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## 2019 Iberian Peninsula Golf Cruise

8 Nights | 5 Rounds | Lisbon to Barcelona | May 3 - 11  
POST-CRUISE OPTION - Barcelona with Golf at El Prat & PGA Catalunya!

PerryGolf is proud to again partner with Azamara® for an exceptional golf voyage onboard the outstanding 690 guest *Azamara Journey* around the Iberian Peninsula. Our itinerary begins in **Lisbon**, Portugal and concludes in **Barcelona**, Spain. The five round line-up begins with **The Oceânico Faldo Course** situated in Portugal's famed Algarve region; **Valderrama**, consistently rated #1 in continental Europe; **Finca Cortesin**, located to the west of beautiful Marbella; The classic **El Saler** on the outskirts of Valencia; and finally **Son Gual**, on the glorious island of Mallorca.

On arrival in vibrant Barcelona we also offer a three night post cruise package including play at the highly acclaimed **El Prat** and **PGA Catalunya**.

Our guest list typically brings together like-minded individuals sharing a love of golf. Inevitably many new friendships are formed. Many guests are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. The latter are also exceptionally well catered for as, in addition to the fabulous onboard facilities, a wide selection of **Azamara Shore Excursions®** are offered in each port. The itinerary also allows for some relaxing 'time at sea' under Mediterranean skies.

On board, our guests are absolutely spoiled. Our favored ship *Azamara Journey* is small enough to provide a most intimate experience and nimble enough to access smaller ports, but large enough to provide a great choice of outstanding dining and bars; the ship also offers an exceptional full service spa, and features excellent and varied evening entertainment. In addition to all 'normal' cruise features, Azamara® include all soft drinks, specialty coffees, boutique daily wines, and a choice of select standard beers and cocktails within the cruise fare, plus all gratuities to create a thoroughly all inclusive cruise experience. Our itinerary is also set to allow for late evenings and occasional overnights in certain ports, allowing you much greater 'immersion' in the destination.

Forty-six suites are available on *Journey*, each attended by English-style butler service. If you are inclined to indulge, we recommend you make your arrangements without delay.

## Detailed Itinerary

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### MAY 3, FRIDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

Embark *Azamara Journey* 1:00PM. All aboard 3:30PM. Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants.

#### Overnight: At Sea

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### MAY 4, SATURDAY: PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

strong>Portimão is located in the District of Faro in the Algarve Region of Portugal, and is the host venue for many prestigious sailing events. The Lisbon to Dakar Rally passes through, and there is also surfing and kitesurfing. This is a great place for seafood restaurants with grilled sardines being the specialty. Enjoy it on your own arrangements or via Azamara Shore Excursions®.

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Overnight – At Sea

### **MAY 5, SUNDAY: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM (9:00AM / 10:00PM)**

"The Rock" of Gibraltar is a sight to behold rising nearly 1,400 feet out of nowhere located in a strategic position at the southern end of the Iberian Peninsula. It overlooks the Straits of Gibraltar and is linked to Spain by a narrow isthmus. Most of the upper Rock, starting just above the town, is a nature reserve with spectacular views accessible by cable car. Gibraltar is imposing but small. It measures less than six square kilometres and is inhabited by around 30,000 people made up of Gibraltarians, British, Moroccans, Indians and Spanish. There is a colony of the famous, camera-hogging Barbary apes who run free in a semi-wild state. Gibraltar is a British self-governing colony and a member of the European Union by virtue of Britain's membership.

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Overnight: At Sea

### **MAY 6, MONDAY: MALAGA, SPAIN (7:30AM / 6:00PM)**

Malaga is found on Spain's famous Costa del Sol along with its coastal and inland neighbors Rincon de la Victoria, Torremolinos, Benalmadena, Fuengirola, Alhaurin de la Torre, Mijas and Marbella. The important cultural infrastructure and the rich artistic heritage have culminated in the nomination of Malaga as a candidate for the 2016 European Capital of Culture. The internationally acclaimed painter and sculptor Pablo Picasso and actor Antonio Banderas were both born in Malaga.

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Overnight – At Sea

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### **MAY 7, TUESDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (6:00PM / IN PORT )**

Valencia has come a very long way since 138 BC when it was founded as a Roman colony. Today it is Spain's third largest city after Madrid and Barcelona. It has one of the world's most prosperous local economies. The story you'll probably take home however is about one of the most striking ranges of architecture imaginable. Of course you'll find antiquity in many forms such as Valencia's Gothic cathedral which was built over a mosque after the Christian reconquest of 1238. You will also find the space-age City of Arts and Sciences, a massive project by neofuturistic architect Santiago Calatrava (World Trade Center Transportation Hub) whose showpiece is Oceanogràfic – one of the world's biggest aquariums, with polar zones, underwater tunnels and an underwater restaurant. The juxtaposition is startling. And you'll have two full days to immerse yourself in it!

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Overnight: In Port – Valencia, Spain

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### **MAY 8, WEDNESDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (IN PORT / 6:00PM )**

Enjoy a full day in beautiful Valencia.

**GOLF:** El Saler Golf Club is located on the outskirts of Valencia within the Albufera Nature Park. Designed by Javier Arana, one of the most prestigious Spanish designers and opened in 1968, it sits nearby the beach occupying terrain dotted with pine trees and sand dunes and has a distinctly "links" feel. It's famous 'cats claw' (not dissimilar to the Monterey Peninsula's "iceplant") is certainly to be avoided in the rough.

Overnight – At Sea

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### **MAY 9, THURSDAY: PALMA DE MAJORCA, SPAIN (7:30AM / 10:00PM)**

The original city of Palma dates back to Roman times; modern day residents of the old quarter are still digging up artifacts in their gardens. Balanced on a seawall above the marina is the amazing gothic Cathedral, icon of the city, with some of the world's largest stained glass windows. Also high on the artistic scale is the Museum of Contemporary Spanish Art featuring works by masters including Picasso, Miró, Gris, and Dali. Mother Nature's aesthetic achievements can be found in the Caves of Drach—mystical caverns where the play of shadow and light on the rock formations stimulates the imagination.

**GOLF:** Son Gual has been lauded since it opened in 2007. The Thomas Himmel designed layout is considered the finest of the Balearic islands and is one of the most talked about venues in southern Europe, with the European Golf & Travel Media Association naming it as 'The Discovery of 2010'. Son Gual enjoys a lovely location, peppered with mature olive trees and wild flowers, with its design and conditioning being of the very highest standard.

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Overnight: At Sea

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### MAY 10, FRIDAY: MAHON, MENORCA, SPAIN (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

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Your arrival by ship is fortuitous as Mahon is most striking when approached by sea, perched atop a cliff overlooking the natural harbor. Shops cluster along streets between two plazas, one large and lined with cafés and restaurants, the other tranquil, and site of the Church of Santa Maria, known for a celebrated organ with four keyboards and more than 3,000 pipes; and Carmen, a convent whose cloisters now house the municipal market.

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Overnight: At Sea

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### MAY 11, SATURDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)

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9:00AM Disembark *Azamara Journey*.

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### POST CRUISE OPTION - PGA Catalunya and El Prat

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After disembarking *Azamara Journey* enjoy three nights in beautiful Barcelona, with golf at the highly rated El Prat and PGA Catalunya.

3 nights in 4 star city centre hotel based on twin occupancy, with daily breakfast

Day at leisure after disembarking

Green fees and starting times for 2 rounds of golf with shared electric golf cart

Transfers from the ship to hotel, and to/from golf courses (airport transfers excluded)

Box lunch at each golf course with open bar for select standard beers, wines and spirits

Farwell dinner including drinks and wines

Management and handling of golf equipment

All gratuities for golf related staff including drivers & golf bag handling staff

Full time PerryGolf program manager

## Golf Schedule

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### The Oceanico Faldo Course

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