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Cruise Details

Name:	Golden Prospects Along The Coasts Of Western Europe
Reference:	HAPAGEUR2721
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	10 Oct 27
Departs From:	Hamburg
Arrives On:	25 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Palma de Mallorca
Cruise Nights:	15
Total Vacation Days:	16

Itinerary

Day 1: Hamburg (Germany)

Arrives On: 10 Oct 27

Day 3: Antwerp (Belgium)

On the banks of the River Schelde, Antwerp is one of Belgium's liveliest port and cultural cities. Since the Middle Ages, Europe's second-largest port has brought prosperity to the city and connected it to the North Sea. Still today, the magnificent guild houses on the Grote Markt and the impressive railway station stand as testament to the riches of the past. In the 17th century, it was home to Peter Paul Rubens – and you can admire his impressive artworks in his former residence and studio as well as in the Gothic Church of Our Lady. The cathedral has the highest church tower in Flanders and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Superlatives are also to be found in the Diamond Quarter, famous for the Antwerp Cut.

Arrives On: 12 Oct 27

Day 5: Saint-Malo (France)

Towering fortress walls that stand out impressively against the sky and a breathtaking coastal landscape: St Malo is a true jewel on the Emerald Coast of Brittany. The city centre, with its narrow streets and mighty fortress towers, is one of the most famous postcard motifs in France. Behind the fortified walls, which you can walk around, the historic town centre will reveal its interesting past. Off the beaten track, miles of sandy beaches, the picturesque promenade and street art in the harbour are special places to explore. Of course the town also offers some tempting culinary highlights, including Cancale oysters. St Malo is also the perfect starting point for visiting the famous monastery island of Mont St Michel*, which has been attracting pilgrims from all over the world for centuries.

Arrives On: 14 Oct 27

Day 6: Brest (France)

Brest is a lively city steeped in history, yet with its sights firmly set on the future. Towering above the water is the imposing Chateau de Brest, whose origins date back over 1,700 years, but which has been altered many times over the centuries. Inside, the National Maritime Museum tells the story of the region’s great seafaring history. Just a few steps away, the Pont de Recouvrance, one of Europe’s largest lift bridges, spans the Penfeld River and offers breathtaking views of the harbour and fortress. A stroll along the waterfront promenade takes you past old quays and traditional naval barges. In contrast, the Oceanopolis, Europe’s largest aquarium and maritime research centre, brings the marine worlds of Brittany to life. The region also offers diverse culinary delights: fresh seafood and Breton specialities such as galettes and cider promise moments of pure indulgence.

Arrives On: 15 Oct 27

Day 8: La Coruña (Spain)

Admire the rugged beauty of Galicia in La Coruna. The coastal city in the north-west of Spain boasts a cultural and culinary diversity that is typical of this autonomous community. The Torre de Hercules, the city’s impressive landmark, tells of great history from afar – it is the only still active lighthouse from Roman times. In the old town, narrow lanes lead to picturesque squares such as the Plaza de Maria Pita, while the kilometre-long promenade along the extensive beaches invites you to take relaxing walks. La Coruna is also a popular starting point for excursions* to the pilgrimage site Santiago de Compostela, whose magnificent cathedral combines Romanesque, Renaissance and baroque styles.Take your time to soak up the impressions – thanks to the long lay time.

Arrives On: 17 Oct 27

Day 10: Lisbon (Portugal)

A unique blend of magnificent palaces, historic monasteries and picturesque narrow streets greets visitors to the Portuguese capital. Lisbon has a magical charm of times gone by and surprises in store at every corner. The medieval Castelo de Sao Jorge stands guard over the city, while the Alfama district with its narrow winding streets and staircases offers an authentic insight into the old Lisbon. Don't miss a trip on the famous Tram 28, which winds its way up and down the hills. Cafes, shops and street sellers make the city centre a lively place to be. Lisbon is as colourful as its history, with its blue tiles, pink walls and yellow trams inviting you to while away some time.

Arrives On: 19 Oct 27

Day 11: Portimão (Portugal)

The copper-red cliffs along the Algarve coast, which rise up almost vertically from the deep-blue sea, make Portimao a real highlight. The charming old town and the marina are perfect for relaxed walks, while the Praia da Rocha – an endless, golden shimmering beach – invites you to enjoy soaking up some rays of sun. Numerous other bays, dune islands and crystal-clear water are perfect for beach days at your own leisure, which will quickly make you forget the everyday.

Arrives On: 20 Oct 27

Day 12: Cádiz (Spain)

The white buildings of Cadiz appear on the horizon, while the golden domes of the cathedral reflect the bright blue sky. The screeches of seagulls and the sound of the waves are carried on the wind. Cadiz, with its history dating back over 3,000 years, was once a lively trading centre. Today, the city retains its pride in its majestic palaces, the Miradores, which offer a breathtaking view over the endless sea. And as you approach the long sandy beach, you almost expect Halle Berry to emerge from the waves – as she did in the famous James Bond scene filmed here.

Arrives On: 21 Oct 27

Day 13: Málaga (Spain)

Andalusia's second largest city exudes the scent of orange groves and the heat of the sun, which shines over the Bay of Malaga. The majestic Montes de Malaga mountain range is just a few miles north of the city, whereas the 130 m (426 ft) high Gibralfaro rises up in the city centre: from the walls of the Castillo de Gibralfaro, you can see the city in all its beauty – with the old town dominated by the elegant towers of the cathedral, one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean. Beneath the castle are the romantic gardens of the Moorish Alcazaba fortress, a great place to while away some time. Wine lovers will appreciate the fertile soils of the Vega, which produce wines like Pedro Ximenez. Malaga is a feast for all the senses.

Arrives On: 22 Oct 27

Day 15: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza, the third-largest Balearic island, has a special magic that can be felt in every season. It combines cultural history, lively traditions and impressive natural landscapes in a unique way. In Ibiza Town, past and present merge to create a vibrant mosaic: the mighty walls of Dalt Vila tell stories from Phoenician and Moorish times whilst stylish bars and colourful boutiques offer a vibrant vibe for visitors to enjoy today. The historic backdrop of the old town, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999, rises proudly above the sea. While the city is filled with colourful hustle and bustle, nature boasts a sense of serenity: the Ses Salines Nature Park, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, provides an ideal habitat for salt-loving plants and a diverse bird life.

Arrives On: 24 Oct 27

Day 16: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

Arrives On: 25 Oct 27

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