10 nights

STAR CLIPPER

Malta, Balearics & Spain (Valletta to Málaga - 26-October-2025)



Sun Valletta, Malta

Mon Gozo Island, Malta

Tue At sea

Wed Cagliari - Sardinia, Italy

Thu At sea

Fri Mahón - Menorca, Spain Sat Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Sun Ibiza, Spain

Mon Cartagena, Spain

Tue Motril, Spain

Wed Málaga, Spain

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 Library.
- 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. Excursions are operated with a ticketless system.
- 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 Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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GOZO - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

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. There are Knight's watchtowers, tiny chapels and beautiful peaceful beaches to explore.

CAGLIARI - Panoramic Cagliari & Barumini



History & Culture | Unesco | Food & Wine

Visit the Barumini UNESCO World Heritage Site with our guide and learn about the prehistoric history and culture that built the "Nuraghi", a special type of defensive structure that has no parallel anywhere else in the world. These austere and imposing Bronze Age megalithic structures are one of the most characteristic features of the Sardinian landscape. From the port, you will enjoy a scenic drive towards Barumini, crossing the Campidano plain, the largest in the region and once considered the granary of the Roman Empire.

A traditional Sardinian lunch awaits you before you visit the archaeological site. The nuraghe of Barumini is the largest nuraghe in Sardinia and, for its state of preservation and imposing architecture, it is the most famous and important archaeological site on the island.

The building was designed for a single family but, following the political and social evolution of the island, the main tower was incorporated into a structure made up of four other 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 reboard the coach and return to Cagliari. Enjoy a panoramic drive through Cagliari on your way to the Basilica of Bonaria, where you'll have the opportunity to take a photo from the bus. Then continue to Monte Urpinu (photo stop). From the top you can admire the view of the Gulf of Cagliari, with the 8 km long Poetto beach and the Molentargius lagoon. Return to the port at the end of the tour.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking /standing (approx. 2 km walk) over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps to negotiate at the archeological site. The passages inside the nuraghe are narrow and tortuous. The group can be split in smaller groups to visit the nuraghe.

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

The drive between Cagliari and Barumini takes approx. 01:10 (each way). The order of the visits is subject to change. In case of heavy rain (even recent), the archaeological site can be closed without notice; in this case guests will visit Casa Zapata, the museum of the archaeological excavations.



MENORCA (Mahón) - Magic of Menorca (with Torralba d'en Salord site)

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The first stop on the tour is Monte Toro; at 357m it is the highest point on the island and the views are absolutely breathtaking, on a clear day you can see Mallorca to the south-east. The site is considered the spiritual centre of Menorca and has been a place of pilgrimage since the 13th century. The remains of an old Augustinian monastery are still visible and there is a small church with a carved wooden image of the Virgen del Toro, the patron saint of Menorca. Legend has it that Monte Toro takes its name from a bull (el toro) that led a group of monks to a statue of the Virgin Mary carved into the rock face.

The route continues to Torralba d'en Salort, a prehistoric Talaiotic settlement dating from 2000-1000 BC. The taula is made up of two rock slabs, one on top of the other, forming a "T". The monument is more sophisticated than many other prehistoric constructions and is generally believed to have been used as a sanctuary. The taula is unique to Menorca and, despite the shared Talayotic heritage, there is nothing comparable in Mallorca.

Afterwards, the coach will return to Mahón and the participants will leave the coach and walk through the 18th-century town (mostly downhill) to reach the pier.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking (approx. 2.5 hrs) over uneven surfaces and some inclines.

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

Estimated driving times: 30min between the cruise pier and Monte Toro; 30min between Monte Toro and the archeological site; 20min between the archaeological site and Mahón.

PALMA DE MALLORCA - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

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.

IBIZA - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Ibiza, a Spanish island renowned for its white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, lively nightlife and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Ibiza offers unspoilt natural landscapes, a rich cultural history and delicious cuisine.

Dalt Vila, the medieval quarter on the hill overlooking Ibiza town, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with narrow streets brimming with atmosphere.



CARTAGENA - Cartagena & tapas (with Roman Theater)

3:30 S5 € moderate walking tour Min 20 / Max 40 participants tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Discover Cartagena's culinary specialities and famous sights on a walking tour. Meet your local guide and take a scenic walk through the ancient city of Cartagena. See the historic old town and hear stories of the rise and fall of ancient civilisations. Your guide will regale you with tales from the prosperous Roman era to the Golden Age of the 16th century. See the city's historic sites, including the Palace Hall, the Roman Theater and the Sea Wall, as well as modern Cartagena with its impressive Art Deco architecture. During your tour, you will visit three local restaurants to sample a selection of typical tapas dishes paired with a glass of sangria, wine or soft drink. Savour the fresh ingredients of dishes lovingly prepared using produce straight from the market or caught that very morning in the sea.

Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking over uneven and cobbled ground with inclines and some steps to negotiate. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

MOTRIL - Secrets of Granada: Albaycín and Capilla Real



Sightseeing | History & Culture

Leaving Motril, you will head north through the olive groves towards Granada, with views of the Alpujarras and the Sierra Nevada. After a 50-minute drive you will reach the centre of Granada, at 800 metres above sea level, and begin your guided tour of the stunning city of Granada. You will visit the Capilla Real, the burial place of the famous Catholic monarchs Isabel and Fernando, and the Cathedral of the Incarnation of God, a marvel of the Spanish Renaissance, with its spectacular altar and gold and white interior.

Then you will walk through the Alcaicería (old silk market in Arabic style) and continue to the Albayzín (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the old Arabic quarter, which was the residence of the Moors even after the city was reclaimed by Spain. The balcony of San Nicolás offers the famous view of the Alhambra with the Sierra Nevada in the background. This old quarter is a maze of winding streets and has been preserved with its cisterns, fountains, squares, whitewashed houses, villas and the ruined remains of the old city gate.

Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with some steps and inclines.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

The drive to Granada takes approx. 50 minutes (each way). The order of the visits is subject to change.



MALAGA

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

- Shared Transfer to Málaga airport (AGP).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 08:45.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 11:30.

- Private transfers to Málaga airport or to hotels in Málaga.

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

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport

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This service can only be pre-booked.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

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

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you pre-book it 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.

The ship will be alongside at one of the three cruise terminals of the port of Málaga.

Terminal El Palmeral" (Muelle Dos) is located in the "Palmeral de las Sorpresas" area, in the hearth of the city center and next to Plaza de la Marina. "Málaga Cruise Terminal" and "Terminal B de Cruceros" are located in the "Levante" pier, 2.5 km from the city center. Berth assignement is confirmed by port authorities few days prior each call.

The airport is located at approximately 10-12 km from the cruise terminals. 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, 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 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.