
2019 Mediterranean Islands Golf Cruise

7 Nights | 4 Rounds | Monte Carlo - Barcelona | October 12-19

PerryGolf is proud to again partner with **Azamara Club Cruises** for an exceptional golf voyage to some of the most beautiful islands in the Mediterranean onboard the newest addition to Azamara's fleet - the outstanding 690 guest *Azamara Pursuit*. We begin in the luxurious principality of **Monaco** with seven captivating ports of call ahead including **Corsica, Sardinia, Menorca, Majorca, Valencia, Tarragona**, and finally, **Barcelona**. The golf line-up includes four outstanding rounds at the highly rated courses of **El Saler, Son Gual, Pevero** and **Sperone Golf Club**. The latter three have the added charm of all being island venues and our visits there are made superbly convenient via our floating boutique hotel *Azamara Pursuit*!

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.

Onboard, our guests are absolutely spoiled. Our favored ship *Azamara Pursuit* is small enough to provide a most intimate experience and nimble enough to access smaller ports, while being 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 Club Cruises include all soft drinks, speciality 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. Just read what our past guests say. We know you will love it!

Detailed Itinerary

OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY: MONTE CARLO, MONACO (IN PORT / 5:00PM)

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

Monte Carlo epitomizes the French Riviera, it is famous for being famous. This is where you'll find the Casino de Monte Carlo which was center stage for 007's first visit to Monaco in *Never Say Never Again* and a sight to behold from the outside as well as in. It is home since 1929 to the Monaco Grand Prix, considered to be one of the most demanding Formula One circuits of the season due to its insanely narrow streets with tight corners and elevation changes. There is also Monaco Cathedral, the Napoleon Museum, the Oceanographic Museum and the Prince's Palace where Prince Rainier III and his wife Grace Kelly began their restoration of Monaco with his accession to the throne in 1949. One of the best views you'll find is from Vista Palace Hotel and be sure to have a drink in Le Bar Américain at Hotel de Paris.

OVERNIGHT: **At Sea**

OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY: PORTO-VECCHIO, CORISCA (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

Dating back to the 16th century, the fortified port town of **Porto-Vecchio** is now a Corsican resort destination. The Old Town district—with its cobblestone streets, charming buildings, and ruins of the ancient citadel—features fashionable shops, boutiques, and cafés while Porto Vecchio's modern marina offers ferry rides to Bonifacio and the Lavezzi Islands nature reserve, plus a variety of places to enjoy a local beverage harborside. Visit the Church of Saint Jean-Baptiste, the Bastion San Antonia, and the Porte Genoise Gate for panoramic views of the sea, mountains and surrounding valley, or enjoy an afternoon at one of Corsica's two most famous beaches, Palombaggia and Santa Giulia, located just south of Porto-Vecchio. As dusk settles, head to the Old Town's Place de la République (main square) for its lively nightlife, bars, and restaurants.

Enjoy it on your own arrangements or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

GOLF: Sperone Golf Club. Europe's 'Pebble Beach' is yet another RTJ masterpiece in the region situated on yet another spectacular site perched above the striking blue Mediterranean. Sperone has been ranked as high as France's 6th best course.

OVERNIGHT: **At Sea**

OCTOBER 14, MONDAY: OLBIA, SARDINIA (7:30AM / 5:00PM)

In a desirable location on the stunning Costa Smeralda, **Olbia** has been inhabited since the 8th century BC, but a recent archaeological discovery of 24 shipwrecks - two of them from the age of Nero - has landed it in the spotlight. The name Olbia means 'happy town', though its past has been somewhat difficult with the city destroyed and rebuilt many times throughout its history. Of course that makes it all the more interesting, as every empire that came and went has left something of value behind for you to see.

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GOLF: Pevero Golf Club. The site of Sardinia's first golf course - along the rugged, ragged coastline of the peninsula between the Bays of Cala di Volpe and Volpero - lured the esteemed Robert Trent Jones for one of his earliest projects overseas.

OVERNIGHT: **At Sea**

OCTOBER 15, TUESDAY: MAHON, MENORCA (1:00PM / 8:00PM)

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**

OCTOBER 16, WEDNESDAY: PALMA DE MAJORCA (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

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.

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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.

OVERNIGHT: **At Sea**

OCTOBER 17, THURSDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (7:30AM / 10:00PM)

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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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' - similar to the Monterey Peninsula's iceplant grass - is to be avoided in the rough.

OVERNIGHT: **At Sea**

OCTOBER 18, FRIDAY: TARRAGONA (7:30AM / 2:00PM) & BARCELONA (7:00PM / IN PORT)

Tarragona is a vibrant port city which blends beautiful beaches and a bustling nightlife with rich history. In the Roman age, the town of Tarragona was named Tarraco and was the provincial capital of Hispania Tarraconensis. The El Ebre National Park - made up of 320 square kilometers of Mediterranean marshland - has World Heritage status and is listed as the second largest marsh in Europe. Visit the imposing Pont del Diable; constructed in 1283 on Roman foundations, this medieval bridge spans the municipalities of Martorell and Castellbisbal in Catalonia. Take a trip to marvel at the city's cathedral and Diocesan Museum. The cloister's sculpture work is

one of finest examples of Romanesque art in Catalonia, dating back as far as the 13th century.

Barcelona is routinely found among the most the world's most popular destinations and a top five in Europe along with Rome, London, Paris and Dublin. There's a lot to like in this Olympic City (1992) from the food to the beaches, the weather and the night life. For many visitors however Barcelona is about architecture, especially the work of Antoni Gaudi. His **Sagrada Familia** in the city center is astounding. Construction began on the church in 1882; it is scheduled for completion in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of Gaudi's death.

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OVERNIGHT: **Barcelona, Spain**

OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (IN PORT)

Disembark *Azamara Pursuit* at 9:00AM.

Golf Schedule

Pevero Golf Club



Pevero Golf Club Sardinia's first golf course opened in 1972 and designed by Robert Trent Jones. It's found along the edge of a rugged, jagged coastline in chic Costa Smeralda sandwiched spectacularly between the Gulf of Pevero and the sparkling bay of Cala di Volpe. The outward half plays counter-clockwise; the inward clockwise. While the coastline is never in play, Jones has added several ponds to make water an ever-present danger plus he has wisely afforded generous landing areas so that the course is enjoyable even when confronted by the area's famed north wind – the Mistral.

Sperone Golf Club

Sperone Golf Club Napoléon Bonaparte was born, in Corsica on a Cabell B. Robinson (for Robert Trent Jones) design opened in 1990 that many have called Europe's Pebble Beach or Cypress Point. In several very memorable spots, Sperone Golf Club is that good. The solid front nine winds through rugged Corsican undergrowth to a number of small raised greens. It's a short course so you'll manage but the back nine packs a punch. Eleven plays down toward the ocean and a slender ledge green sandwiched between large boulders. Twelve is a testy 3 par across a rocky canyon to an elevated cliff-top green. Planet Golf says both the 15th and 16th would be all-world holes with a little tree clearing. We suspect you'll be impressed nonetheless.



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