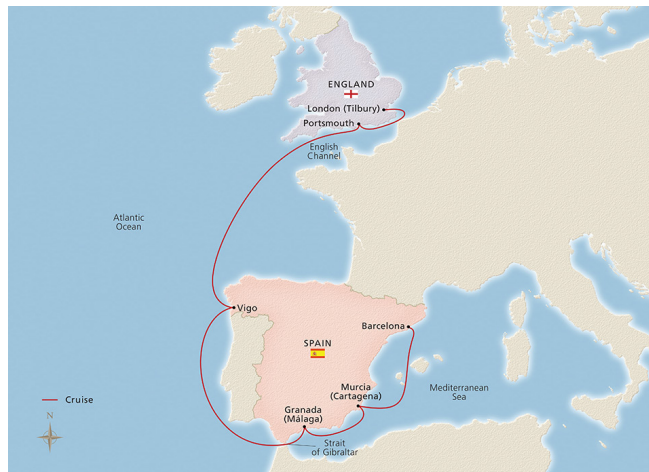


Iberian Explorer



Day 1 — Barcelona, Spain

Arrive in Barcelona and step on board your ship. Settle in to your veranda stateroom and explore your ship. As we remain in port until the afternoon, you may have time to see some of Barcelona's sights. The vibrant Las Ramblas boulevard is just 25 minutes away.

Day 2 — Murcia, Spain

Uncover the rich history of Cartagena today, brimming with remarkable architecture spanning the ages, from the days of Rome to Art Nouveau. Outside the city, marvel at the beauty of the sanctuary of the Virgin of Fuensanta, Murcia's patron saint, and the baroque- and Gothic-style cathedral. Alternately, explore Cartagena's impressive Roman Theater and its Roman Forum.

Day 3 — Granada, Spain

Today you can experience firsthand the stuff of Andalusian dreams. Birthplace of Pablo Picasso, Málaga is the gateway to Andalusia, the seductive province of rolling hills and endless olive groves. An included tour features the 11th-century Alcazaba Palace, residence of Arabian caliphs, the ancient Moorish Gibralfaro Castle, the Renaissance Cathedral and Picasso's birthplace. Or, choose to explore the mighty Alhambra palace in Granada, one of Spain's most treasured sites.

Day 4 — Scenic Cruising: Strait of Gibraltar

Sail through the famed Strait of Gibraltar today into the Alboran Sea, the westernmost portion of the Mediterranean. On a clear day, you will spot the giant Rock of Gibraltar on the port side. In legend, this enormous geological wonder is one of the Pillars of Hercules, the other being Monte Hacho, a low mountain in Ceuta, a Spanish province in North Africa. As you cruise, perhaps you will soothe your body with a hot sauna and a few minutes amid the gently falling snow of the Snow Grotto. This evening, enjoy cocktails in the Explorers' Lounge and an authentic Italian meal at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant.

Day 5 — Vigo, Spain

Call on Vigo today, Spain's "Gateway to the Atlantic" and one of the most historic cities on the northwestern coast of Galicia. For stunning views of its dramatic bay, ascend to El Castro Mount. Then get a closer look at Vigo's elegant thoroughfares and plazas and the French gardens of Castrelos Park. Alternately, visit the revered city of Santiago de Compostela, one of medieval Europe's most important pilgrimage sites.

Day 6 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Perhaps you will get a morning workout at the Fitness Center and soothe your body with a hot sauna and a few minutes amid the refreshingly chilled air of the Snow Grotto. In the evening, enjoy cocktails in the Explorers' Lounge and an authentic Italian meal at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant.

Day 7 — Portsmouth, England

You'll enjoy a picturesque arrival into Portsmouth, sailing between Napoleonic forts in the Solent Strait and passing stunning citadels at the harbor's entrance. Then discover the city's prestigious maritime past. This historic naval port houses such historic vessels as Henry VIII's Tudor battleship *Mary Rose* and Lord Nelson's HMS *Victory*. Stroll the docklands of the rejuvenated waterfront and visit the D-Day Museum, commemorating the preparations for the Allied landings of the massive fleet that departed here on June 6, 1944.

Day 8 — London (Tilbury), England

Awake in Tilbury, a historic town on the north bank of the Thames River. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport. Or explore more with Viking and spend time in London.

* One shore excursion included per port as indicated (included); all others available at an extra charge. Depending on your stateroom category, shore excursions may be reserved beginning 90 days before your cruise sails. Not all excursions will be available for all sailings. Full details of the excursions available on your specific departure date can be viewed at My Viking

Journey once your cruise booking has been made.