



SHORE EXCURSIONS

5
nights

ROYAL CLIPPER

Lisbon to Málaga | 13 April 2026



Mon	Lisbon, Portugal
Tue	Portimão, Portugal
Wed	Cádiz, Spain
Thu	Gibraltar
Fri	Puerto Banús, Spain
Sat	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 and guides' availability.
- 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 on board, using the booking forms (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 on board 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: 30th of January 2026

PORTIMÃO - Scenic Western Algarve: Cabo São Vicente and Lagos



4:00



65 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 25 / 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, rolling hills and almond groves to the picturesque village of Silves, the former capital of the Algarve during the Moorish domination between the 9th and 12th centuries. Once a thriving cultural, political and commercial centre, Silves was renowned for its poets, scholars and bustling river port that connected it to the wider Mediterranean world.

For centuries, the city served as a key defensive stronghold and trading hub, and it still bears striking witness to its illustrious past. Highlights include the imposing Silves Castle, one of the best-preserved Moorish fortifications in Portugal, with its square turrets and formidable red sandstone walls; the Gothic cathedral, built on the site of an earlier mosque; and surviving sections of the medieval city walls.

Join your guide for a walk through the atmospheric old town, a visit to the castle and the archaeological museum, where artifacts reveal layers of Roman, Visigothic and Moorish history. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore Silves at your own pace - wandering its cobbled streets or relaxing at a local café - 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 (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.



CADIZ - Jerez de la Frontera and Sherry Cellars



4:30



82 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 30
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 Cádiz 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 Cádiz.

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.

CADIZ - Cádiz walking tour and flamenco show



2:30



59 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 30
participants

Sightseeing | Unesco | Food & Wine

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.



GIBRALTAR - Gibraltar's history and heritage



2:00



69 €



moderate



minibus

*Min 16 / Max 60
participants*

Sightseeing

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



69 €



moderate



minibus

*Min 16 / Max 60
participants*

Sightseeing

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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.
- ✓ 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.



PUERTO BANÚS - Ronda



6:30



99 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 30
participants

lunch not
included
(free time)

Sightseeing | History & Culture

From Puerto Banús, head north through the Sierra de las Nieves mountains to Ronda.

Ronda is one of the most beautiful villages in Andalusia, set on a high plateau in the mountains. It is famous for its deep river gorge which separates the medieval town from the 18th century parts of the town. The gorge is known as El Tajo (the cliff) and is spanned by a monumental stone bridge.

Start your visit with a visit to the oldest bullring in Spain and the church of Santa María, before exploring the narrow streets with white and yellow façades, balconies and patios decorated with flowers. You can also walk down to the River Guadalquivir and admire the imposing architecture of the bridge.

Before returning to Puerto Banús, you will have some free time to explore the city at our own pace, with lunch at leisure to savour the local specialities.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and inclines.
- ✓ Lunch is not included in the tour (there will be free time for lunch in Ronda).
- ✓ 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 between Puerto Banús and Ronda takes approximately 1 hour on a winding road.

MÁLAGA

The ship will be alongside at one of the three cruise terminals of the port of Málaga (Terminal El Palmeral” - Muelle Dos). This terminal is located in the “Palmeral de las Sorpresas” area, in the hearth of the city center and next to Plaza de la Marina.

Berth assignment is subject to changes by port authorities.

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

All guests are requested to leave the ship before 10:00am.

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 08:45 (arrival at the airport approx. 09:15).
- ✓ 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

- ✓ Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).
- ✓ This service can only be pre-booked.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made on board 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.



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.