



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

Western Mediterranean

Monte Carlo to Lisbon Aboard *Crystal Symphony*

October 7 - 18, 2027

with Jane Landers, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History
and Director of the Slave Societies Digital Archive

Cruise Highlights

Cruise the Mediterranean from **Monte Carlo** to **Lisbon** aboard **Crystal Symphony** with 24-hour butler service and in-suite dining, a crew-to-guest ratio of nearly one-to-one, and a full day at sea to enjoy lectures and luxurious amenities.

Sail to the French island of **Corsica** for guided visits to the **Bonaparte House**, where Napoleon was born, and the **Fesch Museum**, home to one of the most important collections of Italian paintings in France.

Take a guided walking tour of the walled Tuscan city of **Lucca**, followed by a visit to **Villa Puccini**, the lakeside home where the composer lived and worked for over two decades.

Enjoy a privately guided tour and wine tasting at the UNESCO-recognized **Crypt of Colònia Güell**, Gaudí's structural laboratory for the Sagrada Família in Barcelona.

Join a special after-hours tour of **Casa Vicens**, Gaudí's first commissioned house in Barcelona, with a **private sunset reception in the garden**.

Arrive in Picasso's Spanish hometown, **Málaga**, for an up-close look at his family belongings and early works at the **Picasso Birthplace Museum** and more than 200 works at the **Picasso Museum Málaga**.

Experience the UNESCO-listed **Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral; the **Real Alcázar**, Europe's oldest royal palace still in use; and a privately guided tour of **La Casa de Pilatos** with its 16th-century **azulejo** tiles.

Explore the Spanish island of **Menorca** at leisure in the lovely capital, **Mahón**, set on a nearly four-mile natural harbor, and enjoy free time in **Portimão** on Portugal's Algarve coast.



Map of the region



Traveling With *You*

Jane Landers is the Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History and Director of the Slave Societies Digital Archive at Vanderbilt University. At the SSDA, she directs the preservation of endangered ecclesiastical and secular documents related to slavery in the Atlantic World. She is the author of the award-winning *Black Society in Spanish Florida* and *Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions*, and she has co-authored or edited five other books. Her latest book, *Fort Mose: Colonial America's Black Fortress of Freedom* (co-authored with Kathleen Deagan and Darcie MacMahon), received the 2026 William L. Proctor Award from the St. Augustine Center for Historic Research. Landers has received support from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Council of Learned Societies.

Dear National Trust Traveler,

From **October 7 to 18, 2027**, travel with the National Trust on a Western Mediterranean journey. Sail on a 10-night cruise from **Monte Carlo** to **Lisbon** aboard the luxuriously refurbished, 330-cabin ***Crystal Symphony***, stepping ashore in **Tuscany, Corsica, Menorca, Barcelona, Andalusia, and Portugal's Algarve coast**. Enjoy private and special-access cultural visits, plus ample time and flexibility to explore independently, relax aboard, or enjoy the ship's exceptional level of amenities.

Visit places where **Puccini** lived and composed, **Napoleon** was born, **Gaudí** tested new architectural ideas, and **Picasso** spent his early years. Across the Western Mediterranean, see how historic places endured and changed over centuries, from Renaissance fortifications and artists' homes preserved as museums, to Seville's medieval **Real Alcázar**, altered by successive rulers and Europe's oldest royal residence still used today.

You will be joined by Vanderbilt University lecturer **Jane Landers**, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History and Director of the Slave Societies Digital Archive. An award-winning historian, Professor Landers will help you place these ports and cities within the wider history of the Mediterranean and Atlantic worlds.

Aboard *Crystal Symphony*, enjoy private butler service, a fully stocked minibar, and 24-hour room service, including evening snacks by request. This ship has a nearly one-to-one crew-to-guest ratio, allowing for gracious, unusually personalized service. A full day at sea provides time for lectures and the ship's extensive amenities, while several port calls leave afternoons free for independent exploration or relaxation aboard.

Crystal Symphony is also acclaimed as a culinary paradise: Your cruise includes one reservation each at **Umi Uma**, Nobu Matsuhisa's only restaurant at sea, and **Osteria d'Ovidio**, an Italian restaurant led by the Alajmo brothers, one of whom is the youngest chef ever to earn three Michelin stars.

Excursions are included exclusively for our group. We encourage you to reserve your place today. **To secure your guest room or suite, call National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.**

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

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Intermediate



Pace Level:
Moderate



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Thursday, October 7:

Departure

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

Friday, October 8:

Nice, France / Monte Carlo, Monaco / Embark Crystal Symphony

(R,D)

Arrive in Nice and transfer independently to **Monte Carlo** in Monaco. Board *Crystal Symphony*, settle into your cabin, and gather this evening for a **festive welcome reception and dinner**.

Saturday, October 9:

Livorno, Italy / Lucca / Torre del Lago

(B,L,D)

From Livorno, travel inland to **Lucca** to walk part of its intact circuit of Renaissance walls, completed in the 17th century. Near **Torre del Lago**, visit **Villa Puccini**, the lakeside home where the composer lived and worked for over two decades. Admire its pictorial decorations by Plinio Nomellini and its Japanese-inspired garden.

Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy dinner on board.



Lucca, Italy



Gold laurel wreath, Bonaparte House, Ajaccio, France

Sunday, October 10:

Ajaccio (Corsica), France

(B,L,D)

On **Corsica**, explore **Ajaccio**, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. Begin with a guided visit to the **Bonaparte House**, the family's ancestral home, including the room where the future emperor was born in 1769.

Continue to the **Fesch Museum**, whose holdings grew from the collection of Napoleon's uncle, Cardinal Joseph Fesch. View one of France's most important collections of Italian paintings, including works by Botticelli, Titian, and Veronese.

During leisure time, you may **sample the island's famous eau d'immortelle**, a fragrance distilled from Corsica's immortelle plant. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in the port. As the ship sails for Menorca, enjoy dinner on board.

Monday, October 11:

Mahón (Menorca), Spain

(B,L,D)

On the Spanish island of **Menorca**, **Mahón** is traditionally said to have been founded by Carthaginian general Mago Barca, Hannibal's brother. It sits on one of the Mediterranean's longest natural harbors, stretching nearly four miles.

Explore Mahón's harbor, 16th-century fortress, and Old Town at leisure or purchase a ship excursion to **Menorca's UNESCO-listed Talayotic sites**, Bronze and Iron Age settlements built from massive blocks of stone.

Alternatively, enjoy the amenities aboard *Crystal Symphony*.

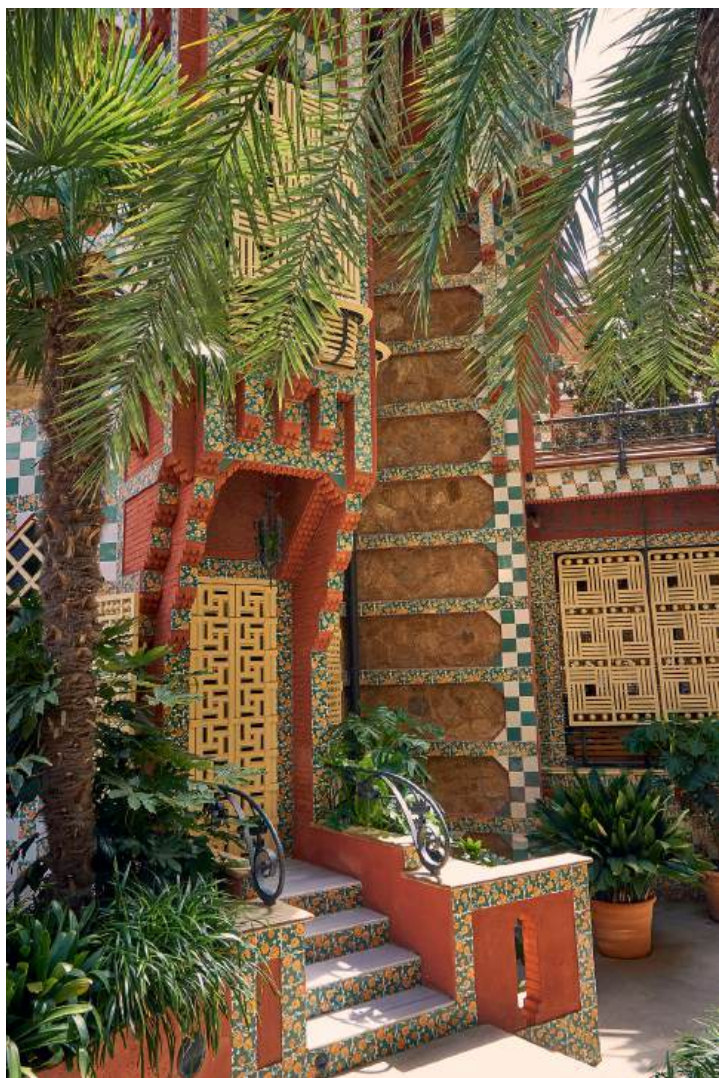
Tuesday, October 12:

Barcelona

(B,L,R,D)

Enjoy a day in **Barcelona** focusing on Antoni Gaudí's architecture. Begin with a privately guided visit to the UNESCO-listed **Crypt of Colònia Güell**, Gaudí's architectural laboratory, where he developed structural techniques later applied to the Sagrada Família. Conclude with a wine tasting on the crypt's porch.

After lunch in the city, enjoy a special after-hours visit to **Casa Vicens**, a Neo-Mudéjar residence and Gaudí's first commissioned house, noted for its colorful ceramic tilework inspired by French marigolds. Attend a **sunset reception** in the garden before dinner aboard the ship.



Casa Vicens, Barcelona, Spain



Plaça del Rei, Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday, October 13:

Barcelona

(B,L,D)

Spend the day exploring Barcelona at your leisure. You may independently stroll the **Gothic Quarter**, Barcelona's dense medieval core; **Plaça del Rei** and its underground Roman ruins; or **La Boqueria** market, with its fresh oysters, *jamón*, and local cheeses.

Independent excursions can also be arranged through the ship. Lunch is available on board or at your leisure in the city. Return for dinner on board.

Thursday, October 14:

Day at Sea

(B,L,D)

Enjoy a **day at leisure aboard *Crystal Symphony*** as she sails toward Málaga. Attend lectures focusing on the art, architecture, and history of the Iberian Peninsula; relax on deck, use the spa and fitness facilities; or watch the Mediterranean from your veranda.



Roman Theater, Málaga, Spain

Friday, October 15:

Málaga

(B,L,D)

Call at **Málaga**, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, with a morning dedicated to the city's most famous native son, **Pablo Picasso**. At Merced Square, where the artist was born, enjoy special access to the **Picasso Birthplace Museum**, which displays family belongings and some early works.

In a 16th-century palace, view the **Picasso Museum Málaga's** collection of more than 200 pieces spanning Picasso's entire career. Afterwards, explore the city's layered history on a guided walking tour featuring the first-century C.E. **Roman Theater** and the 11th-century **Alcazaba**, a formidable Moorish palace-fortress.

Return to the ship for lunch before an afternoon at leisure in Málaga. Dinner is on board.

Saturday, October 16:

Cádiz / Seville

(B,L,D)

Go ashore in **Cádiz** and travel inland for a full-day look at **Seville's** UNESCO-listed landmarks, starting at **Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, which houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

Next, explore the **Real Alcázar**, Europe's oldest royal palace still in use. Conclude with a privately guided tour of **Casa de Pilatos**, a 15th-century Andalusian palace adorned with 16th-century *azulejo* tiles. Return to the ship afterwards for dinner.

Sunday, October 17:

Portimão, Portugal

(B,L,D)

Spend the day at leisure in **Portimão** on Portugal's Algarve coast. Explore the city and see how it rebuilt itself after much of it was destroyed in the 1755 Lisbon earthquake.

Excursions can also be arranged through the ship. Lunch is available on board or at your leisure in the city. Return for dinner on board.

Monday, October 18:

Lisbon / Disembark / Return

(B)

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

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Portimão, Portugal

Crystal Symphony

Reimagined in a multi-million-dollar refurbishment in 2023 and updated again in 2025, the 330-cabin *Crystal Symphony* features 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.

Savor nine diverse dining venues, with one complimentary reservation per cruise at **Osteria d'Ovidio**, a fine Italian eatery from the Alajmo brothers, including Massimiliano Alajmo, the youngest chef ever to earn three Michelin stars, and **Umi Uma**, Nobu Matsuhisa's only restaurant at sea.

Amenities include a glass-roofed observation area, one full-size Wimbledon Court for paddle tennis and pickleball, golf nets and a 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.



Crystal Symphony

Cruise Rates

Cabins	Double	Single
Single Guest Room with Ocean View	—	\$12,599
Double Guest Room with Ocean View	\$10,399	Inquire
Aquamarine Veranda Suite	\$11,799	Inquire
Double Guest Room with Veranda	\$12,199	Inquire
Sapphire Veranda Suite	\$12,999	Inquire

Rates for Junior Crystal Penthouse Suites and Crystal Penthouse Suites are available upon request.

Rates Include

- 10 nights guest-room or suite accommodations aboard *Crystal Symphony*
- All meals per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). One complimentary reservation at Umi Uma and one at Osteria d'Ovidio
- A curated onboard selection of wines, Champagne, and spirits aboard the ship, plus all non-alcoholic beverages on board, including bottled water, soft drinks, and specialty coffees. Afternoon tea daily
- All guest rooms and suites include a stocked minibar and 24-hour in-suite dining
- 24-hour butler service in all guest rooms and suites
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Included shore excursions led by Arrangements Abroad 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 those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers; optional shore excursions offered by Crystal Cruises; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Crystal Symphony Seahorse Pool & Jacuzzi



Crystal Symphony Sapphire Veranda Suite



Crystal Symphony Atrium

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To secure your guest room or suite, please call
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A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required
(of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for
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Seville Cathedral



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