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Western Mediterranean

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From Monte Carlo to Lisbon, sail a route connecting medieval trading centers, imperial capitals, and cultural powerhouses where individual genius created lasting masterpieces. Cruise the Western Mediterranean aboard the luxurious *Crystal Symphony*. From Tuscany's perfectly preserved Renaissance fortifications to Barcelona's Gaudí masterpieces, from Napoleon's Corsican childhood home to Picasso's Andalusian birthplace, each port reveals the specific places where extraordinary creativity flourished and continues to influence how we see the world today. Along the way, enjoy private access to world-class museums, behind-the-scenes tours, expert-led conversations, and exclusive culinary and musical experiences—all set against the backdrop of the sea.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Join experts for tours of Seville's UNESCO-listed sites, including the world's largest Gothic cathedral and the Alcázar, Europe's oldest continuously used royal palace.
- Experience a privately guided visit to Gaudí's Cripta of Colonia Güell, his architectural laboratory in Barcelona, followed by an after-hours tour with sunset reception at Casa Vicens, Gaudí's first commissioned house.
- Enjoy special guided access to both Picasso museums in Málaga, Spain, the artist's birthplace, plus expert-guided tours of the city's Roman Amphitheatre and 11th-century Alcazaba fortress.
- Walk among Europe's best-preserved fortifications on a guided exploration of Lucca, Italy, followed by a visit to the nearby Villa Puccini, where the composer created *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, and *Turandot* in a lakeside Art Nouveau retreat.
- Accompany a curator behind the scenes inside Corsica's Musée Fesch, featuring France's largest Italian art collection outside the Louvre, with works by Botticelli and Titian.
- Take a guided visit to the Maison Bonaparte, Napoleon's birthplace and childhood home in Corsica.
- Explore the award-winning Museu de Portimão on a guided tour inside this restored 19th-century sardine cannery, named Museum of the Year by the Council of Europe.



Map of the region



Lucca, Italy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Nice, France, the gateway to Monaco.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: NICE, FRANCE / MONTE CARLO, MONACO

Arrive at the Nice airport, where you will independently transfer to **Monte Carlo** in **Monaco**, the world's most densely populated sovereign state, where a casino saved the tiny principality from bankruptcy in the 1860s. Transfer to *Crystal Symphony* and check into your cabin. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner on board. R,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: LIVORNO, ITALY / LUCCA / TORRE DEL LAGO

From the port of Livorno, travel inland to **Lucca**, a city that presents one of Italy's most complete medieval townscapes. During a guided walking tour, discover its massive circuit of Renaissance-era walls, completed in 1648 after a century of construction. These 40-foot-high ramparts run for more than two and a half miles and remain entirely intact, making them among Europe's best-preserved Renaissance fortifications.

Afterwards, journey to **Torre del Lago** and the nearby **Villa Puccini**, the lakeside Art Nouveau retreat where Giacomo Puccini lived from 1900 to 1921 and composed many of his most famous operas, including *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, and *Turandot*.

Puccini's two-story villa features interior pictorial decorations by Plinio Nomellini and a small Japanese-inspired garden with flowerbeds of irregular shapes surrounded by hedges and a large palm tree. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. B,L,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10: AJACCIO (CORSICA), FRANCE

This morning, explore the "imperial city" of **Ajaccio**, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1769. Begin with a guided visit to the **Maison Bonaparte**, the ancestral home of the Bonaparte family, now a national museum displaying period furnishings and family artifacts, including the room where Napoleon was born.

Continue with a curator-led tour of the **Musée Fesch**. Founded by Napoleon's uncle, Cardinal Joseph Fesch, it holds France's largest collection of Italian paintings outside the Louvre. The collection includes masterpieces by Botticelli—including his *Vierge à l'Enfant Soutenu par un Ange* (*Mother and Child Supported by an Angel*)—as well as works by Titian, Giovanni Bellini, Fra Bartolomeo, and Veronese.

While in Corsica, you will also have an opportunity to sample the island's famous *eau d'immortelle* fragrance. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11: MAHÓN (MENORCA), SPAIN

Mahón, on the Spanish island of Menorca, sits on a nearly four-mile-long natural harbor. Founded by Carthaginian general Mago Barca, Hannibal's brother, Menorca shifted between British, French, and Spanish control in the 18th century before returning to Spain in 1808.

The island's interior preserves the UNESCO-listed megalithic stone monuments of the prehistoric Talayotic culture, which flourished from around 1600 B.C. Menorca's early inhabitants left behind an extraordinary density of *talayots* (large, cone-shaped defensive towers), *taulas* (monumental T-shaped religious structures), and *navetas* (collective burial chambers shaped like inverted boats)—structures found nowhere else on earth.

You may visit Mahón at your leisure, purchase an excursion from the ship to explore these ancient monuments, or enjoy the amenities on board at leisure. B,L,D



Gold laurel wreath, Maison Bonaparte, Ajaccio, France

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12: BARCELONA

Your time in **Barcelona** is dedicated to Antoni Gaudí, the defining architect of *Modernisme*, the movement that expressed Catalonia's cultural reawakening in the late 19th century.

Begin with a private guided visit to the UNESCO-recognized **Cripta of Colonia Güell**, which served as Gaudí's structural laboratory where he developed techniques he would later apply to the Sagrada Família.

At the Cripta, Gaudí experimented with his revolutionary polyfunicular model of weighted strings and small bags of birdshot that, when inverted through mirrors or photographs, revealed the optimal architectural forms. Conclude with a wine tasting on the porch of the Cripta.

After lunch in the city, enjoy an exclusive after-hours visit to **Casa Vicens**, Gaudí's first commissioned house, which launched his career. Admire its Neo-Mudéjar style featuring exuberant use of colorful ceramic tiles inspired by French marigolds growing on the property. Your visit includes a guided tour and a sunset reception in the garden. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13: BARCELONA

A second day in Barcelona offers the opportunity to explore the city at your leisure. You may choose to delve into the **Gothic Quarter**, the heart of the medieval maritime empire that once ruled the Mediterranean, or further explore the world's foremost repository of Modernist architecture. Independent shore excursions can be arranged through the ship at an additional cost. B,L,D



Alcazaba, Málaga, Spain

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14: DAY AT SEA

A day at sea provides an opportunity for reflection. Attend lectures that will enrich your understanding of the art, architecture, and history of the Iberian Peninsula. B,L,D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15: MÁLAGA

Arrive in one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, founded by the Phoenicians around 770 B.C. This morning is dedicated to Málaga's most famous native son, Pablo Picasso, born here in 1881.

Enjoy special access to the **Museo Casa Natal de Picasso**, located in the building on Plaza de la Merced, the artist's birthplace and childhood home. The museum houses personal belongings of the Picasso family, early sketches, and a collection of graphic works.

Continue to the **Museo Picasso Málaga**, whose extensive collection fulfilled Picasso's lifelong desire for his art to be displayed in his hometown. Opened in 2003 in the 16th-century Buenavista Palace, it contains over 200 works donated by his family, spanning his entire career from early academic studies to his late paintings of the 1970s.

Afterward, a guided walking tour will reveal the city's layered history at the first-century A.D. **Roman Amphitheatre** and the 11th-century **Alcazaba**, a formidable Moorish palace-fortress built with stone quarried from the Roman ruins below. Return to the ship for lunch, enjoying an afternoon at leisure in Málaga. B,L,D



Casa Vicens, Barcelona, Spain



Alcázar, Seville, Spain

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16: CÁDIZ / SEVILLE

From the port of **Cádiz**—the oldest continuously inhabited city in Western Europe, founded by the Phoenicians around 1100 B.C.—travel inland for a full day in **Seville**, the former economic center of the Spanish Empire. Your day includes expert-led tours of the city's UNESCO-listed wonders.

Visit the **Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, built on the site of a 12th-century Almohad mosque. The cathedral houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus, whose remains were brought here in 1899.

Next, explore the **Alcázar**, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe and the foremost example of the Mudéjar style. Built by King Peter I in the 1360s using Muslim craftsmen from Granada and Toledo, it represents a fusion of Islamic and Christian artistic traditions.

Conclude with a privately guided tour of **La Casa de Pilatos**, a 15th-century residence considered the prototype of the Andalusian palace, known for its vast collection of 16th-century *azulejo* tiles. B,L,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17: PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL

The ship calls today at **Portimão** on Portugal's Algarve coast. For centuries a center of fishing and shipbuilding, the city was once a primary hub of Portugal's sardine industry, a

heritage now preserved in the **Museu de Portimão**, housed in a restored 19th-century cannery and named Museum of the Year by the Council of Europe in 2010.

While much of the city was destroyed in the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, the main church retains its original 14th-century Gothic portal, a survivor of the cataclysm. You may explore the city at your leisure, purchase an excursion from the ship, or remain on board. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18: LISBON / DISEMBARK / RETURN

After breakfast, disembark in Lisbon and transfer to the airport for your flight home. B

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CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Double	Single
Double Guest Room with Ocean View	\$10,399	\$12,599
Sapphire Ocean View	\$10,499	Inquire
Aquamarine Veranda Suite	\$11,799	Inquire
Double Guest Room with Veranda	\$12,199	Inquire
Sapphire Veranda Suite	\$12,999	Inquire
Junior Crystal Penthouse Suite	\$24,999	Inquire
Crystal Penthouse Suite	\$28,499	Inquire



Crystal Symphony (top); Aquamarine Veranda Suite (center); Waterside Restaurant (above)

CRYSTAL SYMPHONY

Fully renovated in 2023, *Crystal Symphony* carries 606 guests in spacious suites and staterooms, with 24-hour personalized butler service, a curated pillow menu, in-suite dining, and a crew-to-guest ratio of nearly one-to-one. Many accommodations include verandas, walk-in wardrobes, and separate living areas.

Nine complimentary dining venues range from Osteria d'Ovidio's fine Italian menus to Nobu Matsuhisa's Umi Uma and the casual Trident Grill. The Vintage Room hosts wine-paired dinners, while Marketplace serves buffet-style breakfasts and lunches with open-air seating.

Amenities include a glass-roofed observation area, full-sized paddle tennis and pickleball courts, golf nets and putting green, and the Crystal Life Fitness Center with Technogym® equipment, yoga, Pilates, and spinning classes. The Aurōra Spa features sauna and steam rooms with treatments from aromatherapy to reflexology.

Public spaces include the light-filled Palm Court for afternoon tea, the Connoisseur Club for cigars and cognac, a well-stocked library, onboard boutiques, and the central Crystal Cove lounge. Guests enjoy a balance of enrichment, wellness, and leisure at sea.

[Click here to view the full deck plan for the elegant *Crystal Symphony*.](#)

RATES INCLUDE

- 10 nights accommodations aboard *Crystal Symphony* as per itinerary
- All meals per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Complimentary dining in onboard specialty restaurants (Umi Uma by Nobu Matsuhisa and Osteria D'Ovidio) once per cruise
- All beverages, including fine wines, champagne, spirits, and all non-alcoholic beverages, including bottled water, soft drinks, and specialty coffees onboard. Afternoon tea daily
- All staterooms and suites include a stocked mini-bar and 24-hour room service
- 24-hour butler service in all staterooms and suites
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Exclusive shore excursions as described, including transportation, entrance fees, gratuities, and expert local guides
- Onboard credit of \$100 per person
- Unlimited Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Taxes, port fees, service, and customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers; shore excursions offered by Crystal Cruises; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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