
2022 Iberian Peninsula Golf Cruise

11 Nights | 5 Rounds | Rome - Lisbon | May 8 - 19

PerryGolf is proud to again partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 11-night, 5-round golf and sightseeing voyage around the **Iberian Peninsula**. This cruise with less than 700 guests onboard the outstanding *Azamara Quest* has the added highlight of starting in iconic **Rome, Italy**, and will include a number of late evenings in port, plus a full two day and 2 night stay in beautiful **Seville, Spain**. On departure from Seville we will also enjoy a special daylight sailing of the **Guadalete River**, an opportunity denied to larger vessels.

Our itinerary begins in **Rome**, Italy and concludes in **Lisbon**, Portugal. The four round line-up begins with Spain's #1 course **PGA Catalunya** 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 **La Reserva** 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™** 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 “2022 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 8, SUNDAY: ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 6:00PM)

Rome has something special to offer to all visitors, no matter their interests and tastes. Whether you daydream about fighting with gladiators in the Colosseum, debating with togaed senators in the Forum, tossing a coin in a fabled fountain, or being awestruck by the magnificence of St Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's masterpieces, Rome seems to live up to its sobriquet – the Eternal City. When you need sustenance, today's Rome will provide *delizioso pasta e vino*. Or perhaps you draw strength from a little retail therapy – the Italians are also renowned for their sense of style.

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

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants and PerryGolf staff.

Overnight: At Sea

MAY 9, MONDAY: 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

MAY 10, TUESDAY: PALAMOS, SPAIN (7:30AM / 7:00PM)

GOLF: The PGA Catalunya Stadium Course is rated as the 3rd best club in continental Europe according to Golf Monthly – and #1 in Spain and was designed for professional events hence the “stadium” features for spectators. It opened in 1999 and promptly hosted the Gene Sarazen World Open and the European Tour's Spanish Open in 2000. The Spanish Open returned in 2009, then again in 2014 after which the club announced its intent to bid for the 2022 Ryder Cup. We couldn't imagine a better venue.

SIGHTSEEING: Palamós is found in the heart of the Costa Brava, the Wild or Rough Coast, its name derived from the rugged, rocky shoreline punctuated by excellent beaches and picturesque fishing villages. Next to the pier is the Palamós Fishing Museum, which is well worth your time for fascinating look at this livelihood so important to the Mediterranean. Afterwards around mid-afternoon watch to see how the day's catch is off loaded and sold to the highest bidder. Be sure to sample famous Palamós prawns which are particularly enjoyable for lunch at nearby L'Espardenya or dinner at La Selvatana which gets its supplies straight from the boats. For a change of

pace, consider a trip to Figures – home to the museum of its famous and eccentric native son, Salvador Dali, he of the extravagant mustache and melting pocket watches. Dali spent many years designing and painting the facility—in essence it is itself his single largest work, and contains not only his own creations, but his personal art collection as well.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Palamos

Overnight: At Sea

MAY 11, WEDNESDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 6:00PM)

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SIGHTSEEING: 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 12, THURSDAY: VALENCIA, SPAIN (8:00AM / 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 13, FRIDAY: CARTAGENA, SPAIN (11:00AM / 6:00PM)

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 14, SATURDAY: MALAGA, SPAIN (8:00AM / 10:00PM)

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 15, SUNDAY: GIBRALTER, UK (7:00AM / 6:00PM)

GOLF: **La Reserva** was designed by acclaimed golf course architect Cabell B. Robinson and is carved into the hillside with stunning vistas down to the Mediterranean Sea and up to the Andalusian hills. Opened in 2003, its wide, sweeping fairways lead on to large greens with gentle but challenging undulations. It has fast become a

must-play for any golfer visiting southern Spain and is a fitting next chapter in Sotogrande's proud golfing legacy.

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

MAY 16, MONDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (6:00AM /IN PORT)

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

MAY 17, TUESDAY: 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, and 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

MAY 18, WEDNESDAY: SEVILLE, SPAIN (IN PORT / 8:00AM)

This morning 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**MAY 19, THURSDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)**9:00AM Disembark *Azamara Quest*.

Golf Schedule

THE PGA CATALUNYA STADIUM COURSE, SPAIN

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