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## 2021 Iberian Peninsula Golf Cruise

8 Nights | 4 Rounds | Lisbon - Barcelona | April 9 - 17

PerryGolf is proud to again partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 8-night , 4-round golf and sightseeing voyage around the Iberian Peninsula onboard the outstanding 690-guest *Azamara Journey*. This voyage will also feature a special daylight sailing of the Guadalete River to the historic city of Seville.

Our itinerary begins in **Lisbon**, Portugal and concludes in the vibrant Spanish city of **Barcelona**. The golf line-up includes the highly regarded **Faldo Amendoeira Course** in Portugal's Algarve Region; The Jose Maria Olazabal designed **Royal Seville Golf Club; Valderrama**, consistently rated #1 in continental Europe, and **El Saler**, a classic layout on the outskirts of Valencia.

*Azamara Journey*, which serves as our perfect floating boutique hotel and clubhouse, is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you would expect, from a choice of fine dining and live entertainment, to a well-equipped gym and full-service spa. Forty-four suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Sailing schedules often include extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which allows for a truly immersive experience. Better still, these cruises are inclusive of a selection of beers, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff. Azamara also proudly boasts two unique signature events on each cruise - an **AzAmazing Evening<sup>SM</sup>** and the **White Night** party - complimentary to all guests and consistently well received.

Every aspect of the golf program is fully managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be ready and waiting at each venue. Tee times and pairings arranged and posted in advance. A convenient transportation schedule affords suitable time to warm up at the range, and to make the almost inevitable pro shop merchandise purchase. Carts are always included, subject to availability. A friendly competition is staged at a selected course, with prizes awarded at our farewell gathering. A snack lunch is included on-course plus an open bar operates in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round. Our typical guest list which brings together like-minded individuals generally numbers between 40 and 50, with new friendships invariably formed during each cruise. Many guests are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. Specially arranged onboard golf group social functions, to which all accompanying non-golfing spouses are most warmly welcomed, further enhances the club-like environment. The award winning **Azamara Shore Excursions®** program, offering a wide variety of off ship excursions, also caters beautifully to our non-golfing guests during days when our golfing excursions are underway.

The "2021 Iberian Peninsula Golf Cruise" is a genuinely full-featured vacation and a special opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

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**[Detailed Itinerary](#)**

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**APRIL 9, FRIDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 6:00PM)**

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

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

**Overnight: At Sea**

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**APRIL 10, SATURDAY: PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL (7:30AM / 6:00PM)**

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**GOLF: Faldo Amendoeira Course**, 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 - Portimão

**Overnight - At Sea**

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**APRIL 11, SUNDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (11:30AM / IN PORT)**

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Enjoy a scenic morning navigation of the **Guadalete River** on board *Azamara Journey*, an opportunity denied to larger ships. Our late morning arrival allows a day and a half in this historic Spanish city.

**SIGHTSEEING: Seville** - the passionate nature of Sevillanos is evident in their devotion to bullfighting, flamenco, and fiesta. Food too, it appears, as Seville is credited with the invention of tapas. Join in with the locals as they graze from bar to bar, making an entire meal out of the experience. The city also has a rich history evident in its old quarters and landmarks. The great cathedral is immense, lavishly ornamented with paintings and sculptures, and copious quantities of gold. The Alcazar, the main palace, is exquisitely decorated in Moorish style, with themed gardens laid out in terraces.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Seville

**Overnight: In Port - Seville, Spain**

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**APRIL 12, MONDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (IN PORT / 6:00PM)**

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Enjoy a second day in Seville.

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GOLF: **Royal Seville Golf Club** was designed by Jose Maria Olazabal. Its balanced and well manicured layout is set through trees and lakes and hosted the 2004 World Cup of Golf, the 2008 & 2010 Spanish Open on the European Tour, and it is ranked within the top five in Spain by Golf Digest.

Following golf we make a navigation of the **Guadalete River** as we head back out to sea for our overnight sailing to Gibraltar.

### **Overnight - At Sea**

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## **APRIL 13, TUESDAY: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM (8:00AM / 10:00PM)**

GOLF: **Valderrama** is a perennial World 100 layout consistently been rated among the five best in Continental Europe. "The Augusta of Europe" is a private club originally designed in 1974 by Robert Trent Jones on a hill above the old Andalucian village of Sotogrande. He was recalled in 1985 for a remake that has subsequently hosted a plethora of championships including the Volvo Masters and the 1997 Ryder Cup remembered for Europe's late, great and charismatic captain Severiano Ballesteros.

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 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.

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

### **Port Explorer Guide - Gibraltar**

### **Overnight - At Sea**

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## **APRIL 14, WEDNESDAY: MALAGA, SPAIN (6:30AM / 6:00PM)**

SIGHTSEEING: **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.

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

### **Port Explorer Guide - Malaga**

### **Overnight - At Sea**

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## APRIL 15, THURSDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (6:00PM / IN PORT)

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Enjoy a day at sea before our late afternoon arrival into Valencia, Spain.

**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 or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide – Valencia

**Overnight: In Port – Valencia, Spain**

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## APRIL 16, FRIDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (IN PORT / 5:00PM)

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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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## APRIL 17, SATURDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)

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9:00AM Disembark *Azamara Journey*.

## Golf Schedule

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### THE FALDO COURSE AT AMENDOEIRA GOLF RESORT

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## ROYAL SEVILLE GOLF CLUB: SEVILLE, SPAIN

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## VALDERRAMA GOLF CLUB: CADIZ, SPAIN



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