was incorporated into a structure composed of other four towers and, over time, the "nuraghe" became a fortified village, a small urban settlement inhabited by families of soldiers and craftsmen.

At the end of the visit, you will re-board the motorcoach and drive back to the port.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking /standing (approx. 2 km walk) over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps to negotiate at the archeological site.

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 Cagliari and Barumini takes approx. 01:10 (each way).



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.

Price: 59 €

Min 10 / Max 25 participants

Transportation: transfer by air-conditioned minibus

Activity level: moderate

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 Dalt Vila (walking tour)

Duration: 03:00 approx.

Price: 29 €

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Transportation: shuttle bus, walking tour

Activity level: moderate

Your tour will start with a shuttle bus ride to the city center, then your guide will take you on a guided walk around one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Spain, Dalt Vila.

You will see how the structure of the ancient walled fortress has grown around the original castle and you will pass by the Plaza de Vila, Portal de Ses Taules, Cathedral, the 16th Century Church of Santo Domingo and the statue of Isidor Macabich, the famous Ibizian poet.

At the end of the guided visit, you will have some free time for shopping before you walk back to the shuttle bus stop and go back to the ship, or you can stay in town independently.

Please note: For the transfer from the port to the city center and vice-versa will be used the shuttle bus.

This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with inclines, many 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.

Discover Ibiza on a 4x4 adventure

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 109 €

Min 12 / Max 18 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 Vedrá 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 city's naval, maritime and historical museums provide insight into the 2,000 years this city has been a major port. It's now developing into a vibrant tourist attraction. The deep water harbor and walled town were used by Phoenicians, Romans and Moors prior to the Spanish navy. Visit Torres Park and the Castillo de la Concepción for the best views in the city.

A Tale of two cities: Cartagena and Murcia

Duration: 05:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 12 / Max 20 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

Duration: 05:00 approx.

Price: 95 €

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: strenuous

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).



MALAGA, SPAIN

Discovering Mijas (ending at the airport)

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

We will leave the town of Malaga behind us and head west along the coast road to Fuengirola, before driving inland to reach the village of Mijas. Mijas, perched 1500 ft. above sea level is a hilltop village with a maze of little whitewashed streets. It is beautifully clean and very well organized for tourists. Explore the narrow-cobbled streets far from the crowds and enjoy fine views of the surrounding countryside.

After a one hour guided tour, you will have some time at leisure to explore the village before the transfer to the airport.

Please note: This tour ends at Málaga Airport (AGP) and is suitable for guests whose flights leave after 15:00.

The drive between Málaga and Mijas takes approx. 1 hour. You will return to Malaga airport by a different route.

This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces.

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

