



SHORE EXCURSIONS

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STAR FLYER
Maroc & Îles Canaries



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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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GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar is situated on the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, guarding the gateway to the Mediterranean. Neighbouring countries include Spain to the north, and Morocco (North Africa) to the south, only 15 miles (24km) away across the strait. The Rock consists mainly of Jurassic Limestone some 200 million years old. One of the attractions of Gibraltar is its VAT free status, making it a shopper's paradise. Most of the shops are on and around Main Street.

History & Heritage Tour

Duration: 02:00 approx.

Price: 55 €

Min 16 / Max 40 participants

Transportation: minibus

Activity level: moderate

With driver-guide

You will board the minibus and head North towards the frontier with Spain. On the way you will cross a World War II runway which was used by General Eisenhower during "Operation Torch", the allied invasion of North Africa. The minibus will then drive to Europa Point, the southernmost point of Gibraltar. On a clear day you can see views of North Africa from across the strait, including Ceuta and the Rif mountains of Morocco. From Europa point the tour proceeds to one of Gibraltar's most popular attractions, the Ape's Den; Barbary Macaques at liberty, the only free roaming apes in Europe. Barbary apes are normally found in North Africa and it is thought that they were imported from Morocco by the first British garrisons. Legend has it that if the apes disappear, the British will be forced to leave Gibraltar. Superstitious nonsense? Maybe, but Winston Churchill wasn't taking any chances; when the ape population dwindled during World War II, he quickly had some more shipped in to make up the numbers.

Next on the agenda is a visit to the Great Siege Tunnels. This impressive defense system inside the Rock, was built during the Great siege of 1783, when France and Spain decided to join forces to wrest Gibraltar from the British.

After the visit you will drive back to the pier.

Please note: There will be driver-guides on the tour. The terrain is by turns flat, hilly, or cobblestoned. It is not recommended for guests with mobility issues as there is a lot of walking through tunnels. The order of the itinerary on this tour may be reversed.

Gibraltar's Rock tour

Duration: 02:00 approx.

Price: 55 €

Min 16 / Max 40 participants

Transportation: minibus

Activity level: moderate

With driver-guide

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Please note: the terrain is by turns flat, hill and cobblestoned. The ground at St Michael's cave is wet and slippery and there are a lot of steps. There will be driver-guides on the tour.



TANGIER

Tetouan

Duration: 06:00 approx.

Price: 85 €

Min 15 / Max 30 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

Tetouan, set amidst the Rif Mountains, has the charm of all small Moroccan towns in the north, as well as a rich historical heritage. It was founded in 1307 as a military stronghold to defend the country against the Portuguese who had conquered Ceuta and welcomed many of the Muslims who were expelled from Andalusia.

Tetouan itself used to be a part of Spain and its architecture is a wonderful blend of Spanish and Arab influences.

The town currently has 65000 inhabitants and is growing rapidly.

You will drive along the Mediterranean coast towards Cape Malabata and continue towards the Rif mountains before reaching Tetouan. The sightseeing will take you on a walk through characteristic narrow streets as you explore the Medina and the souks. Enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch before you return to Tangier.

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 Tangier and Tetouan takes approx. 1:15 (each way).

Asilah and Tangier

Duration: 08:00 approx.

Price: 85 €

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

Asilah, a beautiful, relaxed city on Morocco's North Atlantic coast, is well worth a visit. You will find a well-preserved Medina and whitewashed houses, accentuated by a touch of blue on the doors and walls.

Asilah has a thriving artistic community, and as you stroll around town you will see examples of their work adorning the walls of some of the houses.

Drive back to Tangiers with a photo stop at Cap Spartel. You will stop at a local restaurant to enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch before you start the visit of the old town.

Visit the Kasbah with its Moorish architecture, traditionally decorated doors and narrow alleys.

Enjoy a walk through the Medina and its colorful souks. You will have some free time for shopping before you come back to the port.

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

The drive from Tangiers to Asilah takes approx. 1h15min each way.



CADIZ, SPAIN

Cádiz walking tour and flamenco show

Duration: 03:00 approx.

Transportation: walking tour

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Founded in 1100 BC by the Phoenicians, Cadiz is the oldest existing city in Western Europe and has remained one of Spain's principal ports for nearly a thousand years. The walking tour starts from the pier and the first stop will be Plaza San Juan de Dios, from where you will access the historic old quarter of the city.

As you navigate your way through the narrow streets, you will see many historic buildings such as the majestic 18th century baroque cathedral and the elegant 19th century palaces that line Calle Ancha all the way to the Plaza de la Mina.

Your next stop will be at the *tablao* Flamenco Marquez de Cadiz, where you will be treated to an exciting performance of Spanish dancing, powerful, energetic, electrifying and hypnotic, there is nothing quite like Flamenco.

Rhythmically tapping heels, clicking castanets, guitar and the emotionally charged voices of the singers blend to create a truly mesmerizing experience.

During the entertainment you will get the opportunity to taste some delicious tapas.

Afterwards, your guide will accompany you back to pier, passing by Plaza España with its famous monument celebrating the 1812 constitution, set against a backdrop of lush gardens.

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.

Seville on your own

Duration: 08:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

With an escort (no guided tour) - Lunch not included (free time)

Escape to a sprawling panorama of the Andalusian countryside with Sherry wine groves and wheat fields during the journey to the city of Seville aboard an air-conditioned motor coach. Once there, receive a map of Seville from your excursion escort and then explore the magnificent city of Seville at your very own pace. You may discover the 14th-century, Royal Palace of Alcazar and visit the resting place of Christopher Columbus before marveling at the luminous Capilla Mayor altar at the age-old Cathedral. Or you may enjoy a refreshment at a local "Tapas Restaurant" before making your way to the exclusive shopping boulevards "Calle Sierpes" and "Calle Tetuan". Withdraw to the hustle and bustle of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter and lose yourself in a maze of winding streets and whitewashed houses. After approximately 4 hours of independent sightseeing and exploration, return to your meeting point and embark on a relaxing trip back to your ship.

Please note: This tour does not include a tour guide. The visit in Seville is entirely on your own (free time), no visit is included, no lunch included, no entrance fees included. This tour includes return trip from Cádiz to Seville, assistance service (English-speaking escort), and a map of Seville.

Walking is at guests' discretion but is required for full enjoyment of the tour. Much of the area is covered in cobblestones. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. A proper attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

The drive between Cádiz and Seville takes approx. 01:30 (each way).



SAFI, MOROCCO

Marrakech

Duration: 11:00/11:30 approx.

Transportation: motorcoach

Price: 115 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 35 participants

Lunch included

The Pearl of the South, also known as the «Rose City » because of its pink tinged walls and buildings, Marrakesh has long been hosting to international personalities and jetsetters. The city was founded over 900 years ago by a mysterious warrior hailing from the Sahara, Yusef ben Tachfine, and since time immemorial it has been an important crossroads of Arabic, Berber and Sudanese civilizations.

Its wonderful dry climate and incomparably beautiful location in the midst of a 3500-acre palm grove at the foot of the snowcapped Atlas Mountains make it one of Morocco's most popular travel destinations.

The excursion will start with a visit to the magnificent Bahia Palace where enchanting Moorish gardens surround beautiful buildings with finely wrought sculpted ceilings. You will then proceed to the Medina, the ancient, fortified city guarded by battlements. Here you will see the famous Koutoubia minaret, a landmark which is visible from practically anywhere in Marrakesh. After enjoying a typical Moroccan lunch and a performance of traditional folklore, you will be ready to explore the heart of Marrakesh, the famed Djema El Fna Square with its snake charmers, tooth-extractors, story tellers and acrobats who perform daily around sunset. The pleasantly cool and shady medina houses dozens of handicraft guilds from wool dyers to copper smiths and spice vendors. From Jemaa El Fna square there are several entries to the different souks, and you will have some leisure time for browsing at the end of the tour.

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

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

Lunch is included and will be served at a local restaurant. You will get to taste some delicious Moroccan specialties.

This tour involves a long drive: 3 hours between Safi and Marrakesh (each way).

Essauoira

Duration: 07:00/07:30 approx.

Transportation: motorcoach

Price: 125 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 35 participants

Lunch included

Set within ancient red colored walls, Essaouira is undoubtedly one of Morocco's most enjoyable and attractive coastal towns. You will be charmed by the gleaming whitewashed houses with blue shutters, the art galleries, wood workshops, and the fishermen with their colorful boats. The town faces a group of rocky islands and is surrounded by an expanse of empty sandy beaches and dunes. Everything is within walking distance and the beaches are quite clean.

The tranquility of present day Essaouira contrasts with its rich and turbulent history. The Portuguese built a fortress here in 1506, Castelo Real of Mogador (the former name for Essaouira), and throughout the sixteenth century foreign powers such as England, France, Spain and the Netherlands tried to conquer the locality. Indeed, this ancient trading and fishing port has been shaped by many different foreign influences over the years, giving the town not only a charming mixture of Portuguese, Berber, and French architecture, but above all a unique sense of tolerance and the laid-back atmosphere which makes Essaouira so appealing.

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. Lunch is served in a sea food restaurant; you will have some free time after the lunch.

You will visit Bab Marrakech square, La Scala, the Old town and "le Vieux port".

This tour involves a long drive: 2 hours between Safi and Essaouira (each way)



ARRECIFE (LANZAROTE), SPAIN

Timanfaya National Park and La Geria vineyards

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 80 participants

On this tour you will board your coach and set off to the southern part of the island, passing the picturesque villages of Macher and Uga and crossing streams of black lava before we get to the southwest coast and the site called El Golfo for a photo stop (green lake).

We will then proceed to Timanfaya National Park which extends over a unique volcanic landscape created between 1730 and 1736 when more than 100 volcanoes covering 50 km devastated this part of the island, destroying several villages in the process. The last eruptions were in 1824 but because of the very low rainfall on the island and lack of erosion the site has remained intact and appears much as it did just after the eruptions, a natural museum.

On Isote de Hilaro hill you will see that the thermal power of the volcanoes is still visible. Park workers will show you how dry weeds thrown on the ground catch fire instantly, while water poured into a hole produces steam like a mini geyser. Food can even be cooked as the heat from the earth's core serves as a natural grill.

On the « Lunar Route » to the heart of the national park we will learn about the history of the volcanoes and see rare plants which illustrate how life can slowly conquer even the most inhospitable environment.

The excursion continues with a visit to the La Geria wine growing area where locals have learned over the centuries to adapt wine growing techniques to this unique landscape and produce the famous Malvasia wines.

You will be amazed to see vine plants being grown in the black pitted holes left by volcanoes, and there you will visit a local wine cellar so you can sample the wine before returning to the ship.

Please note: This tour includes a long panoramic drive on mountain winding roads, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from motion sickness.

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



PUERTO DEL ROSARIO (FUERTEVENTURA), SPAIN

Flavours of Fuerteventura

Duration: 04:30

Price: 55 €

Min 15 / Max 80 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

The excursion starts from the port of Puerto del Rosario where you will board your motor coach and drive in comfort along the eastern coast road. You will then head north to Tefia, and the “La Alkogida” Ecomuseum.

The museum comprises several houses and one main building. You will get an idea of what life was like in the island before modern civilization came to Fuerteventura and how the “Majoreros” lived in the past. You will also see the animals that shared this hard and frugal life, goats, donkeys, and camels. There are authentic bread ovens and mills, and artisans give live demonstrations of crafts such as embroidery, basket weaving, pottery, cheese making and forging. Visitors can buy the local “gofio” or bread made on site, or purchase handicrafts such as pottery, brass work, baskets, embroidery and objects made from wood or palms.

Next you will be taken to one of the Aloe Vera plantations in Fuerteventura. The Aloe Vera plant is indigenous to the Canary Islands, and you will learn all about its cultivation and the way it is used in cosmetics and in the medical industry.

After the presentation you have the possibility to purchase some aloe vera products. Finally, we will stop at the Cheese Museum in Antigua, where you will discover the island through its rich cheese making tradition. During the visit you will have a chance to sample some of the goat’s cheese yourself. The museum has various areas to discover. Find out about the island’s volcanic origins, its flora fauna and the Majorera goats and their famous cheese, all organized around a central patio. The museum is also home to the original Antigua Windmill, found in perfect working condition. Don’t miss the chance to enjoy the cactus garden, a green treasure with species which only grow on this island as well as other species from all over the world.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. The order of the visits may change.

The drive between the port to La Alkogida takes approx. 40 minutes.

The drive between the Cheese Museum and the pier takes approx. 30 minutes.

4x4 adventure in Fuerteventura

Duration: 04:00

Price: 75 €

Min 6 / Max 18 participants

Transportation: 4x4 vehicle

Activity level: moderate

Driver-guide (no guide onboard)

You will leave the pier in Puerto del Rosario and head towards La Oliva a town and municipality in the northern part of the island. We will stop at the town where you will be given all the necessary information about the jeep tour as well as safety guidelines.

The excursion continues in a north westerly direction until we reach Playa Aguilla, so called because it stretches out like an eagle’s wings. Enjoy breathtaking cliff top views of the west coast extending towards El Cotillo, which will be your next stop. El Cotillo is a small fishing village which boasts beautiful beaches and pristine lagoons, and you will have ample time to relax and admire the beach.

On the return journey we will drive off the beaten track to the famous Dunes of Corralejo, 2600 ha of fine white sand, an amazingly unspoiled desert landscape. Don’t forget to take your cameras as there will be time for a photo stop before returning to the ship.

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. Each vehicle can accommodate 6 passengers.

