

Lisbon to the Canary Islands by Sea: Spain, Morocco, & Atlantic Isles – with Smithsonian Journeys

From **12/10/2026**
to **25/10/2026**

Ship: **Le Lapérouse**

From **Lisbon**
to **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands**



Shore excursion in each port of call + transfers included

In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture.

Set sail aboard **Le Lapérouse** on an exceptional 14-day itinerary that will take you from the Moorish worlds of Andalusia and Morocco to the Atlantic archipelagos of Madeira and the Canary Islands—worlds of great historical and cultural import and also of great natural beauty.

Begin in **Lisbon**, where a panoramic tour of the city's main sights includes **Belém Tower**, the point from which many Portuguese explorers, including Vasco da Gama, set sail—now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Portimão, in southern Portugal, is your gateway to the natural beauty, history, and culture of the Algarve. **Tour the Old Town of Lagos**, visit the stunning rock formations and caves of Ponta da Piedade, and enjoy a tasting of Algarve wines. Or travel the short distance to Sagres on Cape St. Vincent, from where Prince Henry the Navigator directed the expeditions that led to the discovery of Madeira and the Azores.

Your introduction to the rich cultural landscape of Andalusia begins with a call in **Cádiz**, one of the country's oldest cities and the home of the Spanish Navy during the discovery of the Americas. From Cádiz you will have an opportunity to visit the superb palace of the **Alcázar** in **Seville**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

From **Marbella**, you may travel to the picturesque town of **Ronda**, a center of bullfighting, or you may stay in Marbella to stroll the *Avenida del Mar*, decorated with ten sculptures by Dali.

Next you will spend a full day in and around **Malaga**, Spain, the gateway to Andalusia and to the legendary **Costa del Sol**. One highlight of your time here is sure to be your journey to **Granada**, including lunch and a tour of the incomparable **Alhambra**.

After arriving in Morocco in **Tangier**, visit the **American Legation**, the oldest U.S. diplomatic mission in the world, or travel across the Rif Mountains to the showcase of Moroccan handicrafts at the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Tetouan**.

In **Casablanca**, enjoy a full day either to discover the modern architecture of this bustling metropolis, including the stunning **Hassan II Mosque**, or to travel to Morocco's capital, **Rabat**, to delve into the Moorish past represented in the emblematic **Hassan Tower** and the **Oudayas Kasbah**.

A day at sea brings you to the subtropical Portuguese island of **Madeira**, where you will spend an afternoon and following morning. Visit the village of **Monte**, formerly a resort and spa for European high society, and explore the **Botanical Gardens** with panoramic views of the bay. Or travel to the thriving fishing village of **Câmara de Lobos** to discover views that inspired Winston Churchill's painting during his stay on the island.

The next day, you reach the **Canary Islands**, where the remainder of the voyage is spent exploring this fascinating archipelago just off the coast of West Africa. On **La Palma**, choose from among a number of excursions, all of which focus on the rugged volcanic terrain of this small island—**Caldera de Taburiente National Park**, home to one of the largest craters in the world; **Roque de los Muchachos**, the highest elevation on the island and site of the world's largest single-aperture optical telescope; and **Tagojaite**, a volcano formed in September 2021.

The final day of your voyage is spent on the island of **Tenerife**, the largest of the Canaries, where you may continue exploration of the extraordinary natural beauty of the archipelago on a panoramic tour of the island's lush forest and the **Las Cañadas** mountain range, or you may travel to **San Cristóbal de La Laguna**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, capital of the Canary Islands until 1723, which has preserved much of its original architecture.

Your voyage ends in **Las Palmas** on the island of **Gran Canaria**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LISBON

Embarkation 12/10/2026 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 13/10/2026 at 17:30

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

PORTIMÃO

Arrival 14/10/2026 early morning

Departure 14/10/2026 late afternoon

At the entrance of the River Arade, Portimão is a former sardine port that has become a famous seaside city. From this pleasant town, you can explore Silves, the former capital of the Algarve. The town is dominated by a Moorish castle, one of the best preserved in Portugal. You can also admire the incredible cathedral with its baroque façade, built on the site of an old mosque. Then you will go to Monchique, a small mountain town surrounded by a forest lush eucalyptus and cork oaks. In the maze of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses, you will discover here a wilder and more authentic Algarve.

CADIZ

Arrival 15/10/2026 early morning

Departure 15/10/2026 evening

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 colourful 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.

MARBELLA

Arrival 16/10/2026 early morning

Departure 16/10/2026 late afternoon

In the province of **Malaga**, **Marbella** is a renowned seaside resort on the **Costa del Sol**. The remains of early Christian and Roman sites around this former mining town, located at the foot of the **Sierra Blanca** mountains, bear witness to a rich history. With its white houses on flowery little streets, the old town is perfect for a pleasant stroll. The **Plaza de los Naranjos**, former focal point of the city, is near the 10th-century Arabic castle and the **Church of Santa María de la Encarnación**. Not far from here, you'll be able to discover the magnificent viewpoints offered by **Ronda**, a picturesque town perched 700 metres (2,296 feet) high. Its **Puente Nuevo** bridge majestically crosses the gorges of the Guadalquivir River that cuts the town in two.

MÁLAGA

Arrival 17/10/2026

Departure 17/10/2026 late afternoon

A historical and festive town, Malaga is located in Andalusia, on the Costa del Sol. Between the marina and the beaches, the seaside promenade of La Farola offers an ideal setting for strolling and relaxing. Set slightly further back, the Malagueta bullring is one of the emblematic sites of the city. From the hill overlooking the old town, one can see **Gibralfaro castle** and **the Alcazaba**, two fortified ensembles rising out from the cypresses and maritime pines. To visit **Pablo Picasso's birthplace**, you will go first to the courtly plaza de la Merced. A few streets back from here, you can explore the museum dedicated to the artist, in the Buenavista palace.

TANGIER

Arrival 18/10/2026 early morning

Departure 18/10/2026 late afternoon

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.

CASABLANCA

Arrival 19/10/2026 early morning

Departure 19/10/2026 evening

Situated along the Atlantic coast, **Casablanca** is the very image of contemporary **Morocco**: Westernised 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.

AT SEA

Arrival 20/10/2026

Departure 20/10/2026

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Arrival 21/10/2026 midday

Departure 22/10/2026 early afternoon

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-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the **Frederico de Freitas** museum, and the golden panelling 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.

SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 23/10/2026 midday

Departure 23/10/2026 early evening

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 coloured wooden balconies, its cobbled 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.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 24/10/2026 early morning

Departure 24/10/2026 late afternoon

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.

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 25/10/2026 early morning

Disembarkation 25/10/2026 at 08:00

A stopover of sunny climes, 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 travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.