

# Iberian Shores

From **24/9/2025**  
to **2/10/2025**

Ship: **LE LAPÉROUSE**

From **Lisbon**  
to **Barcelona**



**Gastronomic cruise in partnership with Relais & Châteaux and with featured guest chef João Oliveira from the Bela Vista Hotel & Spa.**

**PONANT** invites you to discover sumptuous landscapes and exceptional cities during an **9-day** cruise between Portugal and Spain. Be inspired by this unforgettable journey aboard *Le Lapérouse* as you visit major cities of the Iberian Peninsula.

Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by **PONANT**. During this cruise, discover the **Sagres fort**, near Lagos; attend a **cavalcade at a finca** in Cartagena; **or head off to admire one of the Cadiz region's prettiest villages during a panoramic walk**. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab).

Setting sail from **Lisbon**, the seven-hilled Portuguese capital, you will head south to the beautiful Algarve region and call in **Lagos**. Its rich maritime heritage and spectacular coastline make this pretty coastal town with its hidden charm so fascinating.

**You will then travel to Cadiz**, one of the country's oldest cities, built on a rock and surrounded by the sea. This call will allow those who wish to visit the superb city of **Seville**.

*Le Lapérouse* will then chart a course towards **Marbella** where you can discover a rich ancient heritage, before sailing towards **Málaga**, the lively cultural capital of the Costa del Sol. 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**.

Further north, the coastline of **Almería's** preserved beaches emerges before you. The easternmost Andalusian city has a remarkable citadel and a cathedral whose towering structure stands in the very heart of the historic centre edged with narrow alleyways and traditional houses with whitewashed walls.

After a port of call in **Cartagena**, a city with a rich ancient heritage dating back to the Carthaginians and the Romans, you will head for **Valencia**, a city boasting remarkable architectural heritage.

Finally, you will sail towards **Barcelona**, your disembarkation port.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### LISBON

Embarkation 24/9/2025 From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Departure 24/9/2025 at 7:00 pm

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.

### LAGOS

Arrival 25/9/2025 midday  
Departure 25/9/2025 early evening

There stands a natural paradise called **Lagos**, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, in the Algarve region of southern Portugal. With its picturesque and age-old town centre, and the **Ponta da Piedade** natural site sheltering paradisiacal beaches protected by captivating limestone cliffs in hues of ochre, Lagos enthralls, fascinates and enchants. In this interesting blend between nature and culture, do not miss the chance to stroll along the small paved streets of its historic centre, surrounded by impressive Moorish ramparts and edged with traditional white houses, with decorations sculpted in the stone. In particular, you will be able to admire the Manuelian-style Governor's Castle, the 17th-century Ponta da Bandeira Fort or the Church of Santo António in Baroque architecture.

### CADIZ

Arrival 26/9/2025 early morning  
Departure 26/9/2025 early 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.

### MARBELLA

Arrival 27/9/2025 early morning  
Departure 27/9/2025 early evening

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.

## MÁLAGA

Arrival 28/9/2025 late evening

Departure 28/9/2025 early morning

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.

## ALMERIA

Arrival 29/9/2025 midday

Departure 29/9/2025 early evening

On the Mediterranean shore, the easternmost Andalusian capital, the legendary **Almería** (from the Arab *Al-Mariy-yat*, meaning watchtower), has a coastline of preserved beaches with an interior characterised by its typical desert ecosystem. In the past an important **port for the Caliphate of Córdoba**, Almería has a remarkable citadel and a cathedral whose imperious structure stands in the very centre of the old town. This old town, with its narrow streets, will charm you with its lime washed walls and its rich historical and cultural heritage.

## CARTAGENA

Arrival 30/9/2025 early morning

Departure 30/9/2025 late afternoon

Surrounded by hills, the natural site of the **Bay of Cartagena** presided over the fate of this **former fortress** which has been home to the greatest European civilisations. Today, these Phoenician, Roman, Carthaginian, Moorish and Christian influences form a rich architectural heritage. Its **Roman theatre** is one of the most significant and best conserved in Spain. You will also be able to cross the landscapes of vines and citrus groves stretching endlessly towards **Murcia**, to visit this dynamic regional capital.

## VALENCIA

Arrival 1/10/2025 early morning

Departure 1/10/2025 late afternoon

**Valencia** - the city of Art and Sciences. Two hearts beat in this Spanish city: one is modern, avantgarde and almost

futuristic; the other is more provincial, more traditional and nostalgic. Valencia has the temperament of a great Mediterranean city whose wide avenues form a border around the old town. The city has an abundance of architectural styles that coexist harmoniously, but above all it resolutely embraces the 21st Century with the futuristic structures of its Agora congress centre and City of Arts and Sciences, emerging from a crystal blue pool.

## BARCELONA

Arrival 2/10/2025 early morning

Disembarkation 2/10/2025 at 8:00 am

Located on the seashore between the mountains of Montjuïc and Tibidabo, **Barcelona** offers its many visitors a perfect blend of tradition and modernism. Truly an open-air museum, the “prodigious town” reveals an astonishing range of artistic treasures and museums, combining Roman ruins, medieval districts and a number of avant-garde elements from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Over the years, it has been marked by some of the greatest artists, such as **Picasso**, **Miró** or **Gaudí**, most of whose work has been listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Take the time to stroll along **the Ramblas** and enjoy the gentle, typically Mediterranean lifestyle of the capital of Catalonia.