
2023 Spain, Portugal & France Golf Cruise

14 Nights | 5 Rounds | Barcelona - Dublin | May 30 - June 13

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 14 night, 5 round golf voyage which connects from the Mediterranean to the Irish Sea onboard the outstanding 700 guest *Azamara Pursuit*. We begin in Barcelona with seven captivating ports of call ahead including Malaga, Gibraltar, Lisbon, Porto, Bilbao, Bordeaux and Milford Haven, before concluding our voyage in Dublin, the lively capital city of Ireland.

Our golf offers five outstanding rounds including Finca Cortesin, Oitavos Dunes, Estela, Uruburu, and Golf du Medoc.

We include an overnight in port in Lisbon, and two overnights in port in Bordeaux, a real opportunity to enjoy and get to know these cities in a bit more depth. A highlight will also be our planned daylight navigation of the Garonne River right into the heart of Bordeaux.

Azamara Pursuit, 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 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 "2023 Spain, Portugal & France 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

MAY 30, TUESDAY: BARCELONA, SPAIN (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

Embark *Azamara Pursuit* beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 3:30PM.

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

SIGHTSEEING: Barcelona is the 11th most visited city in the world according to *MasterCard's 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 31, WEDNESDAY: 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 1, THURSDAY: 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

JUNE 2, FRIDAY: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM (8:00AM / 4:00PM)

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 3, SATURDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (1:00PM / IN PORT)

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.

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Port Explorer Guide - Lisbon

Overnight: In Port - Lisbon, Portugal

JUNE 4, SUNDAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL (IN PORT / 5:00PM)

GOLF: Oitavos Dunes is located on the most westerly tip of Europe and mixes wondrous views of the Atlantic Ocean against the stunning backdrop of the Sintra Mountains. Oitavos was designed by the renowned Arthur Hills

and is one of two European Courses that bear his name. The course was inaugurated in 2001 and has been ranked in the top 100 in the world. Oitavos Dunes is a par 71 course that measures 6,900 yards from the competition tees. The layout is a lovely mixture of woodland and links-type holes that capitalize on the existing landscape.

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 5, MONDAY: PORTO, PORTUGAL (9:00AM / 6:00PM)

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 pennecross 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, trip and seafood while here is highly recommended.

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Port Explorer Guide - Porto

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JUNE 6, TUESDAY: AT SEA

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JUNE 7, WEDNESDAY: BILBAO, SPAIN (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: **Uraburu Golf** was designed by revered two times Masters Champion José María Olazabal, a native of this

area. Each hole is an example of the marriage of golf and its surroundings, highlighted by centennial oaks, conifers and other native trees, providing magical surroundings and views for the golfer. The beauty of the course lies in its diversity, and it provides an outstanding experience for the visiting golfer.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Bilbao

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 8, THURSDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (7:00PM / IN PORT)

Enjoy a leisurely morning at sea, and an afternoon scenic navigation of the Garonne River right into the 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**®.

Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France

JUNE 9, 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.

Overnight: In Port - Bordeaux, France

JUNE 10, SATURDAY: BORDEAUX, FRANCE (IN PORT / 4:00PM)

Another opportunity to enjoy Bordeaux prior to our late afternoon departure, when we make the scenic navigation of the Garonne River before heading back out to sea.

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The delightful **Milford Haven** developed as a whaling town in the late 17th century due to its position sitting on the shores of the largest estuary in Wales and with one the deepest natural harbours in the world. Naval dockyards, passenger liners, and a fishing fleet all pepper the town's past. It's history can be dated back to the Vikings in 854 when chieftain Hubba wintered his fleet of 23 ships in the Haven. Since then Milford has been used in many a campaigns; Richard II used Milford haven to launch his attacks on Ireland in 1399 as did Cromwell and his army in 1649. The quayside now boasts an impressive collection of cafes, restaurants, and upscale shops.

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

Overnight: At Sea**JUNE 13, TUESDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (6:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)**

Disembark *Azamara Pursuit* at 9:00AM.

Golf Schedule

FINCA CORTESIN: MALAGA, SPAIN



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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 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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