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## 2021 Mediterranean Islands Golf Cruise

11 Nights | 5 Rounds | Barcelona - Athens | September 18 - 29

PerryGolf proudly partners again with **Azamara®** for this exceptional 11-night, 5-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 seven captivating islands including **Mallorca, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Malta, Crete** and **Santorini**, before our final port of **Athens**. Our golf includes five rounds at the well regarded and highly scenic courses of **Son Gual, Pevero, Sperone, I Monasteri**, and **Crete Golf Club**.

Son Gual opened in 2007 to outstanding reviews while Sperone Golf Club draws comparisons to Pebble Beach and Cypress Point on the Monterey Peninsula. Pevero is an excellent Robert Trent Jones design along a similarly stunning coastline. I Monasteri in Sicily plays around an Benedictine monastery turned 5-star resort while the Crete Golf Club is a striking layout carved out of rugged mountainous terrain.

*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 Mediterranean Islands 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](#)

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## Detailed Itinerary

### SEPTEMBER 18, SATURDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 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.

**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

### SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY: PALMA DE MAJORCA (7:00AM / 10:00PM)

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**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 Majorca](#)

Overnight: At Sea

### SEPTEMBER 20, MONDAY: 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

### **SEPTEMBER 21, TUESDAY: PORTO VECCHIO, CORSICA (7:30AM / 10:00PM)**

**GOLF:** The birthplace of Napoléon Bonaparte is also home to Sperone Golf Club, a Cabell B. Robinson (for Robert Trent Jones) design opened on the southernmost tip of Corsica in 1990. Many compare the setting to Pebble Beach and Cypress Point. In several very memorable spots, Sperone is that good. The solid front nine winds through rugged Corsican undergrowth to a number of small raised greens. 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. It's not a long layout so the round can be enjoyed with equal parts fun and photos!

**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.

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

**Port Explorer Guide - Porto-Vecchio**

Overnight: At Sea

### **SEPTEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY: OLBIA, SARDINIA (7:30AM / 6:00PM)**

**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.

**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

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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

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### SEPTEMBER 23, THURSDAY: TRAPANI, SICILY (11:00AM / 6:00PM)

**SIGHTSEEING:** Beside the west side of the Italian boot is the largest island in the Mediterranean. Welcome to Sicily whose rugged beauty is home to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe at 10,912 feet. As is common in this part of the world, it has recorded many thousands of years of human history with a revolving door of inhabitants. Trapani is an example in the extreme. Given its strategic value as the only port in west Sicily, its been popular since 750 BC when the Greeks settled. They were followed by the Phoenicians, then the Carthaginians, the Romans of course, the Vandals, Arabs, the Normans and finally the Spanish who conquered the port in 1282 and held sway roughly until Sicily unified with Italy in 1846. Consequently, there is a lot to see. The Basilica-Sanctuary dell'Annunziata is the city's main architectural landmark and a must. A stroll away stands the former Carmelite Monastery, built in the 1300s, which now hosts the Pepoli Museum. Graceful mansions line the Via Garibaldi and Via della Libertà. Ask Azamara's Concierge about a visit to the medieval, nearby town of Erice.

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

[Port Explorer Guide - Trapani](#)

Overnight: At Sea

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### SEPTEMBER 24, FRIDAY: VALLETTA, MALTA (8:00AM / 10:00PM)

**SIGHTSEEING:** The Lilliputian capital of Malta, Valletta, is one of the most concentrated UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world. But despite its small size (less than half a square mile!), we expect you'll appreciate the extra time provided by this late departure to see everything the city has to offer. Head to Triq ir-Republika for shops, cafés, and bakeries serving up can't-miss treats like *pastizzi* (filo pastry with ricotta) and *ftira*, a savory flatbread. St. John's Co-Cathedral has an exterior that belies a stunning vaulted interior considered to be one of the finest examples of high Baroque architecture in Europe along with "the most beautiful floor in the world". Thanks to the recent work of renowned architect Renzo Piano, including the City Gate and the Parliament House, the old city now exists in spectacular juxtaposition with the new.

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[Port Explorer Guide - Valletta](#)

Overnight: At Sea

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### SEPTEMBER 25, SATURDAY: SIRACUSA, SICILY (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

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**GOLF:** Founded in 2012, the I Monasteri Golf Club surrounds an old Benedictine monastery that's also home to a prestigious 5-star hotel and spa. The par 71 course plays through a plantation of orange, tangerine and mandarin trees plus lemons and Indian figs whose scents flavor mild breezes in classic Sicilian fashion. Architects David Mezzacane — president of the Italian Association of Golf Course Architects — and Vincenzo Mazzacane have designed a muscular 7,130 yard layout but with five sets of tees. The white limestone surrounding holes two, three and four is something to see.

**SIGHTSEEING:** The entire city of Siracusa (Syracuse), along with the Necropolis of Pantalica, was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2005. The decision valued the monuments and archeological sites here that are some of the finest examples of several cultural aspects; Greek, Roman and Baroque. The city was once one of the largest and most important in Western Civilization, rivaling Athens and Corinth in terms of size, trade and culture. Today it is a walkable wonderland of churches, amphitheaters, piazzas, shops and cafes. Be sure to visit Ortigia (Ortygia), the island settled by Corinthian colonists in 734 BC four years before the current city. It is Siracusa at its most charming, highlighted by the Parco Archeologico della Neapolis, one of Sicily's greatest archaeological sites.

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Port Explorer Guide - Siracusa

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## SEPTEMBER 27, MONDAY: HERAKLION, CRETE, GREECE (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

**GOLF:** Golf remains an unusual sport in Greece, Crete Golf Club is the only 18-hole course on the island built to USGA specifications. And what a golf course it is. Designed by Bob Hunt from PGA Design Consulting in the UK, the 6,430 yard layout was carved out of difficult, mountainous terrain at a cost of €16.2 million! Its a par 71 with five sets of tees and generous fairways. You'll remember the par 3s, particularly No. 6 which plays over a deep gorge to a two-tiered green cut into the foot of a hillside.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Crete is the fifth largest Mediterranean island, located 160 miles south of the Greek mainland. Humans have inhabited the island for approximately 130,000 years. It was here in the Bronze Age around 2,000

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BC where Europe's first advanced civilization was developed by the Minoans. Their largest and most sophisticated settlement was Knossos, a palace located just 20 minutes outside of Heraklion, the largest city and capital of Crete, and one of Azamara's newest ports of call. Along with Knossos, be sure to include a visit to the Archaeological Museum, regarded as one of the most important museums in Greece. The pedestrian-only Daidalou Street is where you'll find trendy shops boutiques and the chance to sample outstanding Greek cuisine like *kaltsounia* (sweet and savory cheese pie) plus and lamb with *stamnagathi* (a type of wild chicory).

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

Port Explorer Guide - Heraklion

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## SEPTEMBER 28, TUESDAY: SANTORINI, GREECE (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

**SIGHTSEEING:** Santorini is the rock star of the Greek islands in the Mediterranean, or more specifically the Aegean Sea. As *Journey* approaches for her early morning arrival, you will no doubt recognize the preponderance of whitewashed cliff-top structures perched along the top of this croissant-shaped island overlooking the massive caldera, or crater, created by one of the largest volcanic eruptions in recorded history now filled with water. Fira and Oia are home to equally exceptional shops and cafes. Fira is famous for its donkey climb up 588 steps from the sea. Oia is where you'll find Santorini's trademark blue domed churches. Both boast some of the most striking vistas in the world.

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Overnight: At Sea

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## SEPTEMBER 29, WEDNESDAY: ATHENS, GREECE (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)

9:00AM Disembark Azamara Journey.

## Golf Schedule

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### SON GUAL GOLF CLUB: PALMA DE MAJORCA, SPAIN



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## SPERONE GOLF CLUB: BONIFACIO, FRANCE

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## PEVERO GOLF CLUB: PORTO CERVO, ITALY



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## I MONASTERI GOLF CLUB: SICILY, ITALY

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