

## 2019 Charleston & Bermuda Golf Cruise

# 11 Nights | 4 Rounds | New York to New York | April 10 – 21 Includes Option to Attend Final Day of The Masters!

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara**® for an exceptional golf and sightseeing voyage from New York to Charleston and Bermuda on board the outstanding *Azamara Journey*. We depart from New York City the day before the 83rd Masters begins in Augusta The first order of business is complete relaxation with a day at sea, a great way to decompress and to familiarize yourself with the vessel. We will make Charleston at lunchtime on day two where we will remain until day four so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy one of the most charming and historic coastal cities on the East Coast. Late on Sunday evening we sail for Bermuda, enjoying two days at sea before our arrival into Hamilton. Here we spend two nights and three days on this most beautiful island. Finally we complete the circle and sail for New York City, with its dramatic skyline heralding the conclusion of our voyage.

Our golf is exceptional beginning with **The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island**, host to the famous 1991 Ryder Cup. We follow that with **Wild Dunes**, the first creation of renowned architect Tom Fazio. Once in Bermuda, we play the two best layouts on the island **Port Royal** and the **Mid Ocean Club**. Our extended stay in Charleston also allows for a special option at supplementary cost to attend the **Final Round of the Masters at Augusta National**. It is a healthy day trip but the opportunity to witness first hand this special venue and revered championship will assure of memories to last a lifetime.

PerryGolf's cruise staff will be on board and ashore to oversee all aspects of your golf experience from daily pairings to the handling of your golf clubs. Many guests are golfing couples along with a number who are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse who are exceptionally well catered to as well. In addition to the fabulous on board facilities, a selection of **Azamara Shore Excursions**® are offered in each port.

On board, our guests are absolutely spoiled. The 690-passenger (410 crew) *Journey* is large enough to provide every comfort and amenity; outstanding restaurants and bars, an exceptional full service spa, an excellent variety of evening entertainment. Yet she is small enough to provide an intimate, clubhouse style experience while comfortably navigating smaller harbours. In addition to "normal" cruise features, all soft drinks, specialty coffees, boutique daily wines, and a choice of select standard beers and cocktails are inclusive within the cruise fare, as are all gratuities. Forty-six suites are available on *Journey* attended by English trained butler service. If you are inclined to vacation luxuriously, we recommend you make your arrangements without delay because the suites will routinely book first.

# **Detailed** Itinerary

APRIL 10, WEDNESDAY: NEW YORK, NEW YORK (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

Embark *Azamara Journey* from 1:00PM onwards. Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening and a chance to meet your fellow participants.



**Overnight: At Sea** 

#### APRIL 11, THURSDAY: AT SEA

A day at sea. No golf. No sightseeing. No worries. Here's your chance to reset with the help of four restaurants plus cafes and lounges, a pool, sun decks, a spa, fitness center, jogging track, hair salon, shops, casino and cabaret lounge. Azamara's clubhouse style ambience provides a hybrid of luxury and big-ship cruising with every amenity presented in an intimate setting with superb service. Note that the best cocktails are found along with the best views on Deck 10 in the Living Room where you can admire the Murano glass and gaze out the floor-to-ceiling windows.

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#### APRIL 12, FRIDAY: CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (1:00PM / IN PORT)

Morning at sea with lunch time arrival into Charleston.

Home to Rhett Butler and the fabled battery, mother to the Civil War and gateway to the low country, **Charleston** holds a special place in the American imagination. The yesteryear backdrop of all the magnificent antebellum houses along with nearly 400 churches whose spires punctuate the skyline in every direction come to mind of course but the buzz these days about this port city of fewer than 150,000 is the food. It is routinely top ten, commonly compared to New Orleans, even #1 on Condé Nast's 2016 Reader Survey. Better yet its growing. Charleston City Market has been wonderfully renovated. King Street is now the embodiment of a new, saccharine-free, worldly, even cheeky Southern charm. Being on a peninsula, offering views in almost every direction, rooftop bars are the rage. One of the best is at the Market Pavilion Hotel with panoramic views of the harbor and a menu of "M" drinks: mojitos martinis and margaritas. There are dozens of restaurants. Husk is found in a stately downtown mansion where Southern traditions are celebrated with crispy chicken skin and plenty of pork. At Fig, lead by Beard medalist, you'll get Lowcountry love with slow-baked Beeliner snapper and suckling pig confit. Soul food fuses with Pan-Asian flavors at Xiao Bao Biscuit, but the no-frills, meat-and-three mecca is pink-painted Martha Lou's Kitchen up north.

Enjoy Charleston on your own or via Azamara Shore Excursions®.

Overnight: In Port - Charleston, South Carolina

#### APRIL 13, SATURDAY: CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (IN PORT / 10:00PM)

A second day to enjoy Charleston.

GOLF: We debated whether or not to include **The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island** because it's a beast. At best. Its also one of the best in the game, world 44 according to *Golf Digest*, so, we're on. We'll play it forward and hope for gentle breeze. Built in 1991 by Pete Dye on the eastern-most end of Kiawah Island, The Ocean Course has more seaside holes than any other course in the Northern Hemisphere – 10 right along the Atlantic with the other 8 running parallel to those. It was originally designed to sit behind the dunes, but Dye's wife Alice, suggested raising the entire course to allow unobstructed views of Kiawah's beautiful Atlantic coastline from every hole. It was done, and the views are wonderful, but not without a price. It can get windy.



**Overnight: At Sea** 

#### APRIL 14, SUNDAY: SUNDAY: CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (IN PORT / 11:00PM)

A third day to enjoy Charleston.

GOLF: Today play **The Links Course at Wild Dunes**, Tom Fazio's first ever design, recently renovated and still among his favorites. As soon as it opened, young Fazio's creation set flush against the Atlantic on the Isle of Palms was gracing national magazine covers and earning a spot among the top 30 courses in the world. Wild Dunes Links literally vaulted Tom Fazio to the top of his profession. Visually stunning, Wild Dunes is characterized by holes so natural in their appearance that they look as if Fazio merely built a tee at one end and a green at the other. For the most part, even the architect himself will tell you that's basically all that was needed on a site that seemed to have been created for golf.

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#### SPECIAL OPTION: Final Day Masters Attendance

Take advantage of our extended stay in Charleston to attend the final round of the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club. Our special package includes the following;

Grounds tickets to final round of The Masters

Access to Legends Club Hospitality Pavilion (dining and open bar) adjacent to Augusta National on Washington Avenue

Round trip transportation from Charleston to Augusta (3 hours each way). 5am departure. 10pm return to ship. Day managed by PerryGolf staff

All gratuities

Price: \$2,600 per person upgrade cost to golf program (Masters attendees will not play Wild Dunes)

Please note this program is subject to achieving a minimum participation level.

#### APRIL 15, MONDAY: AT SEA

A day at sea. No golf. No sightseeing. No worries. The Sanctum Spa underwent a total refurb in 2016 just like the rest of the ship. It is a world-class facility offering a full range of health, beauty, and restorative treatments. Beyond the spa, there is a complete health and wellness program including complimentary fitness and nutrition classes plus a gym equipped with the latest exercise equipment. Personal training is available at an additional cost as are nail and hair service, even acupuncture.

Overnight: At Sea

#### APRIL 16, TUESDAY: AT SEA

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea.

**Overnight: At Sea** 



#### APRIL 17, WEDNESDAY: HAMILTON, BERMUDA (9:00AM / IN PORT)

**Bermuda;** the sand is pink, the water an irresistible turquoise, and the traffic in Hamilton is indeed directed by constables wearing – you guessed it – Bermuda shorts. Hamilton has its own unique style, and is full of pastel-hued historic buildings, lush parks and gardens, set alongside a natural harbor. Front St. is the pulse of Hamilton and many of the stately Victorian buildings have been converted into shops, boutiques, and restaurants where you can dine on fresh seafood or sip a 'dark and stormy' - Bermuda's official drink- while watching the comings and goings of the picturesque harbor.

To truly experience the beauty of Bermuda, head just outside of town to explore the scenic countryside. Other jewels of nature include illuminated caves adorned with crystal stalactites and stalagmites surrounding clear azure lakes.

After just a few hours on this idyllic spot, you'll understand why Mark Twain famously said, "You go to heaven if you want – I'd rather stay here in Bermuda.

Enjoy Hamilton on your own or via Azamara Shore Excursions®

GOLF: Today we play the **Port Royal Golf Course** on the west extreme of Bermuda. Designed by world-renowned architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1970, Port Royal has recently undergone a complete, \$14.5 million renovation lead by original design team member Roger Rulewich in preparation for the 2010 PGA Grand Slam of Golf. A club that has always been found itself ranked among the best public courses you can play, now has TifEagle covering its vast, undulating greens plus a computerized irrigation system to compliment stunning views of the ocean and the island. Both signature holes are par threes. On the front nine of this 6,842 yard gem of a golf course, its No. 8 playing 213 yards straight into the ocean to an elevated green that slopes away from the tee. On the back its No. 16. This is one of the all-time best in the game; a 235 yard par three that presents two choices: the green or the ocean.

Overnight: In Port - Hamilton, Bermuda

#### APRIL 18, THURSDAY: HAMILTON, BERMUDA (IN PORT)

Another full day in **Hamilton** which many like to begin with a stroll along Front Street, taking in the many small shops along the way. When you reach City Hall, explore the Bermuda National Gallery with its from Bermuda, Africa and Europe. Next enjoy your walk to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, a stunning example of Gothic Revival architecture completed in 1905. It hosts daily services open to everyone. It also offers spectacular views on the island from atop the cathedral's tower. The Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute and the Botanical Gardens are as exceptional as the fish chowder served famously at the Hog Penny Restaurant & Pub.

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The marvelous **Mid Ocean Club** plays 6,549 yards over a piece of Bermuda that tosses and turns more than an unmade bed. It is one of C.B. Macdonald's most important designs which defined island golf architecture when it opened in 921 and continue to today. The first three holes play along the Atlantic but for the most part the ocean doesn't get in your way. No. 5 is a thrill; a 435 yard par four that tees off 90 feet above Mangrove Lake on a line of your choosing to cut off more or less of the hazard. This is when you take a wider stance, make a big



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#### APRIL 19, FRIDAY: HAMILTON, BERMUDA (IN PORT / 12:00PM)

Enjoy a final morning in Hamilton before we depart for New York.

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#### APRIL 21, SUNDAY: NEW YORK, NEW YORK (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)

9:00AM Disembark Azamara Journey.

### **Golf** Schedule

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