
2021 Portugal, Spain & France Golf Cruise

11 Nights | 3 Rounds | Lisbon - Southampton | June 13 - 24

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 11-night, 3-round golf voyage along coastlines of Portugal, Spain, and France, and including extended stays in the beautiful French cities of **Bordeaux** and **Nantes**. Our voyage onboard the 690-guest *Azamara Quest* begins in **Lisbon** and concludes in Southampton (for **London**), allowing an opportunity to spend additional time in these wonderful cities. During our voyage we will also visit **Porto** Portugal, and **Bilbao** Spain, plus **St Peter Port** on the charming English Channel island of **Guernsey**.

Our golf is a rare treat, and showcases some of the best golf this coastline has to offer; the dramatic **Estela Golf Club** north of Porto, **Golf du Medoc** in the heart of Bordeaux, plus the delightful **Golf Club de Nantes**.

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-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 EveningSM** 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 Portugal, Spain & France 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

JUNE 13, SUNDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

Embark *Azamara Quest* 1:00PM. All aboard 3:30PM.

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

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 14, MONDAY: PORTO (LEIXOES), PORTUGAL (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

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 Penncross 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 and seafood while here is highly recommended.

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

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Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 15, TUESDAY: AT SEA

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

JUNE 16, WEDNESDAY: BILBAO, SPAIN (7:30AM / 6:00PM)

If Bilbao wasn't always a household name, it was transformed into one with the opening of Frank Gehry's ground-breaking **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®**.

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Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 17, THURSDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (1:45PM / IN PORT)

Enjoy a scenic morning sail from the Atlantic coast up the Garonne River and into the very heart of Bordeaux.

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®**.

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Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France

JUNE 18, FRIDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (IN PORT / IN PORT)

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 an intriguing risk / reward par-4. A creek bisects the fairway and demands a decision, offering bold and conservative routes to the green.

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Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France

JUNE 19, SATURDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (IN PORT / 2:30PM)

Enjoy a final morning in and around **Bordeaux**, before our mid-afternoon departure when we sail down river to the Atlantic and onwards to Nantes, France.

Overnight: At Sea**JUNE 20, SUNDAY: NANTES, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE (3:00PM / IN PORT)**

We turn inland again, this time up the Loire River en route to **Nantes**, a city known for Renaissance and reinvention. When the shipbuilding industry went bust in the 1980's, Nantes embraced the quirky and eclectic by inviting all kinds of artists, architects and inventors to create and captivate. The shopping you want is at the Passage Pommeraye: a grand 19th century historical monument that is home today to elegant boutiques, handmade jewelry and artisan chocolates. On the left bank of the river the ancient fishing village of Trentemoult feels suspended in time. The local specialty is monkfish served in sauce Nantais—a version of the classic beurre blanc. On the river's right side is the magnificent **Château des Ducs de Bretagne**, another designated monument that reopened in 2007 after undergoing a massive restoration.

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Overnight: In Port - Nantes, Loire Valley, France**JUNE 21, MONDAY: NANTES, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE (IN PORT / 11:00PM)**

GOLF: Today play **Golf Club de Nantes**. One of the first clubs in the region, Golf Club de Nantes was founded in 1921 with nine holes. It survived World War II despite the Germans whose enormous anti-tank fortifications transformed the landscape so thoroughly that the club moved to Vigneux de Bretagne where it was reborn in 1969 on a hilly, wooded site beside the Cens River. The route develops in a horseshoe around the historic castle of Buron.

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Overnight: At Sea**JUNE 22, TUESDAY: AT SEA**

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

JUNE 23, WEDNESDAY: ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

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®**.

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Overnight: At Sea**JUNE 24, THURSDAY: SOUTHAMPTON, UK (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)**

9:00AM Disembark *Azamara Quest*.

Golf Schedule

ESTELA GOLF CLUB: PÓVOA DE VARZIM, PORTUGAL



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GOLF DU MÉDOC - LES CHATEAUX COURSE: LE PIAN-MÉDOC, FRANCE

Crafted from the genius of American architect Bill Coore, **Les Châteaux at Golf du Médoc** is a 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.



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