



SHORE EXCURSIONS

9 nights	STAR CLIPPER Morocco & Canary Islands (<i>Málaga to Las Palmas - 05-November-2025</i>)
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	<p>Wed Málaga, Spain Thu Gibraltar Fri Tangier, Morocco Sat Cádiz, Spain Sun At sea Mon Safi, Morocco Tue At sea Wed Arrecife - Lanzarote, Spain Thu Santa Cruz de Tenerife - Tenerife, Spain Fri Las Palmas - Gran Canaria, Spain</p>
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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).





Date of last update: 18th of January 2025

GIBRALTAR - Gibraltar's history and heritage



2:00

Sightseeing



65 €



moderate



minibus

Min 16 / Max 40
participants

Depart the ship and head north towards the Spanish border. On the way you will cross the airstrip completed in 1942 and used by General Eisenhower during Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa. The minibus then heads to Europa Point, the southernmost point of Gibraltar.

On a clear day you can see across the Straits to North Africa, including Ceuta and the Rif Mountains of Morocco. From Europa Point, continue to the Great Siege Tunnels and visit this labyrinth of tunnels inside the Rock of Gibraltar.

During the Great Siege, the gallant defenders were stunned when the Spanish and French besiegers dug trenches too close to Gibraltar for the British to fire on them. Imaginative solutions were needed, and Sergeant Major Ince suggested digging tunnels to reach a rock outcrop so that the British guns could fire sideways at the attackers.

As the tunnel was dug by hand through the solid rock, the dust was so stifling that air vents were created, and it was then realised that these holes would make excellent embrasures for guns. The Great Siege Tunnels are a testament to British ingenuity, sheer courage and determination, and perhaps the most ingenious defence system devised by man in 1783. Finally, take a transfer back to the pier.

Please note: There will be driver-guides on the tour. This tour involves a lot of walking through tunnels and over hilly and cobblestone terrain. The order of the visits is subject to change.

The monkeys are wild animals, please do not attempt to touch or feed them.

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

GIBRALTAR - Gibraltar's rock tour



2:00

Sightseeing



65 €



moderate



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Min 16 / Max 40
participants

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On a clear day you can see across the Straits to North Africa, including Ceuta and the Rif Mountains of Morocco. From Europa Point the walk continues to the Upper Rock and St Michael's Cave.

The cave was formed when rainwater slowly seeped through the limestone, turning into a carbonic acid solution that dissolved the rock. Over thousands of years, tiny crevices grew into long passages and deep caverns with an amazing collection of stalactites and stalagmites. The cave was well known to the Greeks and Romans and was the subject of many legends. It was thought to be a bottomless pit and the fantastic rock formations made it easy to believe that it was in fact the gateway to the underworld. Today the cave has shed its sinister reputation and is used for live shows, concerts and an annual world music festival. After visiting the cave, we will pay our respects to some of Gibraltar's most popular residents, the famous Barbary macaques, the only free-roaming monkeys in Europe. Legend has it that the monkeys arrived in Gibraltar from Morocco by following an underground passage under the Straits that ends at St Michael's Cave. The tour continues to the old town and the city centre before returning to the ship.

Please note: There will be driver-guides on the tour. This tour involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces. The ground at St Michael's cave is wet and slippery and there are a lot of steps to negotiate.

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TANGIER - Secrets of Tangier



2:30

Sightseeing



52 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 60
participants

Tangier, the gateway to Morocco, lies at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Until independence in 1956, Tangier was an international zone and the city still retains an air of cosmopolitan mystery. A coach awaits you at the port for a drive along the famous Corniche to the Kasbah, with its Moorish architecture, traditionally decorated doors and narrow winding alleyways. We explore the medina and its colourful souks and enjoy a refreshing mint tea and delicious Moroccan pastries. There will be time for some shopping before returning to port.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with inclines and many steps. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

TANGIER - Cooking class in Tangier



4:30

Food & Wine



119 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 4 / Max 10
participants



cooking demo &
lunch included

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Guests will prepare themselves a Tagine with explanation from the chef and English translation by the guide.

CADIZ - Cádiz walking tour and flamenco show



2:30

Sightseeing | Unesco | Food & Wine



65 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 30
participants

Founded in 1100 BC by the Phoenicians, Cadiz is the oldest surviving city in Western Europe and has been one of Spain's main ports for almost a thousand years. The walking tour starts at the pier and your first stop will be Plaza San Juan de Dios, from where you will enter the historic quarter of the city.

As you make 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 Plaza de la Mina. Your next stop is the Tablao Flamenco Marqués de Cádiz, where you will be treated to a thrilling performance of Spanish dance; powerful, energetic, electrifying and hypnotic, there is nothing quite like Flamenco.

The rhythmic tapping of heels, the clicking of castanets, the guitar and the emotionally charged voices of the singers combine to create a truly mesmerising experience.

During the performance you will have the opportunity to sample some delicious tapas.

Your guide will then escort you back to the pier, past Plaza España with its famous monument celebrating the Constitution of 1812, set against a backdrop of lush gardens.

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



CADIZ - Jerez de la Frontera and Sherry Cellars



4:30



89 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 60
participants*



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Discover the secrets of sherry country in Jerez de la Frontera, where the world-famous Jerez wines are produced. As you drive from the port of Cadiz to the town of Jerez de la Frontera, the landscape changes from the arid coastal plain to fertile vineyards. In the 19th century, Jerez experienced a period of economic prosperity thanks to the wine industry and the wine trade with England.

Visit the old town of Jerez and enjoy some free time, walking past the Alcazar de Jerez, a fortified complex with a rich historical past, which serves as a starting point to explore fascinating nearby attractions. Within walking distance, the Cathedral of San Salvador, with its Gothic and Baroque architecture, invites you to explore its artistic details. In addition, the Plaza del Arenal, the city's main square, offers a lively experience with cafes, shops and the iconic clock - the perfect setting to enjoy a coffee and soak up the local charm.

You will then visit local wine cellars and learn about the time-honoured blending process that is the key to quality sherry wines. At the end of the visit you will also taste 3 different types of Sherry such as "Fino" and "Oloroso" accompanied by a snack.

Enjoy some free time to explore the city centre before returning to the port of Cadiz.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and inclines.

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

The drive between Cádiz and Jerez takes approx. 45 min (each way). The order of the visits is subject to change.

SAFI – Marrakech, the Red City



11:45



125 €



*Moderate to
strenuous*



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 60
participants*



lunch included

Sightseeing | Unesco

Marrakech, also known as the "Red City", is the most important of Morocco's four imperial cities. The city has a long history and offers visitors magnificent palaces straight out of the Arabian Nights, fabulous gardens, mosques and Koranic schools. Home to intellectuals, writers and talented craftsmen, this bustling commercial centre is a blend of exotic cultures and the undisputed capital of southern Morocco.

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

The visit begins with a tour of the magnificent Bahia Palace, where enchanting Moorish gardens surround beautiful buildings with finely carved 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 that can be seen from virtually anywhere in Marrakech. After a typical Moroccan lunch and a traditional folklore performance, you will be ready to explore the heart of Marrakech, the famous Djamma El Fna square with its snake charmers, tooth pullers, storytellers and acrobats who perform every day at sunset. The pleasantly cool and shady medina is home to dozens of craft guilds, from wool dyers to coppersmiths and spice merchants. There are several entrances to the souks from Djamma El Fna Square, and at the end of the tour you will have time to browse before the three-hour drive back to the port of Safi.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground.

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

Lunch is included and will be served in a local restaurant. You will taste some delicious Moroccan specialities.

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



SAFI - Essaouira



8:30



129 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 30
participants*



lunch included

Sightseeing | Unesco

With its ancient red walls, Essaouira is undoubtedly one of Morocco's most charming and attractive coastal towns. Essaouira means 'enclosed', which is probably due to the imposing city wall that surrounds the beautiful old town, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will be enchanted by the gleaming whitewashed houses with blue shutters, the art galleries, the woodworking workshops and the fishermen with their colourful boats. The town faces a group of rocky islands and is surrounded by an expanse of empty sandy beaches and dunes. The tranquillity of Essaouira today contrasts with its rich and turbulent history. The Portuguese built the fortress of Mogador (the former name of Essaouira) here in 1506, and throughout the 16th century England, France, Spain and the Netherlands all tried to conquer the place. This ancient trading and fishing port has been shaped by many different foreign influences over the years, resulting in a charming mix of Portuguese, Berber and French architecture. You will visit the Bab Marrakech square, La Scala, the old town and the old port ("le Vieux port"). Lunch will be served in a seafood restaurant and after lunch you will have some free time to shop in Bab Marrakech Square or relax in charming cafes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean before the 2,5-hour return journey to the port of Safi.

Please note: This tour involves a long drive (2,5 hours between Safi and Essaouira - each way) and extensive walking and standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces. The order of the visits is subject to change. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

LANZAROTE (Arrecife) - Timanfaya National Park and La Geria vineyards



3:30



65 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 80
participants*

tasting

Panoramic | Food & Wine

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

We then continue to the Timanfaya National Park, which covers a unique volcanic landscape created between 1730 and 1736, when more than 100 volcanoes along a 50km stretch devastated this part of the island, destroying several villages. The last eruptions were in 1824, but due to the very low rainfall on the island and the lack of erosion, the site has remained intact and appears as it did immediately after the eruptions, a natural museum.

On the Islote de Hilaro hill you will see that the thermal power of the volcanoes is still visible. Park staff 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 acts as a natural barbecue.

On the 'Lunar Route' into the heart of the National Park we learn about the history of the volcanoes and see rare plants that illustrate how life can slowly conquer even the most inhospitable environment.

The excursion continues with a visit to the La Geria wine region, where over the centuries the locals have learnt to adapt viticultural techniques to this unique landscape and produce the famous Malvasia wines.

You will be amazed to see vines growing in the black holes left by volcanoes, and will visit a local wine cellar to taste 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.

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



TENERIFE (Santa Cruz) - Las Cañadas del Teide National Park



4:30



52 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 80
participants

Panoramic | Nature | Unesco

The tour starts with a drive to the old colonial capital of La Laguna, set in the Aguere Valley and surrounded by beautiful scenery. From La Laguna, the route follows the foothills of the mountain range through the Esperanza pine forests and foothills to the Teide National Park.

Declared a National Park in 1954, Cañadas del Teide National Park encompasses an enormous volcanic crater, 48 km in circumference, from which rises Mount Teide, a legendary 3,718 metre volcano that can be seen from many points on the island.

The park itself lies at an altitude of around 2,000 metres, and in winter snow falls, gales blow and the roads are sometimes closed. During the summer months this arid landscape, which gives the impression of having stepped into a lunar landscape or a cowboy film, can reach temperatures in excess of 40C.

Enjoy the breathtaking views of the lava plains of Unaca and admire the famous wind eroded rock formations. You can walk back to the Parador Hotel for a coffee or tea (at your own expense) before boarding the coach for the return journey.

Please note: This excursion includes a long drive on mountain roads to approx. 2000 meters above sea level. This tour is not suitable for heart patients or people with breathing problems, due to altitude that will be reached.

Wear weather-appropriate clothes (warm clothing recommended) and comfortable walking shoes and bring water. It is forbidden to remove any stones or plants from the National Park.

GRAN CANARIA (Las Palmas)

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

- Shared Transfer to Gran Canaria airport (LPA).

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

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

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

- Shared Transfer to AC Gran Canaria Hotel.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 09:30.

- Private transfers to Gran Canaria airport.

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 availability.

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 Muelle Santa Catalina in Las Palmas cruise port, situated at 0.5 km distance from Las Palmas city center (next to the "El Muelle" shopping mall) and 26 km from Gran Canaria airport.

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.