

Secrets of the Iberian Peninsula

From **03/04/2022**
to **10/04/2022**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Málaga**
to **Lisbon**



Set sail for an exceptional **8-day** cruise to discover the cultural jewels of the Iberian peninsula. Aboard *Le Bougainville*, between Spain and Portugal, let the historic cities and sumptuous landscapes of this journey cast their spell over you.

From **Malaga**, the lively cultural capital of the *Costa del Sol*, *Le Bougainville* will reach **Marbella**. From the Paleochristian and Roman remains, in the area around this famous seaside resort, to the heart of the old town, its history can be read in its buildings, in particular the 10th century castle built by the Moors. You will also have the possibility of strolling through the picturesque town of **Ronda** and discovering its famous **Puente Nuevo**.

After sailing through the legendary **Gibraltar Strait**, you will sail up the Guadalquivir River to call at **Seville**. Among the treasures of the Andalusian capital, you will discover **the cathedral and the Alcazar**, both listed as World Heritage by UNESCO. You will also call in **Cadiz**, one of the country's oldest cities, built on a rock and surrounded by the sea.

Your ship will then call at **Huelva**, on the Andalusian coast. From this beautiful city with white-washed houses, you will be able to visit **Doñana National Park**, whose varied ecosystems play host to a rich avifauna, including pink flamingos and Spanish imperial eagles. You will also have the opportunity to discover the astonishing town of **El Rocío** whose sandy streets, reminiscent of the Far West, lead to a magnificent sanctuary dedicated to **Our Lady of El Rocío**.

Your journey around the Atlantic will conclude with a visit to **Lisbon**. This city with its nostalgic charm has a unique personality, a blend of tramways, museums and listed buildings.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

MÁLAGA

Embarkation 03/04/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 03/04/2022 at 23:00

A historical and festive town, Malaga is located in Andalusia, on the Costa del Sol. Between the marina and the beaches, the seaside promenade of La Farola offers an ideal setting for strolling and relaxing. Set slightly further back, the Malagueta bullring is one of the emblematic sites of the city. From the hill overlooking the old town, one can see **Gibralfaro castle** and **the Alcazaba**, two fortified ensembles rising out from the cypresses and maritime pines. To visit **Pablo Picasso's birthplace**, you will go first to the courtly plaza de la Merced. A few streets back from here, you can explore the museum dedicated to the artist, in the Buenavista palace.

MARBELLA

Arrival 04/04/2022 early morning

Departure 04/04/2022 late afternoon

In the province of **Malaga**, **Marbella** is a renowned seaside resort on the **Costa del Sol**. The remains of early Christian and Roman sites around this former mining town, located at the foot of the **Sierra Blanca** mountains, bear witness to a rich history. With its white houses on flowery little streets, the old town is perfect for a pleasant stroll. The **Plaza de los Naranjos**, former focal point of the city, is near the 10th-century Arabic castle and the **Church of Santa María de la Encarnación**. Not far from here, you'll be able to discover the magnificent viewpoints offered by **Ronda**, a picturesque town perched 700 metres (2,296 feet) high. Its **Puente Nuevo** bridge majestically crosses the gorges of the Guadalquivir River that cuts the town in two.

SEVILLA

Arrival 05/04/2022 midday

Departure 06/04/2022 late afternoon

Standing on the banks of the Guadalquivir, **Seville** is a colourful city with a cosmopolitan charm you'll love. This Spanish city welcomes you with open arms while you stay long enough to explore its traditions and rich heritage passed down from its Arabic history. Strolling around the **Andalusian** capital, you will be awestruck by magnificent architectural treasures like the **Cathedral**, the **Giralda** and the **Alcazar**. You'll also love the festive Sevillian atmosphere and the delicious tapas served in the city's many bars.

CADIZ

Arrival 07/04/2022 early morning

Departure 07/04/2022 evening

Andalusia's Cadiz is located on the **Costa de la Luz**, in the south-west of Spain. From the beaches of Cortadura, to the flamenco bars of Santa Maria, through the colourful streets of la Viña, you will be amazed by this city, which is both steeped in history and extremely festive. In the medieval **El Pópulo** district, you will stroll along covered passages in the narrow gaps between houses. You will also be able to mosey around the lush Mina square. The star of the show is the magnificent cathedral and its dome crowned with yellow porcelain, presiding above the Ocean.

HUELVA

Arrival 08/04/2022 early morning

Departure 08/04/2022 early afternoon

The Andalusian city of **Huelva** is located on a peninsula at the confluence of the Odiel and Tinto rivers forming an estuary with the Atlantic. From Huelva, you'll be able to discover the **Doñana National Park**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The park's different ecosystems – such as marshes, lagoons, pine forests, banks, shifting dunes, cliffs – are home to rich wildlife among which are several protected species, including the Iberian lynx. Near the park, the village of **El Rocío** has a Wild West feel to it. Every year, at Pentecost, its sandy streets welcome **the Romería**, Spain's biggest pilgrimage.

LISBON

Arrival 09/04/2022 midday

Disembarkation 10/04/2022 at 07:00

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, **Jeronimos monastery** and **Belem tower**. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its **fado** bars and its **Moorish streets**, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of of luxury shopping.