

CRUISE Morocco's Imperial Cities to the Andalusian Flatlands

Arrecife - Agadir - Casablanca - Tangier - Malaga

12 days / 11 nights

From

\$5,999

Per person/Double occupancy/Cruise & Land package
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SHIP : MV LA BELLE DES OCEANS

CRUISE through the legendary strait of Gibraltar and along the Moroccan coastlines for 8 days and 7 nights on board the MV La Belle des Océans.

Although the Strait of Gibraltar separates Spain and Morocco, they share a rich, common history. This trip will focus on Mudéjar art, a mix of styles that appeared between the Moorish invasions and the Spanish Reconquista. Join a fascinating cruise under the golden sunshine in Andalusia to the lively atmosphere of the traditional Moroccan bazaars known as souks.

Start with 2 nights in Arrecife/Lanzarote Canary Islands, and end with 2 nights in Malaga on the Costa del Sol in Spain.



Day 1: Arrecife/Canary Islands

Arrive in Arrecife/Lanzarote airport. Private transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hipotels Natura Palace (Adults only)

Day 2: Arrecife

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day at leisure to discover the islands. Despite not being the largest island in the archipelago, Lanzarote in the Canary Islands is perhaps the most picturesque. The island's villages, beaches, and wineries are set against a striking volcanic scenery. The Timanfaya's volcanic landscapes and geysers on Fire Mountain are worth a visit, or simply explore your surroundings at your own pace.

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Day 7 : Casablanca

In the morning, join a guided tour of Casablanca. This young and dynamic city is a must-see for anyone wanting to get a true feel for the country. The tour emphasizes how Casablanca managed to retain its traditional Moroccan style while balancing the cityscape with more modern designs. Among the sites are Mohammed V Square—a worthy representative of Moroccan Art Deco architecture—the Court House, Central Post Office, and the Wilaya Building. Afterwards, visit the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world and among the rare religious buildings in Morocco open to the public. The 700-foot tall minaret is a landmark in the city and a hint of its opulence from afar. As you get closer you'll notice the extravagant details adorning the stone facades, clearly Mudéjar inspiration. Inside the mosque, appreciate intricate marble flooring, gilded cedar ceilings, and an impressive array of geometric mosaic tilework known as zellige. The tour will then lead to Habous Quarter, one of the older neighborhoods of the city. Otherwise known as New Medina, its narrow streets are lined with stalls from bazaars, conveying an authentic atmosphere. Free time to stroll along the scenic La Corniche oceanfront, offering beautiful panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.

This afternoon, set off on a visit to Rabat. The coastal town of Rabat is one of four Imperial Cities of Morocco. It features a charming combination of long golden beaches, endless avenues, and ancient city walls surrounding the bright white houses that make up the modern part of town. Its medina, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2012, contains awe-

inspiring monuments such as the Chellah medieval fortified necropolis, Hassan Tower, and the Mausoleum Mohammed V. Tonight, enjoy the festive gala evening.

Overnight: Cruise MV La Belle des Océans

Day 8 : Tangier

The Strait of Gibraltar, one of the busiest waterways in the world, is the sole naturally formed connection between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It separates the Iberian Peninsula in Europe from the coast of Morocco in Africa. Sitting in the heart of the strait, the Bay of Tangier provides an exceptional panorama of these two not-so-separate worlds. The ship will enter the strait and reach Tangier early in the morning.

Depart for a day-long excursion to Chefchaouen (lunch included). Nestled high up in the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen is unquestionably one of the most beautiful Moroccan towns. Enjoy a stroll through the narrow streets of its Medina—the old district bearing a clear Andalusian influence. The blue-wash facades of houses make for a picture-perfect Mediterranean-style village interspersed with historical monuments you'll discover, such as the Grand Mosque (exterior views only).

Return on board LA BELLE DES OCEANS. With a cocktail in hand, take advantage of the views from the Sun Deck as you leave the Strait of Gibraltar and head towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Tonight, a Moroccan evening complete with traditional couscous awaits you.

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Day 9 : Malaga

Join in for an excursion to Granada (including lunch). Sitting at the foot of the Sierra Nevada, Granada is famous for its majestic Renaissance architecture blended with its impressive Al-Andalus heritage. Visit the Alhambra, whose translation from Arabic—The Red One—refers to the sun-dried bricks used to build the outer walls. Together with Córdoba's Mezquita, this true wonder of Moorish art stands as one of the most prestigious testimonies of the seven-century Muslim presence in Spain. From the delicate details and sculptures adorning the stunning palaces to the captivating gardens around them, the Alhambra, framed by the surrounding mountains, offers constant enchantment. Next, visit the Palacio de Generalife, the former summer palace of the Nasrid rulers, located directly uphill from the Alhambra. Its gardens and courtyards surround narrow canals that are part of the palace complex's intricate water supply system.

In the late afternoon, enjoy a glass of sangria on the Sun Deck. Join a lecture in the lounge: The Strategic Challenges of the Strait of Gibraltar.

Overnight: Cruise MV La Belle des Océans

Day 10 : Malaga/Spain

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. You will be met and private transfer to your hotel in the Costa del Sol.

Overnight: Melia Costa del Sol

Day 11 : Malaga

Full day at leisure to enjoy the coast.

Overnight: Melia Costa del Sol

Day 12 : Malaga Departure

Check out from your hotel and transfer to Malaga airport.



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The Package Includes:

- Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day
- Drinks included with meals and at the bar (not including the special wine and drinks lists)
- Accommodations in double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom
- Onboard entertainment
- Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Gala evening
- All port fees
- Excursions mentioned in the program:

MOROCCO

- Enchanting and colorful Marrakesh or, Authentic Taroudant and the Tiout Oasis
- The magical atmosphere of Casablanca
- Rabat, a coastal Imperial City
- Chefchaouen, a gorgeous blue wash town nestled high up in the Rif Mountains

SPAIN

- Granada and the Alhambra, the palace from the Nasrid dynasty and a marvelous example of Andalusian architecture

The package does not include:

- Flights
- Drinks from the special wine list or drinks ordered during excursions
- Personal expenses

Cruise and Land package 12 days /11 nights, price per person in double occupancy

2025	Deck 3 (2 portholes)	Deck 4 (panoramic window)	Deck 5 (panoramic window)
March 3, 2025	\$ 6,799	\$ 7,399	\$ 7,999
Supplement Single room/cabin	\$ 3,045	\$ 3,295	\$ 3,595

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