CRUISE OF 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - REF. SVJ_PP

# The Jamón Ibérico Route and the Pueblos Blancos - Amazing Andalusia: Enchanting Traditional Architecture and Fabulous Cuisine (port-to-port cruise)

SPAIN

Discover Spanish culinary culture on a trip through the Jabugo region, where one of the most famous hams in the world is produced. Learn about how pigs are raised and the long curing process involved in making this delicacy. After this scrumptious jaunt, we'll complete our picture-perfect postcard day with a visit to the Pueblos Blancos, a myriad of villages dotted with whitewashed homes. The contrast of colors between the homes, mountains, and flowers within the idyllic landscape is something to behold. A cruise will then give you a glimpse of Andalusian culture enhanced by tasting local products.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Cádiz, the heart of flamenco
- Pueblos Blancos: The white villages of Vejer de la Frontera and Conil de la Frontera
- Lively Seville, its cathedral, and the Palacio de las Dueñas

## THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

### Seville - Jerez de la Frontera

Our coach will meet you at either the Seville Airport at 3:30 p.m. or the Seville train station at 4:00 p.m. to take you to Jerez de la Frontera, where you'll check into a 4-star hotel for dinner and the night.

DAY 2

### The Pueblos Blancos

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Set out on a full-day adventure to visit the Pueblos Blancos. See the most beautiful Pueblos Blancos in Andalusia. In the morning, we'll leave for Arcos de la Frontera, a charming village perched on a cliff. Next, we'll travel through Grazalema Natural Park along spectacular roads with breathtaking panoramas at every turn. We'll have lunch in Ronda, the largest city in the region. In the afternoon, we'll continue through the park towards Ubrique, visiting this charming village nestled at the foot of the mountains. We'll return to Jerez de la Frontera for dinner and the night.

DAY 3

### Jerez de la Frontera - Jamón Ibérico Route - SEVILLE

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. In the morning, we'll visit the regional pig-raising pasturelands and discover the countryside where Jabugo ham is produced, one of the most famous in the world. The vast environment filled with oak trees and the acorns the pigs feast on gives the ham its special features. Learn about how it is made before enjoying a tasting of this famous delicacy. We'll have lunch in the area before leaving for Seville in the afternoon. Once in Seville, you'll board our ship, the MS Belle de Cadix. Welcome cocktail. Enjoy a free evening to explore Seville on your own.

DAY 4

### SEVILLE - CADIZ

Seville is an exemplary city in Spanish history, as Christian and Muslim cultures have cohabited in veritable peace throughout its past. The Andalusian capital simply oozes joy and liveliness on each of its streets and squares in the old city, and its architecture is testimony to its diverse heritage. This morning, join us for a guided tour on foot of Seville, known by its secret code NO8DO (She has not abandoned me). Discover this splendid city and its impressive Mudéjar architecture. Many of its buildings are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and we'll enjoy a guided tour of the cathedral. In the afternoon, we'll begin to cruise towards Cádiz. Will pass in front of the Doñana National Park, a UNESCO biosphere natural reserve, which spreads along the right bank of the river to its estuary. Located between the European and African continents, the reserve is one of the most important wet zones in the area and attracts several million migrating birds a year. We'll arrive in Cádiz this evening.

DAY 5

### CADIZ - The Peublos Blancos of Vejer de la Frontera and Conil de la Frontera

This morning, we'll set out on a guided tour of Cádiz. The lovely city of Cádiz is tucked between lavish lagoons, sprawling beaches, and rich salt marshes. The city was once inhabited by the Phoenicians and Greeks and has been able to preserve its historic charm among its white walls. The sinuous streets in the medieval quarter contrast the straight and orderly streets found in the Baroque-style area. This afternoon, join us for a visit to admire the Pueblos Blancos in Vejer de la Frontera. Vejer de la Frontera is one of the most captivating "white villages" in Andalusia. Every corner seems to be filled with colorful sights and fascinating spots to explore. At the end of the visit, a tasting of local products made from bitter oranges. After our excursion, we'll return on board the ship. Tonight, we'll enjoy a Spanish-themed dinner and evening of flamenco. Our ship will cruise to El Puerto de Santa Maria.

DAY 6

## EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

Included excursion: wine tasting in a bodega. Afternoon cruising towards Seville.

DAY 7

## SEVILLE

This morning, we'll tour the Palacio de las Dueñas. Built between the 15th and 16th centuries, Las Dueñas was named after the former monastery of Santa María de las Dueñas. It has several buildings, courtyards, and gardens. We will tour the stables, lemon-tree courtyard, main courtyard, and Gypsy Hall—which was once the center of social life in the palace. Many of the other rooms we will see illustrate the fundamental activities found in Andalusian culture, including bullfighting and flamenco dancing. After our excursion, we'll return on board for lunch. Enjoy a free afternoon in Seville, and take advantage of this time to discover the city at your own pace. We suggest a stroll through the historic center to take in the full ambiance of the city. OR Optional excursion (not included in package): Full-day trip to Grenada(1) (available only through reservation before departure). We will leave by coach for a full-day tour of Grenada (driving time is approximately 3 hours round trip). We'll visit the Alhambra, the Palacio de Generalife, and the historic center of the city. Ringed by the imposing mountainous barrier of the Sierra Nevada, Grenada is built across three hills. Its most beautiful treasure is the Alhambra. The city's cuisine, handicrafts, and architecture have all been marked by its glorious past. We will return to our ship by coach. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

DAY 8

## SEVILLE

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

# Excursions

## Included excursions (1)

### CLASSIC EXCURSIONS PACKAGE

1 day  Classic

## Optional excursions (2)

### Guided tour of Granada and the Alhambra (lunch included)

14h30  Classic

### CLASSIC EXCURSIONS PACKAGE WITHOUT PALACIO DE LAS DUENAS - CLASSIC PACKAGE INCLUDED

1 day

# Our price includes

Accommodations, including breakfast and dinner, in a four-star hotel in the Jerez de la Frontera area from Day 1 to Day 3* - lunch on Day 2 and Day 3 - full-day excursion to the Pueblos Blancos and a stopover at pig-raising pasture lands - cruise with all meals from dinner on Day 3 to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy cabin with climate control and shower in private bathroom - all onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala evening - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

*PLEASE NOTE: For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary. (1) Optional excursion in Granada: guaranteed booking up to 8 weeks before departure; from 8 to 4 weeks, upon request and subject to availability; bookings closed less than 4 weeks before departure. For your information, please note that the bus trip should take about 3 hours to go and 3 hours to return. Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

# Our price does not include

Drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers (full-day excursions with lunches in restaurants are the exception) - excursion to Grenada - cancellation and baggage insurance.

# Practical information

## REQUIREMENTS

Valid passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.