



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

**16**  
nights

## ROYAL CLIPPER

### Westbound Atlantic Ocean Crossing – Lisbon to Barbados



<b>Thu</b>	<b>17 Oct</b>	<b>Lisbon, Portugal</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>18 Oct</b>	<b>Portimão, Portugal</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19 Oct</b>	<i>day at sea</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20 Oct</b>	<b>Safi, Morocco</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<i>day at sea</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>Funchal (Madeira), Portugal</b>
	<b>23 Oct to 01 Nov</b>	<i>10 days at sea</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>02 Nov</b>	<b>Bridgetown, Barbados</b>

#### 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, kayaking, snorkeling, 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 Cruise Director's desk.
- Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can also be pre-booked prior your cruise.
- 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.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.

#### 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.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes.
- Last updated tour descriptions are available on Star Clippers' website and onboard the ship in a file at the Cruise Director's desk.

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**PORTIMÃO - Scenic Western Algarve: Cabo São Vicente and Lagos**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 €

Activity level: easy

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

Discover the extreme south of Portugal, where the Moorish influence is ever present in the whitewashed houses with their unique terraces and chimneys. See Cabo de São Vicente - the southwestern most point of Portugal – and stroll in Lagos, a town linked to the Portuguese discoveries.

The coach will be waiting on the pier at Portimão pier to take you on a drive along the extreme southwestern coast of the European continent, Cabo de São Vicente. This promontory is a vast expanse of sea and sky held sacred by the Romans who named it “Promontorium Sacrum”. Admire the wild beauty of the cliffs with the waves pounding hundreds of feet below and the venerable lighthouse, still acting as guardian angel to the ships rounding the Cape.

Drive to the historic old town of Lagos for a short orientation tour followed by some free time before returning to Portimão.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and water.

Visibility from all scenic outlooks is dependent upon the weather and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

The driving time between Portimão and the Cape St Vincent is approx. 70 minutes, between Cape St Vincent and Lagos approx. 40 minutes, between Lagos and Portimão approx. 30 minutes.

**PORTIMÃO – Algarve exploration by 4WD**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: 4x4 vehicle

Price: 89 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 6 / Max 18 participants

In this 4x4 journey you will discover the deep Algarve, through rural roads, off road tracks, crossing streams and visits through old villages where time has stopped.

Drive to the Serra de Monchique Mountain, enjoy an amazing photo stop in nature’s natural terraces, which will give you a great perspective of the inner Algarve region.

The tour includes going up to one of the highest points of Algarve to enjoy magnificent landscapes, following the road up the slopes to the Fóia peak.

After a few miles drive beneath the pines and eucalyptus, the view opens out to the south in the right bend, from left to right can be seen Portimão Bay.

Stop to learn about the production of typical Portuguese honey and a liquor known as Medronho with a full tasting of these typical products. Return back to the pier in Portimão.

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. Each 4x4 vehicle can accommodate 6 pax.

Visibility from all scenic outlooks is dependent upon the weather and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

Itinerary might be changed or cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, traffic restrictions, maintenance work, etc.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and water.



**PORTIMÃO - Charming Silves**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 65 €

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

From the port of Portimão drive inland through a scenic landscape dotted with whitewashed houses and almond trees and reach the picturesque village of Silves, the former capital of Algarve during the Moorish domination (9th-12th century).

Silves has been for centuries a major defensive stronghold and important trading center, and still has visible signs of its illustrious, like the imposing castle with square turrets and impenetrable ramparts in red sandstone, the Gothic cathedral built on the site of a mosque and part of the city walls. Follow our tour guide on a visit of the old town, the castle and the archeological museum, and enjoy some free time to explore on your own before returning to the port.

Please note: This tour involves walking over uneven surfaces and cobblestone, including many steps to negotiate.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and water. A proper attire is required when visiting religious sites. On weekends and national holidays, Silves Cathedral is closed (exterior visit only).

The driving time between Portimão and Silves is approximately 35 minutes (each way).

There will be a minibus shuttle service between the coach parking and the historical center in Silves.

**SAFI** - *The port of Safi is to be considered as an ideal starting point for exploring historic cities such as Marrakech and Essaouira. Safi has not much to offer to visitors: it is a modern city with a fishing port, a small old town with a souq and various industries.*

**SAFI - Marrakech**

Duration: 11:00/11:30 approx.

Price: 115 €

Min 10 / Max 70 participants

Transportation: motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

Marrakesh, known also the "Red City", is the most important of the four Imperial Cities of Morocco. The city boasts a long history and offers to visitors magnificent palaces straight out of the "Arabian Nights", fabulous gardens, mosques, and koranic schools. Home to intellectuals and writers as well as talented craftsmen, this bustling trading center is a blend of exotic cultures and is the undisputed capital of Southern Morocco.

The drive to Marrakesh takes approximately 3 hours, but there will be a 10-minute comfort stop on the way.

The visit 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 Djamma El Fna 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 Djamma 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, before the 3-hours journey back to the port of Safi.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and 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). The order of the visits may vary.



**SAFI - Essaouira**

Duration: 07:30 approx.

Price: 125 €

Min 10 / Max 35 participants

Transportation: motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

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. The tranquility of present day Essaouira contrasts with its rich and turbulent history. The Portuguese built the fortress of Mogador (the former name for Essaouira) here in 1506, and throughout the 16th century England, France, Spain and the Netherlands tried to conquer the locality. 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. You will visit Bab Marrakech square, La Scala, the old town, and the old port ("le Vieux port"). Lunch is served in a sea food restaurant and after lunch you will have some free time for shopping at Bab Marrakech square or relaxing in charming coffee shops with a nice view on the Atlantic Ocean, before the 2-hours journey back to the port of Safi.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

This tour involves a long drive: 2 hours between Safi and Essaouira (each way). The order of the visits may vary.

**SAFI - Marrakech and the gardens of Majorelle**

Duration: 11:00/11:30 approx.

Price: 115 €

Min 10 / Max 35 participants

Transportation: motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

Marrakesh, known as the "Red City", is the most important of the four Imperial Cities of Morocco. The city boasts a long history and offers to visitors magnificent palaces straight out of the "Arabian Nights", fabulous gardens, mosques, and koranic schools. Home to intellectuals and writers as well as talented craftsmen, this bustling trading center is a blend of exotic cultures and is the undisputed capital of Southern Morocco.

The drive to Marrakesh takes approximately 3 hours. Upon arrival you will discover the glorious Majorelle Gardens, created by the French painter Jacques Majorelle over a forty-year period. Majorelle, who was an avid plant collector, assembled specimens from the five continents, using his artistic sensibility to compose and color his garden like a painting. The villa and gardens were bought by Pierre Bergé and Yves Saint Laurent in 1980 and lovingly restored.

Next you will see the Koutoubia Mosque, the largest mosque in Marrakesh. Its iconic minaret, topped by four copper spheres, is a symbol of Marrakesh and can be seen from almost everywhere in the city. Non-Muslims are not allowed to enter the mosque, but you will be able to visit the surrounding gardens.

You will then walk to a restaurant to enjoy a typical Moroccan lunch.

Next stop is the Dar El Bacha Museum, an iconic palace that has been standing since the 18th century and is a symbol of the city's rich history, culture and architecture. The palace is made up of several buildings that are connected by a series of courtyards and gardens with fountains and orange trees, and it is decorated with intricate mosaics and colorful tiles.

After a visit to the old town and the many different souks selling carpets, metal work, clothing, spices, and leather goods, you will walk to Djamma El Fna Square, which is the heart of Marrakesh. The square is teeming with snake charmers, water sellers, fortune tellers, acrobats, musicians, henna artists, and story tellers as well as a constant stream of locals and tourists. You will have some time at leisure to soak up the amazing atmosphere before the 3-hours journey back to the port of Safi.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Lunch is included. You will have the opportunity to taste delicious Moroccan specialties.

This tour includes a long drive: 3 hours between Safi and Marrakech (each way). The order of the visits may vary.



**MADEIRA - A taste of Madeira**

Duration: 07:00 approx.

Price: 105 €

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

Drive in air-conditioned comfort to what is arguably Madeira's best viewing point; the Belvédère of Pico dos Barcelos offers 360° panoramic views of Funchal, the bay, the harbor, the surrounding hills and the parishes of Santo Antonio and Sao Martinho. The excursion continues along a winding coast road to the village of Camara de Lobos, a picturesque village with its red-roofed houses and colorful fishing boats.

To reach our next destination, Cabo Girão, we will drive through freshly scented Eucalyptus and pine forests. Cabo Girão is the second highest sea cliff in the world and the highest in Europe. It rises 580 m above sea level and affords spectacular views of the coastline, Funchal and Camara de Lobos.

Take the highroad that heads up the mountains and passes to the vineyards of Estreito de Camara de Lobos, one of the most important wine growing areas of the island. The island's volcanic mountainous terrain is hard to cultivate and you will see in the steep valleys the man-made terraces known as "poios" which enabled farmers and wine producers to overcome these environmental difficulties.

We will stop at the Adega da Quinta, a charming hostelry surrounded by vineyards and offering breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. In this warmly welcoming setting, you will have lunch and get to admire the original wine cellar filled with barrels of Madeira. It is the perfect place to enjoy a bit of Madeiran hospitality, something to savor as you settle back in the motor coach for your journey along the winding road which offers spectacular views en route to Eira do Serrado.

Here a short ascent on an easy path leads to the summit of Pico do Serrado (about 3,000 feet). There are superb views of Madeira's highest peaks and the Curral das Freiras village below, a hamlet so remote that the Santa Clara Convent Nuns used it as an escape from the pirate raids of the 16th century.

On return to the city center, the tour stops at The Blandy Wine Lodge, so that you have the opportunity to taste Madeira Wine, world famous for centuries before returning back to the ship.

Please note: This tour includes a long panoramic drive. Roads in Madeira are winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Madeira has a particular microclimate so please bring also a jacket to be ready for any change in temperature.

Enjoyment of panoramic views from viewpoints depends on weather conditions. The order of the visits may change.

**MADEIRA - Local gastronomy discovery in Funchal**

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 99 €

Min 6 / Max 12 participants

Transportation: walking tour

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

A guided food and city walking tour featuring several food tasting locations carefully chosen to highlight the best regional flavors that Madeira has to offer!

Guided by passionate and a qualified local guide, this tour makes a perfect harmony between culture, history, sweet and sour flavours that will for sure surrender you to our traditional flavours.

You will taste Best homemade local pastry in town, famous Madeira honey cake, best pork in wine and garlic sandwich in town, Delicious local fish "Espada", succulent grilled Tuna, grilled Portuguese sausage "chouriço", home-baked bread, exotic fruits in the local farmers market, Madeira wine, local beer, quality Portuguese wines, "Ginja" (cherry brandy), "Poncha" (traditional alcoholic drink made fresh with citrus juice, honey and aguardente or rum).

In a very relaxed way, you are taken through the old streets of Funchal, the roads less travelled and to places that only the locals know. So come and experience this interactive culinary adventure and don't forget to bring your appetite along!

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

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and a bottle of water.



**MADEIRA - 4x4 expedition**

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 89 €

Min 6 / Max 24 participants

Transportation: 4x4 vehicle

Activity level: moderate

This fabulous jeep tour gives you a unique opportunity to explore the hidden wonders of Madeira, valleys and mountains which can only be visited with off road vehicles.

You will leave the city and head towards the interior of the island and the breathtaking valley of Serra de Agua, climbing steadily to the Encumeada pass at a height of 1000 M above sea level. Here you will enjoy spectacular views of both the north and south coast, and the valleys of Ribeira Brava and Sao Vicente, as well as getting some fantastic photos. After the photo stop, you will board the jeep and make your way to the Laurissilva Unesco World Heritage site. If you have ever wondered what the world looked like before the appearance of man, here is your answer. Laurissilva is a laurel tree forest of a type which used to cover southern Europe 15 – 40 million years ago. Madeira has the largest area of this type of forest in the world extending over 15 thousand hectares, more than 20% of the island's surface. Much of the forest has never been felled and you will see massive trees which were growing before the island was even discovered. Our open topped land rovers will allow you to immerse yourself completely in this primeval environment and get the full measure of this amazing forest experience. We will then go off the beaten track reaching the wine growing territory on the northern coast of the island. You will get the opportunity of visiting the Quinta do Barbusano winery and sampling their production of red, white and rosé table wine, accompanied by some tapas, before starting the journey back to Funchal.

Please note: Each jeep can take from 6-8 passengers. The itinerary may be changed in the interests of guest safety if weather conditions are unfavorable. 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. Madeira has a particular microclimate so please bring a jacket to be ready for any change in temperature.

Enjoyment of panoramic views depends on weather conditions.

**MADEIRA - Island of eternal spring: Funchal and botanical Gardens**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 65 €

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

This excursion offers you a bird's eye view of Madeira, all the way up to the parish of Monte, which has attracted visitors to Madeira since the late 19th century. From 1893 to 1943 a rack and pinion mountain railway used to take visitors from Pombal in Funchal to Terrero da Luta in Monte. The railway no longer exists, but these days cable cars offer an even more spectacular experience; suspended between heaven and earth you will see the urban environment give way to lush greenery and enjoy breathtaking views of Funchal Bay as you climb to your destination. The departure point for the cable car is at Almirante Reis Park in the old town. Your first glimpse of Monte will be the twin towered landmark church of Our Lady of Mone (Nossa Senhora do Monte), built in the 18th century. The church houses the mortal remains of Charles the 1st of Austria, last ruler of the Austro-Hungarian empire who was forced to renounce all claims to the throne after the First World War and spent the rest of his life in exile, dying in 1922 at the age of 34.

Madeira has often been described as a garden floating in the Atlantic; plants thrive in the island's extraordinarily fertile soil and flourish in the mild subtropical climate as you will see for yourself at our next stop, the Botanical Gardens. Once part of a private estate belonging to the Reid family, who built the famous Reid Palace hotel in 1891, the gardens are now opened to be public. There are over 2000 plants from all over the world to be admired, and you will find an herbarium, as well as terraces and greenhouses with many rare and indigenous plants labelled in Portuguese and Latin. The gardens have wonderful views over Funchal, so be sure to have your camera handy.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces with inclines and many steps to negotiate (75 steps to reach the church of Our Lady of the Mountain). The cable car slows down for boarding but does not actually stop.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Enjoyment of panoramic views from viewpoints depends on weather conditions.



**BARBADOS - Farewell to Barbados island discovery tour (ending at the Airport)**

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 79€

Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 32 participants

*This excursion is suitable for passengers disembarking in Barbados who have flights leaving after 4:00pm*

Your tour starts along the famous West Coast of Barbados, allowing you to catch a glimpse of the lives of the rich and famous who own villas there. Along the route you will pass through Holetown and Speightstown two typically charming Caribbean towns. Next you will head inland, and your first stop will be at Farley Hill National Park with its Great House ruins and vibrant gardens with a large variety of plants and trees and a spectacular view of the East Coast. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the park before going on to discover the East Coast up close.

Moving on from here you continue along the coast for a while with another picture stop at Bathsheba, the famous surfing spot in Barbados.

Next, stop for a refreshing drink before you drive up the hill to historic St. John's Parish Church which offers incredible views of the picturesque East Coast. Enjoy this breathtaking scene one last time, from 800 feet above sea level. The church building and grounds are a treasure belonging to the Barbados National Trust.

From here a short drive will take you to the Airport where you will find your luggage ready to be checked in.

Please note: The luggage will be loaded on a separate luggage truck and delivered to the Airport at the end of the tour. Guests will need to retrieve them at the airport before check-in.

**Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):****✓ Shared transfer to Barbados airport (BGI)**

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time. There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:00am. This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:30pm.

**✓ Private transfers to Barbados airport (BGI) / to hotels**

Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00am.

**Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can be pre-booked prior your cruise.****For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.**