

## 2021 **Iberian Peninsula** Golf Cruise

## 11 Nights | 5 Rounds | Barcelona - Lisbon | May 25 - June 5

PerryGolf is proud to again partner with **Azamara**® for an exceptional 11-night, 5-round golf voyage onboard the outstanding 690-guest *Azamara Quest* around the Iberian Peninsula. This voyage will also feature a special daylight sailing of the **Guadalete River** as we leave the historic city of **Seville**.

Our itinerary begins in **Barcelona**, Spain and concludes in **Lisbon**, Portugal. The five round line-up begins with **Son Gual**, on the glorious island of **Mallorca** followed by the classic **El Saler** on the outskirts of **Valencia**; next is **Finca Cortesin**, located to the west of beautiful **Marbella** then taking us to 1997 Ryder Cup venue **Valderrama** and finally the Jose Maria Olazabal designed **Royal Seville Golf Club**.

Azamara Quest, 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-six 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>™</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!

Photo Album

# **Detailed** Itinerary



### MAY 25, TUESDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 6:00PM)

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

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

SIGHTSEEING: **Barcelona** is the 17th most visited city in the world according to *MasterCard's 2018 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 26, WEDNESDAY: PALMA DE MAJORCA (7:00AM / 6:00PM)

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 wildflowers, 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 artefacts 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.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Palma De Mallorca

**Overnight: At Sea** 

#### MAY 27, THURSDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (7:00AM / 10:00PM)

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!

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

Port Explorer Guide - Valencia

**Overnight: At Sea** 

### MAY 28, FRIDAY: CARTAGENA, SPAIN (11:00AM / 8:00PM)

SIGHTSEEING: **Cartagena** is strategically located amongst a number of historic sailing routes, and has been colonized by a veritable who's who of Mediterranean superpowers over the millennia. The result is a rich and multi-layered cultural heritage, and a history both glorious and turbulent. From atop a hill, Concepción Castle served as a fortress for Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths, Arabs, and Castilians. The 13th century Old Cathedral stands on the remains of a Roman theater just discovered in 1987. More recent architectural contributions include modernist designs of public buildings and private dwellings by pupils of the famous architect Antoni Gaudi.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Cartagena

**Overnight: At Sea** 

#### MAY 29, SATURDAY: GRANADA (MOTRIL), SPAIN (8:00AM / 10:00PM)

SIGHTSEEING: In AD 711 Moors from North Africa conquered most of the Iberian Peninsula and retained portions of it for 800 years. **Granada** was the last stronghold and a symbol of economic, cultural, and artistic prosperity until it too was overcome in 1492.

The city's glory is embodied in the magnificent Alhambra, a compound of palaces and gardens that is a masterpiece of Moorish style. It appears that a primary goal of the architects was to cover every single inch with decoration. As Islam bans the representation of figures of any kind, the decorative elements are made up of complex, detailed, and intertwining geometric and floral images, and Arabic script.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Granada



**Overnight: At Sea** 

### MAY 30, SUNDAY: MALAGA, SPAIN (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: **Finca Cortesin** is ranked as one of Spain's finest golf courses by *Golf Digest Magazine*. Cabell B. Robinson's design beautifully complements the natural landscape. It provides a perfect balance between 20 varieties of flora, the typical Mediterranean forest and the perfectly manicured bermuda grasses of the golf course. Finca Cortesin played host to the prestigious Volvo World Match Play Championship for 3 years, with many of the world's finest professional competing.

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 Malaga on your own or via Azamara Shore Excursions®.

Port Explorer Guide - Malaga

**Overnight: At Sea** 

#### MAY 31, MONDAY: GIBRALTAR, UK (8:00AM / 9:00PM)

GOLF: **Valderrama** is a perennial World 100 layout consistently 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 Andalusian 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

JUNE 1, TUESDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (6:30AM / IN PORT)



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

### JUNE 2, WEDNESDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (IN PORT / IN PORT)

Enjoy a second day in Seville.

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 and 2010 Spanish Open on the European Tour. It is ranked among the top five in Spain by *Golf Digest*.

Overnight: In Port - Seville, Spain

### JUNE 3, THURSDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (IN PORT / 1:00PM)

Enjoy a third and final day in Seville.

This afternoon enjoy a special scenic navigation of the **Guadalete River** on board Azamara Quest, an opportunity denied to larger ships, as we head to sea for our overnight sailing to Lisbon.

Overnight - At Sea

### JUNE 4, FRIDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (1:00PM / IN PORT)

Enjoy a morning at sea and an afternoon in the beautiful city of Lisbon.

SIGHTSEEING: **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.

Port Explorer Guide - Lisbon

Overnight: In Port - Lisbon, Portugal



### JUNE 5, SATURDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)

9:00AM Disembark Azamara Ouest.

### **Golf** Schedule

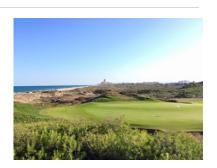
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