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## 2020 Mediterranean Islands Golf Cruise

9 Nights | 4 Rounds | Barcelona - Rome | May 26 – June 4

PerryGolf proudly partners again with **Azamara®** for this exceptional 9 night, 4 round golf voyage including some of the Mediterranean's most beautiful islands onboard the outstanding 690 guest *Azamara Journey*. We begin in Barcelona bound for eight captivating ports including **Valencia, Majorca, Menorca, Corsica, Sardinia, Amalfi, Sorrento** and finally, **Rome**. Our golf includes four rounds at the highly rated courses of **El Saler, Son Gual, Pevero** and **Sperone Golf Club**. The latter three have the added charm of being island venues where our visits are superbly convenient via our floating boutique hotel!

*Azamara Journey* is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you expect from fine dining and live entertainment to a full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Particularly enjoyable about a PerryGolf / Azamara cruise is how the schedule will include many extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which permits a truly immersive experience. Better still, Azamara® are inclusive of a full selection of beer, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff.

Every aspect of the golf program is managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be waiting your arrival at the golf course. Tee times and pairings will be posted the night before. Casual competitions will be arranged and prizes awarded. Lunch is included while you play plus there will be an open bar at the clubhouse when you finish. Carts/caddies, transfers, local taxes, service charges and gratuities (excluding caddies) are included.

The guest list will number between 40 and 60, most of whom are golf couples although it's common to have non-golfers who will enjoy themselves as a luxury cruise guest starting with *Journey's* fabulous facilities along with a wide selection of **Azamara Shore Excursions®**. The '2020 Mediterranean Islands Golf Cruise' is a full-featured vacation and a unique opportunity to enjoy a yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

## Detailed Itinerary

### MAY 26, TUESDAY: BARCELONA, Spain (IN PORT / 6:00PM)

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Embark *Azamara Journey* beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 4:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants.

Barcelona is the 11th most visited city in the world according to *MasterCard's 2014 Global Destinations Index* and 3rd most popular in Europe behind London and Paris. 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. Azamara ships will almost always dock at the foot of Las Ramblas just steps from the Christopher Columbus statue. You will literally walk off the ship and into the city. No taxi required!

[VIDEO](#) of how Sagrada Familia will look in 2026.

[Port Explorer Guide – Barcelona](#)

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **MAY 27, WEDNESDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (8:00AM / 8:00PM)**

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**GOLF: El Saler** 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. Its famous “cats claw” (not dissimilar to the Monterey Peninsula’s “iceplant”) is certainly to be avoided in the rough.

**SIGHTSEEING:** 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!

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

[Port Explorer Guide – Valencia](#)

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **MAY 28, THURSDAY: PALMA DE MAJORCA (8:00AM / 10:30PM)**

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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.

**SIGHTSEEING:** 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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Port Explorer Guide – Palma De Majorca

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### MAY 29, FRIDAY: MAHON, MENORCA (8:00AM / 2:00PM)

**SIGHTSEEING:** 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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Port Explorer Guide – Mahon

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### MAY 30, SATURDAY: PORTO VECCHIO, CORSICA (9:00AM / 9:00PM)

**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.

**SIGHTSEEING:** 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.

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Port Explorer Guide – Porto-Vecchio

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### MAY 31, SUNDAY: OLBIA, SARDINIA (7:30AM / 9:00PM)

**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.

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**SIGHTSEEING:** 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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Port Explorer Guide - Olbia

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JUNE 1, MONDAY: AT SEA**

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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**

### **JUNE 2, TUESDAY: AMALFI, ITALY (7:30AM / 9:00PM)**

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**SIGHTSEEING:** This locale requires a camera with lots of memory. Wedged into the mouth of a ravine, encircled by sheer cliffs and facing blue waters, it is hard to believe that this tranquil little town was once a great naval power. Now, terraced hillsides support lemon groves, where the region's famed limoncello is produced. Taste this delightfully sweet liqueur after a foray along the **Amalfi Coast**, a thrilling ride snaking along hillsides past unbelievably stunning views of other pastel hamlets perched above the sea.

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Port Explorer Guide - Amalfi

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JUNE 3, WEDNESDAY: SORRENTO, ITALY (7:30AM / 6:00PM)**

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**SIGHTSEEING:** A warming sun and gentle sea breezes have been attracting visitors to this fair sport for two millennia. Its reputation as a playground of the ancient rich and famous resulted in the building of lavish villas and palaces, an emperor relocated to the Isle of Capri nearby, and over the centuries it has been a haven for artists and artisans, writers and poets, politicians and philosophers, and all manner of aristocrats. The massive eruption of nearby Vesuvius in 79 AD caused considerable damage, but the resulting volcanic ash is responsible for **Sorrento's** modern day fertility, thriving olive orchards, and excellent wine.

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Port Explorer Guide – Sorrento

**Overnight: At Sea**

**JUNE 4, THURSDAY: ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY (6:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)**

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Disembark Azamara Journey at 9:00AM.

## Golf Schedule

### El Saler

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### Sperone Golf Club

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**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.

### Pevero Golf Club

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**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



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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.

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