

# GLORIES OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

8 Days FROM \$2,790

NEW



Puerto Banus Harbor, Spain

## CRUISE PROGRAM

(7) Cruise

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Bask in the splendors of one of Costa del Sol's most famed coastal towns, Malaga and opt for a splendid excursion to Granada
- Embark on a novel 8-day Variety Cruises sailing to ports in Spain and Portugal
- Spend time in Ronda, the birthplace of modern bullfighting on an optional tour
- Take time to enjoy the views from the Rock of Gibraltar and visit St. Michael's Cave
- Delve into the Andalusian treasures of Seville, Jerez de la Frontera, and Cadiz
- Step back in time on an optional tour to Silves and Monchique in Portugal before heading to Lisbon

**DAY 1 | MALAGA** Embarkation at 3:00pm. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Dinner on board. Overnight in port. (D)

**DAY 2 | MALAGA** Optional full day excursion to Granada, one of the most fascinating cities in Europe and the last Muslim city to fall to the Christians in 1492. We will visit one of the most brilliant jewels



of universal architecture, the Alhambra\*, a series of palaces and gardens built under the Nazari Dynasty in the 14th century. We will also visit the Cathedral and enjoy time at leisure before returning to the ship. In the afternoon, we leave Granada and return to Malaga. Overnight in port. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3 | MALAGA | PORTO BANUS | GIBRALTAR** Early morning sailing and morning arrival to Porto Banus. Our morning optional excursion will be to Ronda, 50kms inland. Ronda is a city which retains much of its historic charm, particularly its old town and the nearby 18th century Puente Nuevo. It is also famous as the birthplace of modern bullfighting, witnessed once a year at the occasion of the spectacular Feria Goyesca. Plaza de Toros is now a museum, and visitors can stroll out into the arena. Our excursion also includes visits to an elegant cloistered 16th century convent and old Ronda, La Ciudad, with its cobbled streets hemmed by handsome town mansions, some still occupied by Ronda's titled families such as the Casa de Don Bosco. Afternoon swim from the ship and time at leisure. Evening sailing to Gibraltar and late evening arrival. Overnight in port. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4 | GIBRALTAR | SEVILLE** Optional half day excursion to the "Rock of Gibraltar". We depart by bus from the port, and reach the top of the Rock perched on the summit of Gibraltar for a breathtaking view. We continue to St. Michael's Cave to admire the stalactites & stalagmites, and then we visit the WWII Tunnels. The tour will end in Main Street where you will have some free time for shopping. Midday sailing to Seville. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 | SEVILLE** This morning we sail up the Guadalquivir River. Midday arrival and afternoon optional excursion to Seville, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, where Moorish and Spanish art and culture have left their mark. Our optional excursion will bring you to the Cathedral, the Alcazar Palace and its Andalusian gardens, the Maria Luisa Park and the quaint and elegant district of Santa Cruz. Overnight in Seville port. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6 | SEVILLE | JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA | CADIZ** Full day optional excursion to Jerez de la Frontera, famous for its wines, horse breeding, and flamenco. Your tour will enable you to see the Alcazar, the Jerez Cathedral before we continue to Cádiz, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Spain. Guests rejoin the ship in Cadiz in the evening. Passengers not taking the excursion will depart at 8:30am for Cádiz. Overnight at sea to Portimao, Portugal. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 | PORTIMAO** Midday arrival in Portimao. Our optional afternoon excursion will take us to Silves, largely destroyed by a 17th century earthquake. Marvel at the centuries-old Moorish castle complex with an underground water reservoir, a 13th century Cathedral built by Alfonso X of Castile on the site of a former Mosque, and a fine strong 15th century bridge over the Rio Arade. Leave Silves and travel to the picturesque city of Monchique nested between two hills. The city retains its 16th century charm. Time to walk through its cobbled



Harmony V



Portimao, Portugal

streets with small doorways housing various artisan trades. Return to Portimao for the farewell dinner. Overnight in port. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8 | PORTIMAO | LISBON** Disembarkation at 8:30 am. Escorted bus transfer from Portimao to Lisbon at 8:00am. Arrival at Lisbon hotel (name to be advised) at approximately 12:30pm. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 8 days/7 nights cruise on Variety Cruises – M/Y Harmony V, ocean-view cabin with window, category C
- 20 included meals consisting of:
  - 7 buffet breakfasts
  - 6 lunches
  - 7 dinners
- Welcome cocktail
- Local theme evening
- Regular coffee, tea and drinking water
- Complimentary fishing and snorkeling equipment
- English-speaking Cruise Director

\*Tickets for the Alhambra Palace must be purchased at latest 6 months in advance, therefore this optional excursion -must be pre-booked.

## PRICED FROM

Cat C – main deck: \$2,790

Port taxes and fees: \$430

Single supplement: On Request

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded cabin: On Request

Reduction for children sharing twin-bedded cabin: On Request

Price is per person based on double occupancy

Cruise also available starting from Portimao, Portugal. A selection of different categories is available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.