



SHORE EXCURSIONS

15 nights	ROYAL CLIPPER Westbound Atlantic Ocean Crossing (<i>Lisbon to Barbados</i>)
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Fri 17-Oct	Lisbon, Portugal
Sat 18-Oct	Portimão, Portugal
Sun 19-Oct	At sea
Mon 20-Oct	At sea
Tue 21-Oct	Funchal - Madeira, Portugal
From Wed 22-Oct to Fri 31-Oct: at sea	
Sat 01-Nov	Bridgetown, Barbados

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers.
- 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.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Excursion Desk.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- Transfers and debark tours ending at the airport can also be pre-paid prior to 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.
- Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Excursion Desk and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





Date of last update: 18th of January 2025

PORTIMÃO - Scenic Western Algarve: Cabo São Vicente and Lagos



4:00



69 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Panoramic

Discover Portugal's extreme south, where the Moorish influence is ever-present in the whitewashed houses with their unique terraces and chimneys. See Cabo de São Vicente - the most south-westerly point of Portugal - and stroll through Lagos, a city associated with Portuguese discoveries.

The coach will be waiting at the Portimão pier to take you on a trip along the extreme southwest coast of the European continent, Cabo de São Vicente. This headland is a vast expanse of sea and sky, considered sacred by the Romans who called it "Promontorium Sacrum". Admire the rugged beauty of the cliffs, with waves crashing hundreds of metres below, and the venerable lighthouse, which still acts as a guardian angel to ships sailing around 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.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and 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 - Charming Silves



4:00



75 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 35
participants

History & Culture

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

For centuries, Silves was an important defensive stronghold and trading centre and still has visible signs of its glorious past, such as the imposing castle with its square turrets and impenetrable red sandstone walls, the Gothic cathedral built on the site of a mosque and part of the city walls.

Join our guide on a visit to the old town, castle and archaeological 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.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites. On weekends and national holidays, Silves Cathedral is closed (no internal visit).

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.



MADEIRA (Funchal) - A taste of Madeira (with lunch)



6:15



105 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 40
participants*



lunch included

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Drive in air-conditioned comfort to arguably the best vantage point in Madeira; the Belvédère of Pico dos Barcelos offers 360° panoramic views of Funchal, the bay, the harbour, the surrounding hills and the parishes of Santo Antonio and Sao Martinho. The trip continues along a winding coastal road to the village of Camara de Lobos, a picturesque village of red-roofed houses and colourful fishing boats.

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

Take the road that climbs up the mountain to the vineyards of the Estreito de Camara de Lobos, one of the island's most important wine regions. The island's volcanic mountainous terrain is difficult to cultivate and in the steep valleys you will see the man-made terraces known as "poios" that have allowed farmers and wine producers to overcome these environmental difficulties.

We stop at the Adega da Quinta, a charming hostelry surrounded by vineyards and with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. In this warm and welcoming environment, you will have lunch and be able to admire the original wine cellar filled with Madeira wine barrels. It is the perfect place to enjoy a little Madeira hospitality, something to savour as you settle back into the coach for your journey along the winding road with spectacular views to Eira do Serrado.

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

At the end of the tour, return to the cruise pier in Funchal.

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.

Dress for the weather, wear 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 (Funchal) - Local food discovery tour in Funchal



4:00



115 €



moderate



*transfer by bus,
walking tour*

*Min 6 / Max 12
participants*



lunch included

Food & Wine

A guided food and city walking tour with several food tasting locations carefully selected to highlight the best regional flavours that Madeira has to offer!

Guided by a passionate and qualified local guide, this tour is a perfect harmony between history and culture, history, sweet and sour flavours that will surely immerse you in our traditional flavours.

You will taste the best homemade local pastries in town, the famous Madeira honey cake, the best pork and garlic sandwich in town, delicious local fish "Espada", succulent grilled tuna, grilled Portuguese sausage "Chouriço", homemade bread, exotic fruits from 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 will be 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!

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. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



MADEIRA (Funchal) - Offroad adventure across Madeira and wine tasting



4:30



95 €



strenuous



4WD vehicle

Min 6 / Max 24
participants



tasting

Active & Adventure | Nature | Food & Wine

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

You will leave the city and head towards the interior of the island and the breathtaking Serra de Agua valley, climbing steadily to the Encumeada pass at 1000m above sea level. Here you will enjoy spectacular views of both the north and south coasts and the valleys of Ribeira Brava and Sao Vicente, and take some fantastic photographs. After the photo stop, you will board the jeep and drive to the Laurissilva Unesco World Heritage Site. If you have ever wondered what the world looked like before man, here is your answer. Laurissilva is a laurel forest of the type that covered southern Europe between 15 and 40 million years ago. Madeira has the largest area of this type of forest in the world, covering 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 that were growing before the island was even discovered. Our open-top Land Rovers will allow you to fully immerse yourself in this pristine environment and get the full measure of this amazing forest experience. We then head off the beaten track to the wine growing region on the north coast of the island. You will have the opportunity to visit the Quinta do Barbusano winery and sample their production of red, white and rosé table wines, accompanied by some tapas, before returning 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.

Dress for the weather, wear 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 depends on weather conditions.

MADEIRA (Funchal) - Monte and Botanical Gardens



4:00



65 €



moderate



motorcoach,
cable car

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Sightseeing

This excursion gives you a bird's eye view of Madeira as far as the parish of Monte, which has attracted visitors to Madeira since the late 19th century. From 1893 to 1943, a rack railway took visitors from Pombal in Funchal to Terrero da Luta in Monte. The railway no longer exists, but today 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 cable car departs from Almirante Reis Park in the old town and 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 I of Austria, the 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 Ocean; plants thrive in the island's exceptionally fertile soil and mild subtropical climate, as you will see at our next stop, the Botanical Gardens. Once part of a private estate owned by the Reid family, who built the famous Reid Palace Hotel in 1891, the gardens are now open to the public. There are over 2000 plants from all over the world to admire, as well as a herbarium, 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 bring your camera.

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. Enjoyment of panoramic views from viewpoints depends on weather conditions.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



BARBADOS (Bridgetown)

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services *(optional, on request):*

- Shared transfer to Barbados airport (BGI).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:30.

- Private transfers to the airport.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

- Private transfers to the to hotels (anywhere on the island)

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

Ship will be alongside near the Cruise Terminal in Bridgetown cruise port.

The cruise terminal is located at approximately 18 km (30 to 40 minutes' drive) from the airport and 2 km from Bridgetown downtown.

All guests must leave the ship by 10:00am.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance and visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from visiting local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.