

### **IBERIAN SUMMER IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL**

Malaga: a hidden gem Sightseeing in Malaga begins as soon as you enter the harbour: Standing at the railings, you are greeted by an idyllic view of many of the city's sights. The cathedral, the Moorish fort of Alcazaba and the birthplace of Picasso are easily reached by foot from the harbour. Yet Malaga is still considered an insider tip; indeed the old port was only recently redeveloped. It now features a pristine promenade, which is the perfect place for a relaxing stroll. The gentle pace of life in Cadiz History comes alive in the city of Cadiz. One of Europe's oldest cities, this charming harbour town boasts a beautiful cathedral and baroque buildings, a tranquil old town and defiant watch towers. The town centre, with its delightful tapas bars, can be easily explored on foot from the harbour. And there is no shortage of good wine, as Jerez de la Frontera, with its sherry and wine cellars, is close by. The approach to Lisbon Before pulling into the port of Lisbon, the Sea Cloud ii treats you to singular panoramic views along the Tagus. You pass the Torre de Belem, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that celebrates the splendour of the former colonial world power. Just a few hundred metres further on, you are greeted by the gigantic Monument to the Discoveries, dedicated to Henry the Navigator. Special chefs on board For several years now, our passion for personal hospitality and high-class cuisine has united us with FEINE PRIVATHOTELS. Many of the hotels have award-winning kitchens. We are therefore delighted to present to you on this cruise two top chefs from our partner hotels who, together with our own resident chef, will delight your taste buds with a range of special menus.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Barcelona/Spain

Guests arrive individually in Barcelona. Embarkation on the Sea Cloud ii Barcelona revels in contrasts. Many enthuse over the beautiful elegant squares and boulevards, while others look for medieval romance in the Gothic quarter. Some love the artistic treasures in the Picasso Museum or the Joan Miro Foundation, but for most people Barcelona is the capital of Catalan Art Nouveau and its glory is epitomised in the spectacular Palau de la Musica. At every turn you encounter the playfully opulent

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creations of architect Antonio Gaudi. His exuberant fantasies are evident in the numerous houses, idiosyncratic parks and the famous uncompleted Sagrada Familia cathedral which he created.

#### Day 2 - Ibiza/Spain

Ibiza's motto is "live and let live". Artists, hedonists and the international jet set discovered the beauty of this Balearic island many years ago. The little island's character has a Moorish influence, which has given it the pseudonym of "the white island". The tidy old quarter in Ibiza Town, surrounded by huge fortified walls, has been carefully restored and, like the entire island, is under the protection of UNESCO. In contrast, the spectacular, sometimes wildly rugged island coastline with its innumerable bays and beaches shows the traditional side of Ibiza. The primordial backdrop is one of gentle hills cris-crossed with a scattering of fincas. Optional Island excursion and old city walking tour.\*

#### Day 3 - At sea

#### Day 4 - Malaga/Spain

Malaga has spruced itself up. In 2003, the Museo Picasso opened in a 16th century Renaissance palace and is dedicated to the artist's extensive life's work. This historic old city invites you to take a stroll and its buildings gleam like new. And above everything towers the Alcazaba, a mighty walled fortress. The port was completely redesigned when the city was opened to the sea and you can now take a lovely stroll along the promenade. In Malaga's hinterland you can see the most beautiful aspects of traditional Andalusia. From a distance the typical Andalusian villages look like white dabs of paint shining out from the brown of the barren mountain landscape. Optional City walking tour.

#### Day 5 - Cadiz/Spain

The old city of Cadiz, around 3,000 years old, has a picturesque location on a narrow headland, right by the Playa de la Caleta with its elegant beachside promenade. Visit the Andalusian capital of Seville and you will be transported back to the heyday of Moorish splendour and rule, but also the age of discovery. This town sits on the Guadalquivir River was a centre of Spanish maritime trade with the New World. Many buildings in the old town are registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the splendid Moorish Alcazar fortress and the huge Gothic Cathedral of Santa Maria de la Sede. Seville is a fun-loving city that is still at the centre of Andalusian culture and is considered the proud birthplace of Flamenco. Optional Excursion - Cadiz and Jerez de la Frontera, including sherry tasting.

#### Day 6 - At sea

#### Day 7 - Lisbon/Portugal

The most beautiful approach to the Portuguese capital is to travel up the River Tagus. One of the city's most famous landmarks has been greeting visitors right on the estuary since 1521 - the Torre de Belem. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and transports you back to the glory days when Portugal was a naval power. There are many landmarks, such as the facades of the houses decorated with azulejos tilework and the ancient trams that rattle through the city. But Lisbon has many different sides. Joie de vivre comes face to face with the melancholy of Fado music, winding lanes in the old city meet wide boulevards, while magnificent churches and austere monasteries show the two sides of former religious faith. Optional City tour with the historical tram.

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Day 8 - At sea

#### Day 9 - Porto (Leixoes)/Portugal

Porto considers itself the country's secret capital. The narrow lanes of the historic old town "Ribeira", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, extend in terraces up the slope overlooking the Douro. The former working class district has blossomed into a beautifully restored trendy neighbourhood. A student of Gustave Eiffel created the bold design for the bridge, which stretches over the river in a wide arc and links the Ribeira with Vila Nova da Geia and its 50 port wineries that lie on the other side. The best way to reach the incredible Douro Valley and the countryside of the Alto Douro wine region, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is by river. Disembarkation. Guests return home individually.

#### Please Note:

Itinerary subject to change! Optional excursions are not included in the rate.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

YOUR SHIP:	Sea Cloud II
VESSEL TYPE:	Tall Ship (Sailing)
LENGTH:	105 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	96
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2001

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea Cloud, the 29,600 square feet of sails is set by hand which is a truly magical sight. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and extremely comfortable. The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble. No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural

grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a

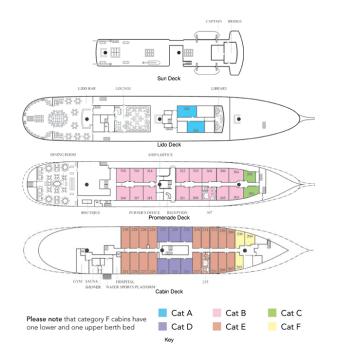


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