

Lisbon to the Canary Islands

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DATES: 2025 – Oct 26

DURATION: 14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS

EMBARK: Lisbon, Portugal

DISEMBARK: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands

SHIP: LE BELLOT

FROM: \$10,130*

All Inclusive – Port Charges, Open Bar, Gratuities to ship crew, Shore Excursions

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Expedition Highlights

- A voyage specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers including discussions with experts, transfers before and after your cruise, and an included excursion in each port of call.
- Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts.
- Seville's Alcázar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- A flamenco performance in Cadiz.
- Bustling markets of Moroccan handicrafts in Tangier and Tetouan.
- The Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, the largest in Africa.
- The stunning natural beauty of Madeira and a tasting of its eponymous wines.
- The world's largest optical telescope on La Palma.
- The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of San Cristóbal de La Laguna and Garajonay National Park.
- The eccentric César Manrique Foundation on Lanzarote.

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Days 1-2: LISBON, PORTUGAL

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few km from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbor, 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 luxury shopping.

Day 3: LAGOS, PORTUGAL

Lagos, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, in the Algarve region of southern Portugal. With its picturesque and age-old town center, and the Ponta da Piedade natural site sheltering paradisiacal beaches protected by captivating limestone cliffs in hues of ochre, Lagos enthralles, 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 center, 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.



Day 4: CADIZ, SPAIN

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 colorful 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.

Day 5: TANGIER, MOROCCO

Nestling in the Bay of Tangier, this bewitching Moroccan city lies at the northwestern tip of the country, along the famous Strait of Gibraltar. Following in the footsteps of the writers and artists inspired and seduced by the city's climate and setting, you'll love its rich landscapes and multicultural charm. You'll instantly understand as soon as you set foot in the heart of the Medina. An architectural masterpiece, the Kasbah is your gateway to the Sultan's Palace and its gardens. If you prefer beaches to museums, you can relax just a few minutes from the city on the beautiful sweep of sand bathed by the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 6: CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Situated along the Atlantic coast, Casablanca is the very image of contemporary Morocco: Westernized and cosmopolitan. Exploring the architectural heritage of the "White City" tells you all you need to know about its cultural and historical diversity. Breathtaking highlights include the majestic Hassan II Mosque, considered to be one of the greatest religious buildings in the world. You can explore the narrow alleys of the old Medina, which stand in sharp contrast to the surrounding modern architecture. To get the most from the seafront, the Ain Diab Corniche provides a pleasant place for strolling with easy access to the beach.



Day 7: AT SEA

Day 8: FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with azulejos, or multi-colored mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetizing Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the Frederico de Freitas museum, and the golden paneling of the Cathedral de la Sé. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the teleféricos de Monte, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.

Day 9: AT SEA

Day 10: SANTA CRUZ de la PALMA, CANARY ISLANDS

The capital of the island of Palma, Santa Cruz de la Palma is the pearl of the Canaries. Founded in 1493 by the conquistador Alonso Fernandez de Lugo, the city has preserved a large and atypical architectural heritage from its colonial past, with its traditional Canarian houses adorned with brightly colored wooden balconies, its cobble streets, its sumptuous palaces and its numerous religious buildings. The Santa Catalina Castle is the symbol of the city. This 16th century military fortification helped defend the city from repeated attacks by French privateers.

Day 11: SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

The capital city of Tenerife is located on the north-east coast of the island. Close to the port is the monumental

Plaza de España, bedecked with a fountain and plant sculptures. Around the plaza, you can admire the white marble Triunfo de la Candelaria obelisk, the historic casino of Santa Cruz and the majestic Guimerà theatre. Not far from here, the picturesque Iglesia de la Concepción church features the characteristic traits of Canaries architecture.

Day 12: ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS

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Day 14: LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the plaza de Santa Ana in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've traveled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral.



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GUESTS: 184

RATES – 2025 (Rates subject to change without notice – Book early for best rates.)

All inclusive – Gratuities to crew; all beverages – open bar; Port Charges; Room Service; Shore Excursions; Wi-Fi.

SUITE – After 20% Savings	OCT 26
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$10,130
Prestige – Deck 4	\$11,180
Prestige – Deck 5	\$11,710
Prestige – Deck 6	\$12,340
Deluxe Ste – Decks 3-6	\$16,970
Prestige Suite – Dk 5	\$22,760
Prestige Suite – Dk 6	\$23,910
Privilege Suite – Dk 5-6	\$25,080
Grand Deluxe Suite	WL
OWNER SUITE	\$35,770



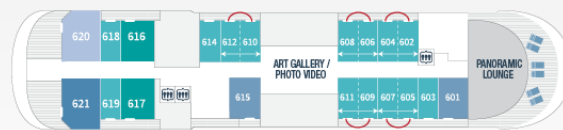
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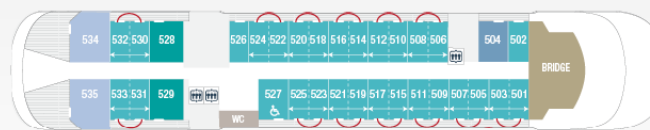
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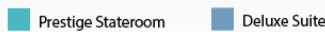
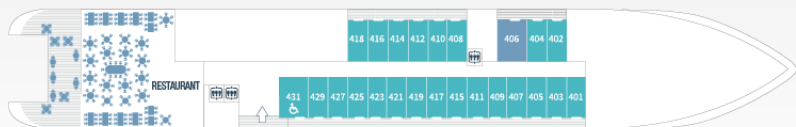
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