Cruise Details

Name:	Iberian & Moroccan Wonders: Spain to Portugal
Reference:	SCENIC511M131028-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Ikon
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	13 Oct 28
Departs From:	Barcelona
Arrives On:	22 Oct 28
Arrives At:	Lisbon
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Barcelona (Spain)

Welcome to Spain and the vibrant city of Barcelona. Renowned for its innovative cuisine, architectural wonders, edgy art scene and buzzing nightlife, it attracts travellers from across the globe.

Your journey begins as soon as you step aboard your next-generation Discovery Yacht, Scenic Ikon. Be warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew before your personal butler shows you to your luxurious suite. As the evening draws near, join your fellow guests out on the open deck for a pre-dinner cocktail as you set sail. Please book your flight to arrive into Barcelona prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 13 Oct 28

Day 2: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

Palma, a popular resort city and capital of the Spanish island of Mallorca, is a place where history comes alive. Its rich cultural heritage has been inherited from the Romans, Moors

and Catholics who lived here successively since 123 BC. Wander the narrow, cobbled streets of Palma’s Casco Antiguo (Old Town) and admire its elegant archways, grand historic palacios, medieval churches and charming squares.

From Santa Maria Cathedral, a Gothic landmark, to La Almudaina, the Moorish-style Arab fortress converted into a royal residence, and Bellver Castle, a medieval fortress with a distinctive circular shape, Palma reveals a new chapter of history at every corner.

Arrives On: 14 Oct 28

Day 3: Valencia (Spain)

Spain’s third-largest city, Valencia is an inspiring blend of old and new. It has one of the largest historic centres in Europe, with buildings dating back to the 13th century, sitting close to modern architectural gems like the futuristic Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias. Join the locals riding bikes, playing sport, listening to live music or just relaxing in the sun in the magnificent Turia Garden.

Valencia is also famous for its food. Visit the impressive Central Market, an enormous Art Nouveau food hall selling everything from fresh fruit to charcuterie, pastries and wine. Make sure to try the city’s signature paella, made with excellent local seafood.

Arrives On: 15 Oct 28

Day 4: Cartagena (Spain)

A prized location with one of the world’s greatest natural harbours at its doorstep and surrounded by rich mineral deposits, Cartagena is sure to surprise and delight. Once inhabited by the Romans, Cartagena is recognised for the wealth of ancient sites in and around the city. Step back in time as you explore Cartagena’s magnificent Roman Theatre, one of Spain’s most impressive archaeological restorations. Follow in the footsteps of Roman citizens along the Decumano Maximo, a remarkably preserved street that once formed the city’s bustling main artery. Roman murals and mosaics adorn historical villas while late 19th century architecture complements the picturesque Mediterranean coast.

Arrives On: 16 Oct 28

Day 5: Almería (Spain)

Framed by desert landscapes and the sparkling Mediterranean, Almería is a vibrant city where Moorish heritage meets coastal charm. Be sure to visit the fortress of La Alcazaba, once among the most formidable Moorish strongholds of the 10th century. While in the charming old town, savour some tapas and a glass of crisp Andalusian wine before a leisurely stroll through St. Nicholas Salmerón Park.

Arrives On: 17 Oct 28

Day 6: Málaga (Spain)

Spend today exploring the city of Málaga on Spain’s Costa del Sol, a coastal city rich in culture and charm. With roots dating back more than 3,000 years, Málaga has evolved from a thriving 15th-century trading hub to a vibrant cosmopolitan city that draws millions of visitors each year for its brilliant beaches and artistic roots.

Málaga is the birthplace of Pablo Picasso and proudly pays homage to the virtuoso with a dedicated museum. Savour local flavours such as ‘tinto de verano’, an iced summer wine, and wander the streets filled with architectural treasures from colourful baroque designs to an historic Roman theatre.

Arrives On: 18 Oct 28

Day 7: Gibraltar (Gibraltar)

Perched on the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula, Gibraltar is a natural fortress, and a little slice of Britain tucked within the borders of Spain. The skyline is dominated by the imposing Rock of Gibraltar, a 426-metre-high limestone promontory, home to the only wild monkey population in Europe – the curious Barbary macaques. On the streets below, you can explore dozens of British stores and traditional pubs, and marvel that you’re a stone’s throw away from Spain.

Arrives On: 19 Oct 28

Day 8: Tangier (Morocco)

At the northwestern tip of the African continent lies Tangier, guarding the Strait of Gibraltar where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Tangier's allure is timeless, inviting visitors to explore its rich history and vibrant present.

It’s known as the ‘White City’ for the whitewashed houses strewn along winding streets, and many cultures and civilisations have left their mark here over the centuries. A strong Spanish influence makes it an excellent showcase for Spanish-Moorish architecture and its celebrated café culture boasts over 1,000 establishments. Today, modernisation is in full swing, and Tangier is the busiest port in the Mediterranean.

Arrives On: 20 Oct 28

Day 9: Portimão (Portugal)

On the western Algarve, Portimão is a small port city with a bustling historic centre. Enjoy the day exploring this once well-known fishing port, now transformed into a breathtaking promenade lined with shops selling traditional items and fantastic restaurants. Portimão is much loved for the steep limestone cliffs that surround its sandy beach of Praia da Rocha.

Arrives On: 21 Oct 28

Day 10: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Lisbon, the colourful capital of Portugal and a city with a proud history of seafaring. As your final morning begins, enjoy one last breakfast wrapped in the comfort and elegance of your next-generation Discovery Yacht. Farewell the crew and your fellow guests as you depart, taking away memories to last a lifetime. Please book your flight to depart out of Lisbon after 12:00 PM. #Spa treatments and services at additional cost. Daily activities may be subject to change; please consult your Daily Wonder for updates. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board.
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