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## 2020 **Spain, Portugal & France** Golf Cruise

13 Nights | 5 Rounds | Barcelona - Southampton | May 26 - June 8

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara Club Cruises** for an exceptional 13 night, 5 round golf voyage around Europe onboard the outstanding 690 guest *Azamara Quest*. We begin in Barcelona with eight captivating ports of call ahead including **Gibraltar, Portimao, Lisbon, Porto, Bilbao, Bordeaux, Guernsey** and finally, **Southampton**. Our golf includes five outstanding rounds at the exceptional courses **Valderrama, Faldo Amendoeira, Oitavos Dunes, Estela** and **Golf du Medoc**.

Enjoy the many charms of **Lisbon** - an ancient city that's hardly living in the past. There's bustling activity around the magnificent harbor as hundreds of thousands of visitors travel here annually from around the world. In **Bordeaux**, enjoy the estates and wineries built on the strong back of the mighty grape, learning about the region's wonderful offerings by tasting plenty. The golf is terrific, headed by **Valderrama**, which has been called the Augusta National of Europe and played host to the 1997 Ryder Cup, won by Europe. **Oitavos Dunes** is a coastal beauty designed by American architect Arthur Hills and worthy of its lofty ranking.

*Azamara Quest* 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-four 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 Club Cruises 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 *Azamara Quest's* fabulous facilities along with a wide selection of **Azamara Shore Excursions®**. The "2020 Spain, Portugal & France Golf Cruise" is a full-featured vacation and a unique opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

[Photo Album](#)

## **Detailed Itinerary**

**MAY 26, TUESDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (IN PORT / 5:00PM)**

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

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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: AT SEA

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Today it's time to relax and reset. Make your reservations early for **The Sanctum Spa**, a world-class wellness facility offering a full range of health, beauty and restorative treatments. Complimentary fitness and nutrition classes are available along with a fully equipped gym on Deck 9 offering magnificent sea views. There's room for everyone on the Pool Deck both in and out of the sun. Service to your lounge chair is available from **The Pool Bar** where the attentive staff is always ready to offer an inclusive cocktail, beer, bottled water, soft drink or fresh towel. **The Patio** restaurant serves casual fare during the day then completely transforms itself into a sit-down al fresco dining experience at night with table linens and candles. Elegant specialty dining is available for beef at **Prime C** and Italian at **Aqualina**. **Windows Café** serves casual buffet dining with every imaginable choice indoors and out at the sensational Sunset Bar.

What a way to spend a day!

**Overnight: At Sea**

## MAY 28, THURSDAY: GIBRALTAR, UK (9:00AM / 8:00PM)

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SIGHTSEEING: **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 two and a half square miles 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.

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Gibraltar is a British self-governing colony and a member of the European Union by virtue of Britain's membership.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Gibraltar

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### MAY 29, FRIDAY: PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL (9:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: **The Faldo Course at Amendoeira**, designed by Sir Nick Faldo, opened for play in 2008. In a modern twist of a traditional recipe, cacti and wild herbs replace the role of Sunningdale's heather, and spartan holm oaks and ancient olive trees take the place of a lush English woodland, and desert scrub bunkers of crushed limestone replace Berkshire's sandy tracts in a golf course that revels in the classic principles of strategic play. It also enjoys great views, in particular on the back nine.

SIGHTSEEING: **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 kite surfing. This is a great place for seafood restaurants with grilled sardines being the specialty.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Portimao

**Overnight - At Sea**

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### MAY 30, SATURDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (8:00AM / IN PORT)

**Lisbon** is one of the oldest cities in the world. Its magnificent harbour made it a logical trading port as far back as the Phoenicians, as well as a departure point for 15th century voyages sponsored by Prince Henry the Navigator, patron of Portuguese explorers. The city is rich in architecture, from Romanesque and Gothic to postmodern, and criss-crossed by monument-studded grand boulevards. Today it is seeking a place on the world stage by hosting, in addition to its own active cultural calendar, film festivals, art, fashion and design shows, book fairs, marathons, and rock concerts.

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

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**Overnight: In Port - Lisbon, Portugal**

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### MAY 31, SUNDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (IN PORT / 5:00PM)

GOLF: **Oitavos Dunes** is located on the most westerly tip of Europe and mixes wondrous views of the Atlantic Ocean against the stunning backdrop of the Sintra Mountains. Oitavos was designed by the renowned Arthur Hills and is one of two European Courses that bear his name. The course was inaugurated in 2001 and has been

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ranked in the top 100 in the world. Oitavos Dunes is a par 71 course that measures 6,900 yards from the competition tees. The layout is a lovely mixture of woodland and links-type holes that capitalize on the existing landscape.

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JUNE 1, MONDAY: PORTO, PORTUGAL (8:00AM / 8:00PM)**

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GOLF: Private and exclusive, **Estela** is located a half-hour drive from Porto, shaggy dunes border narrow fairways on a 6,800-yard layout that includes two miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline. The spectacular scenery is complemented by the excellent condition of the pennecross bentgrass greens and tifton bermuda fairways. Duarte Sottomayor, who studied golf course architecture under the acclaimed Robert Trent Jones Sr., designed Estela with the touch of a minimalist, allowing stiff breezes and the natural terrain to create a formidable, enjoyable challenge.

SIGHTSEEING: At the mouth of the Rio Douro lies the city of **Porto**, famous for its port wine trade. With origins dating back to the 5th century, there is plenty to see in this town that was named European Capital of Culture in 2001. Stroll the Ribeira neighborhood along the river, explore the Cathedral area, or tour the port lodges of Vila Nova de Gaia across the river. Savoring a taste of tawny port, trip and seafood while here is highly recommended.

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

[Port Explorer Guide - Porto](#)

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JUNE 2, TUESDAY: AT SEA**

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Enjoy another relaxing day at sea onboard *Azamara Quest*.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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

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If **Bilbao** wasn't always a household name, it was transformed into one with the opening of Frank Gehry's groundbreaking **Guggenheim Museum** in 1997. Located in the heart of the Basque Country, Bilbao became an instant media darling and tourist mecca. And that was just the beginning of an exciting phase of development in infrastructure and cultural activity which, combine with the Basque love of food, wine and laughter, solidified the city's place in the annals of tourism.

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

[Port Explorer Guide - Bilbao](#)

**Overnight: At Sea**

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## JUNE 4, THURSDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (1:00PM / IN PORT)

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**Bordeaux's** fortunes have long been tied to viticulture, beginning with an expansion of the wine trade with England in the 14th century. As a result it is a handsome and cohesive city of uniform classical and neoclassical style, with monumental buildings and many fine estates financed by the almighty grape. The nearby countryside is alive with wine chateaux sporting impressive appellations such as Pauillac, Sauternes, Margaux, and Saint-Emilion. A visit is an excellent opportunity to learn more about wine production and appreciation, which of course requires a considerable amount of tasting to accomplish.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Bordeaux

**Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France**

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## JUNE 5, FRIDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (IN PORT / IN PORT)

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GOLF: **Golf du Medoc** crafted from the genius of American architect Bill Coore, this Scottish links style course opened in 1989 and has earned its reputation for immaculate putting surfaces. Consistently ranked in the top 100 in Continental Europe, the Chateaux course evokes images of classics such as Sunningdale and Swinley in the British Isles, combining heather, gorse, broom and, of course, the menacing wind. No. 11 is a intriguing risk / reward par-4. A creek bisects the fairway and demands a decision, offering bold and conservative routes to the green.

**Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France**

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## JUNE 6, SATURDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (IN PORT / 7:00AM)

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9:00AM We depart Bordeaux early for a relaxing day and a half at sea.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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## JUNE 7, SUNDAY: GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS (1:00PM / 6:00PM)

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Guernsey, or the **Bailiwick of Guernsey** by its official title, is a self-governing possession of the British Crown found off the coast of Normandy, France in the English Channel. It is a wonderful juxtaposition of England and France with an English lean by virtue of the Norman invasion of England in 1066. St. Peter Port overlooks the harbor, with rows of brightly painted houses, and terraced gardens. The island is ideal for rambles along cliffside paths and through the bucolic interior. While fishing, flower growing, and dairy farming are still important, Guernsey's favorable tax climate has brought an influx of offshore banks and insurance companies with their attendant bistros and boutiques. It was here in exile from 1855-1870 where Victor Hugo wrote some of his best-known works including *Les Misérables*.

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

Port Explorer Guide - St Peter Port

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**Overnight: At Sea****JUNE 8, MONDAY: SOUTHAMPTON, UK (6:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)**Disembark *Azamara Quest* at 9:00AM.

## Golf Schedule

### Valderrama

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## Golf du Medoc (LES CHATEAUX)



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