

VASCO DA GAMA

time to discover

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DISCOVER SLOW CRUISING WITH US!

Dear lovers of inspiring cruises,

Just imagine sailing away to your own personal dream destinations all over the world – in complete relaxation. Or being able to discover the uniqueness of our planet – in complete peace. And being able to enjoy all the advantages of a breathtaking cruise – with complete individuality. Does this sound almost too good to be true? If so, then take a little time to read the following pages carefully. Whatever you are hoping for in your next cruise, you can be sure that, with our slow cruising philosophy, we already provide this on board the VASCO DA GAMA. Yes, we could travel faster. But we have no desire to. After all, when discovering the most beautiful places in the world, you savour every moment.

Sailing around the world but feeling at home

Our loving attention to detail and love of ocean travel are combined in the VASCO DA GAMA, a charming cruise ship in our fleet that always makes sailing feel a little like coming home. As safe and comfortable as in your own four walls, you will travel to the most stunning places in the world on a relatively small cruise ship with a strictly limited number of passengers. So that you can collect moments to cherish for all time.

In the spirit of the Portuguese seafarer after whom our ship is named, we head off with you to new destinations whose names already conjure up wondrous images in our mind's eye: the rock city of Petra, the turquoise South Sea bays, the Chilean fjord landscape or the city skylines of Dubai, Singapore and Rio de Janeiro. Not forgetting the breathtaking sights right at the heart of Europe: the Canary Islands, the North Cape or the most beautiful ports in the Western and Eastern Mediterranean. And these are just a few of the many fascinating places we will be travelling to with VASCO DA GAMA.

Whatever dream destinations are on your bucket list and our schedule, you can be sure of having the finest amenities on board. After all, nicko cruises has been a byword for on-board comfort and ambience for more than three decades. We have no need for a leisure park on board our ship. We much prefer to concentrate on giving you a front-row seat to the wonders of the world. This is just one of the reasons why we love slow cruising.

We can whisk you away to faraway places on a journey that will allow you to discover yourself as well. Whether you sail on the VASCO DA GAMA to the Middle East or Asia, the South Seas or South America, the Mediterranean, or Northern or Western Europe, you can be sure of pure cruise feeling on a ship that will have a place in your heart forever.

We are looking forward to seeing you on board.



Guido Laukamp
Managing Director / CCO
(left)



Carsten Keil
Managing Director / CFO
(right)

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DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF
THE WORLD AT YOUR OWN PACE –
WITH SLOW CRUISING.

Faster is not always better. Sometimes you need to take things nice and slowly if you want to experience them in full. Travel is a perfect example of this. There are places where you need to spend some more time to discover what is truly unique or authentic about them.

This is why time is one of the most important ingredients in our discovery cruise. Join us on board of VASCO DA GAMA as we set sail for the most fascinating locations on the planet. And let us give you the gift of time: time to experience this adventure in full. Why? Because we know that this time is particularly precious.

Slow cruising – making the most of every moment

We believe in the slow cruising philosophy. VASCO DA GAMA is a relatively small cruise ship by today's standards.

Which means fewer passengers. This allows us to give our guests the space they need for maximum comfort.

What could be more thrilling than travelling to new worlds?

We at nicko cruises believe in creating more out of less. A less hectic pace – and more time for on-board relaxation and onshore excursions. Less hustle and bustle – and more authentic holiday feeling. Less mainstream – and more individuality. Of course, this also means more comfort and ambience on board. Because you are our guest. And it is your cruise. Let VASCO DA GAMA spirit you away in slow cruising style to new shores that will leave a lasting impression. And you will find that the slower pace makes for an even more intensive experience.



WORLD CRUISE 2024–2025

Explore the world in 148 or 110 days – our Grand and Compact World Cruises with VASCO DA GAMA.



Relaxation for all senses

When VASCO DA GAMA sets sail for the most beautiful destinations in the world, on-board quality and comfort will be your constant companions. Both of these will be instrumental in allowing you to experience slow cruising with all of your senses. You will have a choice of spacious cabins and suites measuring between 16 and 102 m² and there are no fewer than seven individually designed bars and lounges, five restaurants, a chic wellness area with sauna and steam bath, and a large fitness centre and sports area... What more could you possibly need?

Small ship with enormous comfort

With a capacity of no more than 1,000 guests – attended to by a crew of 550 – the VASCO DA GAMA is one of the smaller cruise ships. This allows us to provide our guests with an even more individual experience, including extended layover times, perfectly organised onshore excursions and English-speaking staff on the ship and ashore. A relaxed atmosphere where you feel right at home.

RELAX. ENJOY. SLOW CRUISING.

Focus on unforgettable experiences

Leave behind the stress of daily life and dive into a world of fantastic discoveries – and of on-board life at its finest. We have two pool decks, one of which has a glass panorama roof and a heatable pool. With flexible dining times in five restaurants – including free choice of seating. And of course there is our experienced service staff, who are committed to making your stay as comfortable as possible. All of this and much more awaits you on board the VASCO DA GAMA.



► In our experience, enjoyment and relaxation have far more to do with personal attitude than with a fixed schedule.



All the time in the world

Do you want to discover the most fascinating places in the world, especially your personal dream destinations? Then you should take all the time you need. Slow cruising is the perfect opportunity to discover the magic of our planet – without fuss or stress. This is why a central feature of our unforgettable cruises with VASCO DA GAMA is that we give you plenty of time for the things that make the journey so special – soaking up new impressions, experiencing things at first hand and creating the kind of memories that will linger on when your everyday routine has long since returned. In this way, your cruise will be much more than just a holiday – it will be an experience that you can draw on for the rest of your life. Whether you are going on a breathtaking trip around the world or a short trip to the highlights of the European west coast, we give you all the time you need to experience this adventure in full.

Our VASCO DA GAMA is a classically elegant ship that allows you to enjoy a pure cruise experience in a friendly atmosphere. As well as its relaxed ambience and timeless design, it promises unforgettable experiences and impressions that will stay with you for many years to come. With slow cruising, you can get to know each country and its people close up. Our cruises take a slow, relaxed approach which results in an even more intensive experience. More overnight stays, longer layovers in ports, lots of time for leisurely discovery tours, calling at small ports and enjoying every inch of the journey: this is slow cruising. For you, this means plenty of time for yourself, taking things slowly and making the most of every new experience. All three of these are important. After all, a cruise is not a race – it is something to be savoured.



At the same time, of course, feeling at home has a lot to do with feeling safe and secure. Being far from home also means leaving behind familiar structures and routines for a time. Which is why it is all the more important for you to have nicko cruises at your side – a partner that pulls out all the stops to make sure you have a carefree, rewarding and expertly organised journey. You can rely on that.



Excursions, city tours, culture, nature, people and history – so much to discover!

In 1497, Portuguese seafarer Vasco da Gama set off to establish trading routes and find a direct source of spices ... in other words, riches for the King of Portugal.

Guests travelling with nicko cruises today might not have their sights set on pepper or cardamom but they are looking for something every bit as valuable – time. Time to make their own discoveries, for unforgettable experiences, for moments that will stay with them all their lives. Which is exactly what a cruise with VASCO DA GAMA will offer them – slow cruising in the truest sense of the word.



► Skilled, motivated and with a personal touch: our team is always there for you and will see to your every need. So that nothing interferes with your complete enjoyment of the cruise.



Taj Mahal · India

TIME TO DISCOVER – FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!

Names that are music to our ears: Oman, Brazil, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and many other countries that have become symbols of wanderlust. The desire for open spaces, for freedom, for authenticity. We only have to hear these names to conjure up all sorts of colourful worlds in our mind's eye. Does that happen to you too?

We invite you to discover these worlds together with us. Authentic, unique and utterly enchanting: When cruising the world on board the VASCO DA GAMA, you will set sail for new shores, broaden your horizons and experience moments that will be with you forever – in places that you have only ever dreamed of. And with all the time you need to fully immerse yourself in the wealth of wonders that the earth has to offer. All thanks to slow cruising!

Fascinating flora and fauna

The natural treasures that the world has to offer, the breathtaking diversity of animals and plants on our planet – a humbling experience that words alone are not enough to describe. You have to see it with your own eyes. On a voyage of discovery with VASCO DA GAMA, you will drop anchor at many destinations like this – places that will fascinate you, enthrall you and often touch you deeply. Like a visit to the orangutans in Borneo or the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef.

And believe us, this feeling never ends. It takes hold of us every time we set eyes on the infinite beauty of nature.

Impressive monuments

When we talk about dream destinations, we do not just mean natural treasures. After all, our fellow humans have also created countless impressive structures and monuments.

Testaments to human achievement that showed courage and vision – some relatively new, others thousands of years old. In some cases, we have no idea how these came about, which of course makes them all the more fascinating.

Let nicko cruises whisk you away to your own personal dream destinations, with the most wondrous sights the natural world has to offer and the most awe-inspiring buildings made by human hands. In places where time and space seem to merge into one. And where precious moments are preserved for all time.

Time to discover!

And so that our guests can enjoy discovering the world with all their senses, we prefer to do without noisy entertainment. Instead, you can treat yourself to top-class shows, fascinating live music and rewarding edutainment.



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

Many of our destinations have been singled out by UNESCO as world heritage: Experience these fascinating sights at first hand.

EXPERIENCE TRAVEL ON A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

Our overland programmes offer a unique opportunity to really get to know your personal dream destinations! After all, our slow cruising philosophy, which you will know well from your time on board of the VASCO DA GAMA, also holds sway on land. This means that you can visit the most beautiful places in the world and immerse yourself in their rich history and lore – all at your own pace.

Needless to say, this also applies for the overland programme in Myanmar, where we will take you on a fascinating journey to Bago, the heart of the country. You will witness the monks lining up to take a meal together in the Kya Khat Wine monastery, marvel at the Shwemawdaw Pagoda and the giant Shwethalyaung Buddha statue and see the four large Buddha statues in the Kyaik Pun Pagoda at first hand. And the sunrise will be an experience you will never forget. At the famous Golden Rock of Myanmar, there is a truly mystical atmosphere at this time of day!



Without a doubt, the highlights of this trip include the sun going down over Uluru (Ayers Rock), bathing the monolith in a breathtaking kaleidoscope of colours.



Iguaçu Falls - Brazil

PRESERVING MOMENTS FOR ALL TIME

There are some things that you must have seen with your own eyes to really believe they exist. For Katrin Schneider (45), one of these things was Rio de Janeiro. "I had already seen the Sugar Loaf Mountain and the Christ Statue hundreds of times in photos. But it was only when I went on my South America cruise on board the VASCO DA GAMA that I was able to see them at first hand and appreciate their true beauty and magic", recalls Katrin, who lives in Berlin, where she works in a tax consultant's office.

Ever since she was a little girl, she had always dreamed of going on a long ocean cruise. And when the time finally came, she initially found it hard to decide where to go:

"I WAS SO AWESTRUCK THAT FOR A MOMENT I FORGOT TO BREATHE. AFTERWARDS, I FELT A RUSH OF EXHILARATION BECAUSE A LONG-HELD DREAM HAD COME TRUE."

"Suddenly I was on the verge of making one of my life's dreams come true. I really could not decide which cruise I wanted to go on", she smiles today. In the end, it was the world-famous sights of Rio that tipped the balance in favour of the cruise that took in Brazil: "I felt a great longing to see it with my own eyes. When I finally laid eyes on the Sugar Loaf Mountain, it quite literally took my breath away. That was a moment that I will never forget as long as I live."

Sounds like a wonderful time: with the nicko cruises Vibes, you can take the sounds of your holiday home with you – an inspirational round-the-world journey for your ears at any time.



THE BEST COMPANY FOR EVERYONE

Kids cannot wait to discover the world. Experiencing it at first hand from an early age teaches us how unique and precious it is. A feeling that does not diminish with age. This is why VASCO DA GAMA offers travel enthusiasts of all ages the chance to go on a voyage of discovery around the world.

Families with children will find everything they need for a relaxing holiday of a lifetime in their cabins and elsewhere on the ship – including high chairs and nappy-changing areas. Most of the bar areas are equipped for playing games together. With a non-alcoholic beverage package for kids and teens, parents can keep track of their costs. While their kids can help themselves during their time on board.

Even if you are travelling on your own, VASCO DA GAMA is still an ideal choice for your personal dream holiday. Not only will you benefit from the low-price for sole use of cabins,, but we also organise special get-togethers for people travelling on their own at the beginning of the discovery cruise. After all, no one should have to travel alone unless they want to. And the best memories are those you share with others!

So whether you are travelling with your partner, with friends, with the whole family or on your own, you will always be in good company on board the VASCO DA GAMA!



ATTRACTIVE OFFERS

Even if you travel alone you benefit from our price-performance-ratio: A certain number of cabins are available with a surcharge of just 15% for single occupancy. There is a large range of cabin categories from which you can choose your ideal accommodation on the ship.

THE SHIP – VASCO DA GAMA

Setting sail for your dream destinations

If you have your sights set on new shores where you can discover the destinations of your dreams, VASCO DA GAMA will take you there on a safe, comfortable and wonderfully varied cruise.



The perfect ship for travel buffs

What better name for our ship than that of the famous Portuguese seafarer?

And the name VASCO DA GAMA will define your mission – to discover new lands!

RELAXING TRAVEL IN COMFORT

- ▶ Hospitality and a tradition of discovery **under the Portuguese flag**, on a classically elegant cruise ship with ample space both inside and out
- ▶ Expansive **teak-wood decks** and two pool decks, with a sliding glass roof and heatable pool
- ▶ Visit destinations off the beaten track with a **ship designed for 1,000 passengers**
- ▶ Travel at a leisurely pace – **more time in ports** with extended layovers or overnight stays
- ▶ Flexible dining hours and **free choice of seats in five restaurants**
- ▶ **On-board life and excursions in English***
- ▶ Special prices available for
 - early bookers thanks to **the Ultra Early Booking Discount of 15%**
 - people travelling alone thanks to **the single supplement of just 15%**
 - families with **good-value family cabins** or free upper/additional beds
 - single travellers with a child thanks to the **50% child discount** in a double cabin
- ▶ **Extensive hygiene measures** before and during the entire cruise
- ▶ Top sound quality on excursions thanks to the comfortable **Whisper audio system**

* Our excursions are led by local tour guides in German and English. Please keep an eye out for our English-speaking departures. Other dates may offer the excursion programmes primarily in German.

NICKO CRUISES FULL BOARD

The best of everything. Our full board offers you a wide-ranging culinary experience. After all, you deserve it!

Generous breakfast at flexible meal times with free choice of seating: **Club Bistro, Waterfront Restaurant**

- ▶ Extensive breakfast buffet with evergreen classics like our home-made Bircher muesli and eggs cooked to order in the Club Bistro – when the weather is warm, you can also eat outside on the Lido Deck instead
- ▶ In the Waterfront Restaurant, a daily breakfast menu is served at the table
- ▶ Coffee, tea and juices

Varied lunch at flexible meal times with free choice of seating: **Club Bistro, Waterfront Restaurant**

- ▶ Creative buffets with show cooking in the Club Bistro – for example, individual dishes are prepared in a wok based on your chosen ingredients
- ▶ A wide range of options – including vegetarian and vegan – are served at the Waterfront Restaurant, with different specials available every day

Stylish dinner at flexible meal times with free choice of seating: **Waterfront Mediterranean, Fusion, Club Bistro, Waterfront Restaurant, Alfresco Grill**

- ▶ Choice of four stylish all-inclusive restaurants with different culinary specialities: Mediterranean cuisine, Asian-European fusion, international cuisine with local dishes from the destination countries
- ▶ From the afternoon to the evening, a different selection of snacks – including pizzas, sandwiches and curried sausage – is available every day in the Alfresco Grill on the Lido Deck



Not to mention ...

- ▶ A wide range of home-made ice cream at Cappuccino's throughout the day
- ▶ Coffee time at Club Bistro with a daily selection of biscuits, cakes and tarts, including classics like Sachertorte and Black Forest gateau, but also delicious muffins, brownies and New York cheesecake

INCLUDED FOR YOU

YOUR FLOATING HOTEL ROOM

On board the VASCO DA GAMA, we offer you a choice of cabin categories depending on your individual holiday needs. The best views are found in our outside cabins, our cabins with balconies and our suites. But you will also travel in great comfort in our inside cabins.

The balcony cabin option also includes

- ▶ A welcome fruit bowl, one bottle of wine and water
- ▶ Preferential check-in and check-out (wherever possible)
- ▶ Binoculars, atlas, umbrella, bathrobe and towelling slippers (for the duration of the cruise)

The suite option also includes

- ▶ All extras from the balcony cabin option
- ▶ Culinary delight at turndown service
- ▶ Laundry service
- ▶ Ironing service (penthouse suite only)



THE FARE FOR ALL CABIN CATEGORIES ALSO INCLUDES

- Luggage service for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

Of course, with so much to choose from, it will not always be easy. But every day will be a new experience.

RELAXATION AND SPORT WITH AN OCEAN VIEW

A healthy balance between exercise and relaxation is ideal for bringing your body and mind in perfect harmony. And you will find plenty of both on board our cruise ship.

Relax in style

- ▶ Spacious wellness area with a ladies' and a gentlemen's sauna, as well as a steam bath, aromatherapy steam bath, heated recliners and a small pool
- ▶ A heated swimming pool with a sliding glass roof that can be used all year round – and two whirlpools on the Lido Deck
- ▶ Coffee, tea and juices

Active enjoyment

- ▶ Fitness area with state-of-the-art sporting equipment and a professional trainer
- ▶ Extensive programme of courses: Yoga, Pilates, stretching and relaxation exercises and a wide range of other activities
- ▶ Running track on the outside deck, jogging track, volleyball and basketball court

GREAT FUN FOR LITTLE PASSENGERS

At nicko cruises, we know that happy children mean relaxed parents:

- ▶ We provide childcare for individual age groups all year around
- ▶ A spacious children's area with indoor and outdoor spaces with no end of activities for kids of all ages, including teens



FIRST-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT ON BOARD

Our on-board entertainment includes fascinating shows and dazzling moments from the world's stages.

- ▶ Our own first-class programme consists of six major performances in our show theatre "Hollywood's"
- ▶ You can also enjoy a wide range of live music in various bars, e.g. jazz in the Blue Room, piano music in the Ocean Bar, performances by our singers on the Lido Deck, or party and dance music in The Dome & Night-Club



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE INCLUDED

A treat for your eyes, ears and heart: as well as whisking you away to the most beautiful destinations in the world, we give you a taste of local culture – a wide range of experiences that are included in the cruise fare.

On board the VASCO DA GAMA

- ▶ nicko cruises director and English-speaking service
- ▶ Informative and entertaining lectures during the cruise

Exploring our destinations

- ▶ Local English-speaking guides*
- ▶ Comfortable Whisper audio system on all excursions operated by nicko cruises, giving you maximum flexibility and allowing you to maintain sufficient distance



On-stage magic: our wide-ranging programme of first-class performances.

* Our excursions are led by local tour guides in German and English. Please keep an eye out for our English-speaking departures. Other dates may offer the excursion programmes primarily in German.

SAMPLE DINNER MENU

Salad

Artichoke salad with lamb fillet

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Soup

Lentil soup with pike-perch and saffron

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Entremet

Fishcakes with onions
and papaya-cardamom salsa

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Main courses

Braised veal cheeks
on a bed of truffled risotto and carrots

or

Poached lobster tail
on creamy olive polenta with artichokes

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Dessert

Paris-Brest – French choux pastry
filled with mascarpone and blackberries



Restaurant Fusion

Treating your taste buds every night

A sumptuous dinner in the evening is one of the highlights of any holiday and is a wonderful way to bring the day to a close. You will find no fewer than five restaurants on VASCO DA GAMA. Here, our experienced kitchen team serves up fresh and creative culinary delights. Such as international specialities, Mediterranean dishes, Portuguese delicacies or fusion creations inspired by the finest Asian cuisine.

The perfect drinks for any occasion

An aperitif that stimulates the appetite and sets the tone for the whole evening? A sundowner or a nightcap? Whenever the mood takes you, you will find the finest drinks and an atmosphere to match in any of our bars, cafés and lounges. The spectrum ranges from classic to modern, hot to cold, non-alcoholic beverages to high-proof spirits – or whatever fits best with your discovery cruise.



ON-BOARD DINING AT ITS MOST AUTHENTIC

Our favourite ingredients: freshness and passion

Every day a joy to discover – that is the culinary credo on board VASCO DA GAMA. From breakfast and lunch to evening dinner, diversity and finesse are the order of the day. Our team of chefs work with fresh ingredients from all over the world but what truly sets them apart is their loving attention to detail and their passion for food. A passion you can taste with every bite.



Needless to say, the taste of Portugal is all around. How about cod prepared in the traditional Portuguese style? It is said that there are more Portuguese recipes for bacalao – dried and salted cod – than there are days in the year.

Premium beverage package

All beverages in the Classic package and additionally:

- ▶ Crémant by the glass
- ▶ All cocktails
- ▶ Premium Armagnac, cognac, scotch (e.g. Chivas Regal 12 years), whiskey (e.g. Jack Daniel's Old No. 7, Calvados, Hennessy VSOP, Armagnac Clés des Ducs)
- ▶ Premium gin, vodka, tequila and rum (e.g. Tanqueray, Hendrick's, Absolut Vodka, Belvedere, Ketel One, Grey Goose, Havana Club Añejo, Pyrat XO Reserve, Jose Cuervo Silver/Gold, Don Julio Añejo)
- ▶ Premium bitters, vermouth and noble brandies (e.g. raspberry brandy, cherry brandy, apricot schnapps, pear brandy, Alexander Cru Grappa, Fernet Branca, Dubonnet, Aquavit)
- ▶ Premium liqueurs (e.g. Amaretto, Bailey's, Frangelico, Galliano, Kahlua and Limoncello)
- ▶ All coffee specialities (available at: *The Dome*, *Cappuccino's*, *Blue Room*, *Ocean Bar*)

Price: €53 per person per night

Kids & Teens beverage package

- ▶ Includes all open non-alcoholic beverages (juices, soft drinks, natural mineral water, hot chocolate and tea).

Price: €14 per child per night



You can find further information on our beverage packages here:



CHEERS! OUR THREE PACKAGES OFFER YOU AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF BEVERAGES, CONTAINING EVERYTHING YOU COULD POSSIBLY WISH FOR.

Classic beverage package

- ▶ House wine by the glass (white, red and rosé)
- ▶ House sparkling wine by the glass
- ▶ Port, Madeira wine and sherry
- ▶ Draught and bottled beers, non-alcoholic beer
- ▶ All non-alcoholic cocktails
- ▶ Aperitifs (e.g. Aperol Spritz/orange, Campari soda/orange)
- ▶ All open non-alcoholic beverages
- ▶ Natural mineral water
- ▶ Filter coffee, cappuccino, espresso, hot chocolate and tea (*available at: The Dome, Cappuccino's, Blue Room, Ocean Bar*)

Price: €33 per person per night



When you are on holiday,
it does not matter what time it is.

PLEASE NOTE:

Beverage packages can only be booked for the entire duration of the cruise and for all persons sharing the cabin. They can be booked in advance or on board. They cannot be transferred to other people. Our beverage packages are only valid during the cruise. Packages are non-refundable and it is not possible to book parts of packages. Persons under 18 years of age may only book our non-alcoholic beverage package.



Ocean Bar

7 | 8 Hollywood's

We feel that live entertainment is an integral part of any cruise. VASCO DA GAMA brings a little Broadway on board – with a wide range of top shows. Over two decks, the theatre offers an unforgettable range of music, drama and artistry.

8 Ocean Bar

If you have an eye for design and love stylish surroundings, you simply must pay a visit to our Ocean Bar and see its superb blend of colonial style and orangery. Open during the day and late into the evening, its captivating charm is hard to resist.

You can find further information on our VASCO DA GAMA ship here:



A FAVOURITE PLACE? NO END OF FAVOURITE PLACES!

VARIED, VERSATILE AND OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, OUR SHIP IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR CRUISE.

7 Waterfront Restaurant

Always a treat for your taste buds – if you have ever visited our Waterfront Restaurant, you will be back for more. The menu combines a wealth of ideas with international culinary delicacies and timeless classics. Not to mention the personal service that you can expect here. Many of our guests come here for breakfast as well – after all, what better way is there to start the day?



Waterfront Restaurant



► Magic moments call for a very special atmosphere.



Hollywood's

BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE ONE PLANET

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ARE AMONG OUR CORE PRINCIPLES.

Hardly anyone knows the wondrous natural beauty of the world like nicko cruises. Because we sail our guests to the most fascinating places on Earth, it is all the more important to protect and preserve these natural wonders for future generations.

For the love of our planet

Of course, protecting the environment is an ongoing responsibility that we all share. With this in mind, we at nicko cruises have developed a wide range of measures. For example, our state-of-the-art ship technology not only meets current legal requirements, but goes far beyond them and already fulfils future environmental regulations.

We use biodegradable substances wherever possible as well as avoiding waste and disposal products. We have also invested in an innovative, highly effective waste water treatment system that reduces suspended solids to zero without using chemicals. This leads to clarified e.g. waste water of bathing water quality – which even meets the strict standards necessary for it to be discharged into the Baltic Sea.

We believe that green talk should always be matched by green actions. And we are willing to invest in this.

For example, the underwater paint used on VASCO DA GAMA is an especially environmentally friendly, long-lasting and robust silicone-based coating that does not release any toxic substances into the sea. It also prevents vegetation and other deposits from forming on the bottom of the ship, which can increase fuel consumption because of the additional water resistance. This innovative paint has enabled nicko cruises to reduce fuel consumption by around six percent.

For today, tomorrow and well beyond

You can count on that: You can rest assured that we will continue to look for further potential for improving and optimising our environmental performance – today, tomorrow and in the future. So that we will be able to discover the fascinating beauty of the world together for many years to come.



Safety first

We humans are at our best when we feel safe. This is the case at home but especially when we are on our travels. Which is why it is all the more important for you to have nicko cruises at your side – a partner for whom your safety is the number one priority. We pull out all the stops to make sure you have a carefree, rewarding and expertly organised journey. And that is our promise to you.

Outstanding care in every way

At nicko cruises, our understanding of safety goes well beyond hygiene concepts and similar measures. For us, it includes keeping a close eye on our routes and how we shape them in detail. It also means that we ensure maximum cleanliness in your cabin. After all, you can only truly relax and recharge your batteries when you feel safe and at ease.



IN THE BEST OF HANDS

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR ON-BOARD GUESTS IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES.

Safe travels

With nicko cruises, our hygiene concept ensures safe and healthy travels.

So that you can relax and enjoy your discovery cruise, we have developed an extensive hygiene concept that we can implement both on board and during onshore excursions.

There is always an on-board doctor on our VASCO DA GAMA. And our ship's hospital is equipped to provide first-class medical care.

So you can rest assured that you will always be in the best hands.



Thorough hygiene and disinfection is standard on all nicko cruises ships. We adapt our existing hygiene regulations to the current situation if necessary.

You can find further information on our hygiene measures here:



SURROUNDINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME

It is easy to feel at home in the right surroundings. For example a friendly place that radiates warmth and security. Just like VASCO DA GAMA. The ship gives you the space you need to relax and feel at home.

**THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SETS
APART OASES OF CALM.**

Not only thanks to the modern colours and sophisticated interior design in your cabin but also the choice accessories.

In your home on the ocean, you will have everything you need during your discovery cruise. But most of all the pleasant feeling of being in the right place at the right time. And, as you will surely agree, this helps greatly to create a feeling of deep relaxation. This in turn will heighten all your senses when you travel to your dream destinations.



A hotel on the high seas:
maximum personal comfort
and well-being.

MAPPING THE WORLD CRUISE

Route R1 – Route R8:

On a total of eight routes of different lengths, our Grand World Cruise goes once around the globe – from Heraklion on the Greek island of Crete to Tenerife on the Canary Islands. The Compact World Cruise consists of the last six routes. Each of these can be booked separately and mixed and matched at will.



Legend



Start/destination of world cruise



Port of embarkation and disembarkation



You can find further information
on our world cruise here:



	GRAND WORLD CRUISE 148 days	Crete to Tenerife 23.10.2024 – 18.03.2025	Routes R1/R2/R3/R4/R5/R6/R7/R8
	COMPACT WORLD CRUISE 110 days	Singapore to Tenerife 30.11.2024 – 18.03.2025	Routes R3/R4/R5/R6/R7/R8

 GRAND WORLD CRUISE COMPACT WORLD CRUISE 		Route R1	page 60	Crete to Dubai	19 days	23.10. – 10.11.2024
		Route R2	page 62	Dubai to Singapore	21 days	10.11. – 30.11.2024
		Route R3	page 64	Singapore to Cairns	19 days	30.11. – 18.12.2024
		Route R4	page 76	Cairns to Tahiti	19 days	18.12.24 – 04.01.25
		Route R5	page 78	Tahiti to Valparaíso	18 days	04.01. – 21.01.2025
		Route R6	page 86	Valparaíso to Montevideo	23 days	21.01. – 12.02.2025
		Route R7	page 88	Montevideo to Rio de Janeiro	15 days	12.02. – 26.02.2025
		Route R8	page 90	Rio de Janeiro to Tenerife	21 days	26.02. – 18.03.2025



CRUISE GUESTS



The benefits of making up your mind early

If you book by **31.10.2023**, you can take advantage of an Ultra Early Booking Discount of **10%** on our **world cruise** and on the individual routes on our journey. And guests travelling alone can also book a double cabin for themselves with a supplement of just **15%** (limited number of rooms; does not apply for suites).

ON THE COMPACT WORLD CRUISE WITH VASCO DA GAMA

Singapore – Cairns – Tahiti – Valparaíso – Montevideo – Rio de Janeiro – Tenerife

110 DAYS · 109 NIGHTS
30.11.2024 – 18.03.2025

Total price for Compact World Cruise
from **€18,684*** p.p.

* Already includes 10% Ultra Early Booking Discount if you book by 31.10.2023.

ON THE GRAND WORLD CRUISE WITH VASCO DA GAMA

Crete – Dubai – Singapore – Cairns – Tahiti – Valparaíso – Montevideo – Rio de Janeiro – Tenerife

148 DAYS · 147 NIGHTS
23.10.2024 – 18.03.2025

Total price for Grand World Cruise
from **€23,652*** p.p.

Beverage service

Wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided free of charge with all main meals. A service that literally leaves nothing to be desired.

Compact World Cruise ✓ Grand World Cruise ✓



Laundry service

You will not have to worry about looking after your wardrobe during your dream cruise – a laundry and ironing service will be provided for you free of charge.

Compact World Cruise ✓ Grand World Cruise ✓



SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR WORLD

You will find more detailed information on special conditions, savings opportunities and other benefits in our price table on page 55.

As a world cruise guest, you will enjoy special benefits

The Grand and Compact World Cruises come with a wide range of benefits that will make your experience on board even more unforgettable. For instance, you can invite your family and friends on board for a selected route and share some of the fascinating moments with them.

Embarkation and disembarkation

Whether you opt for the Grand or the Compact World Cruise, you will always have priority when embarking and disembarking.

Compact World Cruise ✓

Grand World Cruise ✓



Onshore excursions

On the Grand World Cruise, you will receive a half-day excursion free of charge at every port where passengers leave or join the ship. An ideal opportunity to get better acquainted with the places where we drop anchor.

Compact World Cruise -

Grand World Cruise ✓



Voucher for photo gallery

The package also includes a voucher for our photo gallery: €150 per person on the Grand World Cruise and €80 on the Compact World Cruise.

Compact World Cruise ✓

Grand World Cruise ✓



CRUISE GUESTS

Wellness voucher

The perfect way to unwind! With a wellness voucher of €350 per person (€150 for the Compact World Cruise), you can treat yourself to the ultimate relaxation.

Compact World Cruise ✓

Grand World Cruise ✓



"Chef's Table"

As a Grand World Cruise participant, you will enjoy a gourmet evening at our Chef's Table, with a 9-course menu and accompanying beverages.

Compact World Cruise -

Grand World Cruise ✓



Invite your nearest and dearest*

Get your family and friends on board! On the Grand World Cruise, you will be given two extra cabins free of charge on a selected route (one cabin in the case of the Compact World Cruise).

Compact World Cruise ✓

Grand World Cruise ✓



Internet package

That you can stay reachable and informed at all times, the Grand World Cruise includes an internet package with 1 GB per person per route.

Compact World Cruise -

Grand World Cruise ✓



* On request and according to availability. This is a very limited offer. Family members and friends can join you on board VASCO DA GAMA free of charge during a selected route. This invitation is for the cruise from port to port. All other services (excursions, beverage packages, etc.) can be booked for your guests on request. They will be accommodated in a guarantee cabin either inside or outside. The deck and cabin number will be made known by nicko cruises shortly before departure. We will inform you about the available routes by 01.03.2024 so that you can register your family members or friends. This is a strictly limited offer and there is no guarantee of being given a free cabin after registration.



Cruise fare per person in euro

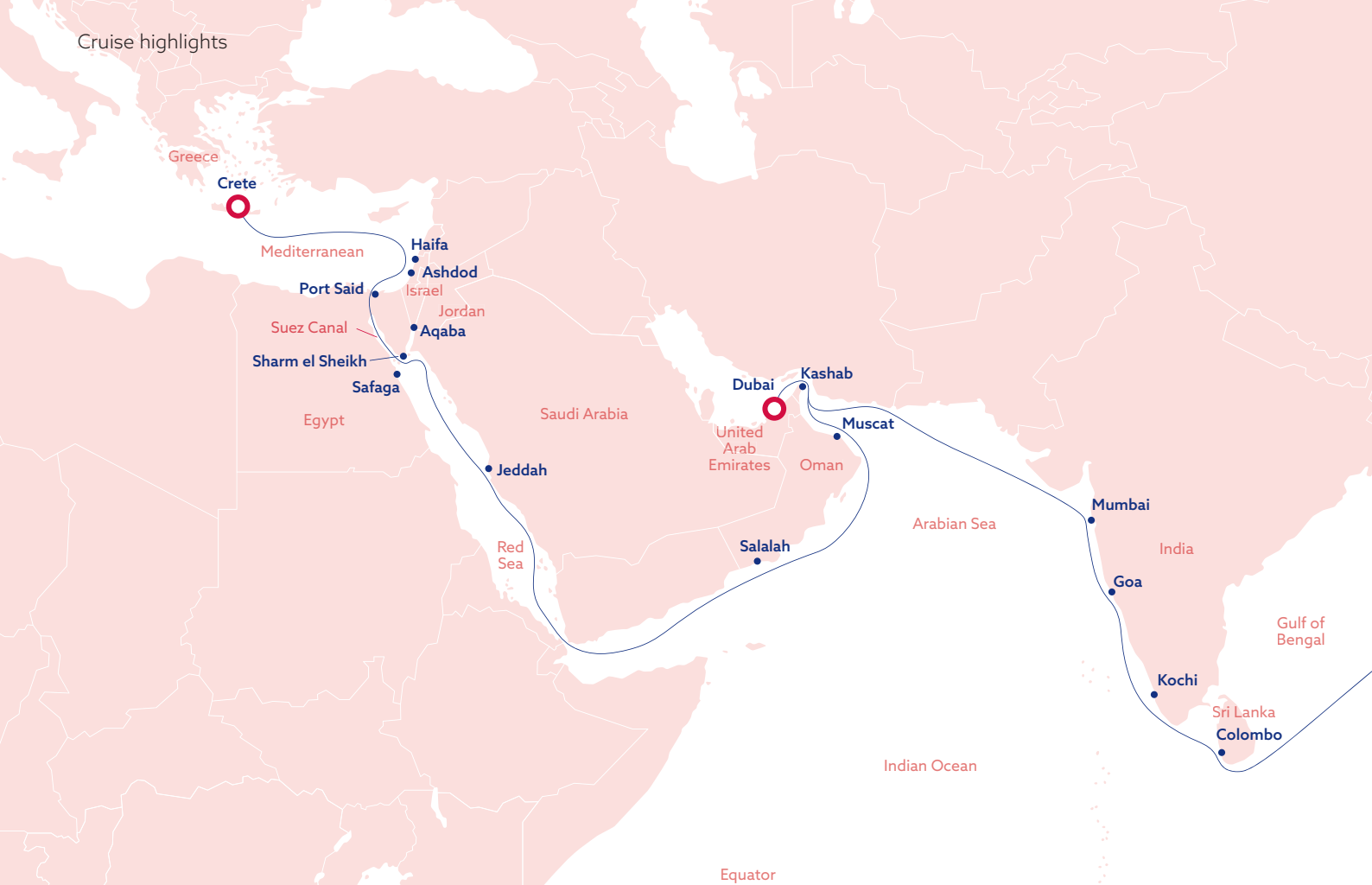
Cruise	Grand World Cruise	Compact World Cruise
Duration	148 days	110 days
Route	Crete to Tenerife	Singapore to Tenerife
Travel dates	23.10.2024 – 18.03.2025	30.11.2024 – 18.03.2025
Catalogue page	from 56	from 64
Booking code	GWR-VDG	KWR-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare	
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	26,280	20,760
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	27,960	22,100
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	31,100	24,590
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	32,390	25,550
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	33,980	26,850
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	35,060	27,710
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	36,250	28,640
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	37,540	29,660
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	38,730	30,610
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	38,730	30,610
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	40,500	31,990
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	50,390	39,810
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	52,840	41,750
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	76,080	60,120
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	114,580	90,540
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge	
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/extra bed			11,760	8,720
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-10%	-10%

* Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge. For further information, please see pages 21 and 188.

** Limited availability. Note on single surcharge: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

Optional services	Grand World Cruise	Compact World Cruise
Classic beverage package during the cruise	1,911	1,417
Premium beverage package during the cruise	4,851	3,597
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	-	-



TAKE A VOYAGE IN TIME THROUGH THE MILLENNIA IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

Let us rediscover the world together! On this cruise with the VASCO DA GAMA along the coasts of the Middle East and Asia, you will marvel with all your senses at the uniqueness of our planet. It is not about discovering places that no one else has ever visited, but more about appreciating the splendour in even the smallest of things. If you approach everything with interest and curiosity and remain open to new points of view, you will enjoy experiences you hardly thought were possible in our modern times. En route to your places of yearning

in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea, you will rediscover the true magic of planet Earth. And you will get to visit dozens of places that most other people have only seen in photos. Come with us on a breathtaking voyage in time through the millennia. Immerse yourself in cultures that have existed far longer than people from the Western World can really imagine. Set off towards the East and follow the rising sun together with us on VASCO DA GAMA.



Middle East / Asia

► **Route R1 | 19 days:** Crete • Haifa • Ashdod • Port Said • Safage • Aqaba • Sharm el Sheikh • Jeddah • Salalah • Muscat • Dubai
Cruise details from page 60

► **Route R2 | 21 days:** Dubai • Oman • India • Sri Lanka • Myanmar • Malaysia • Singapore
Cruise details from page 62

► **Route R3 | 19 days:** Singapore • Java • Brunei • Borneo • Malaysia • Maluku Islands • Papua New Guinea • Cairns
Cruise details from page 64



You can find further information about the Middle East and Asia here:





Arabian tea tradition

Route R1

FROM THE OLD DAYS INTO THE FUTURE

**19 days | Crete • Haifa • Ashdod •
Port Said • Safaga • Aqaba • Sharm el Sheikh •
Jeddah • Salalah • Muscat • Dubai**

23.10. – 10.11.2024

Starting in Crete, the cradle of the earliest advanced European civilization, you set sail on VASCO DA GAMA. The mysticism that has surrounded the island for thousands of years will accompany you throughout the 19 days of your trip, as even in Israel, Egypt or Jordan, you will repeatedly have the feeling of returning to the origins of civilization itself. Not to mention Saudi Arabia and Oman, where you will experience almost magical moments in which you have the feeling of travelling back and forth between ancient and modern times. When you arrive in Dubai, however, you will notice you have definitely landed back in the here and now – if not in the future.

Why this cruise?




- You will sail through the breathtaking Suez Canal and reach the Red Sea effortlessly from the Mediterranean on VASCO DA GAMA via the shortest possible route. A dream for every cruise enthusiast!
- Experience the fascinating ancient stone city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the current Seven Wonders of the World.
- Explore Egypt with its incredibly impressive pyramids and monuments.
- In Oman you will marvel at the unimaginable wealth that surrounds you wherever you look.
- In Israel you will visit places from the Ancient and New Testament that gives you the biblical stories mediated directly (overland program).



Sphinx of Giza • Cairo • Egypt

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
23.10.24	 Heraklion	Greece, Crete	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
24.10.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
25.10.24	 Haifa (Nazareth)	Israel	08:00	23:30	The Bahai Gardens will enchant you. Laid out on 19 terraces, the gardens lead up to the sacred shrine of Bab, where you can enjoy a breathtaking view over the city. In the evening you may want to immerse yourself in the nightlife and visit a bazaar. This is also the starting point of your overland programme journey to Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, re-embarking in Ashdod the following day.
26.10.24	Ashdod (Masada)	Israel	08:00	20:00	In the diamond-cutting city of Ashdod, you have a variety of options. You can stroll and relax on the beach, discover historical Jerusalem or experience the contrast of modernity and antiquity in the "white city" of Tel Aviv.
27.10.24	Port Said (Cairo)	Egypt	08:00	20:00	Port Said is your gateway to another world. On an excursion to Cairo, you can experience the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, right up close. You can also pay a visit to Cairo's old town and stroll through colourful alleys to the city's oriental markets.
28.10.24					Pass through the Suez Canal in the morning.
29.10.24	Safaga (Luxor)	Egypt	06:00	21:00	From Safaga, follow the falcon god Horus to the Valley of the Kings on an excursion to the famous city of Luxor and visit the amazing mortuary temple of Hatshepsut. Alternatively, you can discover the magical underwater world at Soma Bay.
30.10.24	Aqaba	Jordan	10:30	23:30	Whether you want to explore the wild desert world of Wadi Rum, the historical stone city of Petra or the dazzling underwater world of the Red Sea, everyone will find something to their liking in Aqaba.
31.10.24	 Sharm el Sheikh	Egypt	08:00	22:00	Sharm el Sheikh not only has a great deal to offer water sports enthusiasts, desert and history buffs are also guaranteed to find what they are looking for on the Sinai Peninsula. Perhaps you feel like visiting St Catherine's Monastery and marvelling at Mount Sinai?
01.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
02.11.24	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	07:00	17:00	In Jeddah, a contrast of the modern and the historical oriental world awaits you. You can visit a traditional souk, stroll along the harbour promenade, or view unique architectural projects such as the Jeddah Tower, which is currently under construction. Once completed, the Tower will be the tallest building in the world.
03.11. – 05.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
06.11.24	Salalah	Oman	09:30	17:00	Salalah is an almost tropical oasis on the Arabian Peninsula. Apart from steep cliffs and beaches similar to the Caribbean, some lush vegetation awaits you. A visit to the historical city district to see the Al-Husn Palace is also well worth it!
07.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
08.11.24	Muscat	Oman	11:00	22:00	Take a walk along the promenade to the famous Matrah souk and put your haggling skills to the test. Marvel at the ostentatiously designed capital city of Oman, where the country's wealth is openly on display.
09.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
10.11.24	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



OVERLAND PROGRAMME

Take the opportunity to see many of the important cities of early Christianity such as Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. For further information, please see page 67.

 Port of embarkation  VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor  Overland programme

Arrival and departure times are guide times. We reserve the right to make changes to itineraries and excursion programmes. The captain will decide on the best possible implementation of the schedule, depending on the prevailing conditions. The excursions listed are just a few of the possible activities on shore. You will receive further information on the entire programme of excursions in good time before your cruise begins. All excursions can be bindingly reserved online in advance with payment on the spot.

*Limited availability. See pages 70–71 for prices and services.



Sandamani Pagoda · Mandalay · Myanmar

Route R2

THE DIVERSITY OF ASIA ALL IN ONE

21 days | Dubai • Oman • India • Sri Lanka • Myanmar • Malaysia • Singapore

10.11. – 30.11.2024

After a stopover in the Sultanate of Oman, VASCO DA GAMA first sets sail for India and then takes you on a breathtaking voyage of discovery through Asia. The megacity of Mumbai, the world-famous mausoleum of the Taj Mahal and the colourful former hippie paradise of Goa present you the quite different aspects of this South Asian country. Visits to the world-famous Tooth Temple of Kandy in Sri Lanka, a walk among ancient temples in Myanmar and speechless amazement at the skyscrapers in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur will all be part of your highly varied daily travel routine. Expect the unexpected!

**Why this cruise?**

- Fjords in Oman? Yes, there are! You will be taken on a tour of discovery in the turquoise blue waters to keep an eye out for dolphins.
- You will have the opportunity to see the most famous expression of love in the world with your own eyes: the mausoleum of the Taj Mahal (overland programme).
- You will learn not only to see the world, but to smell it as well. The Indian city of Kochi is the perfect place to do so.
- Discoveries in Myanmar with Bago and the famous Golden Rock (overland programme).



Young woman wearing a sari

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
10.11.24	 Dubai	United Arab Emirates	-	22:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
11.11.24	Kashab	Oman	06:00	12:00	The idyllic fishing village of Kashab is well-known for its enchanting fjord landscape. Board a traditional dhow and embark on a voyage of discovery through the turquoise blue waters of the fjords. With a little luck, you might even be accompanied by some dolphins.
12.11. – 13.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
14.11.24	Mumbai	India	11:00	-	Plunge into the chaos of the megacity of Mumbai, where you can explore everything from lively markets and magnificent palaces to enchanting parks.
15.11.24	 Mumbai	India	-	18:00	Today we set off on our overland programme to the Taj Mahal and reboard the ship in Kochi. Would you rather stay on board? Fine! Then you can look forward to sailing at the Gateway of India, which you can also marvel at when arriving.
16.11.24	Goa	India	11:30	23:30	Goa was once the place to go for the hippie generation – and you will immediately understand why. India's smallest federal state invites you to discover its beautiful beaches, colourful colonial towns and bustling markets.
17.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
18.11.24	Kochi	India	07:00	23:30	Discover the "Queen of the Arabian Sea", the ancient Indian port city of Kochi (formerly Cochin) and be enchanted by the aroma of foreign spices.
19.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
20.11.24	Colombo	Sri Lanka	07:00	20:00	Picturesque colonial buildings, ancient temples and traditional markets – that is Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. You can even visit an elephant orphanage in Pinnawela. Or be amazed by the Tooth Temple in Kandy.
21.11. – 23.11.					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
24.11.24	 Yangon	Myanmar	08:00	-	Only recently re-opened to tourists, Myanmar's capital will captivate you with its tasty street food and charming colonial-style alleyways alongside thousand-year-old temples. Or travel with us for one night to Bago as part of our overland programme and see the famous Golden Rock of Myanmar.
25.11.24	Yangon	Myanmar	-	-	Make the most of the day to visit Chinatown or the Shwedagon Pagoda, the country's unique landmark and one of the most famous stupas in the world.
26.11.24	Yangon	Myanmar	-	12:00	Are you still looking for a souvenir? Then head to Bogyoke Aung San Market, where you may well find exotic items such as unique wood carvings, gems or textiles.
27.11.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
28.11.24	George Town	Malaysia, Penang	10:00	18:00	Located on the island of Penang, George Town awaits you in all its origin. The historical, colonial-style neighbourhoods with their numerous stores and delicacies are just waiting for you to take a stroll in them. You can also pay a visit to glittering temples and places of worship, take the cable car to the top of Penang Hill, or visit the orangutans on the island of the same name.
29.11.24	Port Kelang (Kuala Lumpur)	Malaysia	07:30	17:00	Today you can enjoy some breathtaking views in Kuala Lumpur, the exotic capital of Malaysia with its many skyscrapers.
30.11.24	Singapore	Singapore	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



OVERLAND PROGRAMME

Large numbers of newly married Indian couples are a common sight around the Taj Mahal, as the visit is said to make their mutual love strong and long-lasting. Keep an eye out for them during your excursion, which is part of the overland programme, and be amazed by the fabulously dressed brides! For further information, please see page 68.



Port of embarkation



Overland programme

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*Limited availability. See pages 70–71 for prices and services.



Borobudur · Indonesia

Route R3

FASCINATING ISLAND WORLDS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

**19 days | Singapore · Java · Brunei ·
Borneo · Malaysia · Maluku Islands ·
Papua New Guinea · Cairns**

30.11. – 18.12.2024

There is no better way of discovering the many thousands of islands of Asia than by ship. The VASCO DA GAMA gives you a unique mixture of magnificent views from afar and impressive experiences up close. Setting off from Singapore, you will see some of the many small islands of Indonesia, where the tropical climate, the breathtaking rainforest and many thousands of years of history all come together. You can stretch your legs in the sand of the dreamlike beaches of Brunei, scour the jungles of Malaysia and spot birds of paradise in the wilds of Papua New Guinea. Remember to bring your binoculars!



Why this cruise?


- A visit to Singapore is like a journey in time through the centuries – but all within a few minutes – and you will hardly find a destination where old and new are so close together.
- Several of the countries on this cruise give you the chance to see the jungle at close quarters.
- A glimpse of underwater life is also worthwhile and on your way to Cairns you will have a number of opportunities to go snorkeling in some fabulous spots.
- Days full of lasting impressions in some of the most beautiful places in Asia contrast with some relaxing time out at sea and after all, these unique experiences need a little time to sink in.



Raggiana Bird of Paradise ·
Moresby Nature Park · Papua New Guinea

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
30.11.24	 Singapore	Singapore	-	-	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
01.12.24	Singapore	Singapore	-	12:00	Nowhere else in the world is the contrast between the past and the present day as striking as in the city-state of Singapore, a global financial centre. Discover the multicoloured Hindu temples, magnificent Buddha sites, mosques and bustling markets. In other words, enjoy the "City of Lions"!
02.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
03.12.24	 Semarang	Indonesia, Java	08:00	20:00	Semarang is on the north coast of Java and features an impressive old town centre with its Dutch colonial style. A visit to the temple complex of Borobudur, the largest of its kind and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is an absolute highlight. Or you may wish to climb the nearby active volcano Mount Merapi.
04.12. – 05.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
06.12.24	 Muara	Brunei	12:00	22:00	Muara offers a combination of beautiful beaches and dense mangrove forests. Treat yourself to a relaxing boat trip among houses built on stilts or take the opportunity to explore the feudal capital of Bandar Seri Begawan with its palace, magnificent buildings and mosques.
07.12.24	 Kota Kinabalu	Malaysia, Borneo	07:00	17:00	Kota Kinabalu has some imposing mosques and guarantees relaxation by the turquoise sea. A trip from here can take you to the jungles of Mount Kinabalu (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) or through the Sabah countryside on the historical North Borneo Railway.
08.12.24	Sandakan	Malaysia	10:00	19:00	Sandakan is the ideal starting point for a variety of adventure trips into the interior. You can explore the jungle with its remarkable wildlife — do not forget to count how many orangutans and proboscis monkeys you encounter. On Turtle Island, on the other hand, you can swim alongside some giant turtles.
09.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
10.12.24	Ternate	Indonesia, Maluku Islands	12:00	22:00	Ternate is notable for the spectacular approach to the port via the twin volcanic islands of Ternate and Tidore. The island invites you to smell the fragrance of its exotic spices, relax on the beach, hike along its crater lakes or visit colonial-era forts.
11.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
12.12.24	 Banda Neira	Indonesia, Maluku Islands	07:00	16:00	The lush green, densely wooded mountains rising from the sapphire-coloured waters will absolutely amaze you. You may want to discover the impressive underwater world on a boat trip that includes snorkeling stops. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Fort Belgica is a historical reminder of the spice trade.
13.12. – 14.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
15.12.24	Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea	16:00	-	Port Moresby with its numerous bars and cafes will lure you ashore for an evening stroll through the city. You can gain some insight into the local culture and nature of Papua New Guinea and visit nature parks as well as protected areas near Port Moresby.
16.12.24	Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea	-	20:00	Today you will have plenty of time to explore Port Moresby where you can pay a visit to the National Museum or marvel at unique bird species such as the Raggiana Bird of Paradise at the Port Moresby Nature Park. Alternatively, you may prefer to take a ride on a traditional long boat.
17.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
18.12.24	Cairns	Australia	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

The 1,000-hectare Varirata National Park on Papua New Guinea offers some beautiful hiking trails through pine forests with countless exotic bird species and excellent vantage points over Port Moresby and the coast.



Port of embarkation



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OVERLAND PROGRAMME NAZARETH, JERUSALEM & BETHLEHEM

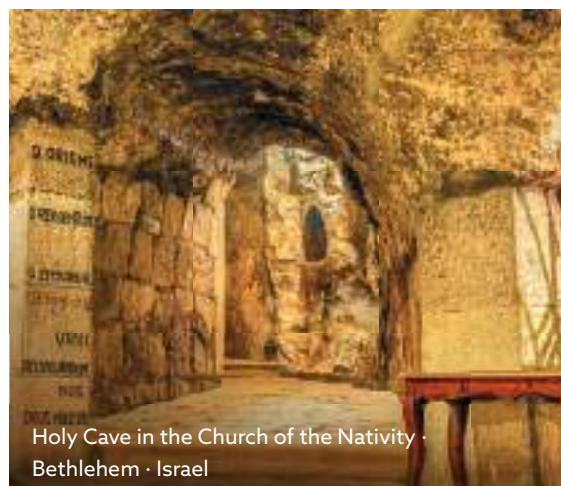
2 days | Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem

25.10. – 26.10.2024

From: Haifa | Reembarkation: Ashdod

Explore traces of early Christianity

On our overland programme we will take you on a two-day trip to the mystical origins of Christianity where you can directly feel the strong attraction that they still exert on people to this day. Drive through the Sharon Valley to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up, and visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of St Joseph. Via Cana, where Jesus is said to have performed his first miracle, you will arrive at the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of Beatitudes. In Capernaum you will visit the ancient synagogue and the archaeological excavations. After an evening meal in Jerusalem, you will then drive along the magnificently lit Old City walls and touch the world-famous Wailing Wall. The Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Zion, the Gate of Zion and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are just four of the many sights you will experience in the Golden City the following day. After lunch, you will depart for Bethlehem and marvel at the Church of the Nativity before reboarding the VASCO DA GAMA.



Holy Cave in the Church of the Nativity ·
Bethlehem · Israel



Fresco · Church of St Joseph · Nazareth · Israel



A great many people visit the Wailing Wall to pray. Many of them also tuck written prayers, wishes and thanks into the cracks and crevices of the Wailing Wall. For many Jews, it represents a symbol of God's eternal, existing covenant with his people.

OVERLAND PROGRAMME AGRA & TAJ MAHAL

4 days | Agra & Taj Mahal

15.11. – 18.11.2024

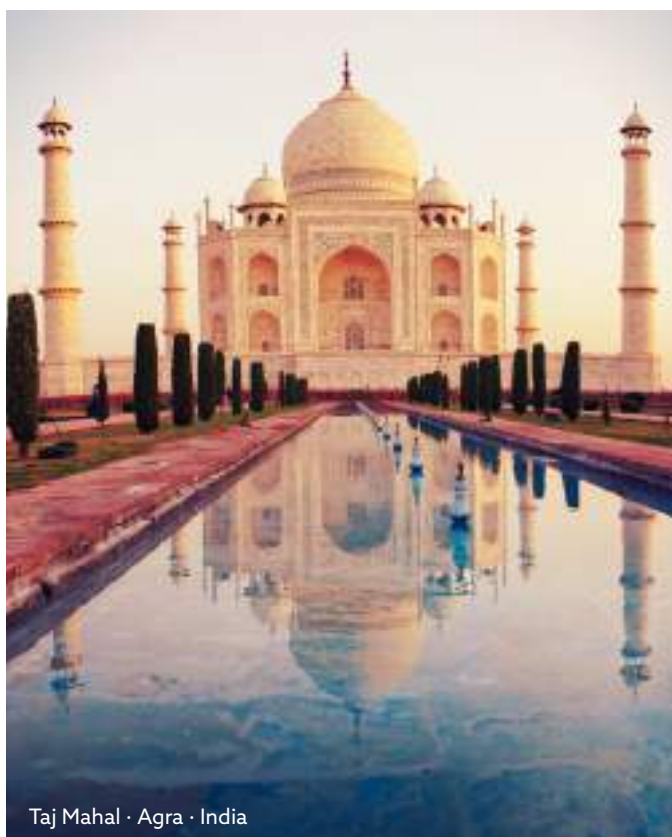
From: Mumbai | Reembarkation: Kochi

The Taj Mahal in all its facets

India without the Taj Mahal? Not with nicko cruises! Our overland programme will first fly you to Delhi, where you can visit many of the highlights of India's sprawling capital on a fascinating sightseeing tour. The next day you will then travel by bus to Agra, the capital of the Mogul dynasties of the 16th and 17th centuries. First you will visit the Red Fort, a fortress and palace complex built during the era of the Mogul emperors, followed by a spectacular sunset at the Taj Mahal. And because the sunrise there is no less mystical, you will be on the spot in time to begin the following day in this magical place. Come and see for yourself that this incredible mausoleum made of pure white marble is really something amazing to behold! After an afternoon at your leisure in Delhi and a trip through Old Delhi by cycle rickshaw the next morning, you will then fly to Kochi where you will reboard the VASCO DA GAMA.

This overland programme can be additionally booked.

Price details and more detailed descriptions will be published at the latest 6 months before your departure at www.nicko-cruises.de/en/overland-programmes.



Taj Mahal · Agra · India



Man with turban · India



In India, elephants are dressed up in beautiful costumes and decorated with fabrics, painted motifs and ornaments.

For more information, please visit www.nicko-cruises.de/en/overland-programmes at least 6 months before departure.

OVERLAND PROGRAMME YANGON, BAGO & GOLDEN ROCK

2 days | Yangon, Bago and Golden Rock

24.11. – 25.11.2024

From: Yangon | Reembarkation: Yangon

In the footsteps of Buddha

Take this opportunity to get to know Myanmar even better! After breakfast, we will pick you up at Yangon port and set off with you towards Bago. On the way we will stop at the Kha Khat Wain Kyaung monastery where you can gain some valuable insights into the everyday life of strict Buddhist monks. Your excursion will then continue to Bago, the fourth largest city in the country, which is famous, among other things, for the Shwemawdaw Pagoda, the giant Shwethalyaung Buddha, the four huge Buddha images of the Kyaikpun Pagoda, and the excavation site and restoration work of Kanbawzathadi, the palace of the famous King Bayinnaung. After taking in these many impressions, you will have lunch at a local restaurant before heading off to the Golden Rock to see one of the country's holiest Buddhist sites. At sunrise the next day you can marvel at the magnificent Golden Rock and be immersed in the unique atmosphere. With all these many unforgettable impressions, we will bring you back on board the VASCO DA GAMA after breakfast.



Shwethalyaung Buddha · Myanmar

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Golden Rock · Myanmar



► Discover Buddhism, one of the great world religions. Buddhists seek truth and happiness within themselves and believe that the "spirit of Buddha" is within each individual. During meditation, they find strength and peace.

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route R1	Route R2	Route R3
Duration	19 days	21 days	19 days
Route	Crete to Dubai	Dubai to Singapore	Singapore to Cairns
Travel dates	23.10. – 10.11.2024	10.11. – 30.11.2024	30.11. – 18.12.2024
Catalogue page	60	62	64
Booking code	HED-VDG	DUS-VDG	SIC-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare		
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	3,079	4,269	3,549
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	3,269	4,539	3,789
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	3,639	5,049	4,219
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	3,789	5,259	4,389
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	3,979	5,519	4,599
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	4,099	5,689	4,749
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	4,239	5,889	4,899
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	4,389	6,099	5,089
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	4,529	6,289	5,249
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	4,529	6,289	5,249
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	4,739	6,579	5,489
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	5,899	8,179	6,829
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	6,189	8,579	7,159
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	8,899	12,349	10,309
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	13,399	18,599	15,529
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge		
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,440	1,600	1,440
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-10%	-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%

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English language is guaranteed on the marked departures, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Optional services	Route R1	Route R2	Route R3
Classic beverage package during the cruise	594	660	594
Premium beverage package during the cruise	954	1,060	954
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	252	280	252



THE SOUTH SEAS IN ALL THEIR GLORY

New Caledonia, Fiji, Samoa, the Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island: take a moment to savour the sound of each of these magnificent destinations! Can you feel your heart beating faster? Are you tingling with anticipation? Does your imagination play riot with colourful images of paradise? That is because VASCO DA GAMA is about to whisk you away to your own personal paradise in the South Seas! Prepare to gasp in amazement at the lush and varied vegetation of the Cook Islands. Drink in the beauty of Fiji's

breath-taking atolls. French Polynesia awaits you with crystal clear lagoons. Discover spectacular landscapes, straight out of a fairy tale, on New Caledonia and Samoa, and immerse yourself in the exciting cultural diversity of the islands. And there are more treats in store on Easter Island, of course. This is an absolute must-see – not just for its mysterious stone statues! Enjoy your voyage to the fullest and discover a part of the world that most people dream of visiting, but few ever see with their own eyes.



Bora Bora · French Polynesia



Route R4

THE SOUTH SEAS UP CLOSE

**19 days | Cairns • New Caledonia •
Vanuatu • Fiji • Samoa • Cook Islands •
Bora Bora • Tahiti**

18.12.2024 – 04.01.2025

It is a distance of nearly 2,250 km as the crow flies from Cairns in Australia to Nouméa in New Caledonia. But accompanied by a rich variety of entertainment and fun, you will find the days simply fly by on board our friendly, informal cruise ship VASCO DA GAMA. As soon as we arrive in the South Seas, one jaw-dropping view follows the next. Discover the Saint-Tropez of the Pacific, explore an island that comes as close as this world gets to paradise, and celebrate Christmas on a mysterious islet. And for those who just cannot get enough – immerse yourself in the incredible flora and richly diverse fauna of Fiji, Samoa, the Cook Islands and French Polynesia.

Why this cruise?

- Discover the beauty of the South Seas above and below the water line! Make the most of the many opportunities we offer to swim, snorkel and dive.
- On Beqa we treat you to a live display of the celebrated Polynesian tradition of firewalking – so close, you can feel the heat for yourself!
- Explore Fiji away from the hustle and bustle of other tourists and store up memories that few others will ever have the privilege of sharing.
- Learn about the way of life in the South Seas from the people who know best – the Polynesians. On Apia and Pago Pago, for example.



Polynesian costume

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
18.12.24	 Cairns	Australia	-	22:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
19.12.24 – 21.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
22.12.24	Nouméa	New Caledonia	12:00	21:00	Discover the Saint-Tropez of the Pacific. Whether you stroll along the promenade with its delightful colonial buildings, or relax in Baie des Citrons, or snorkel down to explore the exciting underwater world of the lagoon – here in one of the most beautiful places our world has to offer, delights await you at every turn.
23.12.24	 Isle of Pines	New Caledonia	07:00	17:00	"The island that is closest to paradise" is the picturesque metaphor the French use to describe the Isle of Pines. Halfway between Australia and Fiji in the South Pacific, you will get your first taste of South Sea magic. Prepare to be completely smitten by unspoiled palm beaches, a turquoise ocean and the magnificent raw beauty of the landscape!
24.12.24	Mystery Island	Vanuatu	07:30	14:00	Christmas in paradise awaits you today as we visit Mystery Island. The underwater world of the coral reef is perfect for swimming, snorkeling and diving. If you prefer dry ground under your feet, why not walk round the island instead – and treat yourself to a drink on the beach at the end.
25.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
26.12.24	Suva	Fiji	12:00	20:00	From waterfalls in the jungle to the vibrant, historic city centre – Suva is as colourful as they come. Regardless of whether you prefer cultural or natural highlights, the city has much to offer everyone. The famous firewalkers of Beqa are sure to make your heart beat faster.
27.12.24	 Savusavu	Fiji	07:00	17:00	Off the beaten trail of mass tourism, Savusavu offers a degree of unspoiled beauty that is hard to rival. Alongside lots of bathing spots, we strongly recommend you visit the natural hot springs where locals gently simmer their traditional dishes for hours on end.
28.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
29.12.24	Apia	Samoa	08:00	18:00	Steeped in rich traditions, the lifestyle of the Samoans in Apia will whisk you away to another world. Join an excursion to the rainforests in the island's hinterland, or follow the footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson. We have got something for everyone here!
29.12.24					Sea day. We cross the international date line.
29.12.24	Pago Pago	American Samoa	10:00	-	Here in the region around Pago Pago, the Samoans are careful to preserve their traditional way of life. Do not forget to try the local cuisine for a truly authentic experience!
30.12.24			-	13:00	
31.12.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
01.01.25	 Aitutaki	Cook Islands	11:00	19:00	In Arutanga you will encounter one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world. Here you can enjoy underwater diving, scuba diving and swimming.
02.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
03.01.25	 Bora Bora	French Polynesia	07:00	20:00	You will recognise the Bora Bora island group from afar by the 727 m high volcano Mount Otemanu. The small coral reefs offer fantastic glimpses into the underwater world.
04.01.25	Papeete	French Polynesia / Tahiti	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Did you know that Samoa was a German colony from 1900 to 1919, and that Apia was its capital city? As you stroll around the town, look for traces of these times gone by!



Port of embarkation



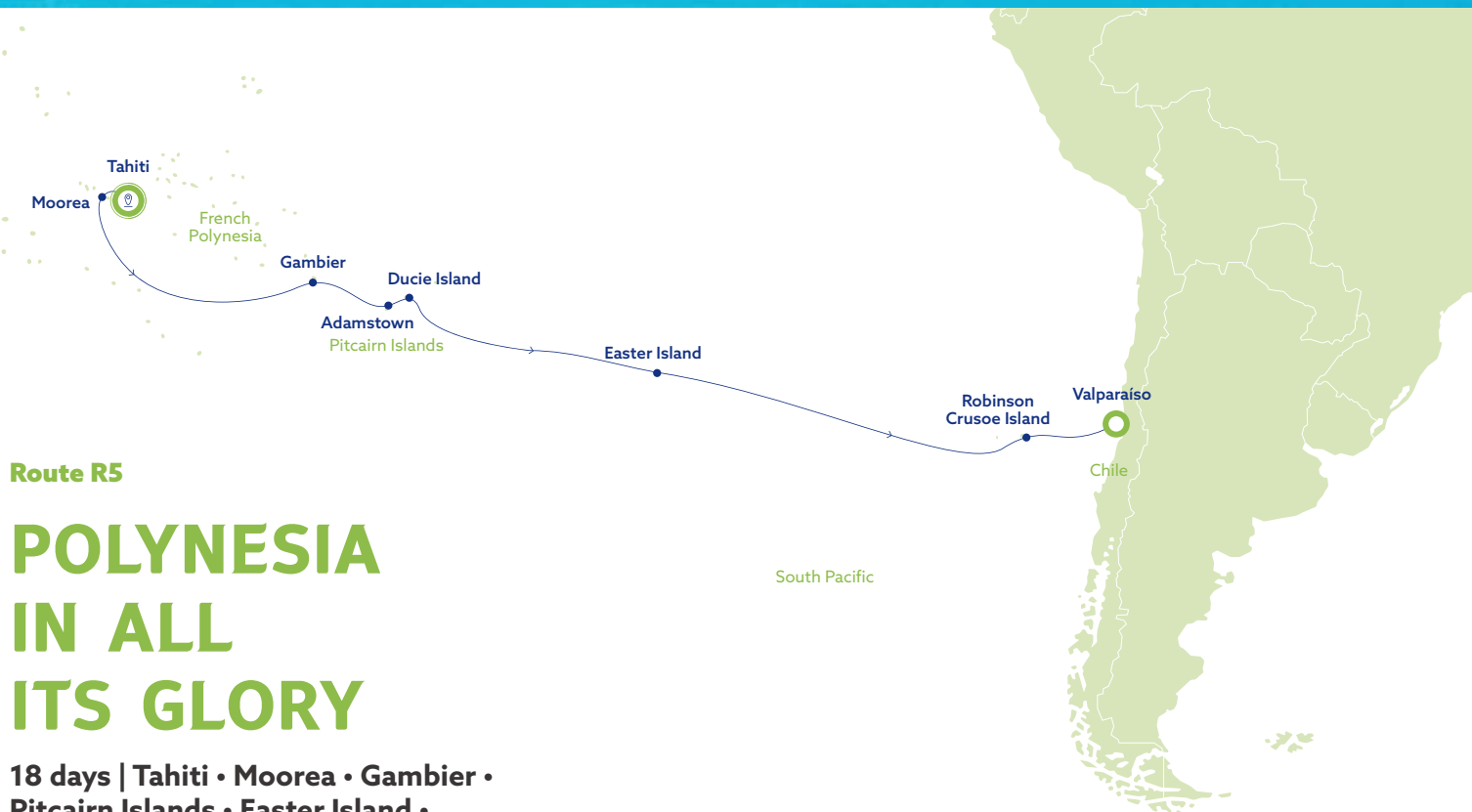
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The French Polynesian Islands



Route R5

POLYNESIA IN ALL ITS GLORY

**18 days | Tahiti • Moorea • Gambier •
Pitcairn Islands • Easter Island •
Robinson Crusoe Island • Valparaíso**

04.01. – 21.01.2025

As we cruise through the endless expanses of the South Pacific, the VASCO DA GAMA will take you to some of the most beautiful places in the world. In French Polynesia we visit Moorea, Tahiti's fascinating "little sister", and get an authentic feel for the traditional way of life on the island. On Gambier you can relax between glistening lagoons and extinct volcanos. When we arrive at the Pitcairn Islands, you will be amazed at just how diverse a group of islands can be. Stand in awe on Easter Island at the display of around 800 "Moai" statues. One Sunday (not Friday, sadly!) we anchor on the island that served as inspiration for Daniel Defoe's novel

Why this cruise?

- You will engage with two veritable classics of world literature: "Mutiny on the Bounty" (Pitcairn Islands) and "Robinson Crusoe" (San Juan Bautista).
- Experience "slow cruising" at its very best. We spend lots of time in areas of the South Seas where few ever venture – Ducie Island, for instance, which is an uninhabited atoll.
- On Easter Island you can take all the time in the world to examine the Moai statues at length – by the end, you will be able to tell them all apart!
- During your time on board the VASCO DA GAMA, you will not only enjoy magnificent views over the endless expanses of the South Pacific, but also an unrivalled entertainment programme.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
04.01.25	 Papeete	French Polynesia/ Tahiti	-	-	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
05.01.25	Papeete	French Polynesia/ Tahiti	-	04:00	
	 Moorea	French Polynesia	07:00	20:00	Moorea in the west of Tahiti will delight you with its picturesque beaches. And be sure to visit Tiki village!
06.01.25 – 07.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
08.01.25	 Gambier	French Polynesia	09:00	16:30	Featuring spectacular scenery, Gambier consists of five islands and a number of uninhabited islands. Relax on idyllic sandy beaches between glistening lagoons and extinct volcanos.
09.01.25	 Adamstown	Pitcairn Islands	13:30	17:30	Far away from the rest of civilisation, Adamstown exudes a lonely beauty. In addition to visiting the Island's museum, where you can learn all about the history of the town and the mutineers on the Bounty, do not miss exploring the rest of this island. If you venture just a little away from the town, you will be rewarded by unique flora and fauna, plus beautiful views over Bounty Bay.
10.01.25	 Ducie Island	Pitcairn Islands	13:30	19:00	Completely alone, with nothing but the sound of the heaving waves and the feel of soft sand underfoot – that is how you will feel on Ducie Island. It is not only the world's most southernmost atoll – it is also uninhabited! There is no better place in the world to unwind and relax.
11.01.25 – 12.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
13.01.25	 Hanga Roa	Chile/ Easter Island	07:00	-	Virtually everyone has heard of the famous Moai stone statues on Easter Island, but few have ever seen these impressive monoliths up close. In Hanga Roa you will be able to inspect some of the island's countless "Moai". Besides admiring the finished Moai (there are around 800 in total!), make sure to visit Rano Raraku, the birthplace of the statues. Nearly 400 half-finished statues line the sides of this quarry.
14.01.25	 Hanga Roa	Chile/ Easter Island	-	18:00	Following an exciting tour of Easter Island you will have plenty of time to relax by the sea. Although the beaches on the island are few and far between, they are exceptionally beautiful. Alternatively, you could visit Ahu Tongariki Bay, Polynesia's largest ceremonial site.
15.01.25 – 18.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
19.01.25	 San Juan Bautista	Chile/ Robinson Crusoe Island	07:00	18:00	The small town of San Juan Bautista is situated on the island that served as inspiration for the world-famous novel "Robinson Crusoe". The island forms part of the Archipiélago de Juan Fernández National Park and is a paradise for hikers and explorers.
20.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
21.01.25	Valparaíso	Chile	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Moai · Ahu Tahai · Easter Island · Chile



TOP TIP

Rapa Nui, as the indigenous people call Easter Island, is further away from the rest of civilisation than anywhere else in the world. It does not get more secluded than this! But this is only one of the fascinating features of this island.



Port of embarkation



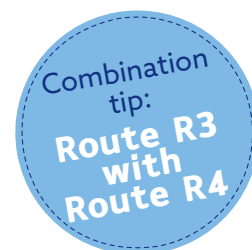
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Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route R4	Route R5
Duration	19 days	18 days
Route	Cairns to Tahiti	Tahiti to Valparaiso
Travel dates	18.12.2024 - 04.01.2025	04.01. - 21.01.2025
Catalogue page	76	78
Booking code	CAP-VDG	PVO-VDG



Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare	
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	3,839	3,359
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	4,089	3,579
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	4,549	3,979
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	4,739	4,149
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	4,969	4,349
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10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	5,659	4,959
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	5,659	4,959
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	5,919	5,179
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	7,359	6,449
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	7,719	6,769
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	11,119	9,739
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	16,749	14,669
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge	
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,440	1,360
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%

*Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge.

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*** Discount applies when you book at least two successive cruises.

English language is guaranteed on the marked departures, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Optional services	Route R4	Route R5
Classic beverage package during the cruise	594	561
Premium beverage package during the cruise	954	901
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	252	238

SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE WITH BREATHTAKING PANORAMAS



One continent, twelve countries, almost 18 million square kilometres in area: its numbers alone make South America an impressive destination. Moreover, there are 7,600 kilometres between the northernmost point and the southern tip and almost 5,000 kilometres from east to west at the continent's widest point. This is where the Andes, the world's longest mountain range, rise almost 7,000 metres into the heaven. The Amazon, the second longest river on earth after the Nile, meanders almost 6,500 kilometres through the continent. Here in Chile's unique fjord landscape you will encounter the only glacier in the world that is growing and not shrinking. This is also where you will find Cape Horn, a magical place that has held an irresistible fascination for seafarers over the centuries. On our cruise you can experience many of these impressive superlatives right up close. Together we will set off to discover pristine landscapes, unforgettable destinations and fascinating happenings along the coasts of South America. Join the VASCO DA GAMA on an impressive voyage to beautiful places in **Chile, Argentina, Uruguay** and **Brazil**. You can look forward to some overwhelming impressions and moments you will never forget!



Cóndor Glacier · Chile

Route R6

THROUGH CHILE'S FJORDS TO THE END OF THE WORLD

**23 days | Valparaíso • Puerto Montt • Castro •
The fjords of Chile • Puerto Natales •
Punta Arenas • Ushuaia • Falkland Islands •
Puerto Madryn • Mar del Plata • Montevideo**

21.01. – 12.02.2025

South Pacific

How good that you are travelling on a comparatively small ship on your cruise of South America with the VASCO DA GAMA, as it allows you to enjoy some unforgettable experiences on this cruise along the Chilean coast. Unlike larger companies, we sail between Valparaíso and Punta Arenas precisely where you can experience new terrain at close quarters – such as Chile's fascinating fjord world. Cruise through the Strait of Magellan, explore Tierra del Fuego and sail against the wind near Cape Horn: What seafarers would hardly have dared to dream of a few hundred years ago has now become a pleasant reality for you.







Why this cruise?

- Here you will get close to the legendary fjord landscapes of Patagonia and experience them with all your senses.
- You will be able to directly experience the sheer size of the "Torres del Paine", the three needle-like granite mountains in the heart of the national park near Puerto Natales.
- The Pío XI glacier is almost close enough to touch! Take a moment to listen carefully – maybe you can hear it grow?!
- Passing through the Strait of Magellan, you become part of South America's centuries-old maritime history.



English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
21.01.25	 Valparaíso	Chile	-	-	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
22.01.25	Valparaíso	Chile	-	13:00	Vibrant and colourful, you will love Valparaíso with its steep cable cars. Literature fans will love to visit the house of poet Pablo Neruda. Feel the European vibe of Plaza Sotomayor.
23.01.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
24.01.25	Puerto Montt	Chile	08:00	20:00	One of our most popular excursions is to Lago Llanquihue, Chile's second largest lake. Here you can enjoy fantastic views. Alternatively, you can visit Chile's most active volcano approximately 30 km east of Puerto Montt.
25.01.25	 Castro	Chile	08:00	20:00	UNESCO has designated the churches of Chiloé as a World Heritage Site and you will certainly see why when you visit. In Chiloé National Park you will once again experience Chile's biodiversity at close quarters.
26.01.25 – 28.01.25					We will leave ourselves plenty of time to explore Chile's fabulous glacier and fjord landscape. You will travel through the Baker and Messier channels and the Angostura Inglesa, coming very close to the gigantic Pio XI Glacier.
29.01.25	Puerto Natales	Chile	14:00	22:00	The Torres del Paine National Park near Puerto Natales features three distinctive granite peaks that will instantly capture your heart and imagination. It's also full of majestic wild animals such as llamas, pumas and condors.
30.01.25	Torres del Paine/ Balmaceda National Park	Chile			Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities. Soak in the views as we sail up the fjords of Chile.
31.01.25	Punta Arenas	Chile	08:00	20:00	Located on the Strait of Magellan, Punta Arenas offers an enchanting mix of cultures. One special attraction is the Museo Nao Victoria, an open-air museum featuring replica ships.
01.02.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
02.02.25	 Ushuaia	Argentina	15:00	-	Tierra del Fuego is the southernmost national park in the world and bound to impress you with its subpolar fauna.
03.02.25	 Ushuaia	Argentina	-	13:00	Discover the beauty of Tierra del Fuego from a unique perspective: a ride on the Ferrocarril Austral Fueguino railway with its steam engine.
04.02.25					Passage through Beagle Channel where you can enjoy the rich fauna and encounter the world-famous Cape Horn.
05.02.25	 George Island	Falkland Islands	14:00	20:00	On George Island, the "Gateway to the Antarctic", you can watch penguins and seals and admire the raw, austere beauty of the polar region.
06.02.25	 Port Stanley	Falkland Islands	07:00	18:00	We cannot visit all 700 of the Falkland Islands, but Port Stanley and Volunteer Point will give you an outstanding impression of what makes the region so unique, including the king penguins, gentoo penguins and Magellan penguins. Port Stanley itself exudes a very British air.
07.02.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
08.02.25	Puerto Madryn	Argentina	12:00	22:00	Starting from Puerto Madryn you can explore the Valdés Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alongside penguins, sea lions and elephant seals, you might just be lucky enough to spot whales and orcas!
09.02.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
10.02.25	Mar del Plata	Argentina	08:00	18:00	Swimming in the Silver Sea? You can do that in Argentina's largest and best-known seaside resort. You can get to know the flora, fauna and culture of the region at the zoo, the museum or the cultural centre.
11.02.25	Montevideo	Uruguay	10:00	-	You will see Uruguay's capital from its best side, including its impressive monuments, secluded parks and beautiful gardens. A visit to the Bouza winery will give you an insight into the winemaking tradition.
12.02.25	Montevideo	Uruguay	-	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Port of embarkation



VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

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*Limited availability. See pages 94-95 for prices and services.



Rio de Janeiro • Brazil

Route R7

ALONG THE BRAZILIAN COASTLINE TO RIO

**15 days | Montevideo • Punta del Este •
Porto Alegre • Itajaí • Paranaguá •
Santos • Ilha Grande • Paraty • Rio de Janeiro**

12.02. – 26.02.2025

Fully aligned to our “slow cruising” philosophy, this voyage with VASCO DA GAMA leaves passengers plenty of time to enjoy and explore the region’s beauty. Our focus is on the largest country in South America: Brazil. Simply cruising with this classically elegant vessel off the east coast of the continent will give you an authentic impression of how diverse and unique this country is. Drinking Caipirinha in the homeland of Cachaça or discovering the breathtaking flora and fauna on idyllic beaches? No problem, you do not have to decide, but simply draw at your leisure from the full range of wonderful destinations we will be heading to. Naturally, we will also be visiting Rio de Janeiro!



Why this cruise?

- Known as “the green metropolis” for its many parks and gardens, Porto Alegre also features lots of impressive neoclassicist architecture.
- On Ilha Grande you will encounter some of the most beautiful beaches this world has to offer and can even sail round the island on a sailing boat.
- Delightful landscapes await you on Paraty. The old part of the city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is just one of many treats the island holds in store. Create lasting memories as you snorkel in the sea or hike through the region’s rainforest.
- Must-see sights in Rio de Janeiro include Sugarloaf Mountain, the Christ the Redeemer statue and the Copacabana neighbourhood. Everyone in the world should visit these three sights at least once in their lives!



Caipirinha • Rio de Janeiro • Brazil

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
12.02.25	 Montevideo	Uruguay	-	-	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
13.02.25	Montevideo	Uruguay	-	18:00	You will see Uruguay's capital from its best side, including its impressive monuments, secluded parks and beautiful gardens. A visit to the Bouza winery will give you an insight into the winemaking tradition.
14.02.25	 Punta del Este	Uruguay	07:00	14:00	Welcome to Uruguay's city of the rich and famous. Immerse yourself in South American culture as you browse in designer boutique shops, stroll along stylish streets or visit one of the city's famous casinos.
15.02.25	Porto Alegre	Brazil	08:00	20:00	Sometimes referred to as the green metropolis on account of its many parks and gardens, Porto Alegre is replete with neoclassicist architecture and numerous museums. The city is also famed for its Gaúcho culture.
16.02.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
17.02.25	Itajaí (Blumenau)	Brazil	07:00	22:00	In Blumenau and Joinville you can follow in the footsteps of German immigrants who sought (and found) their fortune here many decades ago.
18.02.25	 Paranaguá	Brazil	08:00	-	Paranaguá was founded back in the 17th century when rumours circulated that gold was to be found in the region. The centre of the town is full of well-preserved buildings that were built in the 17th and 18th centuries by the immigrants who came to seek their fortunes here. Our shore excursion to the Iguazu Falls begins here and returns to Santos.
19.02.25	Paranaguá	Brazil	-	18:00	During your stay in Paranaguá, be sure to visit Ilha do Mel – the "Island of Honey". Besides white sandy beaches, there are three places not to miss on the island – the Gruta das Encantadas, the Lighthouse of Conchas and the Fortress of Nossa Senhora. You can visit all three highlights on foot.
20.02.25	Santos	Brazil	08:00	18:00	The best panorama views over Santos can be enjoyed from atop Monte Serrat which you can ascend via a staircase with 415 steps or via cable car. Besides offering spectacular views, the city is also home to an aquarium that is famous throughout Brazil.
21.02.25	 Abraão	Brazil/Ilha Grande	08:00	-	You will find dense jungle and fabulous beaches on this former pirate and prison island, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Get a taste of adventure while hiking and swimming, but without the danger.
22.02.25	 Abraão	Brazil/Ilha Grande	-	20:00	Board one of the sailing ships at Abraão to visit Ilha Grande National Park. Cars are not permitted to drive here. After an exciting day, reward yourself with a Caipirinha – the national drink of the island!
23.02.25	 Paraty	Brazil	08:00	-	The old colonial centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and quite rightly so, as you will find out. Join an exciting schooner trip with swimming and snorkelling or gaze in awe at the many waterfalls along the road to the neighbouring town of Cunha.
24.02.25	 Paraty	Brazil	-	20:00	Join a hike along the former Gold Trail in the nearby Serra da Bocaina National Park. Besides lots of waterfalls, the tropical coastal forest is home to richly diverse flora and fauna.
25.02.25	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	08:00	-	Dive headfirst into the exciting life of Rio, with everything that goes with it, including Sugar Loaf Mountain, the Christ Statue and the Copacabana district.
26.02.25	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	-	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

 Port of embarkation  VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor  Overland programme

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Brazilian joie de vivre

Route R8

SAILING BACK TO EUROPE WITH SAMBA FLAIR

**21 days | Rio de Janeiro • Búzios • Vitória •
Ilhéus • Salvador de Bahia • Recife • Natal •
Fortaleza • Cape Verde • Tenerife**

26.02. – 18.03.2025

On this cruise, VASCO DA GAMA starts in Rio de Janeiro and sails up the east coast of Brazil to Fortaleza. Brazil in all its glory – immerse yourself in its authentic flair! After Fortaleza, we leave South America behind us and set sail across the wide expanses of the Atlantic, heading for Africa. Our next stop is Cape Verde (the Republic of Cabo Verde), an archipelago situated some 570 km off the west coast of Africa. Here we visit two of the ten islands where you can follow the trail of the explorer Vasco da Gama. Then we set out for three more relaxing days at sea to reach European soil once again – on the Spanish island of Tenerife. By the time you disembark, your heart and head will be full of unforgettable images and memories!

Why this cruise?

- You can marvel at the large coral reef off the coast of Recife and take an exciting river cruise.
- Explore the white sandy beaches, desert landscapes, lagoons and small lakes of Natal while swimming, snorkelling or driving a buggy.
- When people cross the equator for the first time at sea they are ceremonially "christened". On our cruise, we offer the opportunity to take part in this worldwide maritime ritual.
- We explore the Cape Verde islands using the most sensible mode of transport for the job – by ship.

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



Buggy tour · Natal · Brazil

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
26.02.25	 Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	-	02:00+1	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
27.02.25	 Búzios	Brazil	12:00	19:00	The "pearl of the Costa do Sol" exudes a charming, informal air that harks back to its beginnings as a fishing village. With some 25 beaches and turquoise water, Búzios is the perfect place to go swimming and diving.
28.02.25	Vitória	Brazil	09:00	20:00	"Little Rio de Janeiro" is divided into an upper and a lower district. The two are connected by lots of stairways. Featuring a historic centre, relics of the colonial age and lots of green areas, the upper district is delightful to explore. If you prefer to relax on the beach, you can visit the lower district instead.
01.03.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
02.03.25	Ilhéus	Brazil	08:00	18:00	It is high time you got to know more about the everyday life of Brazilians. You will have plenty of opportunity to do so in the historical city centre of Ilhéus with its cathedral.
03.03.25	Salvador de Bahia	Brazil	08:00	-	You will hardly be able to resist the magic of Salvador de Bahia. You can stroll through the historical old town, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its impressive architecture, climb the lighthouse or get a whiff of chocolate at the Cocoa Museum.
04.03.25	Salvador de Bahia	Brazil	-	17:00	African influences are still very evident in Salvador de Bahia. Taste the fantastic Afro-Brazilian cuisine, dance to the rhythms of their music or enjoy a Capoeira martial arts performance.
05.03.25	Recife	Brazil	08:00	18:00	The large coral reef in the ocean off Recife is something you should definitely experience up close. The river boat trip through the city is also worthwhile taking and will give you some completely new perspectives.
06.03.25	Natales	Brazil	07:00	17:00	It is no coincidence that Natal is also known as "sun city". White beaches, impressive desert landscapes, magnificent lagoons and small lakes under cloudless sky make a stay here an unforgettable experience.
07.03.25	Fortaleza	Brazil	12:00	20:00	Brazil's fifth largest city has much to offer for all tastes. In addition to enchanting sandy beaches that extend as far as the eye can see, those who love culture will also find plenty to attract their interest here. Stroll through the old city centre and admire historic buildings and impressive architecture such as the "Catedral Metropolitana de Fortaleza".
08.03.25					Crossing the equator.
09.03.25 – 11.03.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
12.03.25	Praia	Cape Verde/ Santiago	10:00	20:00	In Praia you can follow in the footsteps of Vasco da Gama, an explorer of old. Enjoy the Portuguese flair of UNESCO World Heritage Site "Cidade Velha", the old city. The Museum of Ethnography is also well worth a visit.
13.03.25	Mindelo	Cape Verde/ São Vicente	10:00	-	Explore the cultural centre of Cape Verde. Just outside the harbour, a colourful, vibrant town awaits you – complete with highlights such as the main Praça Nova square, the colonial-style Nossa Senhora da Luz church and the governor's palace.
14.03.25	Mindelo	Cape Verde/ São Vicente	-	22:00	A panorama trip to Monte Verde, the island's highest point, provides breathtaking views of the Baía das Gatas bay.
15.03.25 – 17.03.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
18.03.25	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Canaries/ Tenerife	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

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OVERLAND PROGRAMME IGUAÇU FALLS

2 days | Iguaçu Falls

18.02. – 20.02.2025

From: Paranaguá | Re-embarkation: Santos

The brute force of nature at Iguaçu

We travel by plane from Paranaguá to Foz do Iguaçu. This small, bustling town is situated at the confluence of the Iguaçu and Paraná rivers, close to the border between Brazil and Argentina, and is commonly regarded as the gateway to the majestic Iguaçu Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will bring you so close to this natural spectacle that you will need a rain jacket to protect yourself from the constant water spray. You will have plenty of time to visit Iguaçu National Park from Argentina and walk very close between the individual waterfalls on the upper and lower circular trails. The Ecological Jungle train will also drop you off for a walk to the spectacular Devil's Gorge vantage point. We explore the falls from the Brazilian side. Our 1.5-kilometre hike leads us past breathtaking views over various impressive cascades including the Devil's Throat and the Two Sisters.



Ecological jungle train · Iguaçu Falls · Argentina



Iguaçu Waterfalls · Argentina



The uncontested jewel and top attraction of the Iguaçu Falls: the Devil's Throat. This is a majestic collection of waterfalls up to 80 metres high.

This overland programme can be additionally booked.

Price details and more detailed descriptions will be published at the latest 6 months before your departure at www.nicko-cruises.de/en/overland-programmes.

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route R6	Route R7	Route R8
Duration	23 days	15 days	21 days
Route	Valparaíso to Montevideo	Montevideo to Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro to Tenerife
Travel dates	21.01. – 12.02.2025	12.02. – 26.02.2025	26.02. – 18.03.2025
Catalogue page	86	88	90
Booking code	VAM-VDG	MOR-VDG	RBT-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare		
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	4,689	2,989	3,419
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	4,989	3,179	3,639
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	5,559	3,539	4,049
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	5,789	3,679	4,199
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	6,069	3,859	4,419
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	6,259	3,989	4,559
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	6,479	4,119	4,719
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	6,699	4,269	4,879
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	6,919	4,399	5,039
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	6,919	4,399	5,039
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	7,229	4,599	5,269
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	8,999	5,729	6,549
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	9,439	5,999	6,869
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	13,589	8,649	9,889
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	20,469	12,999	14,899
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge		
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,760	1,120	1,600
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-10%	-10%	-10%
 Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%

* Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge. For further information, please see pages 21 and 188.

** Limited availability. Note on single surcharge: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

*** Discount applies when you book at least two successive cruises.

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Optional services	Route R6	Route R7	Route R8
Classic beverage package during the cruise	726	462	660
Premium beverage package during the cruise	1,166	742	1,060
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	308	196	280

Example calculation

(2 full-paying adults)



Combination of routes R6 and R7 in category 02

Cruise price for 2 full-paying adults
Route R6 €9,378Cruise price for 2 full-paying adults
Route R7 €5,978minus 10%
Ultra Early Booking Discount - €1,536

minus 5% for combined discount - €691

plus additional services (for 2 full-paying adults)

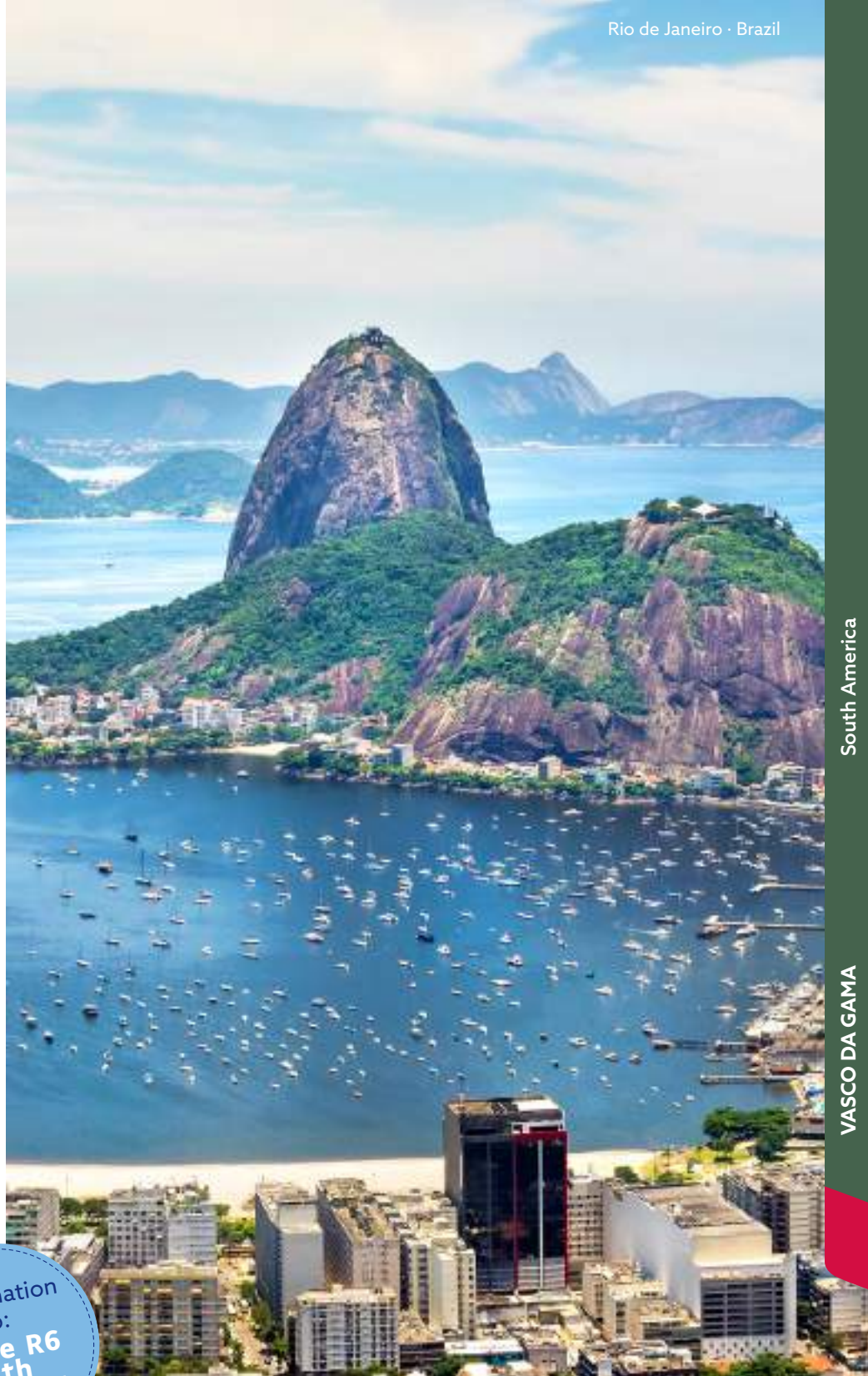
Your total fare for 2 full-paying adults

= €13,129

Your total savings:

€2,227

Combination tip:
Route R6 with Route R7



South America

VASCO DA GAMA

i Important travel information

Entry requirements: You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. Passengers are responsible for informing themselves about the actual entry requirements and necessary travel documents. **Health:** Please consult your family

doctor in good time for advice on protecting yourself from infection, vaccinations, and other prophylactic measures. **Minimum number of participants for these tours to be reached 30 days before departure:** 900 persons (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).

TOMA/merlin/myJACK service codes:

Classic beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWC

Premium beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWP

Kids & Teens beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWK



CAST OFF INTO THE SUNNY MEDITERRANEAN AND THE ATLANTIC AROUND THE CANARY ISLANDS

With the popular VASCO DA GAMA you will explore Europe on many different routes and from its most beautiful side – the sea side. Each one of the cruises adds a valuable piece of the puzzle to your overall picture of our fascinating continent. And as our European neighbours have always played an important role, you have the opportunity on selected routes to enjoy longer stays in **Morocco, Israel and Turkey or Cyprus.** We take you to the most beautiful cities of

Portugal, Spain, France and Italy, but also to the **Canary Islands,** the **Balearic Islands** and the fabulous **islands of Greece.** You can explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Turkey, stroll along medieval cobbled streets in **Croatia** or **Montenegro,** and stretch your toes in the sand in **Albania.** This way, you will immediately understand the similarities and differences of all our destinations. All you have to do is decide where you want to embark.

Mediterranean & Canary Islands

► **Route M1 | 8 days:** Lisbon • Cádiz • Gibraltar • Málaga • Mallorca • Barcelona • Marseille

► **Route M2 | in the opposite direction**

Cruise details from page 102

► **Route M3 | 11 days:** Marseille • Cannes • Genoa • Livorno • Elba • Rome • Naples • Sardinia • Corsica • Marseille

Cruise details from page 104

► **Route M4 | 12 days:** Marseille • Sète • Valencia • Alicante • Cartagena • Málaga • Melilla • Mallorca • Menorca • Barcelona • Marseille

Cruise details from page 106

► **Route M5 | 11 days:** Marseille • Almería • Cádiz • Portimão • Lisbon • Gibraltar • Marseille

Cruise details from page 108

► **Route M6 | 8 days:** Lisbon • Porto • Cádiz • Gibraltar • Alicante • Valencia • Mallorca

Cruise details from page 110

► **Route M7 | 8 days:** Mallorca • Menorca • Corsica • Sardinia • Sicily • Malta

Cruise details from page 112

► **Route M8 | 8 days:** Malta • Sicily • Corfu • Kalamata • Crete • Mykonos • Athens

Cruise details from page 114

► **Route M9 | 8 days:** Athens • Mykonos • Cyprus • Haifa • Crete

► **Route M10 | in the opposite direction**

Cruise details from page 116

► **Route M11 | 8 days:** Crete • Mykonos • Kuşadası • Patmos • Bodrum • Rhodes • Santorini • Crete

Cruise details from page 118

► **Route M12 | 11 days:** Tenerife • La Palma • La Gomera • Lanzarote • Agadir • Casablanca • Cádiz • Portimão • Lisbon

Cruise details from page 120

► **Route M13 | 11 days:** Lisbon • Huelva • Gibraltar • Melilla • Cartagena • Sardinia • Rome • Sorrento • Malta

Cruise details from page 122

► **Route M14 | 8 days:** Malta • Corfu • Zakynthos • Nafplion • Athens • Patmos • Crete

Cruise details from page 124

► **Route M15 | 12 days:** Athens • Mykonos • Patmos • Kuşadası • Dikili • Volos • Skiathos • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Kepez • Istanbul

Cruise details from page 126

► **Route M16 | 12 days:** Istanbul • Kepez • Kuşadası • Patmos • Bodrum • Rhodes • Santorini • Naxos • Mykonos • Athens

Cruise details from page 128

► **Route M17 | 8 days:** Athens • Nafplion • Katakolon • Corfu • Saranda • Kotor • Dubrovnik

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► **Route M18 | 8 days:** Dubrovnik • Korčula • Saranda • Gallipoli • Sicily • Naples • Rome

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► **Route M19 | 8 days:** Rome • Sardinia • Elba • Livorno • La Spezia • Genoa • Villefranche • Marseille

Cruise details from page 134

► **Route M20 | 9 days:** Marseille • Saint-Tropez • Cannes • Nice • Corsica • Menorca • Barcelona

Cruise details from page 136

You can find further information on the Mediterranean and Canary Islands here:





Rock of Gibraltar

Routes M1/M2

HIGHLIGHTS ALONG THE SOUTH OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

8 days | Lisbon • Cádiz • Gibraltar • Málaga • Mallorca • Barcelona • Marseille

M1: 05.05. – 12.05.2024

M2: 12.06. – 19.06.2024 in the opposite direction

Come on board the VASCO DA GAMA and cruise with us along the coast of southern Spain! Our first port of call is Cádiz. Whether you feel like you are in modern-day Europe or in North Africa of times long past is up to you. After all, this city combines both. In Gibraltar, you will not only be entertained by the cheeky Barbary macaques, but also surprised by the British lifestyle so far away from the United Kingdom. Málaga, on the other hand, is typically Spanish. Although, here too, the Moors left many traces that still amaze us today. In Mallorca you can immerse yourself in the wonderful life of the Balearic Islands in Palma. And in Barcelona the impressive works of Antoni Gaudí await you!

Why this cruise?

- Try a fine sherry? Make your own delicious tapas? Dine on paella? You will have plenty of opportunities to discover typical Spanish food and drinks where they originally come from.
- In Gibraltar you can enjoy a British break in the most beautiful Mediterranean weather.
- On an excursion to Seville (from Cádiz) or the Alhambra (from Málaga) you can walk in the fascinating footsteps of the Moors, who made the south of Spain what it is today.
- Most people have heard of the Sagrada Família. But you will immerse yourself even more intensively in Gaudí's work by also visiting the Casa Vicens and Casa Milà.



Alhambra · Spain

English language is guaranteed on the departures, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



City centre · Palma de Mallorca

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
05.05.24	 Lisbon	Portugal	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
06.05.24	Cádiz	Spain	12:00	22:00	Discover Cádiz, the white city, where the Moors have left their mark. A glass of sherry, perhaps? Join our sherry tasting event in a distillery in Jerez de la Frontera. Held in an authentic bodega, our tapas cooking class will give you lots of practical insights into Spanish cuisine. On a day trip to Seville, discover all of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites this city has to offer.
07.05.24	Gibraltar	United Kingdom	08:00	20:00	On the Gibraltar Peninsula, you will almost feel like you are in a small English town: there are inviting pubs, red telephone boxes and even typically British letter boxes. Only the weather is much better here! Visit the Rock of Gibraltar with its cheeky animal inhabitants or the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Gorham's Cave, where Neanderthals once lived.
08.05.24	Málaga	Spain	08:00	22:00	The skyline of Málaga is dominated by the Alcazaba, the city walls and the ruins of Castillo de Gibralfaro, which were built in the era of Moorish occupation. The largest church is the Renaissance Cathedral and the city's most famous son is Pablo Picasso. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old quarter with its cafés and boutiques or immerse yourself in Moorish history and culture on a full-day excursion to the Alhambra.
09.05.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
10.05.24	Palma de Mallorca	Balearic Islands/ Mallorca	08:00	18:00	Palma de Mallorca is always worth a visit. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old quarter, visit the impressive La Seu Cathedral or enjoy the hustle and bustle at the harbour – whatever you do, there is so much to discover here.
11.05.24	Barcelona	Spain	08:00	18:00	Barcelona is the Spanish melting pot for new trends in culture, fashion and the food scene. You can see this for yourself during your stay. This was already the case back in Antoni Gaudí's days and that is why you can admire works like Casa Vicens, Casa Milà and the Sagrada Família here.
12.05.24	Marseille	France	10:00	-	Disembarkation by 11:00.

Itinerary

8 days | Marseille · Barcelona · Mallorca · Málaga · Gibraltar · Cádiz · Lisbon

This cruise sails in the opposite direction to the cruise above. For further information: www.nicko-cruises.de/en/iberian-peninsula

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COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M1 with the Western Europe route E1 (see page 150) for an exciting and extended cruise from Kiel to Málaga OR combine route M1 with route M2 for an intensive Mediterranean experience. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 138.



Port of embarkation

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Spanish Steps · Rome · Italy

Route M3

THE BEST OF ITALY AND FRANCE

11 days | Marseille · Cannes · Genoa · Livorno · Elba · Rome · Naples · Sardinia · Corsica · Marseille

12.05. – 22.05.2024

Exploring Italy from the mainland is fascinating in itself. But approaching this southern European country from the water is something else indeed! For it quickly becomes clear just how varied and diverse the Italian coastline and islands are. After a stop in Cannes, France, where you can immerse yourself in the world of the rich and famous, we will set course for Genoa. Your cruise with VASCO DA GAMA will give you the opportunity to see not only Pisa, Florence and Naples, but also the capital Rome! We will visit Elba and Sardinia as well as the French island of Corsica. And almost incidentally, you will discover some of the most beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Sites that Europe has to offer.

Why this cruise?

- You can experience Italy and its *dolce vita* in the most beautiful places of the country and with all your senses: in Pisa, Florence, Naples and Rome, for example.
- On Elba you can follow in Napoleon's footsteps. European history is close enough to touch here!
- The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii will take you back to the year 79 AD.
- See for yourself that Sardinia is rightly famous for its beautiful bays with crystal-clear water and unspoilt scenery.



Costa Smeralda · Sardinia · Italy

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
12.05.24	 Marseille	France	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
13.05.24	 Cannes	France	08:00	20:00	Known for its film festival, Cannes enchants with its successful mix of sophisticated charm and unspoilt beauty. Soak up the elegance of the French Riviera on a full-day excursion that also takes in St. Paul de Vence and Grasse. Or visit the "Queen of the Côte d'Azur", as Cannes is also called.
14.05.24	Genoa	Italy	08:00	20:00	Genoa bears the title "the Magnificent" for good reason. Situated on the Ligurian Sea, it impresses with Baroque and Renaissance buildings boasting magnificent façades. The boulevard in the old town has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A panoramic tour will bring you closer to the jewels of this city. Or you can spend the day in the nearby city of Milan.
15.05.24	Livorno	Italy	08:00	23:30	Livorno is the starting point for excursions to some of Italy's most famous cities – look forward to Pisa with its Leaning Tower. Or immerse yourself in Florence, one of Europe's most important cities of culture. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the capital of Tuscany is sure to enchant you, too.
16.05.24	Portoferraio	Italy/Elba	08:00	20:00	The lively capital is the centre of the island of Elba. But it also impresses with its diversity. Whether fortresses from the Middle Ages, romantic churches or wonderful views over the bay and the sea – you too will discover your own very special place. History buffs will of course want to trace Napoleon's footsteps. And the gourmets among you can taste the local wines.
17.05.24	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	08:00	20:00	Today you can look forward to an excursion to the "Eternal City" of Rome. Whether the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps or the Vatican – this city could hardly be any more diverse.
18.05.24	Naples	Italy	08:00	19:00	You will have a rich choice of places to discover here, too. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii takes you back to everyday Roman life in 79 AD when a volcanic eruption preserved this contemporary document for posterity. Naples itself is best explored on a guided walk, crowned by tasting a "pizza a portafoglio". Or you can spend the day in the picturesque town of Sorrento.
19.05.24	Olbia	Italy/Sardinia	10:00	21:00	Lively Olbia combines Sardinian flair with fabulous beaches. Small winding alleys alternate with trendy shops. Discover the Costa Smeralda, the "Emerald Coast", on a panoramic tour, during which you will also visit the famous Porto Cervo seaside resort. If you like it quieter, you could visit the archipelago of La Maddalena where wonderful bays, crystal-clear water and untouched scenery invite you to enjoy the <i>dolce far niente</i> , the sweet idleness.
20.05.24	Ajaccio	France/Corsica	08:00	23:30	The capital of the Mediterranean island of Corsica is the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. The family's former residence, <i>Maison Bonaparte</i> , is now a museum. Visit this and other highlights of the island during a panoramic tour. And foodies will have the opportunity to taste Corsican specialities on the gourmet tour.
21.05.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
22.05.24	Marseille	France	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Learn about Rome's more than two thousand years of history! Roman emperors and powerful popes have left their mark on the "Eternal City". But you should also enjoy the *dolce vita* over a coffee or ice cream.



Port of embarkation



VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

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Mallorca · Balearic Islands

Route M4

SPAIN'S COASTLINE AND ISLANDS

12 days | Marseille · Sète · Valencia · Alicante · Cartagena · Málaga · Melilla · Mallorca · Menorca · Barcelona · Marseille

22.05. – 02.06.2024

White Coast, Sun Coast, Light Coast ... the names along the Spanish Mediterranean coast imply that you can look forward to warmth, sun and wonderful experiences in the fresh air on your cruise with VASCO DA GAMA. From France, the cruise heads south, right into the heart of some lively cities on the Iberian Peninsula. Valencia and Alicante have fabulous old towns but also futuristic sights. Cartagena salutes you with its forts as you enter. In Málaga you will learn about the history of the Reconquista right where it happened. And enter North Africa through Melilla – without ever leaving Spain. It goes without saying that the Balearic Islands and Barcelona are always worth a visit. Reason enough then to collect some lasting impressions here, too!



Why this cruise?

- Before you leave for Spain, you will have the opportunity to experience a UNESCO World Heritage Site at first hand in Carcassonne, France.
- Indulge yourself in Valencia: paella tastes better here than anywhere else as this is where it originated and the rice for the national dish grows just a few miles south in the Albufera lagoon.
- Nothing expresses the temperament of Spain as well as flamenco. Join us for a show and let yourself be enchanted!
- Lose your heart to Menorca, which awaits you with culinary delights and wonderful hikes!



Paella · Spain


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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
22.05.24	 Marseille	France	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
23.05.24	Sète	France	07:00	14:00	The "Venice of Languedoc" awaits you! This nickname comes from the canals lined with colourful house façades and many drawbridges and swing bridges. Or maybe your path will take you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Carcassonne. And if you want to stay on the water, enjoy a trip on the Canal du Midi.
24.05.24	Valencia	Spain	11:00	23:30	A seemingly endless beach, futuristic and extravagant architecture, and one of the most beautiful old city centres in Europe – that is Valencia! Spain's third largest city is definitely worth a visit, not least because the Spanish national dish paella is said to have originated here. Look forward to the contrasts between old and new!
25.05.24	Alicante	Spain	08:00	23:30	Alicante on the Costa Blanca will captivate you with its old town, Barrio de la Santa Cruz. From here, take the lift or a steep path up to the Castillo de Santa Bárbara. Once at the top, you will be rewarded with an impressive view of the Mediterranean coastline.
26.05.24	Cartagena	Spain	08:00	18:00	Look forward to a spectacular entrance to the harbour! Forts on the rocky heights complete with old cannons await you. Discover the beautiful harbour town on a guided tour. Or visit the old mine La Unión, where you can enjoy a fiery flamenco show at the end.
27.05.24	Málaga	Spain	08:00	22:00	Málaga on the Costa del Sol first became a port city over the centuries and then developed into a seaside resort. The Alcazaba, the city wall, and the ruins of the Castillo de Gibralfaro stand out from the city skyline. Pablo Picasso is this city's most famous son and 200 of his works of art can be seen here.
28.05.24	Melilla	Spain	07:00	14:00	A Spanish town on the North African coast? With Melilla you will visit one of the two Spanish exclaves today. However, the city has much more to offer. After Barcelona it is the city with the most Art Nouveau buildings. Why not discover them for yourself on a panorama tour!
29.05.24	Palma de Mallorca	Balearic Islands/ Mallorca	08:00	-	Enjoy the extra extended layover time in beautiful Palma de Mallorca. This will also give you an opportunity to explore the surrounding countryside. Visit an oil mill and the small town of Sóller. Situated in the middle of the "golden valley", this town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2011. You can enjoy this refuge in the Serra de Tramuntana as well.
30.05.24	Palma de Mallorca	Balearic Islands/ Mallorca	-	20:00	Palma de Mallorca is always worth visiting. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old quarter, visit the impressive La Seu Cathedral or enjoy the hustle and bustle at the harbour – whatever you do, there is so much to discover here.
31.05.24	Mahón	Balearic Islands/ Menorca	08:00	20:00	Discover lesser-known sides of Menorca – and try local specialities at our wine and cheese tasting event. Discover rewarding trails in s'Albufera des Grau Nature Park and climb La Mola to enjoy fantastic views.
01.06.24	Barcelona	Spain	08:00	18:00	The Catalan capital is multifaceted. Whether lively markets, masterful architecture or long sandy beaches – Barcelona has something for every visitor. A city tour gives you the opportunity to admire all the architectural highlights such as the Casa Vicens, the Casa Milà and of course the Sagrada Família.
02.06.24	Marseille	France	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M4 with route M3 (see page 104) for an in-depth insight into Spain, France and Italy. Save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 138.



Port of embarkation

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Plaza de España · Seville · Spain

Route M5

VISITING THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

**11 days | Marseille · Almería · Cádiz ·
Portimão · Lisbon · Gibraltar · Marseille**

02.06. – 12.06.2024

In the French port city of Marseille, you will embark the VASCO DA GAMA and set off on an impressive cruise around the Iberian Peninsula – including many highlights. In the Andalusian city of Almería, you can follow in the footsteps of the Moors along narrow streets with whitewashed façades. But you can also look forward to Cádiz, one of Europe's oldest cities. In Portuguese Portimão, you will discover the centuries-old fishing tradition of this seafaring nation, among other things, before being captivated by Lisbon. Portugal's charismatic and lively capital is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. See for yourself before making a stop in the UK, where – if you like – you can eat fish and chips in a pub and watch black-uniformed bobbies at work. Gibraltar says hello!

Why this cruise?

- You have the opportunity to enrich your trip to the impressive cities of the Iberian Peninsula with a visit to Seville.
- Taste the famous sherry on the Spanish coast where it is produced.
- Exploring the Algarve from the water is already wonderful. But in order to gain a more comprehensive insight into the region of southern Portugal, you will also explore it land-side.
- Stay overnight in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, giving you plenty of time to get to know it from every perspective.

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



Lisbon · Portugal

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
02.06.24	 Marseille	France	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
03.06.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
04.06.24	Almería	Spain	10:00	18:00	Almería was born out of necessity: following their invasion of Spain in the 10th century, the Moors had to defend themselves, so they built the Alcazaba, a fortress with triple walls. Even today, traces of their existence can be discovered in many places. Look out for them during your stay! You will find them in the architecture, in the cuisine and even in the language.
05.06.24	Cádiz	Spain	12:00	22:00	Stroll through the narrow lanes of the maritime city of Cádiz with its many watchtowers. Have you always wanted to know how to make delicious tapas? A cookery class in a rustic bodega is the perfect opportunity to learn. If you are in the mood for culture, a day trip to Seville with its many UNESCO World Heritage Sites is just the thing. Or you can visit a sherry factory in the home of the Spanish national drink – Jerez de la Frontera.
06.06.24	Portimão	Portugal	08:00	18:00	Unlike many other places along the Algarve, Portimão still lets you experience original fishing life and Portuguese everyday life. Most of the buildings date back to the late 19th century and can be admired on a walk through the streets and squares of the historic centre. You can discover the better-known coastal towns of Lagos and Sagres on a half-day excursion. Or enjoy a jeep ride through the mountains and villages of the beautiful Algarve.
07.06.24	Lisbon	Portugal	08:00	-	Explore the beautiful sights of Lisbon on a combined city and walking tour. Half-day excursions take you to the charming fishing village of Cascais or to Sintra in the hills of the Serra de Sintra with its former royal palace.
08.06.24			-	13:00	
09.06.24	Gibraltar	United Kingdom	12:00	20:00	On the Gibraltar Peninsula, you will almost feel like you are in a small English town: there are inviting pubs, red telephone boxes and even typically British letter boxes. Only the weather is much better here – almost 2,800 hours of sunshine a year are an invitation to explore. Visit the Rock of Gibraltar with its cheeky animal inhabitants or Gorham's Cave, which was once inhabited by Neanderthals and is now an important excavation site. In fact, it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
10.06.24 – 11.06.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
12.06.24	Marseille	France	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Portimão · Portugal



COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M5 with route M4 for an intensive Mediterranean experience. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see pages 138 and 139.



Port of embarkation

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Douro · Porto · Portugal

Route M6

NORTHERN PORTUGAL AND SOUTHERN SPAIN

**8 days | Lisbon · Porto · Cádiz · Gibraltar ·
Alicante · Valencia · Mallorca**

18.09. – 25.09.2024

This cruise with VASCO DA GAMA will provide you a fascinating insight into life along the coastlines of the Iberian Peninsula. And because life should also entail plenty of enjoyment, this aspect is not neglected either: the menu includes port wine in Portuguese Porto, sherry in Spanish Jerez de la Frontera, fish & chips in British Gibraltar, and paella in Valencia. But you will also experience pleasure for all your other senses: hear, see and feel the history and stories of this region nestled between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites – including Seville – reminds us how exceptional and worthy of protection this part of the European continent is.



Why this cruise?

- Porto is world-famous for its sweet dessert wine. And you simply cannot leave without trying it there and then.
- You will also taste the other typical dishes and drinks of Portugal and Spain where they come from. Salud!
- Gibraltar will both surprise and delight you with its typically British charm. Add to this the Barbary macaques, the Rock of Gibraltar and Gorham's Cave, where Neanderthals once lived.
- In Valencia, you can take a look at the future of architecture. What has been created here in the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències over the past decades is simply fabulous.



Port wine & Pastel de Nata · Portugal

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Cádiz · Spain

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can experience on this voyage
18.09.24	 Lisbon	Portugal	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
19.09.24	Leixões (Porto)	Portugal	08:00	20:00	Fishermen, sailors, traders and shipbuilders from Porto were involved in the voyages of Portuguese explorers. In the 18th century, the city gave its name to one of the most noble wines in the world: port wine. Discover Porto on a guided tour, crowned by a cruise on the Douro, including port wine tasting. By the way, it is usually served after the main course as it harmonises so well with Portuguese desserts!
20.09.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
21.09.24	Cádiz	Spain	08:00	23:30	Discover Cádiz, the white city, where the Moors have left their mark. A glass of sherry, perhaps? Join our sherry tasting event in a distillery in Jerez de la Frontera. Held in an authentic bodega, our tapas cooking class will give you lots of practical insights into Spanish cuisine. Beautiful Seville! Join a day trip and explore the city's many UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
22.09.24	Gibraltar	United Kingdom	07:00	14:00	On the Gibraltar Peninsula, you will almost feel like you are in a small English town: there are inviting pubs, red telephone boxes and even typically British letter boxes. Only the weather is much better here – almost 2,800 hours of sunshine a year are an invitation to explore. Visit the Rock of Gibraltar with its cheeky animal inhabitants or Gorham's Cave, which was once inhabited by Neanderthals and is now an important excavation site. In fact, it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
23.09.24	Alicante	Spain	10:00	20:00	Alicante on the Costa Blanca will captivate you with its old town, Barrio de la Santa Cruz. From here, take the lift or a steep path up to the Castillo de Santa Bárbara. Once at the top, you will be rewarded with an impressive view of the Mediterranean coastline.
24.09.24	Valencia	Spain	08:00	20:00	A seemingly endless beach, futuristic and extravagant architecture, and one of the most beautiful old city centres in Europe – that is Valencia! Spain's third largest city is most definitely worth a visit. Not least because legend has it that paella, Spain's national dish, was first invented here! The contrasts between old and new, which are highlighted here, are particularly exciting.
25.09.24	Palma de Mallorca	Balearic Islands/ Mallorca	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Porto, the city on the banks of the Douro, is famous for its port wine and its beautiful old quarter, which stretches along the river bank on rolling hills. Try the **Francesinha**, a local sandwich speciality, for which there are even special restaurants!



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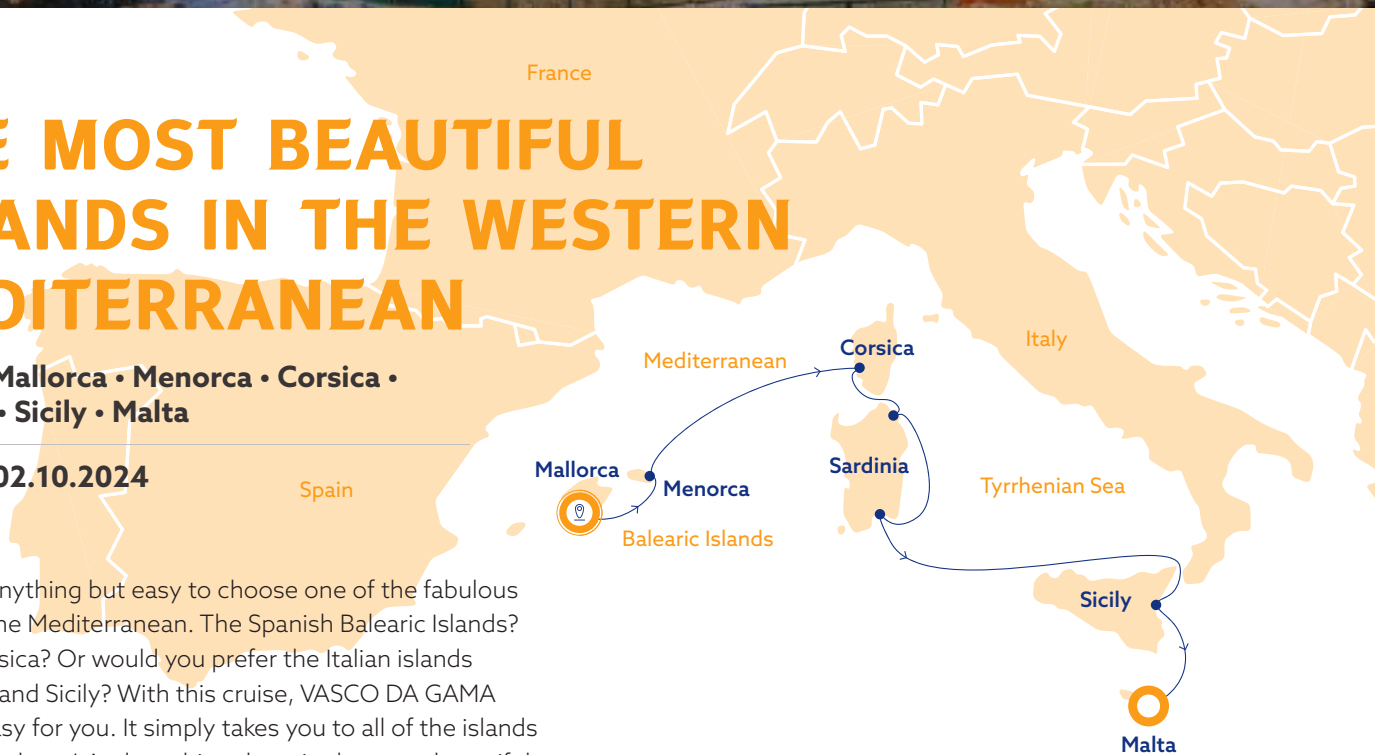
Taormina • Sicily • Italy

Route M7

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

8 days | Mallorca • Menorca • Corsica • Sardinia • Sicily • Malta

25.09. – 02.10.2024



It really is anything but easy to choose one of the fabulous islands in the Mediterranean. The Spanish Balearic Islands? French Corsica? Or would you prefer the Italian islands of Sardinia and Sicily? With this cruise, VASCO DA GAMA makes it easy for you. It simply takes you to all of the islands mentioned above! And reaching them in the most beautiful way: by sea. So sit back, relax and enjoy to the full! On this occasion, you can explore Menorca's glorious nature on foot. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps in the Corsican capital. On Sardinia, you will discover the Emerald Coast and its romantic beaches. In Cagliari, on the other hand, you can immerse yourself in the everyday life of the locals. And in Sicily, you can enjoy the southern Italian flair and all that goes with it – including Mount Etna volcano.

Why this cruise?

- Taste the islands' culinary specialties right where they are produced: wine and cheese on Menorca, Corsican specialties on the French island, fine wines from the slopes of Mount Etna.
- Nowhere else does Europe, with its many similarities and differences, come so close together as here in the middle of the sea: discover life on the most beautiful islands of Spain, France and Italy on a single cruise.
- Seeing Mount Etna with your own eyes is a very special experience. Soaring 3,350 metres into the sky, its image will be deeply imprinted in your memory.



Culinary specialties • Corsica • France

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Emerald Coast · Sardinia · Italy

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can experience on this voyage
25.09.24	 Palma de Mallorca	Balearic Islands/ Mallorca	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
26.09.24	Mahón	Balearic Islands/ Menorca	07:00	17:00	Discover lesser-known sides of Menorca – and try local specialities at our wine and cheese tasting event. Discover rewarding trails in s'Albufera des Grau Nature Park and climb La Mola to enjoy fantastic views.
27.09.24	Ajaccio	France/Corsica	12:00	20:00	The capital of the Mediterranean island of Corsica is the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. The family's former residence, Maison Bonaparte , is now a museum. Visit this and the other highlights of the island during a panoramic tour. And foodies will have the opportunity to taste Corsican specialities on the gourmet tour.
28.09.24	Olbia	Italy/Sardinia	08:00	18:00	Lively Olbia combines Sardinian flair with fabulous beaches. Small winding alleys alternate with trendy shops. Discover the Costa Smeralda, the "Emerald Coast", on a panoramic tour, during which you will also visit the famous Porto Cervo seaside resort. If you like it quieter, you could visit the archipelago of La Maddalena, where wonderful bays, crystal-clear water and untouched scenery invite you to enjoy the <i>dolce far niente</i> , the sweet idleness.
29.09.24	Cagliari	Italy/Sardinia	08:00	20:00	The Sardinian capital scores with a perfect combination of Italian lifestyle, beautiful sandy beaches and historical sites. One of these is the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Su Nuraxi", which you can explore on a half-day excursion. Spend the afternoon in Cagliari – on a combined city and walking tour, you will gain a good impression of "the heart of Sardinia".
30.09.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
01.10.24	Catania	Italy/Sicily	08:00	20:00	In eastern Sicily, this city enchants with a typically southern Italian charm. The historic city centre is characterised by unique late Baroque architecture – which is why Catania has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mount Etna towers above the island. Visit Europe's highest active volcano (3,350 metres) on a half-day excursion. Volcanic soils are perfect for wine growing – you can taste these fine wines in combination with a visit to the town of Taormina.
02.10.24	Valletta	Malta	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

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COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M7 with route M8 to explore the western and eastern Mediterranean on one cruise. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see pages 139 and 140.

 Port of embarkation

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Syracuse · Sicily

Route M8

MAGICAL ISLAND WORLD OF GREECE

8 days | Malta • Sicily • Corfu • Kalamata • Crete • Mykonos • Athens

02.10. – 09.10.2024



VASCO DA GAMA first sets course for Syracuse in Sicily before cruising between the fabulous Greek islands. Corfu is one of the Ionian Islands and is not only known for the fact that Empress Sisi of Austria felt completely at home here. Its coasts, churches and the distinctive old town have also earned it an excellent reputation. Contrary to what the Caribbean landscape here might suggest, Kalamata is not on an island, but is in fact part of the Greek mainland. Which by no means detracts from its charm. And then we will visit Crete and Mykonos, two of the most beautiful islands in Greece. Just make sure you have enough storage space on your camera. You will need it!

Why this cruise?

- In Syracuse, Sicily, you can travel effortlessly through time to the 8th century BC. This is made possible by the historical excavation site of Neapolis.
- On Corfu, find out for yourself why Sisi called it her favourite island. And you can also see if you are of the same opinion.
- You can experience mythology at first hand in the Palace of Knossos, where the labyrinth of the Minotaur is said to have been located.
- Speaking of mythology: it is said that Artemis and Apollon were born on Delos. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Mykonos · Greece

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
02.10.24	 Valletta	Malta	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
03.10.24	Syracuse	Italy/Sicily	08:00	20:00	The history of Syracuse dates back to the 8th century BC. Trace the footsteps of history at the ancient excavation site of Neapolis and walk through the historical town centre of Ortygia. Or discover Sicily's Baroque jewel on an excursion to Val di Noto.
04.10.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
05.10.24	Corfu	Greece/ Ionian Islands	08:00	18:00	You can follow in royal footsteps on Corfu, which the Austrian Empress Sisi declared her favourite island. She resided there in the Achilleion, specially redesigned for her. You can succumb to the charm of this beautiful island with its spectacular coastline, numerous churches and monasteries, and the lovely old town of Corfu, too.
06.10.24	 Kalamata	Greece/ Peloponnese	12:00	20:00	A Caribbean dream in the heart of Europe. In Kalamata, fine sandy beaches and shimmering turquoise water await you. Pay a visit to the lively old town with its numerous Byzantine sacred buildings.
07.10.24	Heraklion	Greece/Crete	10:00	20:00	The administrative and economic centre of Crete is the ideal starting point for visiting a highlight of antiquity: the Palace of Knossos. Or check out the Archaeological Museum in Heraklion to delve even deeper into the island's history.
08.10.24	 Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	18:00	Mykonos is one of the most popular destinations in Greece. Its typical whitewashed houses with colourful doors and windows can be found all over the island. Enjoy a guided walk through the old town. Or visit the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a leisurely panoramic drive across the island, which also takes you to the Panagia Tourliani monastery in Ano Mera.
09.10.24	Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Palace of Knossos · Crete



TOP TIP

Greek mythology can be experienced up close in the Palace of Knossos. Learn more about how this greatest civilisation ruled almost 4,000 years ago. Admire outstanding works of art and the fascinating technology of buildings even back then.



Port of embarkation



VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

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*Limited availability. See pages 138-145 for prices and services.



Iron age city-kingdom of Kourion · Cyprus

Routes M9/M10

MYKONOS, CYPRUS AND ISRAEL

8 days | Athens • Mykonos • Cyprus • Haifa • Crete

M9: 09.10. – 16.10.2024

M10: 14.04. – 21.04.2025 in the opposite direction

This VASCO DA GAMA cruise through the Greek Cyclades to Cyprus and on to Israel is also a voyage to some of the most impressive UNESCO World Heritage Sites on the Mediterranean. From Mykonos, which will captivate you with its old town, it is not that far to Delos. Here, UNESCO has designated the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo as worthy of special protection. Its Cypriot counterpart are the royal tombs of Paphos. Although there are no kings buried here, "only" rich merchants, this does not detract from the splendour of their final resting place. In Haifa, the chances are good that the Bahá'í Gardens will be etched into your memory forever. This complex is spread over 19 terraces and culminates in the sacred Shrine of the Báb.



Why this cruise?

- The Panagia Tourliani Monastery in Ano Mera on Mykonos is one of the most beautiful monastery complexes on the island and dates back to 1542. A visit there will give you completely new insights into the life and beliefs of the locals.
- Cyprus will enchant you with an exciting mixture of eventful history and unspoilt scenery. When you are there, you will discover that the two are not mutually exclusive.
- From Haifa it is not far to Jerusalem, the Dead Sea or Tel Aviv. As a passenger on the VASCO DA GAMA, the choice is yours, as the ship will spend the night in port here.



Typical shakshouka · Israel

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Bahá'í Temple · Haifa · Israel

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
09.10.24	 Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	-	23:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
10.10.24	 Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	03:00+1	Mykonos is one of the most popular destinations in Greece. Its typical whitewashed houses with colourful doors and windows can be found all over the island. Enjoy a guided walk through the old town. Or visit the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a leisurely panoramic drive across the island, which also takes you to the Panagia Tourliani monastery in Ano Mera.
11.10.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
12.10.24	Paphos	Cyprus	12:00	20:00	No visit to the island would be complete without seeing the Royal Tombs of Paphos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
13.10.24	Haifa	Israel	08:00	-	In Israel's third largest city, the Bahá'í Gardens will enchant you. From the "German Colony", the park laid out on 19 terraces leads you 250 metres up to the holy Shrine of the Báb, from where you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the city.
14.10.24	Haifa	Israel	-	17:00	Haifa is of course also the gateway to other highlights of the country – be it Jerusalem, the Dead Sea or Tel Aviv. You decide what excursion to take.
15.10.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
16.10.24	Heraklion	Greece/Crete	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

Itinerary 8 days | Crete · Haifa · Cyprus · Mykonos · Athens

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TOP TIP

Jerusalem delights with its beautiful Old City, where you can visit the Wailing Wall or the Temple Mount. And the colourful Muslim Quarter also exudes an oriental aura.



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Santorini · Greece

Route M11

DREAM DESTINATIONS IN THE AEGEAN SEA

**8 days | Crete • Mykonos • Kuşadası •
Patmos • Bodrum • Rhodes • Santorini • Crete**

16.10. – 23.10.2024

Only on a cruise in the Aegean Sea you will realise how closely Greece and Turkey are geographically intertwined. Because on this voyage with VASCO DA GAMA, you will shuttle effortlessly back and forth between the two countries. After an exciting day on Mykonos, set off for the ruins of Ephesus near the city of Kuşadası. The most famous excavation site in the ancient world is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, on the other hand, was once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. See for yourself how it has survived the millennia. Speaking of wonders of the world: unfortunately, there is nothing left of the Colossus of Rhodes, but you can still enjoy the pretty towns and coasts of the island. Both can also be marvelled at on Santorini, the place of yearning par excellence for travellers to Greece.

Why this cruise?

- With VASCO DA GAMA through the island worlds of the Cyclades, Sporades and Dodecanese: all of the romantic islands in the Aegean combined on a single cruise!
- Patmos has so many monasteries, it is also referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean"! Look forward to visiting this fascinating island.
- Bodrum unites the best of several Mediterranean countries: beaches like in Croatia, buildings like in Greece, and the warm welcome of Turkey.
- Look for the best panorama spot on Santorini! This island has so many breathtaking photo motifs, it will be hard to decide between them all. Ask our experts there – they will have some valuable tips for you!

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



Ephesus Celsus Library · Turkey






Bodrum · Turkey

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
16.10.24	 Heraklion	Greece/Crete	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
17.10.24	 Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	20:00	Mykonos is one of the most popular destinations in Greece. Its typical whitewashed houses with colourful doors and windows can be found all over the island. Enjoy a guided walk through the old town. Or visit the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a leisurely panoramic drive across the island, which also takes you to the Panagia Tourliani monastery in Ano Mera.
18.10.24	Kuşadası	Turkey	08:00	20:00	Situated in the picturesque hinterland of Kuşadası, look forward to visiting the ruins of Ephesus today. They are the legacy of the Roman emperors and are considered one of the most famous and, above all, best-preserved excavation sites in the ancient world.
19.10.24	 Patmos	Greece/ Sporades	08:00	20:00	Often called the "Jerusalem of the Aegean", Patmos is not only famous for its outstanding monastery complexes. You will also be fascinated by its numerous white villas clinging to steep rocky slopes.
20.10.24	Bodrum	Turkey	08:00	20:00	Bodrum unites the best of several Mediterranean countries: the beaches are reminiscent of Croatia, the white houses of Greece and the warm hospitality is a typical feature of Turkey. Discover Bodrum on a panoramic tour. Alternatively, we offer you an excursion to the ancient city of Iasos or to the famous Mausoleum at Halicarnassus.
21.10.24	Rhodes	Greece/ Dodecanese	08:00	20:00	Rhodes is not only one of the most beautiful Greek islands – with 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, it is also the sunniest place in Europe. Explore the island by strolling through the old quarter and visiting the Palace of the Grand Masters. Or enjoy a panorama drive along the coast, including a visit to the picturesque village of Lindos.
22.10.24	 Santorini	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	20:00	Still a place of longing that captivates its visitors. A particularly scenic charm is provided by black, white and red lava stone, remnants of a volcanic eruption in the 16th century BC. The white houses of the towns of Fira and Oia nestle into the slopes of the cliffs and guarantee visitors some unforgettable panoramic views.
23.10.24	Heraklion	Greece/Crete	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

We have all seen pictures of them – the gleaming white houses and churches nestling close to the barren rocks, high above the sea. But Santorini is even more beautiful in reality than any postcard could possibly portray!



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Algarve · Portugal

Route M12

CANARY ISLANDS, MOROCCO & IBERIAN PENINSULA

11 days | Tenerife • La Palma • La Gomera • Lanzarote • Agadir • Casablanca • Cádiz • Portimão • Lisbon

18.03. – 28.03.2025

La Palma, La Gomera and Lanzarote: discover three of the eight inhabited Canary Islands up close with VASCO DA GAMA. Hike through breathtaking scenery, sunbath under a cloudless sky, or get real close to the volcanos. In Agadir, you will experience Morocco as you imagine it: in bustling markets and amidst impressive buildings. For Casablanca, we have allowed extra time to discover and an overnight stay so that you can get to know Moroccan culture at your leisure. Dive head first into the Spanish way of life in Cádiz and taste tapas and sherry before you have the opportunity to explore Portimão, Lagos and Sagres in the Algarve.



Why this cruise?

- The Canary Islands are not only special because of their location, but also because of their spectacular scenery. The best way to experience them is by taking some unforgettable hikes, which is why we will be visiting several of the islands.
- You can safely experience volcanic activity with all of your senses in the Timanfaya National Park on Lanzarote. Here you can not only see it, but also smell it, feel it and taste it in the air.
- The Medina of Essaouira is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join us on an excursion to admire it!
- In Casablanca, you have the opportunity to explore the city on your own. Try your hand at haggling in the market and sample the delicacies of Moroccan cuisine where the locals eat!



Morocco

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
18.03.25	 Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Canaries/ Tenerife	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
19.03.25	Santa Cruz de la Palma	Canary Islands/ La Palma	08:00	23:00	Explore the north of La Palma and the UNESCO nature reserve of Los Tilos. Hike round the edge of a gigantic volcanic crater in Caldera de Taburiente National Park, and relive the exciting experience afterwards at our wine tasting event.
20.03.25	San Sebastián de La Gomera	Canary Islands/ La Gomera	07:00	17:00	The second smallest of the Canary Islands is green and fertile thanks to the trade winds in the north and is simply ideal for hiking. Take the opportunity to join a tour through the Garajonay National Park, which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. If you prefer a more leisurely pace, explore the north of the island on a panoramic drive. Sun worshippers will be drawn to the south, where wonderful sandy beaches and a mostly cloudless sky await you.
21.03.25	Arrecife	Canary Islands/ Lanzarote	08:00	17:00	Today you can look forward to the island where art, architecture and nature converge perfectly. Timanfaya National Park offers a magnificent natural spectacle of lava fields and volcanic craters. This is perfectly matched by the cactus garden of the artist César Manrique. You can marvel at over 1,400 different species of cacti spanning 5,000 square metres. Here you will also find the Museum of Contemporary Art with works by the island's famous son.
22.03.25	Agadir	Morocco	09:00	22:00	In the picturesque old town of Agadir, you could be forgiven for thinking you were in a fairytale from the Arabian Nights. Enjoy the bustling markets or treat yourself to a day at the beach. A day trip takes you to Essaouira with its medina, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city also impresses with its "Scala de la Kasbah" fortress and magnificent views of the sea from the city wall. You can discover another dream destination on a day trip – magical Marrakesh.
23.03.25	Casablanca	Morocco	18:00	-	Today, you will have time to explore on your own.
24.03.25	Casablanca	Morocco	-	20:00	Experience Moroccan culture on a visit to the Dar Al Ala Museum (House of Music), or enjoy a leisurely stroll around the colourful markets. Prepare to lose your heart to Casablanca on our sightseeing tour of the city, which includes a stop to view the impressive Hassan II Mosque. Take the opportunity to enjoy a full-day excursion to Rabat.
25.03.25	Cádiz	Spain	12:00	22:00	Stroll through the narrow lanes of the maritime city of Cádiz with its many watchtowers. Have you always wanted to know how to make delicious tapas? A cookery class in a rustic bodega is the perfect opportunity to learn. If you are in the mood for culture, an afternoon in Seville with its many UNESCO World Heritage Sites is just the right thing. Or you can visit a sherry factory in the home of the Spanish national drink – Jerez de la Frontera.
26.03.25	Portimão	Portugal	08:00	-	Unlike many other places along the Algarve, Portimão still lets you experience original fishing life and Portuguese everyday life. Most of the buildings date back to the late 19th century and can be admired on a walk through the streets and squares of the historic centre. You can discover the better-known coastal towns of Lagos and Sagres on a half-day excursion. Or enjoy a jeep ride through the mountains and villages of the beautiful Algarve.
27.03.25	Portimão	Portugal	-	10:00	Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
28.03.25	Lisbon	Portugal	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M12 with route M13 to discover the island worlds in the Atlantic. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 141.



Port of embarkation

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Cartagena · Spain

Route M13

JEWELS ALONG THE SPANISH AND ITALIAN COASTS

11 days | Lisbon · Huelva · Gibraltar · Melilla · Cartagena · Sardinia · Rome · Sorrento · Malta

28.03. – 07.04.2025

Atlantic Ocean



Spanish temperament and Italian dolce vita: we think this is an excellent combination! Especially when you experience them not only in tourist hotspots, but in other selected places, too. On this cruise with VASCO DA GAMA, we will take you to cities in both countries that you may not have heard of very often. Become an insider and discover tourist gems that many travellers to Spain and Italy do not even know exist! These include Huelva in the heart of Andalusia with its flora and fauna, Melilla as a Spanish exclave on North African soil, Cartagena with its impressive forts, and the Sardinian capital of Cagliari. You have the opportunity to explore Rome at your leisure before falling in love with Sorrento, Italy.

Why this cruise?



- On the route between these wonderful destinations in Spain, we make a stop in the United Kingdom. In Gibraltar, you can watch the Barbary macaques, enjoy fish & chips in a pub, or visit Gorham's Cave.
- Melilla is known to most – if at all – only as a Spanish exclave in North Africa. Hardly anyone knows that the most Art Nouveau buildings in Spain are to be found here – after Barcelona.
- In Cartagena, you can experience the fiery temperament of the Spanish up close during a flamenco show. Olé!
- Su Nuraxi is the name of the archaeological site in Sardinia that will take you back to the time far before Christ. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Flamenco show · Spain

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
28.03.25	 Lisbon	Portugal	-	19:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
29.03.25	Huelva	Spain	13:00	20:00	Located in the heart of Andalusia, you can admire the impressive richness of local flora and fauna during a visit to Huelva. This city also has a lot in store for you architecturally and will charm you with its southern flair.
30.03.25	Gibraltar	United Kingdom	08:00	16:00	On the Gibraltar Peninsula, you will almost feel like you are in a small English town: there are inviting pubs, red telephone boxes and even typically British letter boxes. Only the weather is much better here – almost 2,800 hours of sunshine a year are an invitation to explore. Visit the Rock of Gibraltar with its cheeky animal inhabitants or Gorham's Cave, which was once inhabited by Neanderthals and is now an important excavation site. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
31.03.25	Melilla	Spain	08:00	18:00	A Spanish city on the North African coast – you will visit Melilla, one of the two Spanish exclaves today. However, this city has much more to offer. For example, after Barcelona, it is the city with the most Art Nouveau buildings. This is thanks to Enrique Nieto, a student of Gaudí, who lived in Melilla from 1909 on. Form your own impression of Melilla's charms on a panorama tour.
01.04.25	Cartagena	Spain	08:00	18:00	Look forward to a spectacular entrance to the harbour! Forts on the rocky heights complete with old cannons await you. Discover the beautiful harbour town on a guided tour. Or visit the old mine La Unión, where you can enjoy a fiery flamenco show at the end.
02.04.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
03.04.25	Cagliari	Italy/Sardinia	07:00	16:00	The Sardinian capital scores with its perfect combination of Italian lifestyle, beautiful sandy beaches and historical sites. One of these is the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Su Nuraxi", which you can explore on a half-day excursion. Spend the afternoon in Cagliari – on a combined city and walking tour, you will gain a good impression of "the heart of Sardinia".
04.04.25	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	09:00	20:00	Today you can take an excursion to the "Eternal City" of Rome. Whether the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps or the Vatican – this city could hardly be any more diverse.
05.04.25	 Sorrento	Italy	10:00	22:00	As if carved into the rock, this town features numerous colourful buildings amidst the luminous green landscape. Take a walk through Sorrento or use it as a base for visiting the many beautiful villages along the famous Amalfi Coast.
06.04.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
07.04.25	Valletta	Malta	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M13 with route M14 to explore the western and eastern Mediterranean on one cruise. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see pages 141 and 142.



Port of embarkation



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Navagio Beach · Zakynthos · Greece

Route M14

THE ISLAND WORLDS OF GREECE

8 days | Malta • Corfu • Zakynthos • Nafplion • Athens • Patmos • Crete

07.04. – 14.04.2025

Empress Sisi of Austria was repeatedly drawn to Greece. In her case, it was the island of Corfu which captivated her heart. Which Greek island will be the one you might never want to leave? Find out with the help of VASCO DA GAMA! You will not only be visiting Sisi's favourite island with its impressive coastline and charming old town. You will also get to know Zakynthos, which is sure to become one of your personal travel highlights. With Nafplion on the Peloponnese peninsula, you will visit one of the country's most attractive towns and have the opportunity to experience the dimensions of the Corinth Canal up close. But what would Greece be without its legendary capital Athens? Here, you will experience the combination of typical Greek joie de vivre and tranquility. Thanks to the Acropolis with the Acropolis Museum and Pantheon as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, you will embark on a journey through time and gain a fascinating insight into the country's thousands of years of history.

Why this cruise?

- You will visit the Ionian Islands and the Sporades on a single cruise.
- Look forward to discovering the secluded bays and remote historically relevant sites of the island of Zakynthos – still a real insider tip!
- From Nafplion you can set off for legendary Mycenae and take the opportunity to admire the Citadel of Agamemnon.
- On Patmos – the Jerusalem of the Aegean – you can walk between impressive monastery complexes and white villas amidst steep rocky slopes.

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Traditional Greek food



Patmos · Greece

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
07.04.25	 Valletta	Malta	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
08.04.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
09.04.25	Corfu	Greece/ Ionian Islands	08:00	20:00	You can follow in royal footsteps on Corfu, which the Austrian Empress Sisi declared her favourite island. She resided there in the Achilleion, specially redesigned for her. You can succumb to the charm of this beautiful island with its spectacular coastline, numerous churches and monasteries, and the lovely old town of Corfu, too.
10.04.25	Zakynthos	Greece/ Ionian Islands	08:00	18:00	Numerous secluded bays, historical sites and Greek joie de vivre culminate on the southernmost Ionian island, transforming your visit into a unique experience.
11.04.25	 Nafplion	Greece/ Peloponnese	11:00	21:00	Nafplion itself is considered to be one of the most attractive towns in Greece. From here, you also have the possibility to immerse yourself in antiquity – by visiting Corinth. Alternatively, you can visit the Corinth Canal. Or opt for a tour to Mycenae and the Citadel of Agamemnon.
12.04.25	Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	06:00	20:00	The two major cities of Athens and Piraeus have merged over time. The largest passenger port in Europe exerts a special fascination on travellers. But much more overwhelming with its attractions is, of course, Athens. The Acropolis, the Acropolis Museum and the Parthenon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are a must-see. In addition, the Greek capital is a wonderful place for exploring on foot, especially around its central Syntagma Square.
13.04.25	 Patmos	Greece/ Sporades	10:00	20:00	Often called the Jerusalem of the Aegean, Patmos is not only famous for its outstanding monastery complexes. You will also be fascinated by its numerous white villas clinging to steep rocky slopes.
14.04.25	Heraklion	Greece/Crete	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Greek cuisine is something that cannot possibly be overlooked. Many of the typical specialities are prepared in the oven, such as moussaka, the delicious Mediterranean aubergine casserole, or sweet baklava, fine pastries with nuts and almonds, preserved in honey.



Port of embarkation



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Meteora Monasteries · Greece

Route M15

A VOYAGE BETWEEN THE ORIENT AND OCCIDENT

12 days | Athens • Mykonos • Patmos • Kuşadası • Dikili • Volos • Skiathos • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Kepez • Istanbul

21.04. – 02.05.2025



The Aegean Sea connects Greece and Turkey. On a comparatively small ship such as the VASCO DA GAMA, it is easy to combine the highlights of both countries on a single cruise. Because the route also includes smaller ports. First you enjoy the magnificent views and impressions of the Cyclades and the Sporades, before diving deep into European history on both coasts starting at Kuşadası. The ruins of Ephesus. The Ören Yeri Basilica, one of the oldest Christian places of worship in the world. The impressive Meteora monasteries. The port city of Thessaloniki and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Philippi are among the destinations that allow you to travel through time. Not to mention the ancient city of Troy, which you can visit from Kepez! All of these unforgettable impressions can only be topped by a major city like Istanbul. Hoş geldin! Welcome!



Turkish black tea

Why this cruise?

- On Delos, visit the mythical birthplace of the goddess Artemis and her twin brother Apollo, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- On Patmos, the Jerusalem of the Aegean, you will be enchanted by white villas and impressive monastery complexes.
- The steepest theatre staircase in the world is located in the acropolis of the legendary kingdom of Pergamon. See how fit you are!
- With Istanbul you will get to know a city between two continents. It is sure to inspire you with its countless sights such as the Hagia Sophia or the bazaar district!



Skiathos · Sporades · Greece

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
21.04.25	 Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
22.04.25	Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	20:00	Mykonos is one of the most popular destinations in Greece. Its typical whitewashed houses with colourful doors and windows can be found all over the island. Enjoy a guided walk through the old town. Or visit the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a leisurely panoramic drive across the island, which also takes you to the Panagia Tourliani monastery in Ano Mera.
23.04.25	 Patmos	Greece/ Sporades	08:00	18:00	Often called the Jerusalem of the Aegean, Patmos is not only famous for its outstanding monastery complexes. You will also be fascinated by its numerous white villas clinging to steep rocky slopes.
24.04.05	Kuşadası	Turkey	07:00	21:00	Situated in the picturesque hinterland of Kuşadası, look forward to visiting the ruins of Ephesus today. They are the legacy of the Roman emperors and are considered one of the most famous and, above all, best-preserved excavation sites in the ancient world.
25.04.25	 Dikili	Turkey	10:00	17:00	The province of Dikili is home to numerous treasures of antiquity: besides Bergama with the Basilica Ören Yeri, one of the oldest Christian places of worship, there is also the acropolis of the legendary kingdom of Pergamon featuring the steepest theatre complex in the world.
26.04.25	Volos	Greece	08:00	18:00	The monasteries of Meteora, incidentally a UNESCO World Heritage Site, never fail to amaze their visitors. The complex was built on high sandstone rocks and gives the impression of floating between heaven and earth. Let yourself be carried away on a day trip!
27.04.25	 Skiathos	Greece/ Sporades	08:00	22:00	The Sporades are also called the "Greek Caribbean". Wonderful beaches, crystal clear bays – gloriously idyllic. The island of Skiathos gained fame as the setting for the film "Mamma Mia". During a guided walk, you might even discover the odd place or two that you already liked in the cinema.
28.04.25	Thessaloniki	Greece	08:00	18:00	This Greek port city is home to numerous relics from the Roman and Byzantine eras. You will also easily recognise Ottoman influences in the upper town. The cityscape today is still characterised by many churches and cathedrals. A city tour offers you the perfect opportunity to explore the beauty of the city. Alternatively, a full-day excursion takes you to Pella, the former capital of ancient Macedonia.
29.04.25	Kavala	Greece	08:00	22:00	The time-honoured port city of Kavala spreads out along the Gulf of Thasos. Nearby Philippi makes the heart of every history enthusiast beat faster. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, imposing buildings dating back to the 2nd century BC await you at the excavation site.
30.04.25	 Kepez	Turkey	08:00	18:00	Explore the ancient town of Troy from Kepez. For a long time, archaeologists searched for the location of the historical site on which the legend of the beautiful Helen and her "Trojan Horse" is based. At the end of the 19th century, Heinrich Schliemann found what he was looking for.
01.05.25	Istanbul	Turkey	08:00	-	This major city on two continents will also captivate you. Its countless sights include mosques, but also museums such as the famous Topkapi Palace, the Hagia Sophia and the famous bazaar district above the Golden Horn. Immerse yourself in the melting pot where east meets west.
02.05.25	Istanbul	Turkey	-	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Unique and bizarre, 24 monasteries are perched on dizzyingly high sandstone cliffs. This very special location also gives the monasteries their name, because "Meteora" is something akin to "floating in the air". Six of them are still inhabited by nuns and monks and can be visited.



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Santorini · Greece

Route M16

HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY AND GREECE

12 days | Istanbul • Kepez • Kuşadası • Patmos • Bodrum • Rhodes • Santorini • Naxos • Mykonos • Athens

02.05. – 13.05.2025

You have probably never experienced a city quite like Istanbul. This melting pot where east meets west will captivate you with its many sights and colourful hustle and bustle. Immerse yourself in it. It is definitely worth it! The rest of the cruise is more relaxed: enjoy travelling through time in the ancient city of Troy, the ruins of Ephesus, and the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus. You can also look forward to a fascinating mixture of Turkish hospitality and Greek joie de vivre, which will welcome you in all ports. You will soak up the sun on Rhodes, relax on magnificent beaches on Santorini, enjoy unforgettable views on Naxos, and spend a night in the port of Mykonos. Simply fabulous!

Why this cruise?

- Discovered from the water, the major city of Istanbul reveals its very own magic once again.
- On a panoramic tour through Anatolia, you will experience the real Turkey.
- The ancient city of Iasos on the Turkish peninsula of Bodrum is one of the lesser-known destinations of your cruise. But it is truly an insider tip!
- The Grand Master's Palace on Rhodes was the official residence of the Grand Masters of the Order of St. John in the 14th century. You can marvel at its reconstruction.

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
02.05.25	 Istanbul	Turkey	-	-	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
03.05.25	Istanbul	Turkey	-	18:00	This major city on two continents will also captivate you. Its countless sights include mosques, museums such as the famous Topkapi Palace, the Hagia Sophia and the famous bazaar district above the Golden Horn. Immerse yourself in the melting pot where east meets west.
04.05.25	 Kepez	Turkey	08:00	17:00	Explore the ancient town of Troy from Kepez. For a long time, archaeologists searched for the location of the historical site on which the legend of the beautiful Helen and her "Trojan Horse" is based. At the end of the 19th century, Heinrich Schliemann found what he was looking for.
05.05.25	Kuşadası	Turkey	08:00	-	Situated in the picturesque hinterland of Kuşadası, look forward to visiting the ruins of Ephesus today. They are the legacy of the Roman emperors and are considered one of the most famous and, above all, best-preserved excavation sites in the ancient world.
06.05.25	Kuşadası	Turkey	-	18:00	Discover this lively city today with a mix of city tour and walking. Alternatively, we offer a panoramic tour of Anatolia with stops in Priene and Miletus.
07.05.25	 Patmos	Greece/ Sporades	08:00	18:00	Often called the Jerusalem of the Aegean, Patmos is not only famous for its outstanding monastery complexes. You will also be fascinated by its numerous white villas clinging to steep rocky slopes.
08.05.25	 Bodrum	Turkey	08:00	22:00	The Bodrum peninsula combines an ideal mix of various destinations: the beaches are reminiscent of Croatia, the white houses of Greece, and the warm hospitality is a typical feature of Turkey. Discover Bodrum on a panoramic tour. Alternatively, we offer you an excursion to the ancient city of Iasos or to the famous Mausoleum at Halicarnassus.
09.05.25	Rhodes	Greece/ Dodecanese	08:00	20:00	Rhodes is not only one of the most beautiful Greek islands – with 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, it is also the sunniest place in Europe. Explore the island by strolling through the old quarter and visiting the Palace of the Grand Masters. Or enjoy a panorama drive along the coast, including a visit to the picturesque village of Lindos.
10.05.25	 Santorini	Greece/ Cyclades	08:00	23:00	Still a place of longing that captivates its visitors. A particularly scenic charm is provided by black, white and red lava stone, remnants of a volcanic eruption in the 16th century BC. The white houses of the towns of Fira and Oia nestle into the slopes of the cliffs and guarantee visitors some unforgettable panoramic views.
11.05.25	 Naxos	Greece/ Cyclades	07:00	13:00	Look forward to idyllic Naxos. Landscapes of lemon and orange trees exude a wonderful aroma, amid the beguiling contrast of rugged granite mountains, green valleys, white beaches and incredibly blue water.
	 Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	16:00	-	Time to spend at your leisure. Take an evening stroll. Or enjoy a typically Greek dinner accompanied by music and a folklore show.
12.05.25	 Mykonos	Greece/ Cyclades	-	18:00	Mykonos is one of the most popular destinations in Greece. Its typical whitewashed houses with colourful doors and windows can be found all over the island. Enjoy a guided walk through the old town. Or visit the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a leisurely panoramic drive across the island, which also takes you to the Panagia Tourliani monastery in Ano Mera.
13.05.25	Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M16 with route M17 – all highlights of the Eastern Mediterranean in one go. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 142.



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Dubrovnik · Croatia

Route M17

FROM THE IONIAN SEA TO THE ADRIATIC

8 days | Athens · Nafplion · Katakolon · Corfu · Saranda · Kotor · Dubrovnik

13.05. – 20.05.2025

From the Peloponnese peninsula to the beautiful island of Corfu in the Ionian Sea and into the Adriatic Sea – this is the route that VASCO DA GAMA takes on this wonderful cruise. Along the way, you can marvel at the gigantic Corinth Canal and the ruins of Olympia. You will stroll on Sisi's favourite island and stretch your toes in the glorious sand of Saranda, Albania. In Montenegro, you might even think you are in Norway – that's how impressive the fjord is that contains the town of Kotor. Dubrovnik in Croatia has successfully claimed the reputation of being the "Pearl of the Adriatic" for some years now. The pedestrianised old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a perfect place to walk around and enjoy yourself.



Why this cruise?

- You think you have already visited the most beautiful places in Greece? Then come with us to Nafplion and be proven wrong!
- You need not be big into sports to find Olympia fascinating. More than 3,000 years ago, a sacred site was built here in honour of Zeus, the father of the gods.
- There are two UNESCO World Heritage Sites to visit around Saranda in Albania: the ruined city of Butrint and the stone city of Gjirokastra.
- In Dubrovnik, it is also worth taking a bird's eye view of the city. For this, take the cable car up Srd Mountain.



Dubrovnik · Croatia

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Kotor · Montenegro

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
13.05.25	 Piraeus (Athens)	Greece	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
14.05.25	 Nafplion	Greece/ Peloponnese	07:00	17:00	Nafplion itself is considered to be one of the most attractive towns in Greece. From here, you also have the possibility to immerse yourself in antiquity – by visiting Corinth. Alternatively, you can visit the Corinth Canal. Or opt for a tour to Mycenae and the Citadel of Agamemnon.
15.05.25	Katakolon	Greece/ Peloponnese	09:00	18:00	Look forward to yet another antique highlight today – Olympia. More than 3,000 years ago, a sacred site was built here in honour of Zeus, the father of the gods. Numerous temples were built along with a 13-metre high statue of Zeus, which was once one of the ancient wonders of the world. Olympia was the venue of the ancient Olympic Games, and today's modern equivalent is still named after this sacred site.
16.05.25	Corfu	Greece/ Ionian Islands	08:00	23:30	You can follow in royal footsteps on Corfu, which the Austrian Empress Sisi declared her favourite island. She resided there in the Achilleion, specially redesigned for her. You can succumb to the charm of this beautiful island with its spectacular coastline, numerous churches and monasteries, and the lovely old town of Corfu, too.
17.05.25	 Saranda	Albania	08:00	17:00	Miles of beaches and crystal clear waters have made Saranda a popular tourist destination. But there is also a lot to discover in the surrounding area, including two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. One is the ruined city of Butrint, the other is the stone city of Gjirokastra with its unique architecture. And nature fans should be sure not to miss a visit to the Blue Eye karst hole.
18.05.25	Kotor	Montenegro	08:00	23:30	The old port city of Kotor is located in a fjord-like bay of the Adriatic. The historic old town offers a graceful sight. Discover the winding medieval alleys during a walk through this town designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
19.05.25	 Dubrovnik	Croatia	08:00	23:30	The “Croatian Athens” – discover the most famous and perhaps the most beautiful city in Croatia. Often called the “Pearl of the Adriatic”, the pedestrianised old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. If you want to admire it from above, you can do so on a cable car ride.
20.05.25	Dubrovnik	Croatia	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

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COMBINATION TIP

The choice is yours: This route M17 can be combined with route M16, from Istanbul to Dubrovnik OR even in a triple combination with routes M16 and M18 for a particularly intensive Mediterranean experience. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 142.



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Korčula · Croatia

Route M18

PURE JOIE DE VIVRE ON THE ADRIATIC AND IN SOUTHERN ITALY

8 days | Dubrovnik · Korčula · Saranda · Gallipoli · Sicily · Naples · Rome

20.05. – 27.05.2025

VASCO DA GAMA welcomes you to the sun-soaked coastlines of the Adriatic Sea and Mediterranean. Our voyage takes us from Dubrovnik via Sicily to Rome. The scenery is characterised by vineyards, olive groves and lemon trees. Be like the warm-hearted locals and enjoy life to the fullest – on water and on land! These good vibes start already in Korčula, Croatia. The rich cultural heritage of "Black Corfu" is well matched by the fact that explorer Marco Polo was born here. In Saranda, Albania, miles of beaches beckon with wonderfully clear water. Once we arrive in Gallipoli, the Italian way of life is on the agenda, which we will intensify on Sicily. And it will accompany us as far as Naples and finally Rome!

Why this cruise?

- Croatia, Albania and Italy complement each other perfectly on this cruise that will give you many different impressions along the coastline.
- The Blue Eye karst water hole near Saranda is spectacular and duly lives up to its name: the exact depth of this spring, which holds the most water in the country, has not yet been determined.
- The "Florence of Southern Italy" is in Lecce, which you can explore from Gallipoli.
- Taormina in Sicily cannot deny that a wide variety of peoples have left their mark here for thousands of years. Nor should it! You will discover its eventful history on a walking tour.
- Pompeii bears poignant witness to what happens when a volcano suddenly erupts in the immediate vicinity. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers you a window into the year 79 AD.



Lecce · Italy

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Etna · Sicily · Italy

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Itinerary

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20.05.25	 Dubrovnik	Croatia	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
21.05.25	 Korčula	Croatia	08:00	18:00	One of the largest islands in Croatia, affectionately called "Black Corfu", is located in the southern region of Dalmatia. Apart from impressive natural scenery, a rich cultural heritage also makes Korčula an attractive destination. Let yourself be enchanted by a walk through the town including a visit to Marco Polo's house. Or you can discover the culinary highlights during a gourmet wine tour.
22.05.25	 Saranda	Albania	12:00	20:00	Miles of beaches and crystal clear waters have made Saranda a popular tourist destination. But there is also a lot to discover in the surrounding area, including two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. One is the ruined city of Butrint, the other is the stone city of Gjirokastra with its unique architecture. And nature fans should be sure not to miss a visit to the Blue Eye karst water hole.
23.05.25	Gallipoli	Italy	08:00	18:00	How wonderful it is to stroll through the narrow streets of Gallipoli in pleasant temperatures and let yourself be caught up in the relaxed serenity of the inhabitants of this little town. Or you can enjoy the "dolce far niente", the sweet idleness, on the sea promenade with wonderful views. If you like, you can take part in an excursion to Lecce, the "Florence of Southern Italy".
24.05.25	Syracuse	Italy/Sicily	10:00	23:30	Syracuse can look back on a long history dating back to the 8th century BC. Go back in time at the ancient excavation site of Neapolis and take a walk through the historical town centre of Ortygia. Or discover Sicily's baroque jewel on an excursion to Val di Noto.
25.05.25	 Taormina	Italy/Sicily	07:00	17:00	The Sicilian town of Taormina is a melting pot of cultures. Greeks, Romans, Saracens and Christian rulers have left great legacies here. Take a guided walk to learn more about its eventful history. Follow in the footsteps of Goethe, who was immediately captivated by the beauty of Taormina during his "Italian Journey".
26.05.25	Naples	Italy	09:00	18:00	Here, too, you will have a rich choice of places to discover. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii takes you back to everyday Roman life in 79 AD when a volcanic eruption preserved this contemporary document for posterity. Naples itself is best explored on a guided walk, crowned by tasting a "pizza a portafoglio". Or you can spend the day in the picturesque town of Sorrento.
27.05.25	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

This route M18, with routes M16 and M17 as a triple combination, guarantees a particularly intensive Mediterranean experience. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 142.



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Sardinia · Italy

Route M19

BELLA ITALIA IN AND ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

8 days | Rome • Sardinia • Elba • Livorno • La Spezia • Genoa • Villefranche • Marseille

27.05. – 03.06.2025

This cruise with VASCO DA GAMA takes you to two of Italy's most beautiful islands and along the Mediterranean coast. You will visit several highlights of the country at the same time. With its fabulous beaches, Sardinia will inspire you just as much as Elba with its magnificent capital Portoferraio. This itinerary also takes in historic towns and cities. The influential families of the Renaissance city of Florence, the Tuscan city of Pisa and the fashionable city of Milan have shaped the respective cityscapes for centuries where they built impressive palaces and churches. This voyage will enable you to admire many of them, which are now UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Things are much more tranquil in the Cinque Terre National Park. The same cannot be said of the French Riviera. But it beckons with Nice and an excursion to Provence!

Why this cruise?

- You can meander through small, winding streets on Sardinia and Elba or stroll across the most impressive squares the country has to offer: this cruise combines several of the most beautiful places in Italy.
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa or the magnificent buildings in Florence unfold a magic that you will find hard to resist. Not to worry. That is what you are here for!
- Lucca, with its intact city walls and historic centre, is definitely worth a visit. And it is not far to La Spezia from here.
- Genoa has always been an important port for Italy. But the city has more to offer, including a boulevard that is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Florence · Italy

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Cinque Terre · Italy

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Itinerary

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27.05.25	 Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	-	21:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
28.05.25	Olbia	Italy/Sardinia	08:00	18:00	Lively Olbia combines Sardinian flair with fabulous beaches. Small winding alleys alternate with trendy shops. Discover the Costa Smeralda, the "Emerald Coast", on a panoramic tour, during which you will also visit the famous Porto Cervo seaside resort. If you like it quieter, you should visit the La Maddalena archipelago where wonderful bays, crystal clear water and untouched scenery invite you to relax.
29.05.25	 Portoferraio	Italy/Elba	08:00	23:00	The lively capital is the centre of the island of Elba, but also impresses with its diversity. Whether fortresses from the Middle Ages, romantic churches or wonderful views over the bay and the sea – you will discover your own very special place. History buffs will want to walk in Napoleon's footsteps, and foodies can sample local wines.
30.05.25	Livorno	Italy	08:00	23:30	Livorno is the starting point for excursions to some of Italy's most famous cities – you can look forward to Pisa with its Leaning Tower. Or immerse yourself in Florence, one of Europe's most important cities of culture. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the capital of Tuscany is sure to enchant you, too.
31.05.25	La Spezia	Italy	08:00	20:00	La Spezia is a beautiful, colourful town in Liguria. It also offers excursion options – to romantic Lucca, for example. Or to the "Cinque Terre" national park, which is regarded as a true work of art in nature.
01.06.25	Genoa	Italy	08:00	20:00	Genoa bears the title "the Magnificent" for good reason. Situated on the Ligurian Sea, it impresses with Baroque and Renaissance buildings boasting magnificent façades. The boulevard in the old town has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A panoramic tour will bring you closer to the jewels of this city. Or you can spend the day in the nearby city of Milan.
02.06.25	 Villefranche-sur-Mer	France	08:00	20:00	Villefranche-sur-Mer is the gateway to the French Riviera. The city of Nice, which attracted artists such as Matisse and Chagall, will charm you with its picturesque location. In the city itself, classicist architecture alternates with wildly blooming gardens. A mix of sightseeing and walking is a perfect way to discover this city. And friends of Provence will also get their money's worth by taking the opportunity for a trip to St. Paul de Vence.
03.06.25	Marseille	France	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



COMBINATION TIP

This route M19, with routes M18 and M20 as a triple combination, guarantees a particularly intensive Mediterranean experience. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 143.



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Corsica · France

Route M20

MEDITERRANEAN EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE & SPAIN

**9 days | Marseille • Saint-Tropez • Cannes •
Villefranche • Corsica • Menorca • Barcelona**

03.06. – 11.06.2025

The list of cities you will reach with VASCO DA GAMA on this trip reads like a list of several European highlights at once: Saint-Tropez, Cannes, Nice and Barcelona. And as if these magnificent cities and towns were not reason enough to board the ship, your itinerary also includes two particularly beautiful islands, Corsica and Menorca. They promise a pleasant contrast to the international jet set and exciting big city hustle and bustle. The perfect cruise to experience the Mediterranean in its full glory! You can switch effortlessly between bustling cities and enchanting natural landscapes. Meanwhile, we will make sure that you partake of every pleasure – on land and at sea!



Park Güell · Barcelona · Spain

Why this cruise?

- In Saint-Tropez, Cannes and Nice, experience the unique atmosphere that can be felt in each of these three cities. No wonder that artists of all genres feel so at home here!
- On Corsica, the small fishing village of Calvi will captivate you with its originality. Christopher Columbus is said to have been born not far from here.
- Napoleon Bonaparte also came from Corsica. In Ajaccio, you can follow in his footsteps.
- On Menorca, you can do something good for your body and soul: hike through the s'Albufera des Grau Nature Park

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Nice · France

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
03.06.25	 Marseille	France	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
04.06.25	 Saint-Tropez	France	08:00	23:00	The former fishing village of Saint-Tropez was once very popular among artists. Frequented by the international "jet set" in the 1960s, the town is known for its spectacular night life to this day. The cobblestoned streets of the La Ponche district are a reminder of the past. Today, the Vieux Port, the old harbour, is home to more yachts than fishing boats. Discover the city on a guided walking tour.
05.06.25	 Cannes	France	08:00	23:00	Known for its film festival, Cannes enchants with its successful mix of sophisticated charm and pristine beauty. Explore the elegance of the French Riviera on a full-day excursion that also takes you to Grasse. Or pay a visit to the "Queen of the Côte d'Azur".
06.06.25	 Villefranche-sur-Mer	France	08:00	22:00	Villefranche-sur-Mer is the gateway to the French Riviera. The city of Nice, which attracted artists such as Matisse and Chagall, will charm you with its picturesque location. In the city itself, classicist architecture alternates with wildly blooming gardens. A mix of sightseeing and walking is a perfect way to discover the city. And friends of Provence will also get their money's worth by taking the opportunity for a trip to St. Paul de Vence.
07.06.25	 Calvi	France/Corsica	08:00	20:00	The small fishing town of Calvi fascinates with its picturesque old town. The mighty citadel, which houses a cathedral, a bishop's palace and the alleged birthplace of Christopher Columbus, is located on a small promontory off the coast.
08.06.25	Ajaccio	France/Corsica	08:00	18:00	The capital of the Mediterranean island of Corsica is the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. The family's former residence, "Maison Bonaparte", is now a museum. Visit this and the other highlights of the island during a panoramic tour. And foodies will have the opportunity to taste Corsican specialties on the gourmet tour.
09.06.25	Mahón	Balearic Islands/ Menorca	12:00	20:00	Discover the unknown of Menorca – and try local specialties at our wine and cheese tasting event. Discover rewarding trails in s'Albufera des Grau Nature Park and climb La Mola to enjoy fantastic views.
10.06.25	Barcelona	Spain	08:00	-	The Catalan capital is multifaceted. Whether lively markets, masterful buildings or long sandy beaches – Barcelona has something for every visitor. A city tour gives you the opportunity to admire all the architectural highlights such as the Casa Vicens, the Casa Milà and of course the Sagrada Família.
11.06.25	Barcelona	Spain	-	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.

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COMBINATION TIP

Combine this route M20 with the Western Europe route E5 (see page 156) for an exciting and extended cruise from Barcelona to Kiel. And save 5% on the respective cruise fare of the individual routes! For further information, please see page 143.



Port of embarkation



VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

Arrival and departure times are guide times. We reserve the right to make changes to itineraries and excursion programmes. The captain will decide on the best possible implementation of the schedule, depending on the prevailing conditions. The excursions listed are just a few of the possible activities on shore. You will receive further information on the entire programme of excursions in good time before your cruise begins. All excursions can be bindingly reserved online in advance with payment on the spot.

*Limited availability. See pages 138-145 for prices and services.

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M1	Route M2	Route M3	Route M4
Duration	8 days	8 days	11 days	12 days
Route	Lisbon to Marseille	Marseille to Lisbon	Marseille to Marseille	Marseille to Marseille
Travel dates	05.05. – 12.05.2024	12.06. – 19.06.2024	12.05. – 22.05.2024	22.05. – 02.06.2024
Catalogue page	102	102	104	106
Booking code	LVM-VDG	MVL-VDG	MGM-VDG	MSM-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare			
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,099	1,169	1,719	1,889
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,169	1,279	1,819	1,999
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	1,299	1,419	2,029	2,229
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	1,349	1,479	2,109	2,319
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	1,419	1,549	2,219	2,439
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	1,469	1,599	2,289	2,519
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	1,519	1,659	2,359	2,599
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	1,569	1,719	2,449	2,689
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	1,619	1,769	2,529	2,779
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	1,619	1,769	2,529	2,779
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	1,689	1,849	2,639	2,899
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	2,099	2,299	3,289	3,609
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	2,219	2,419	3,449	3,789
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	3,179	3,469	4,959	5,459
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	4,799	5,229	7,469	8,219
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge			
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			560	560	800	880
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-15%	-15%	-15%	-15%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%

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Optional services	Route M1	Route M2	Route M3	Route M4
Classic beverage package during the cruise	231	231	330	363
Premium beverage package during the cruise	371	371	530	583
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	98	98	140	154

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M5	Route M6	Route M7
Duration	11 days	8 days	8 days
Route	Marseille to Marseille	Lisbon to Mallorca	Mallorca to Malta
Travel dates	02.06. – 12.06.2024	18.09. – 25.09.2024	25.09. – 02.10.2024
Catalogue page	108	110	112
Booking code	MFM-VDG	LCP-VDG	POV-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare		
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,719	1,169	1,169
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,819	1,279	1,279
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	2,029	1,419	1,419
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	2,109	1,479	1,479
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	2,219	1,549	1,549
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	2,289	1,599	1,599
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	2,359	1,659	1,659
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	2,449	1,719	1,719
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	2,529	1,769	1,769
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	2,529	1,769	1,769
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	2,639	1,849	1,849
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	3,289	2,299	2,299
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	3,449	2,419	2,419
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	4,959	3,469	3,469
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	7,469	5,229	5,229
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)	free of charge				
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)	-50%				
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed	800				
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)	+15%				
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**	-15%				
 Combined discount of 5%***	-5%				

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Optional services	Route M5	Route M6	Route M7
Classic beverage package during the cruise	330	231	231
Premium beverage package during the cruise	530	371	371
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	140	98	98

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M8	Route M9	Route M10	Route M11
Duration	8 days	8 days	8 days	8 days
Route	Malta to Athens	Athens to Crete	Crete to Athens	Crete to Crete
Travel dates	02.10. – 09.10.2024	09.10. – 16.10.2024	14.04. – 21.04.2025	16.10. – 23.10.2024
Catalogue page	114	116	116	118
Booking code	PCV-VDG	ALH-VDG	HMA-VDG	HPH-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare			
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,099	1,099	1,259	1,099
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,169	1,169	1,349	1,169
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	1,299	1,299	1,499	1,299
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	1,349	1,349	1,559	1,349
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	1,419	1,419	1,629	1,419
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	1,469	1,469	1,689	1,469
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	1,519	1,519	1,739	1,519
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	1,569	1,569	1,799	1,569
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	1,619	1,619	1,859	1,619
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	1,619	1,619	1,859	1,619
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	1,689	1,689	1,949	1,689
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	2,099	2,099	2,429	2,099
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	2,219	2,219	2,539	2,219
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	3,179	3,179	3,659	3,179
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	4,799	4,799	5,499	4,799
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge			
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			560	560	560	560
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-15%	-15%	-	-15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**			-	-	-10%	-
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%

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Optional services	Route M8	Route M9	Route M10	Route M11
Classic beverage package during the cruise	231	231	231	231
Premium beverage package during the cruise	371	371	371	371
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	98	98	98	98

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M12	Route M13
Duration	11 days	11 days
Route	Tenerife to Lisbon	Lisbon to Malta
Travel dates	18.03. – 28.03.2025	28.03. – 07.04.2025
Catalogue page	120	122
Booking code	TAL-VDG	LCV-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare	
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,629	1,649
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,739	1,759
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	1,929	1,959
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	2,019	2,039
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	2,109	2,139
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	2,179	2,199
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	2,249	2,279
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	2,329	2,359
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	2,399	2,439
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	2,399	2,439
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	2,519	2,549
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	3,129	3,169
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	3,279	3,329
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	4,729	4,789
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	7,119	7,199
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge	
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			800	800
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-	-
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**			-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%

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Optional services	Route M12	Route M13
Classic beverage package during the cruise	330	330
Premium beverage package during the cruise	530	530
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	140	140

Example calculation

(2 full-paying adults and 4 children under 16 years)



Route M10 in category 10

Cruise fare for 2 full-paying adults €3,718

Cruise fare for 4 children under 16 years €0

minus 10% Ultra Early Booking Discount €372

plus additional services (for 2 full-paying adults and 4 children)

Classic beverage package for full-paying adults + €462

Non-alcoholic beverage package for kids & teens + €392

Your total cruise fare (for 6 passengers)


= € 4,200

Your total savings:

€ 372

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M14	Route M15	Route M16	Route M17
Duration	8 days	12 days	12 days	8 days
Route	Malta to Crete	Athens to Istanbul	Istanbul to Athens	Athens to Dubrovnik
Travel dates	07.04. – 14.04.2025	21.04. – 02.05.2025	02.05. – 13.05.2025	13.05. – 20.05.2025
Catalogue page	124	126	128	130
Booking code	VZH-VDG	AVI-VDG	IBA-VDG	AKD-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare			
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,259	1,989	1,989	1,259
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,349	2,109	2,109	1,349
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	1,499	2,349	2,349	1,499
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	1,559	2,449	2,449	1,559
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	1,629	2,569	2,569	1,629
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	1,689	2,649	2,649	1,689
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	1,739	2,739	2,739	1,739
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	1,799	2,839	2,839	1,799
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	1,859	2,929	2,929	1,859
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	1,859	2,929	2,929	1,859
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	1,949	3,059	3,059	1,949
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	2,429	3,799	3,799	2,429
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	2,539	3,989	3,989	2,539
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	3,659	5,749	5,749	3,659
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	5,499	8,659	8,659	5,499
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge			
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			560	880	880	560
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**			-10%	-10%	-10%	-10%
 Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%

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Optional services	Route M14	Route M15	Route M16	Route M17
Classic beverage package during the cruise	231	363	363	231
Premium beverage package during the cruise	371	583	583	371
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	98	154	154	98

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route M18	Route M19	Route M20
Duration	8 days	8 days	9 days
Route	Dubrovnik to Rome	Rome to Marseille	Marseille to Barcelona
Travel dates	20.05. – 27.05.2025	27.05. – 03.06.2025	03.06. – 11.06.2025
Catalogue page	132	134	136
Booking code	DGR-VDG	RGM-VDG	MCB-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare		
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	1,259	1,259	1,439
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	1,349	1,349	1,529
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	1,499	1,499	1,699
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	1,559	1,559	1,779
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	1,629	1,629	1,859
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	1,689	1,689	1,919
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	1,739	1,739	1,989
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	1,799	1,799	2,059
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	1,859	1,859	2,119
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	1,859	1,859	2,119
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	1,949	1,949	2,219
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	2,429	2,429	2,759
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	2,539	2,539	2,889
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	3,659	3,659	4,169
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	5,499	5,499	6,279
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)	free of charge				
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)	-50%				
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed	560				
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)	+15%				
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**	-10%				
 Combined discount of 5%***	-5%				

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Optional services	Route M18	Route M19	Route M20
Classic beverage package during the cruise	231	231	264
Premium beverage package during the cruise	371	371	424
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	98	98	112



A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY IN WESTERN EUROPE

Portugal and **Spain**, **France** and **Belgium**, the **Netherlands** and **Great Britain**, **Denmark** and **Norway**: This list of countries along the west coast of Europe outlines that there is no such thing as a homogeneous cultural area known as "Western Europe". And that is just as well. Because that way, you not only get to visit some of the most beautiful places in the world on a cruise on VASCO DA GAMA. You can also enjoy the fascinating contrasts arising from diversity – whether that is historical, cultural or scenic diversity. Consider the culinary differences, for example: The combination of Portuguese port wine, Spanish Manchego cheese, French oysters, Belgian fries, Dutch cheese and British fish &

chips may look arbitrary at first glance. But in fact, some of the best-known delicacies global cuisine has to offer are brought together here. And there are plenty of other things providing variety between sunny Lisbon and the rugged Orkney Islands. On your cruise, you will experience them for yourself in all their authenticity – in **Bilbao** and **Brest**, in **Amsterdam**, **London** and **Edinburgh**, in **Belfast** and **Copenhagen**. But you will also get to know some of the smaller towns along the coast: **St. Peter Port** and **Honfleur**, **Invergordon** and **Stornoway** and **Fowey** are all much quieter than the big cities. But then maybe that is precisely what leaves such a lasting impression.



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Routes E1/E2

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WESTERN EUROPE

16 days | Lisbon • Porto • A Coruña • Gijón • Bilbao • Port Médoc • Brest • Saint-Malo • Guernsey • Jersey • Honfleur • Dover • Zeebrugge • Amsterdam • Bremerhaven

E1: 19.06. – 04.07.2024

E2: 03.09. – 18.09.2024 in the opposite direction

Feel like discovering a new world every day without ever having to change continent? This cruise along the western coast of Europe on the VASCO DA GAMA makes it possible! First it links the fado capital of Lisbon, the port wine mecca of Porto, the art stronghold of Bilbao and the red wine centre of Bordeaux. Then it stops off at the impressive fortress of Saint-Malo, drops in on the artists in picturesque Honfleur, and pays visits to the global metropolises of London and Amsterdam. Only after that does it finally reach Bremerhaven, by which time your suitcases are full to bursting with wonderful experiences and lasting memories. You could not possibly fit more variety into 16 days: Middle Ages and modern era, port wine and fish & chips, bustling global metropolises and sleepy villages. And much, much more.



Why this cruise?

- With the VASCO DA GAMA, you will be heading for several world-famous destinations in one trip: Bilbao, Bordeaux, Saint-Malo, London, Bruges and Amsterdam.
- Excursions into the surrounding countryside will give you a profound insight into the history and stories of Western Europe, away from the tourist strongholds.
- In the Picos de Europa National Park, you will see breathtaking rock formations and – with a bit of luck – iconic animals such as the brown bear and Iberian wolf up close.
- In Bilbao, home to one of the world's three Guggenheim museums, you will marvel at the architecture and art.
- You will also have the opportunity to feel the fascination of the world-famous pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela for yourself.



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From €2,396*

p.p. on bookings before 31.10.2023

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
19.06.24	 Lisbon	Portugal	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
20.06.24	Leixões (Porto)	Portugal	10:00	23:00	Discover the city that gave its name to one of the world's finest wines on a tour that includes a trip on the River Douro, complete with port wine tasting.
21.06.24	A Coruña	Spain	13:00	21:00	Learn about the city's long history on an exciting walking tour with tapas tasting. Alternatively, why not join us on a trip to Santiago de Compostela and embark on a pilgrimage?
22.06.24	Gijón	Spain	08:00	22:00	Gijón is a town with a long seafaring tradition and quaint fishermen's districts. Discover the highlights on a bus tour of the town with cider tasting, or marvel at the wonders of the Picos de Europa National Park and the lakes of Covadonga.
23.06.24	Bilbao	Spain	08:00	20:00	In Bilbao, a bus tour will first give you an overview before you visit the Guggenheim Museum. Then you can get a completely new perspective on the city by bike. Or explore the Basque Country on a panoramic tour with tapas tasting.
24.06.24	Port Médoc	France	08:00	23:30	A highlight of your trip approaches! On the day trip to Bordeaux and into the famous wine-growing region of Médoc, you will have the opportunity to taste fine wines on site. On a panoramic drive along the "Route des Châteaux", there will also be an opportunity to take part in a wine tasting.
25.06.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
26.06.24	Brest	France	08:00	20:00	Welcome to Brittany! Make the most of your day in France's westernmost city with a stroll through its modern centre, or take a journey back in time on a trip to the mediaeval villages of Brittany.
27.06.24	 Saint-Malo	France	08:00	22:00	You have probably already seen countless pictures of the island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel. But today you will see it for yourself! A local guide will show you the sights of Saint-Malo. Or you can explore the small Breton harbour town of Dinan.
28.06.24	 St. Peter Port	Guernsey	08:00	22:00	St. Peter Port, capital of the channel island of Guernsey, will captivate you with its charming old town nestling among the hills. Candie Gardens, one of the most beautiful examples of Victorian gardens, are not far above the port. Alternatively, you can hop on the bus for an exciting tour of the town.
29.06.24	 St. Helier	Jersey	08:00	18:00	Enjoy a panoramic tour to the sights of the island of Jersey, such as Elizabeth Castle or La Corbière lighthouse. If you are a nature lover, make sure you do not miss Reg's Garden, or a guided hike in Jersey National Park.
30.06.24	Honfleur	France	08:00	22:00	On a guided walk through the charming town of Honfleur, you can soak up the extraordinary flair of this charming town at first hand. France is of course known for its culinary delights – so why not sample the local specialities on a gourmet tour of Normandy?
01.07.24	Dover (London)	United Kingdom	08:00	22:00	Today we embark on a day trip to London, where a panorama tour and boat trip on the Thames will give you a new angle on the British capital. And you can steep yourself in history on a walking tour of Canterbury, combined with a visit to Dover Castle.
02.07.24	Zeebrugge (Bruges)	Belgium	08:00	20:00	This city in West Flanders presents Belgium's proud merchant tradition. The mediaeval townscape has been preserved and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can explore it on a guided walk.
03.07.24	Amsterdam	The Netherlands	07:00	17:00	Today you can discover everything that the Netherlands has to offer on a full-day excursion that includes a panorama tour. A visit to a windmill, and the town of Edam, famous for its cheese, are of course all part of the package. Or how about a tour of the "Grachten" canals?
04.07.24	Bremerhaven	Germany	09:00	-	Disembarkation by 10:00.

Itinerary

16 days | Bremerhaven · Amsterdam · Zeebrugge · Dover · Honfleur · Jersey · Guernsey · Saint-Malo · Brest · Port Médoc · Bilbao · Gijón · A Coruña · Porto · Lisbon

This cruise sails in the opposite direction to the cruise above. Further details are available at: www.nicko-cruises.de/en/to-lisbon



Port of embarkation



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Amsterdam · Netherlands

Route E3

TIME OUT OFF THE COAST OF HOLLAND

4 days | Bremerhaven · Amsterdam · Harlingen · Bremerhaven

01.08. – 04.08.2024

Fresh sea air, cool wind in your hair and sunshine on your face: all things you will have plenty of time to experience on this cruise on the VASCO DA GAMA between Germany and the Netherlands. In keeping with our motto, "time to discover", we focus on the essential during these four days – enjoying the voyage. From Bremerhaven, we head for Amsterdam. Here you will visit world-famous museums, explore the "Grachten" canals – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and immerse yourself in the fascinating atmosphere of this global city on the River Amstel. In Harlingen, the town that links the Friesian mainland with the mudflats of the "Watt", you will be ideally placed to experience the town, the beach and nature all at the same time. You cannot fail to want to linger as you stroll around the more than 600 historic buildings that give this town its special flair!

Why this cruise?

- This is an opportunity to enjoy some quality time out on the North Sea, and gather new impressions in two beautiful and very different cities in the Netherlands.
- Amsterdam offers a practically unlimited variety of different activities to choose from: shopping, a trip around the canals, museum visits and much more.
- For centuries, Harlingen has been a meeting place from which adventurers have set off to explore the world. Allow yourself to soak up its atmosphere – and be inspired!
- Expand your horizons during the day, and you can relax comfortably at night as the VASCO DA GAMA takes you on smoothly and punctually to your next destination. So you can concentrate completely on the unforgettable experiences and lasting impressions the cruise will bring you.

North Sea



Traditional wooden clogs · Netherlands




Harlingen · Netherlands

From €494*

p.p. on bookings before 31.10.2023

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
01.08.24	 Bremerhaven	Germany	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
02.08.24	Amsterdam	The Netherlands	10:00	22:00	As a city of museums, Amsterdam has something for everyone: The Van Gogh Museum, the Rijksmuseum with its European masterpieces, the Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, and the Anne Frank House are among Europe's finest museums. The city's canals called "grachten" or canals, are also world-famous. The so-called "grachtengordel" with its typical canal houses is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Why not take a tour of the canals, so that you can admire Amsterdam from the water?
03.08.24	Harlingen	The Netherlands	08:00	20:00	The seaport of Harlingen, with its beautiful setting in the Province of Friesland, has been a starting point for adventurers for centuries. Soak up the atmosphere as you enjoy an exploratory walk around the historic houses and canals.
04.08.24	Bremerhaven	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Rijksmuseum · Amsterdam · Netherlands



TOP TIP

Visit the Rijksmuseum – a historical museum full of new exhibitions and events: Take time to admire the masterpieces of Dutch art and gain new perspectives on the present day.



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Cornwall · England

Route E4

FOCUS ON THE BRITISH ISLES

17 days | Bremerhaven • Edinburgh • Aberdeen • Orkney Islands • Invergordon • Isle of Lewis • Belfast • Dublin • Fowey • Portsmouth • Bremerhaven

04.08. – 20.08.2024

One holiday is generally not enough to discover all of the facets of the British Isles – they are just so diverse and so different. Unless, of course, you are on board of the VASCO DA GAMA. Because then you can visit several of the islands between the North Sea and the Atlantic on one single, wonderful cruise – with lots of “time to discover”. You will find yourself tapping to the sound of bagpipes at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and will have the opportunity to taste both Scottish and Irish whisky. We wonder which you will think tastes better? You will find the Northern Irish city of Belfast and the Irish town of Belfast as delightful as Fowey in England. And if you feel like it, you can plunge into the hustle and bustle of city life in London. All in all you are going to experience the full range of what the British Isles have to offer: Global cities and dreamy little towns, diverse cultural highlights and captivating natural landscapes, as well as memories that you will never forget.

Why this cruise?

- A comfortable way to get to know many of the United Kingdom's key cities: Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Belfast, Liverpool and even London.
- **In Scotland, you will experience the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo live for yourself** – the dream of a lifetime for many music fans.
- You will also visit several of the romantic castles you know from photos or films close up in their rugged natural setting.
- And you can watch out for Nessie at Loch Ness.



Whisky tasting · Scotland

From €2,771*

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
04.08.24	 Bremerhaven	Germany	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
05.08.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
06.08.24	 Newhaven (Edinburgh)	Scotland	08:00	-	You are in the city in time for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and can experience Scotland's biggest music festival live for yourself. Attend this spectacular display of military marching, music and dancing by performers in traditional kilts, which has taken place at Edinburgh Castle since 1950. A highlight of your trip!
07.08.24	 Newhaven (Edinburgh)	Scotland	-	18:00	Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
08.08.24	Dundee	Scotland	05:30	17:00	Dundee, the first UNESCO City of Design in Great Britain awaits you today. Idyllically situated on the Firth of Tay estuary, the newly designed waterfront is a lovely place to take a stroll. The RRS Discovery, Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship, is also moored here.
09.08.24	Aberdeen	Scotland	08:00	18:00	Watch dolphins from the beach, then go shopping or for a coffee in the city centre, and on to a theatre performance in the evening. It's possible in Aberdeen! Take a hike along the Aberdeenshire Coastal Trail to Dunnottar Castle, or taste whisky at the Glen Garioch Distillery.
10.08.24	 Kirkwall	Scotland/ Orkney Islands	08:00	18:00	Set out to explore the Orkney Islands with us! The capital is on East Island, one of around 70 islands to be found off Scotland's northern coast. Visit Marwick's Hole, the spooky dungeon in the Viking Cathedral of St. Magnus, or enjoy a whisky tasting.
11.08.24	Invergordon	Schottland/Isle of Lewis	07:00	17:00	Immerse yourself in the rugged beauty of Scotland. Our full-day excursion is perfect for this! Visit Urquart Castle, enjoy a boat trip on Loch Ness and taste traditional whisky at Glén Ord Distillery.
12.08.24	 Stornoway	Schottland/Isle of Lewis	08:00	17:00	Visit Stornoway, the most important town in the Outer Hebrides. On a panoramic tour, you will find out all about the Isle of Lewis and visit an Ice Age burial site
13.08.24	Belfast	Northern Ireland	10:00	20:00	In a beautiful setting at the mouth of the River Lagan, the city has much to offer. Discover its highlights on a city bus tour, and visit the Titanic Belfast Museum. We will also take you to the Giant's Causeway – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
14.08.24	 Dublin (Dun Laoghaire)	Ireland	08:00	-	Welcome to the capital of the Republic of Ireland. Dublin captivates its visitors with famous pubs which are centres of social life, time-honoured buildings, picturesque coastlines and the natural beauty of Dublin Bay. Take advantage of our long layover time for a guided evening pub crawl, which includes music and culture.
15.08.24	 Dublin (Dun Laoghaire)	Ireland	-	20:00	Discover the highlights of Dublin on a panoramic tour which includes a tasting of the famous Guinness beer. Or take in the beauty of the city from the water during a boat trip on the River Liffey.
16.08.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
17.08.24	Fowey	England	08:00	20:00	The charming little town of Fowey in picturesque Cornwall is on your itinerary today. You will be captivated by the wild moors, numerous sandy beaches, and the southern coast also known as the "Cornish Riviera". And the same is true of the excursion to "Romantic Cornwall".
18.08.24	Portsmouth (London)	England	09:00	18:00	This port on the south coast of England often serves as a "gateway" to London, or to Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral. These destinations are also on offer as options, although the maritime city of Portsmouth has much to offer in itself.
19.08.24					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
20.08.24	Bremerhaven	Germany	08:00		Disembarkation by 09:00.

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Málaga · Spain

Route E5

FASCINATION IBERIAN PENINSULA AND WESTERN EUROPE

16 days | Barcelona • Alicante • Málaga • Gibraltar • Lisbon • Porto • A Coruña • Bilbao • Port Médoc • Saint-Malo • Zeebrugge • Kiel

11.06. – 26.06.2025

Join us on a cruise to all those places you have always wanted to visit along the coasts of the Iberian Peninsula and Western Europe! It starts in the Catalan metropolis of Barcelona, and takes you first to the most beautiful cities on the coast of Spain. After a brief detour to the United Kingdom, i.e. a stop-off in Gibraltar, it is the Portuguese capital Lisbon and city of pleasures Porto that beckon. Here you will have plenty of time to look around at your leisure. And then you will travel on to sample red wine in Bordeaux, marvel at the world-famous Mont-Saint-Michel in Saint-Malo, and go in search of artists in the beautiful little port of Honfleur. By the time you have taken an extended stroll through the mediaeval town centre of Bruges, you will have gained an impressive number of new and unforgettable impressions!

Why this cruise?



- As you travel around the Iberian Peninsula and along the Atlantic coast of Europe, you get to taste local specialties where they are produced.
- You will see the Barbary apes of Gibraltar up close.
- Away from the water, too, you will collect lasting impressions – on a trip to the Portuguese Serra de Sintra mountains, the Spanish Basque country, or along the French Route des Châteaux, for example.
- Guided walks such as the one in Bruges provide you with all sorts of fascinating information about the country and its people, so that when you disembark, you will do so as a true expert on Western Europe.

English language is guaranteed on the departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.



Flower Dog · Bilbao · Spain

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
11.06.25	 Barcelona	Spain	-	20:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
12.06.25	Alicante	Spain	12:00	21:00	Located in the heart of the Costa Blanca, this idyllic port is steeped in history: Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans and later also Arabs came to the coast in search of new trade routes, shaping the character of the town with their different cultures. A relaxed guided walk will reveal something of Alicante's varied history.
13.06.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
14.06.25	Málaga	Spain	08:00	20:00	In a beautiful location on the Costa del Sol, Málaga is one of Spain's oldest cities. Its long history is reflected in many of the buildings in the city. Visit Picasso's birthplace, or take a trip to Granada to marvel at the Alhambra.
15.06.25	Gibraltar	Great Britain	07:00	16:00	The perfect mix – English pubs under a Spanish sun – awaits you in Gibraltar. See the Barbary apes up close on the 426 m high rock, or watch out for dolphins.
16.06.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
17.06.25	Lisbon	Portugal	08:00	19:00	Explore the beauty spots of Lisbon on a combined bus and walking tour. Half-day excursions will take you to the charming fishing village of Cascais, or into the hills of the Serra de Sintra to Sintra, with its former royal palace.
18.06.25	Leixões (Porto)	Portugal	09:00	17:00	In the 18th century, Porto gave its name to one of the finest wines in the world: port wine. Explore the city on a bus tour culminating in a boat trip on the River Douro with port-wine tasting.
19.06.25	A Coruña	Spain	07:00	16:00	The city's network of Roman roads and its mediaeval squares and churches bear witness to its long history. Take a walking tour with tapas tasting, or embark on a pilgrimage to the world-famous Santiago de Compostela.
20.06.25	Bilbao	Spain	11:00	20:00	In Bilbao, a bus tour will first give you an overview before you visit the Guggenheim Museum. On a bike you can then explore the city from a completely different perspective. If you prefer a more leisurely day, you can take a panoramic tour by bus to explore the Basque country.
21.06.25	Port Médoc	France	10:00	23:00	A highlight of your trip approaches! On the day trip to Bordeaux and into the famous wine-growing region of Médoc, you will have the opportunity to taste fine wines on site. This will also be possible on a panoramic tour along the "Route des Châteaux".
22.06.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
23.06.25	 Saint-Malo	France	07:00	15:00	You have probably already seen countless pictures of the island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel. But today you will see it for yourself! A local guide will show you the sights of Saint-Malo. Or you can explore the small Breton harbour town of Dinan.
24.06.25	Zeebrugge (Bruges)	Belgium	12:00	20:00	This city in West Flanders presents Belgium's proud merchant tradition. The mediaeval townscape has been preserved and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A guided walk will allow you to immerse yourself deep in the town's history.
25.06.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
26.06.25	Kiel	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

The construction of the Guggenheim Museum in 1997 has changed the face of Bilbao, making it an internationally recognised pioneer of modernism. Art lovers will certainly get their money's worth in the city: The Museum of Fine Arts is worth a visit, and Norman Foster's metro station entrances, the towers of Isozaki and Pelli, and the Puente Zubizuri walkway by Calatrava are fascinating examples of modern architecture.



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Nyhavn · Copenhagen · Denmark

Route E6

ONCE AROUND THE NORTH SEA

13 days | Kiel • Copenhagen • Kristiansand • Edinburgh • Dundee • Newcastle upon Tyne • Hull • Tilbury • Southampton • Kiel

09.08. – 21.08.2025

As an arm of the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea is a perfect mixture of tranquil mudflats and character-rich ocean. Its coasts are characterised by soft sandy beaches, fresh sea air and magnificent views – regardless of which of the countries bordering it you happen to be in. The VASCO DA GAMA takes you to Denmark, Norway, Scotland and England on this cruise, allowing you to experience the North Sea from both its raw and its gentle sides. As well as the breathtaking landscapes, the route is peppered with cities not to be missed: Copenhagen in Denmark and Kristiansand in Norway, as well as Edinburgh in Scotland, Hull in England, and the metropolis London. **In Edinburgh you will experience the impressive Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo,** and in Southampton you can soak up history on the trail of the Titanic. The North Sea provides the framework for this tapestry of impressions.



Why this cruise?

- When we think of a "kingdom", the first one that comes to mind is generally Great Britain. We tend to forget that Denmark and Norway also have kings and queens. In Copenhagen you will be given clear reminders of this fact at the castles of Fredensborg, Frederiksborg and Amalienburg.
- Kristiansand and a scenic trip through the beautiful Norwegian landscape may well whet your appetite for a Norwegian cruise on the VASCO DA GAMA.
- In the Scottish city of Dundee, you can marvel at the ship used by Captain Scott on his Antarctic expedition.
- Will you join us on a trip to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to Howard Castle or to Rievaulx Abbey? The choice is yours!



Bagpiper · Scotland

From €2,186*

p.p. on bookings before 28.02.2024

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
09.08.25	 Kiel	Germany	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
10.08.25	Copenhagen	Denmark	08:00	18:00	Copenhagen shows itself from its most beautiful side – from the sea. A canal trip takes you past the famous sights of the Danish capital. Or you can follow in the footsteps of royalty on a visit to the castles of Fredensborg, Frederiksborg and Kronborg – it would be hard to find more royal splendour than that!
11.08.25	Kristiansand	Norway	12:00	19:00	Palm trees in Norway? They do exist – on the edge of the beach in Kristiansand. The capital of the Sørlandet region, Kristiansand is surrounded on three sides by water, having in fact been built on a spit of sand. Discover the “pearl of southern Norway” on a landscape tour. Or you can visit the Vest-Adger open-air museum. The more adventurous can also take a trip along the coast on a RIB boat.
12.08.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
13.08.25	 Newhaven (Edinburgh)	Scotland	08:00	02:00+1	Today you can enjoy the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Scotland's biggest music festival, live. Attend this spectacular display of military marching, music and dancing by performers in traditional kilts, which has taken place on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle since 1950. A highlight of your trip!
14.08.25	Dundee	Scotland	08:00	18:00	Today it is the city of Dundee that awaits you – the United Kingdom's first UNESCO City of Design. In its idyllic location on the north bank of the Firth of Tay, the newly designed waterfront is an inviting place to take a stroll. You will also find the RRS Discovery moored here – Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship.
15.08.25	Newcastle upon Tyne	England	08:00	20:00	Nowadays England's northernmost city is considered a stronghold of business, art and science. But the city also looks back on a long history. 1800 years ago, the Roman fortress of Pons Aelii was located here, and the oldest buildings in the city date back to Norman times. Today the Gateshead Millennium Bridge is considered an iconic landmark. A relaxed walk is the perfect way to explore Newcastle.
16.08.25	Hull	England	08:00	22:00	Hull belongs to the county of Yorkshire, and offers an ideal base for trips into the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to Howard Castle or to Rievaulx Abbey. But Hull itself also has a lot to offer: You can admire buildings dating from the Georgian and Edwardian eras, or enjoy a walk in the footsteps of the poet Philip Larkin. A visit to the Maritime Museum will also give you an insight into the city's maritime roots.
17.08.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
18.08.25	Tilbury	England	08:00	19:00	Sitting on the northern bank of the River Thames, Tilbury is the perfect starting point for a day trip to London. Whether you take the classic city bus tour, a tour on your own, or an excursion to Greenwich – the British capital offers something to suit everyone.
19.08.25	Southampton	England	09:00	19:00	Situated on England's southern coast, Southampton is a seaport with a centuries-old tradition, and is often mentioned in connection with the Titanic. Discover the city's maritime history on a relaxed guided tour – the “Maritime Walk”.
20.08.25					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
21.08.25	Kiel	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

Spend a day in “Swinging London”!
Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London are just a few of the many highlights to enjoy in this unique city.

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Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route E1	Route E2	Route E3	Route E4
Duration	16 days	16 days	4 days	17 days
Route	Lisbon to Bremerhaven	Bremerhaven to Lisbon	Bremerhaven to Bremerhaven	Bremerhaven to Bremerhaven
Travel dates	19.06. – 04.07.2024	03.09. – 18.09.2024	01.08. – 04.08.2024	04.08. – 20.08.2024
Catalogue page	150	150	152	154
Booking code	LJB-VDG	BJL-VDG	BAB-VDG	BKB-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare			
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	2,819	2,819	549	3,079
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	2,999	2,999	579	3,279
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	3,339	3,339	649	3,649
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	3,479	3,479	679	3,799
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	3,649	3,649	699	3,989
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	3,769	3,769	729	4,119
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	3,889	3,889	759	4,259
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	4,029	4,029	779	4,399
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	4,159	4,159	799	4,549
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	4,159	4,159	799	4,549
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	4,349	4,349	849	4,759
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	5,399	5,399	1,049	5,919
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	5,679	5,679	1,099	6,199
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	8,169	8,169	1,589	8,929
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	12,299	12,299	2,389	13,459
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge			
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,200	1,200	240	1,280
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-15%	-15%	-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%

* Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge. For further information, please see pages 21 and 188.

** Limited availability. Note on single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

*** Discount applies when you book at least two successive cruises.

English language is guaranteed on the marked departures, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Optional services	Route E1	Route E2	Route E3	Route E4
Classic beverage package during the cruise	495	495	99	528
Premium beverage package during the cruise	795	795	159	848
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	210	210	42	224

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route E5	Route E6
Duration	16 days	13 days
Route	Barcelona to Kiel	Kiel to Kiel
Travel dates	11.06. – 26.06.2025	09.08. – 21.08.2025
Catalogue page	156	158
Booking code	BGK-VDG	KDK-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare	
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	2,959	2,429
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	3,149	2,579
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	3,499	2,879
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	3,649	2,999
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	3,829	3,139
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	3,949	3,239
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	4,079	3,349
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	4,226	3,469
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	4,359	3,579
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	4,359	3,579
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	4,559	3,749
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	5,669	4,659
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	5,949	4,889
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	8,559	7,039
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	12,899	10,599
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge	
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,200	960
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**			-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%

* Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge. For further information, please see pages 21 and 188.

** Limited availability. Note on single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

*** Discount applies when you book at least two successive cruises.

English language is guaranteed on the marked departure, also a range of excursions will be available. An International Host/ess will look after you for the duration of the cruise.

Optional services	Route E5	Route E6
Classic beverage package during the cruise	495	396
Premium beverage package during the cruise	795	636
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	210	168

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DISCOVERING THE SECRET OF NORWEGIAN HAPPINESS

No one knows exactly where the name "Norway" came from. Was it the old Nordic word for "way leading to the north"? Or was it rather a description of "the land along the narrow fjords"? The Norwegians themselves have differing opinions, and it is probably not even all that important to them. In the end, both fit. What is very important to Norwegians, however, is their happiness. It is a distinct feature of the country. For years, Norwegians have been ranked among the happiest people in the world. Study after study has put them out front. They are not only exceptionally happy with their daily lives and surroundings, but also, and especially, with the natural beauty that surrounds them. Norwegians live in a country

with incomparable nature, from the impressively narrow sea inlets to the massive glaciers and soaring waterfalls. Obviously, this is good for both body and soul. But, you do not have to be born and raised in Norway to experience this sense of profound happiness. You too will feel it on board the VASCO DA GAMA as you visit all of the country's highlights. Majestic fjords, expansive tundra and perennial ice await you here, giving all that encounter them a sense of peace. But Norway is also known for its picturesque villages with colourful wooden houses and lively cities, such as Bergen. So we make sure to make stops here too. After all, you want to experience all the facets of Norwegian happiness.

ATTENTION: ROUTE AND ITINERARY SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE TRAVEL DATE

Further information is available at www.nicko-cruises.de/en/reise/bnb-vdg

Route N1

NORWAY'S MAGICAL MIDNIGHT SUN

15 days | Bremerhaven · Bergen · Geiranger · Kristiansund · Lofoten · North Cape · Tromsø · Trondheim · Ålesund · Stavanger · Bremerhaven

**04.07. – 18.07.2024
18.07. – 01.08.2024**

20.08. – 03.09.2024

Many cruise enthusiasts dream their whole life about sailing to the Arctic Circle. You can make this dream come true on board the VASCO DA GAMA! Along the way, you will see Bergen, the "gateway to the fjords". Farther north, the Geiranger Fjord will take your breath away. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the most impressive sea inlets in the world. On the Lofoten islands, you will be amazed by the untouched natural beauty. And if you found these sites spectacular, just wait until we have taken you to the North Cape! During the summer months, you will experience the midnight sun, which never completely sets. We will cruise to the North Cape in our ship and take a lot of time for you to create unforgettable memories! Our stops in Ålesund and Stavanger will show you two more beautiful cities and round out your Norwegian experience. Let's bet that by the end of the cruise you will be a Norway expert.







Why this cruise?

- You will see the world-famous Geiranger Fjord from the water and from above.
- You will visit the northernmost point of the European continent – the North Cape – during the magical midnight hour and wonder at the sun that never sets here.
- The Arctic Cathedral in Tromsø will amaze you with the largest stained-glass window in Europe. It is not, however, a real cathedral (a bishop's church), but that does not make it any less splendid to behold.



Arctic Cathedral · Tromsø · Norway

Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
1	 Bremerhaven	Germany	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
2					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
3	Bergen	Norway	07:00	17:00	Bergen is also known as the gateway to the Norwegian fjords. This incredibly beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city is surrounded by mountains, fjords and deep-green forests. You can take a stroll through the historic Bryggen district and can take the funicular up Mount Fløyen.
4	 Geiranger	Norway	09:00	18:00	What would a Norwegian cruise be without a trip through what is likely the world's most famous fjord? The Geiranger Fjord has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. You will approach the village of Geiranger through the 15-kilometre-long fjord, which is surrounded by an imposing 1,700-metre mountain peak.
5	 Kristiansund	Norway	07:00	14:00	Kristiansund is made up of four islands, which, together, create a unique harbour area. Learn about its history during a walk through the old town and visit the Clipfish Museum! Or take a look at the Bergtatt marble caves.
6	 Leknes	Norway/ Lofoten	14:00	22:00	Early morning crossover of the Arctic Circle. Welcome to Lofoten! Visit the Galleri Lofoten art gallery and the Magic Ice Bar or learn more about the Vikings at the open-air museum in Borg. The museum features the largest reconstructed and historically decorated long-house from the Viking Era.
7	Honningsvåg	Norway			Midnight at the North Cape.
8	Honningsvåg	Norway	01:00	22:00	Honningsvåg is the main city in the North Cape municipality. You can look forward to an excursion to Europe's northernmost point. Here, the only thing separating you from the North Pole is the Svalbard archipelago! Cruising at the North Cape.
9	Tromsø	Norway	12:00	22:00	Also known as the "capital of the Arctic", Tromsø will delight you with its breathtaking natural beauty and special charm. Visit the Polaria Museum and the world-famous Arctic Cathedral. Or, you can get up close and personal with some sled dogs. It is up to you!
10					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
11	Trondheim	Norway	12:00	22:00	Although it has been a centre of trade for centuries, Trondheim has kept its small-town charm. Visit the Sverresborg Trøndelag open-air museum and see one of Norway's most popular tourist attractions: the Nidaros Cathedral.
12	Ålesund	Norway	11:00	19:00	Located on Norway's west coast, many say that Ålesund is the country's most beautiful city. Since most of the city was burned in a fire in 1904, many buildings feature Art Nouveau architecture. The combination of small islands, colourful houses and a panoramic mountain landscape will take your breath away!
13	Stavanger	Norway	15:00	23:00	Stavanger is one of Norway's oldest cities. It is located on the Byfjord, an inlet of the Stavanger fjord in south-west Norway. Stroll through the cobble-stone alleys along the white wooden houses of the historic Gamle Stavanger district. The famous Pulpit Rock is also not far from here.
14					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
15	Bremerhaven	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



Bergen · Norway



TOP TIP

The Hanseatic wharf of Bryggen is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an iconic landmark of the city of Bergen. Today, the rows of colourful houses in Bryggen are one of the most beautiful attractions in the city.



Port of embarkation



VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

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*Limited availability. See pages 174-175 for prices and services.



Lofoten · Norway

Route N2

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES ON THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

16 days | Kiel · Bergen · Geiranger · Kristiansund · Lofoten · North Cape · Hammerfest · Tromsø · Trondheim · Ålesund · Stavanger · Kiel

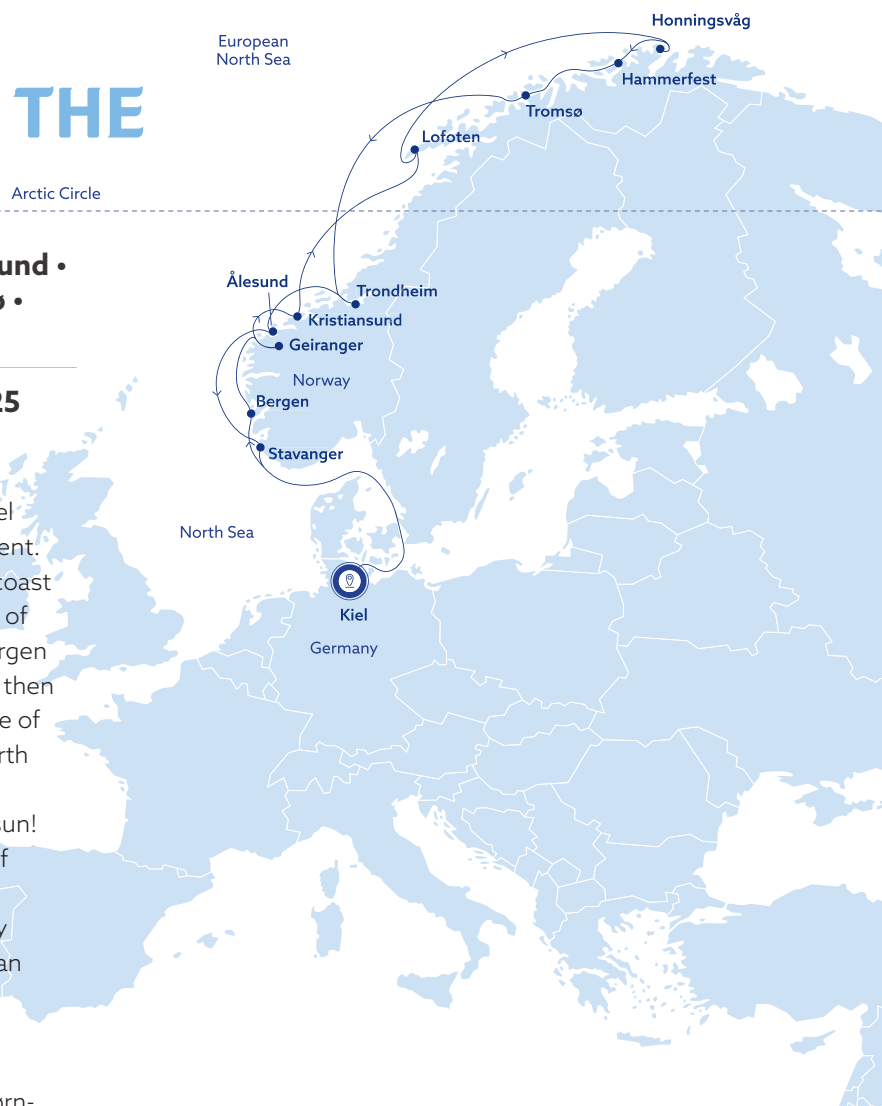
26.06. – 11.07.2025
11.07. – 26.07.2025

21.08. – 05.09.2025

On board the VASCO DA GAMA, you will set sail from Kiel towards the northernmost point of the European continent. Along the way you will discover all the beauty the west coast of Norway has to offer. From atop the famous mountain of Fløyen you will enjoy an expansive view of the city of Bergen with its traditional trade district and fish market. You will then cross the Arctic Circle and visit the Lofoten Islands, some of which are 1,000 metres above sea level. Once at the North Cape – depending on the time of year – a spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you: the midnight sun! You will get the chance to experience the travel dream of many a cruise-ship enthusiast – from the land as well as the water. On the way back south you will discover many additional cities that are an obligatory part of a Norwegian cruise: Tromsø, Trondheim, Ålesund and Stavanger.

Why this cruise?

- In Hammerfest, you can become a member of the Isbjørn-klubben, or the Polar Bear Society! At the Polar Bear Society, members will receive numerous lovely souvenirs from their time in Hammerfest: a certificate signed by the city's mayor, a sticker, a membership card and a polar bear pin!
- In the Polaria Museum in Tromsø you can learn all about the local polar research, which has been carried out there since 1874.
- Ålesund differs from other Norwegian cities in that it is not built out of wood but rather stone. This is due to a fire that broke out in 1904. Stroll along the Keiser Wilhelms Gate boulevard, which serves as a tribute to the king who sent help after the fire.






North Cape · Norway

From €2,735*

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/island	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
1	 Kiel	Germany	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
2					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
3	Bergen	Norway	07:00	17:00	Bergen is also known as the gateway to the Norwegian fjords. This incredibly beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city is surrounded by mountains, fjords and deep-green forests. You can take a stroll through the historic Bryggen district and can take the funicular up Mount Fløyen.
4	 Geiranger	Norway	09:00	18:00	What would a Norwegian cruise be without a trip through what is likely the world's most famous fjord? The Geiranger Fjord has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. You will approach the village of Geiranger through the 15-kilometre-long fjord, which is surrounded by an imposing 1,700-metre mountain peak.
5	 Kristiansund	Norway	07:00	14:00	Kristiansund is comprised of four islands, which, together, create a unique harbour area. Learn about its history during a walk through the old town and visit the Clipfish Museum! Or take a look at the Bergtatt marble caves.
6	 Leknes	Norway/ Lofoten	14:00	22:00	Early morning crossover of the Arctic Circle. Welcome to Lofoten! Retrace the steps of the Vikings in Borg's open-air museum. Visit the Galleri Lofoten art gallery and enjoy a drink at the Magic Ice Bar. Cheers!
7	Honningsvåg	Norway			Midnight at the North Cape.
8	Honningsvåg	Norway	01:00	22:00	Honningsvåg is the main city in the North Cape municipality. You can look forward to an excursion to Europe's northernmost point. Here, the only thing separating you from the North Pole is the Svalbard archipelago! Cruising at the North Cape
9	Hammerfest	Norway	07:00	17:00	The Arctic city of Hammerfest is situated on the sparsely populated coast of the Finnmark region. Here, you can become a member of the Polar Bear Society and receive a certificate and a pin, or be amazed by the Struve meridian monument, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
10	Tromsø	Norway	10:00	20:00	Also known as the "capital of the Arctic", Tromsø will delight you with its breathtaking natural beauty and special charm. Visit the Polaria Museum and the world-famous Arctic Cathedral. Or, you can get up close and personal with some sled dogs. It is up to you!
11					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
12	Trondheim	Norway	08:00	19:00	Although it has been a centre of trade for centuries, Trondheim has kept its small-town charm. Visit the Sverresborg Trøndelag open-air museum and see one of Norway's most popular tourist attractions: the Nidaros Cathedral.
13	Ålesund	Norway	08:00	18:00	Located on Norway's west coast, many say that Ålesund is the country's most beautiful city. Historically, however, there is not much to see here, since the city was destroyed by a fire in 1904. But the combination of small islands, colourful houses and a panoramic mountain landscape will take your breath away!
14	Stavanger	Norway	14:00	23:00	Stavanger is one of Norway's oldest cities. It is located on the Byfjord, an inlet of the Stavanger fjord in south-west Norway. Stroll through the cobble-stone alleys along the white wooden houses of the historic Gamle Stavanger district. The famous Pulpit Rock is also not far from here.
15					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
16	Kiel	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

With a population of around 120,000 Stavanger is the fourth-largest city in Norway. "Gamle Stavanger" – the picturesque old town with its lovely white wooden houses – is definitely worth a visit. Here in some alleys, it feels as if you have been transported to another place and time entirely.



Port of embarkation



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Bergen · Norway

Route N3

DREAM DESTINATIONS ON NORWAY'S WEST COAST

**8 days | Kiel · Bergen · Geiranger · Olden ·
Stavanger · Kiel**

26.07. – 02.08.2025

02.08. – 09.08.2025

The question of which part of Norway is the most beautiful is a difficult one to answer. The country is simply too rich and diverse in its beauty. However, the route along the west coast that we have chosen for your cruise with the VASCO DA GAME certainly includes many prospective candidates for that accolade. These include the city of Bergen with its numerous spectacular fjords as well as the Geiranger Fjord. The city of Olden also has a lot to offer. Hikes and excursions in the impressive surroundings are a relaxing way to spend the day. This is also true for the small city of Stavanger with its cobblestone streets and idyllic wooden houses. Up on the world-famous Pulpit Rock cliff, you will tend to meet quite a few fellow hikers. But that will not take away from your enjoyment once you reach the lookout.



Why this cruise?

- This is a comparatively short cruise along Norway's west coast that will give you an excellent impression of what makes the country so special.
- In Bergen, you will learn more about the composer Edvard Grieg and visit his residence.
- In the spectacular Geiranger Fjord, you will have many opportunities to experience this impressive natural wonder, both from the water and the land.
- During a hike in and around Olden you will get up close and personal to Norway's exceptional natural landscape.



Edvard Grieg's house · Bergen · Norway



Seven Sisters Waterfall · Geiranger Fjord · Norway

From €1,205*
p.p. on bookings before 28.02.2024

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Country	Arrival	Departure	What you can discover on this cruise
1	 Kiel	Germany	-	18:00	Embarkation from 15:00 to 17:00.
2					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
3	Bergen	Norway	08:00	18:00	Bergen is also known as the gateway to the Norwegian fjords. This incredibly beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city is surrounded by mountains, fjords and deep-green forests. At the heart of Norway's second-largest city is the historic Bryggen district. Here, charming wooden houses line the harbour. From the harbour, the streets turn into a narrow labyrinth of historic office and storage buildings. Take a guided walking tour of this former Hanseatic centre and end it with a funicular ride up Mount Fløyen for a spectacular view over the city of Bergen. Classical music fans will enjoy seeing Edvard Grieg's residence "Trolldhaugen" and visiting the Fantoft stave church.
4	 Geiranger	Norway	10:00	19:00	What would a Norwegian cruise be without a trip through what is likely the world's most famous fjord? The Geiranger Fjord has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. You will approach the village of Geiranger through the 15-kilometre-long fjord, which is surrounded by an imposing 1,700-metre mountain peak. In addition to abandoned farmsteads on the cliffs, an impressive natural wonder awaits: the Seven Sisters Waterfall, which features seven waterfalls right next to one another. The waterfalls have an impressive height of 250 metres. A panorama drive that takes you to the Dalsnibba mountain peak as well as the Fjord Centre is the perfect opportunity to sit back and enjoy the beautiful landscape.
5	 Olden	Norway	09:00	18:00	Tucked away in the idyllic Innvik Fjord, Olden is the perfect location for those looking to relax and get away from it all. Here, nature and discovery are just a stone's throw away. The Briksdalsbreen Glacier and the Böya Glacier are popular destinations for hikes and excursions. In the neighbouring village of Loen, you will find the steepest cable car in the world, which will bring you up over 1,000 metres in just a few minutes so you can enjoy the spectacular views. Those who really enjoy hiking can also hike between Olden and Huaren.
6	Stavanger	Norway	14:00	23:00	Stavanger is one of Norway's oldest cities. It is located on the Byfjord, an inlet of the Stavanger fjord in south-west Norway. Stroll through the cobble-stone alleys of the historic Gamle Stavanger district along the 18th-century white wooden houses. This district is one of the best-preserved wooden house districts in Northern Europe. The city is also known for its proximity to Lyse Fjord and the spectacular lookout at Pulpit Rock. From this 600-metre high platform, you can enjoy breathtaking views over the fjord.
7					Enjoy some relaxing time out at sea with a wide variety of activities.
8	Kiel	Germany	08:00	-	Disembarkation by 09:00.



TOP TIP

The village of Olden is situated on one of the offshoots of the immense Nordfjord in south-west Norway. Olden has a lot to offer for a memorable excursion: a picturesque location between the mountains and the jagged cliffs of the fjord as well as fascinating glaciers.

 Port of embarkation  VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor

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*Limited availability. See pages 174-175 for prices and services.

Cruise fare per person in euro

Cruise	Route N1	Route N2	Route N3
Duration	15 days	16 days	8 days
Route	Bremerhaven to Bremerhaven	Kiel to Kiel	Kiel to Kiel
Travel dates	04.07. – 18.07.2024 18.07. – 01.08.2024 20.08. – 03.09.2024	26.06. – 11.07.2025 11.07. – 26.07.2025 21.08. – 05.09.2025	26.07. – 02.08.2025 02.08. – 09.08.2025
Catalogue page	168	170	172
Booking code	BNB-VDG	KTK-VDG	KOK-VDG

Cabin category	Max. occupancy	Deck	Cruise fare		
02 Inside cabin forward/aft	4	5/6/9	2,699	3,039	1,339
03 Inside cabin	4	4/5/6/9/10	2,869	3,229	1,429
04 Outside cabin with porthole forward	2	4/5	3,199	3,599	1,589
05 Outside cabin with window (partially obstructed view)	2	6	3,329	3,739	1,649
06 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window forward/aft	2	6	3,489	3,929	1,729
07 Outside cabin Promenade Deck with window	3	6	3,599	4,049	1,789
08 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	3	4	3,729	4,189	1,849
09 Outside cabin with window forward/aft	2	5	3,859	4,339	1,919
10 Outside cabin with window and connecting door (family)*	7*	4	3,979	4,479	1,979
11 Outside cabin with window	2	4	3,979	4,479	1,979
12 Outside cabin with window (Deck 9 forward)	2	5/9	4,159	4,679	2,069
13 Outside cabin with balcony forward/aft	3	9/10	5,179	5,829	2,569
14 Outside cabin with balcony	3	9/10	5,429	6,099	2,699
15 Suite with balcony	4	10	7,819	8,789	3,879
16 Penthouse suite with balcony	4	10	11,779	13,249	5,849
Children under 16 years in upper/additional bed (accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)			free of charge		
Discount for children under 16 years (accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)			-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person from 16 years in upper/additional bed			1,120	1,200	560
Surcharge for single occupancy of 2-bed cabin** (Categories 15 and 16 on request)			+15%	+15%	+15%
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.10.2023**			-10%	-	-
Ultra Early Booking Discount before 28.02.2024**			-	-10%	-10%
C Combined discount of 5%***			-5%	-5%	-5%

* Family cabin: with at least 3 persons, you will be given a connected cabin for children under 16 years of age free of charge. For further information, please see pages 21 and 188.

** Limited availability. Note on single surcharge: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

*** Discount applies when you book at least two successive cruises.

Optional services	Route N1	Route N2	Route N3
Classic beverage package during the cruise	462	495	231
Premium beverage package during the cruise	742	795	371
Kids & Teens beverage package during the cruise	196	210	98

Example calculation
(3 full-paying adults)



Route N1 in category 02

Cruise fare for 2 full-paying adults €5,398

Cruise fare for 3rd full-paying adult (16 years and up) in upper/ additional bed €1,120

minus 10% Ultra Early Booking Discount €652

plus additional services (for 3 full-paying adults)

Classic beverage package + €1,386

Your total cruise price (for 3 full-paying adults)

= €7,252

Your total savings:

€652



Northern Europe

VASCO DA GAMA

i Important travel information

Entry requirements: You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. Passengers are responsible for informing themselves about the actual entry requirements and necessary travel documents.

Health: Please consult your family doctor in good time for advice on protecting yourself from infection, vaccinations and other prophylactic measures. **Minimum number** of participants for routes N1, N2, N3 **to be reached 30 days before departure:** 900 persons (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).

TOMA/merlin/myJACK service codes:

Classic beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWC

Premium beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWP

Kids & Teens beverage package (ANF: S): VDGWK

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

With your travel documents you will receive detailed embarkation instructions with the exact berth at the embarkation point as well as the exact embarkation times. Despite officially confirmed berths, ships occasionally have to change them at short notice. Should you arrive on your own, we recommend that you arrive at the pier at least 3 hours before the ship departs. Please be sure to note the exact embarkation times. Even if the ship docks earlier, the crew must use the time to "clear the ship". Please understand that it is not possible to board the ship until the specified time. Disembarkation on the day of departure usually takes place by 9:00 am.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

For safety reasons, irons, straighteners, immersion heaters and similar electrical appliances may not be used in the cabins. The electrical voltage in your cabin is 220 volts. German plugs can be used without a country adapter. A hairdryer is available in the cabin free of charge.

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL CARE ON BOARD

A doctor is available on board the VASCO DA GAMA to provide first aid in case of emergency. The services of the ship's doctor and any medication administered will be invoiced on site. Our on-board staff (for example at the reception) are not allowed to dispense any medication. Please remember to carry sufficient supplies of any medication that you need constantly in your hand luggage. You should also have sufficient quantities of common medicines, such as painkillers, with you. Narcotics prescribed by a doctor must be declared along with the medical certificate upon embarkation, kept separately on board and secured against unauthorised removal. No liability is accepted for medication and urgently needed medical utensils carried in the suitcase. We strongly recommend that you take out an international health insurance policy that also covers the costs of medically reasonable return transport to your home country. Our VASCO DA GAMA is subject to strict hygiene requirements, which are constantly monitored by the captain and his team. For your own safety, we have placed hand sanitizers on board in many different locations, which every guest should use as often as possible to prevent the accidental spread of pathogens on the ship. Medical electrical equipment may be taken on board upon request. Please note, however, that there may be temporary power fluctuations on board. Carrying oxygen cylinders in coaches is generally not permitted.

GUESTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Your ship offers you the greatest possible comfort, but you will of course find stairs and narrow doors and corridors. Even getting in or out via the mostly narrow gangways is not always at ground level and, depending on the tidal range, can be very steep. If you cannot overcome these obstacles independently, a sea cruise on our ships is not recommended. We ask for your understanding if, in some cases, tendering or shore leave may be refused for safety reasons. The captain is responsible for making this decision. Our crew is of course willing to help, but please bear in mind that the staff on board are not trained carers and are not allowed to carry out any nursing duties. If you have a disability that prevents you from taking part in the sea rescue exercise, please also inform us before the trip begins. If you need special assistance, you must travel with a carer. Our seagoing vessel is not accessible. Guests who are dependent on a wheelchair are asked to bring their own folding wheelchair. Please note that the number of guests per trip who are dependent on a wheelchair is limited for safety reasons and embarkation may be refused if the passenger does not notify us in advance. **For safety reasons and to check requirements, please inform us of any special needs, limited mobility or other physical limitations before booking.**

LUGGAGE

The weight of your luggage must not exceed 23 kg per bag. If travelling by air, the baggage allowance rules of each airline apply. nicko cruises accepts no liability for any damage incurred in transit due to the loading and unloading of luggage exceeding the maximum weight of 23 kg. Please note that your empty luggage must be stowed in your cabin. The storage space provided for this purpose under the beds is suitable for suitcases with a maximum height of 23 centimetres. Your luggage may only contain personal belongings. Bringing weapons, knives, alcohol or intoxicants on board is prohibited. For safety reasons, it is not permitted to take drinks and food on board. This also applies to anything purchased for consumption during shore excursions. The hotel management will gladly store until disembarkation any local products/souvenirs that you would like to take home with you. According to the rules of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS), every piece of luggage – including hand luggage – is screened at embarkation.

INTERNET ON BOARD

VASCO DA GAMA is equipped with a satellite reception system and offers internet reception in the form of WLAN for a fee (please refer to the ship's information). Continuous reception cannot always be guaranteed; on the high seas there may be interruptions in network coverage. We ask for your understanding that there is no possibility for reimbursement of costs due to interruptions. To ensure the most stable internet service possible, there are restrictions on certain streaming providers and internet services. For more information, please refer to the on-board ABC in your cabin. If you have any questions, the staff at reception will be happy to help you.

CABINS

You will usually receive your cabin number with your booking confirmation. We will gladly accept your non-binding cabin request when you book. However, information on cabin numbers is expressly not part of the contract. Typical ship noises, e.g. from the ship's propulsion, air conditioning/ventilation, etc., can be heard in almost all rooms. Outside cabins with an obstruction of view due to the ship's construction are marked accordingly in the deck plan in this catalogue. The standard cabins and the suites are equipped with a double bed with separate mattresses. If desired, the beds can also be made up separately. The Royal Penthouse Suite has a king-size double bed. VASCO DA GAMA has double cabins with connecting doors as well as suites that can be occupied by up to 4 people. For occupancy by 3–4 persons, the ship has double cabins with a sofa bed and/or a single upper bed. These cabins are particularly suitable for travellers with children. Cabins for guests with mobility impairments are also marked on the deck plan. Detailed features of the cabin categories offered can be found in the ship and cabin description starting on page 184 and in the deck plan on pages 182–183. We ask for your understanding that the suites can only be occupied by at least 2 people.

CHILDREN ON BOARD

Children under 16 travel free of charge when accompanied by two full-paying adults. When accompanied by one full-paying adult, children under 16 receive a 50% discount on the cruise fare. For information on our family cabins and discounts on bookable additional services, please refer to the price tables and arrival pages at the end of each chapter. The minimum age for children on board is 24 months. Children from the age of 3 have access to a spacious supervised play area on board the VASCO DA GAMA with indoor and outdoor areas extending over two decks. Only children who have been vaccinated against measles are permitted to use the children's area. Proof must be provided by presenting the vaccination certificate.

CLOTHING

On board we recommend sporty-casual clothing. You should wear non-slip shoes on the outside decks. You can wear swimwear and sportswear in the designated pool, wellness and sports areas. In the restaurants, neat clothing is desired. For the shore excursions we recommend that you wear clothes suitable for the weather conditions. For cruises to cold regions, we recommend warm clothing even in the summer months, as well as waterproof and comfortable footwear for shore excursions. A laundry and ironing service is available on board the VASCO DA GAMA for a fee.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions, which nicko cruises has organised and put together for you, will take you to the most beautiful landscapes and most important sights along your itinerary. Of course, you can also discover your holiday destination on your own. Should the regulations change due to a pandemic declaration or local regulations, excursions can only be carried out with groups organised by us. Please enquire about the respective entry and visa regulations of your destination in good time before starting your trip. Leaving your ship is always possible when the authorities as well as the captain have officially cleared the ship and the corresponding announcement has been made. Please refer to the daily programme to find out when you have to be back on board. Due to the registered berthing times in the port, your ship cannot wait for late passengers. Any additional costs incurred (such as hotel or additional transfer costs) will not be covered. If your ship is at anchor, landings will be made by the ship's own or local tender boats.

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE FARE

Please note that the following services are not included in our cruise fare: Individual arrival and departure, excursions – if not explicitly included in the cruise fare – insurance, drinks, tips (recommendation €13-17 per day/person), other personal expenses.

PASSPORT/VISA/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please check well in advance of your trip that all necessary travel documents and papers are properly valid. We hereby inform you that you are responsible for your own required travel documents, visas and compliance with health regulations at your holiday destination. Please refer to the "Important Travel Information" in this catalogue following each price table or the information in your travel confirmation. Please note that minors require their own valid travel document. For travel outside the European Union, child ID cards are not accepted in most countries. Here, presenting a machine-readable passport with photo is required for entry. If children are not travelling in the company of their legal guardian, they must bring along written confirmation from the legal guardian, which may be certified by a notary public. In addition, a copy of the parent or guardian's passport must be attached to the confirmation. Failure to comply with passport, visa and health regulations may result in refusal of carriage or considerable costs for the passenger concerned. If a trip cannot be started due to missing documents, the cruise fare will not be refunded. Further general information on entry and visa requirements: In addition to the period of validity, the passport must have two opposite free pages per country for entry and exit in many countries outside Europe. Please check your passport for the necessary requirements. Several countries have established import regulations for certain medicines. Please inform yourself in good time about the current entry requirements of the destination countries of your trip. Possible entry and visa fees are not included in the cruise fare. If necessary, a (group) visa will be applied for upon the ship's arrival in individual countries. Should this be subject to a charge, the fees incurred will be debited from your on-board account. Your travel agency will be happy to assist you in obtaining

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Dear passengers,

We are delighted that you want to discover the world on the VASCO DA GAMA with nicko cruises and are starting to plan your holiday. We would like to give you a few tips for your preparation. Every kind of holiday is associated with its own special features and useful tips that are worth knowing. We have picked out the most important ones – in our opinion – so that you can travel in comfort.

individual visas. Please note that in addition to the entry, health and visa requirements listed here, there may be further requirements to be taken into account. You will find them on our website at www.nicko-cruises.de/en/important-information approximately six months before the start of your trip.

PASSENGER MANIFEST

For all trips with the VASCO DA GAMA, we require certain information from you before the start of the trip in order to prepare a passenger manifest. It contributes to faster official clearance of the vessel in the various ports and shortens waiting times for you. The information on this passenger manifest is subject to data protection. You will receive a booking confirmation containing a link to your login area for entering the manifest data online.

MAIL

You can drop off your mail on board. Usually the mail is dispatched at the next port. Postcards as well as stamps can be purchased at the reception on board, but note that prices on board can usually be more expensive than on land.

PRICE AND SERVICE CHANGES BETWEEN CATALOGUE PRINTING AND BOOKING

1. The offers for the contractual travel services in this catalogue correspond to the status at the time of going to press in April 2023. However, please understand that until your booking request has been transmitted, there are likely to be factual reasons for changes to the services, which we therefore expressly reserve the right to make. We will of course inform you about these before the conclusion of the contract.
2. The prices stated in this catalogue also correspond to the status at the time of printing and are binding for us as the travel operator.

However, we expressly reserve the right – especially for the following reasons – to declare a change in the cruise fare before conclusion of the contract; we will of course inform you of any such change before booking:

- After publication of the catalogue, a corresponding adjustment of the price stated in the catalogue is permissible in the event of an increase in transport costs (especially fuel costs), charges for certain services such as port, airport or entry fees, air traffic security costs, air traffic or value added tax, so-called “bed tax” or a change in the exchange rates applicable to the trip in question.
- A price adjustment is also permissible if the package trip requested by the customer and offered in the catalogue is only available through the purchase of additional tourist services (contingents) after publication of the catalogue. For price changes after conclusion of the travel contract, the provisions on price changes in our terms and conditions of travel shall apply, insofar as they are validly agreed, to which we expressly refer in addition.

SMOKING

Smoking is only permitted in the designated areas of the outside deck. Please only use the ashtrays provided. All interior areas such as restaurants, lounges, cabins, cabin balconies, corridors etc. are non-smoking areas. This also applies to the use of e-cigarettes of any kind.

ROADSTEAD/SHIP BERTHS

Every ship has a berth in every port, which can also be changed at short notice by the authorities. It does not always have to be in the centre. You will find an anchor symbol in front of some moorings in the itineraries on the travel pages; this means that your ship is not mooring at a pier, but is anchored in a designated, safe place or, in nautical parlance, is “in the roads”. Please note that the port authorities may at any time assign our vessel another berth in the roadstead at short notice; this is beyond the control of the shipping company. In these cases, a regular shuttle service between the ship and port will be arranged, using either the ship's own or local tender boats. This disembarkation is dependent on weather. For safety reasons, customers with limited mobility are unfortunately not able to use this service. This also applies to guests with a pronounced form of visual impairment.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

The travel documents are ready for dispatch approx. 14 days before departure and will be sent immediately by e-mail, provided we have received the data for the on-board manifest and the final payment has been made. In addition to the vouchers for booked services, the travel documents contain important information, such as embarkation instructions. In individual cases, the arrival of the documents may be delayed until a few days before departure.

CHANGES TO ROUTES AND SERVICES

Cruises are subject to special shipping conditions which we cannot influence. The shipping company therefore reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary without prior notice should these become necessary for safety reasons or due to sea, weather or ice conditions or due to travel warnings issued by the German Foreign Office.

SHIP'S FACILITIES

On board the VASCO DA GAMA, a wide range of public facilities are available for your well-being. In addition to the wellness area with steam bath and sauna, this includes a fitness area with various cardio machines. Table tennis, shuffleboard and darts complete the facilities. The outdoor sports area includes a paddle tennis hard

court and a jogging track. In addition, VASCO DA GAMA has an outdoor pool with two whirlpools and a covered indoor pool. You can use all these facilities free of charge. Use is at the passenger's own risk. In the beauty area, massage and cosmetic treatments are available for a fee. You can also arrange for a session with a hairdresser. You will find opening times and price lists for these services in your cabin. In the various on-board shops you will find a range of clothing, costume jewellery, cosmetics and a selection of articles for daily use. Please note that due to customs regulations, the shops are only allowed to open outside the 12 mile zone. In our theatre “Hollywood's” a variety of shows and entertainment programmes are performed.

VACCINATIONS

Please consult with your family doctor for information about infection and vaccination protection as well as other prophylactic measures in good time before you start your trip. Each passenger is responsible for meeting the requirements of the entry regulations of each destination. Only children who have been vaccinated against measles are permitted to use the children's area. Proof must be provided by presenting the vaccination certificate.

PREGNANT GUESTS

Pregnant guests must present a medical certificate at the start of the trip confirming that there are no medical reservations against taking part in the trip. Please note that it is not possible to take part in the trip if you are already in the 24th week of pregnancy or have a high-risk pregnancy.

SECURED PAYMENT CERTIFICATE

Your cruise fare is insured in accordance with EU directives. You will receive the cruise fare secured payment certificate with your nicko cruises travel confirmation.

TELEPHONE ON BOARD (COMMUNICATION)

On board you can make telephone calls from cabin to cabin. It is also possible to make telephone calls to land via a satellite connection. However, the costs are quite high and we recommend that you use your own mobile phone instead. Mobile reception is generally only possible near land. Please check with your provider before you travel to find out about any roaming charges that may apply.

PETS/BIKES/SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Due to space restrictions, we regret that we are unable to allow pets or bulky sports equipment such as bicycles, surfboards etc. on board. Please also refrain from bringing e-bikes or electric travel scooters on board. We ask for your understanding.

TIPS

It is internationally customary for a satisfied guest to reward the services of the service staff accordingly. The amount of the tip is of course up to each guest and should be an acknowledgement of good service. On board, we recommend €13-17 per guest and per night for the ship's crew. The nicko cruises cruise management, local tour guides and bus drivers are not included. However, you are also welcome to thank them with a tip.

DRINKING WATER

As fresh water is always stored in tanks on board ships, we recommend that you do not drink the tap water and get mineral water in the bars or restaurant if necessary. Tap water is unreservedly suitable for brushing teeth.

TV

Your ship has flat-screen TVs that work with a satellite system, ensuring TV reception for much of the journey. The on-board television provides you with access to feature films and selected travel magazines.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

VASCO DA GAMA runs on reduced-sulphur MGO (marine gas oil) and has an SCR catalytic converter that reduces nitrogen oxides by up to 95 per cent. VASCO DA GAMA thus clearly exceeds the exhaust gas regulations of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). A new purification system with state-of-the-art membrane technology enables waste water purification to bathing water quality without the use of chemicals. Please do your part to protect the environment by using resources considerately and thus helping to preserve our wonderful destinations for future generations.

CATERING

On board the VASCO DA GAMA you have five restaurants to choose from, with free seating. Breakfast is served à la carte or buffet style, and for lunch and dinner you can choose from different menus. Depending on the itinerary, the meals are always enriched with local elements. In the "Club Bistro" you can expect worldwide culinary delights as well as theme evenings in buffet form. For dinner you have the option of dining in any restaurant on-board from 17:30 to 21:00 (last admission approx. 20:15). Exclusive menus await you at "The Grill" restaurant at an extra charge. Here, please reserve your place early enough directly with the maître. The "Alfresco Grill" offers you light meals outside the normal meal times. At the time of booking, please notify us of dietary food and special meals you may require. Usually, appropriate catering can be prepared for you. We ask for your understanding should this not be possible on flights in exceptional cases.

VALUABLES

There is a small safe box in all cabins where you can lock up your valuables. Nevertheless, we do not recommend taking things of value, such as expensive jewellery etc., with you on your trip in the first place. In some cases, you are visiting regions of the world where, by our standards, even modest wealth is considered opulence, and so showing off supposedly precious things could arouse greediness. Please note that valuables such as cameras, jewellery, cash and other valuables must be carried in your hand luggage. Liability is precluded for lost valuables in unattended checked baggage.

MEANS OF PAYMENT ON BOARD

The currency on board is the euro. At the end of your trip, you can pay in cash for drinks consumed on board and excursions booked on board. Of course, you can also pay your on-board bill with your credit card (Mastercard, VISA) or EC card. Under certain circumstances, foreign fees may be charged by your bank or credit card company for card payments, as the VASCO DA GAMA sails under the Portuguese flag. Please note: Currency exchange is not possible on board.

Do you still have questions? Contact us or the travel agency that booked your trip. We are happy to help you!

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1. Conclusion of the package travel contract, obligations of the customer

1.1. All booking channels are subject to the following provisions:

- a) The basis of the offer by nc and the booking** by the customer are the travel description and the supplementary information provided by **nc** for each trip, insofar as they are available to the customer at the time of booking.
- b) Travel agents and booking offices** are **not authorised by nc**, to make agreements, provide information or make assurances that amend the agreed content of the package travel contract, go beyond the travel description or the services contractually agreed by **nc** or contradict them.
- c) Information in hotel guides and similar directories** not published by **nc** are not binding for **nc** and the performance obligation of **nc** unless they become the content of **nc's** performance obligation by express agreement with the customer.
- d)** If the content of **nc's** travel confirmation differs from the content of the booking, this shall constitute a new offer by **nc** to which **nc** shall be bound for a period of 3 working days. The contract shall be concluded on the basis of this new offer insofar as **nc** has pointed out the change with regard to the new offer and has fulfilled its pre-contractual information obligations and the customer declares acceptance to **nc** by means of an express declaration or down payment within the commitment period.
- e)** The information **nc** provides about essential characteristics of the travel services, the cruise fare and all additional costs, the payment modalities, the minimum number of participants and the cancellation fees (pursuant to Article 250 section 3 no. 1, 3 to 5 and of the Introductory Act to the German Civil Code (EGBGB)) shall not become part of the package travel contract only if this has been expressly agreed between the Parties.
- f)** The customer is liable for all contractual obligations of fellow travellers for whom he/she makes the booking as for his/her own, insofar as he/she has assumed a corresponding obligation by express and separate declaration.

1.2. Bookings made orally, by telephone, in writing, by e-mail or by fax shall be subject to the following provisions:

- a)** With the booking the customer makes a **binding offer to nc** for the conclusion of the package travel contract. The customer is bound to the booking for **3 working days**.
- b)** The contract comes into effect upon receipt of the travel confirmation (declaration of acceptance) by **nc**. On or immediately after conclusion of the contract **nc** shall send the customer a travel confirmation in accordance with statutory requirements on a durable storage medium (which enables the customer to keep or store the declaration unchanged in such a way that it is accessible to him/her within a reasonable period of time, e.g. on paper or by e-mail), unless the traveller is entitled to a travel confirmation in paper form pursuant to Art. 250 section 6 (1) sentence 2 EGBGB because the contract was concluded in the simultaneous physical presence of both parties or outside business premises.

1.3. For bookings in electronic business transactions (such as internet, app, telemedia) conclusion of the contract shall be subject to the following provisions:

- a)** The customer will receive an explanation of the electronic booking procedure in the corresponding **nc** application.
- b)** In order to **correct his/her entries, to delete or to reset the entire booking form a corresponding correction option** is provided for the customer, with its use being explained.
- c)** The **contract languages** offered for performing the online booking are indicated. **Only the German language is legally authoritative.**

d) Insofar as the **contract text** is **stored by nc** in the online booking system, the customer will be informed of this and of the option of retrieving the contract text at a later date.

- e)** By pressing the button **"book with obligation to pay"** the customer offers **nc** the binding conclusion of the package travel contract. **The customer shall be bound by this contractual offer for three working days** after the electronic declaration is sent.
- f)** The customer will promptly receive an electronic confirmation of the booking being received.
- g)** The transmission of the booking by pressing the button **"book with obligation to pay"** **does not constitute a claim of the customer to the conclusion of a package travel contract in accordance with his/her booking details.** **nc** is instead free to decide whether or not to accept the customer's contract offer.
- h)** The contract comes into effect by the customer receiving the **travel confirmation from nc**.
- i)** If immediately after the customer has made the booking by pressing the button **"book with obligation to pay"** the travel confirmation occurs by corresponding immediate display of the travel confirmation on the screen (**booking in real time**), the package travel contract shall be concluded upon receipt and display of this travel confirmation by the customer on the screen, without the need for any intermediate notification of receipt of the customer's booking pursuant to **f)**, insofar as the customer is offered the option to store the travel confirmation on a durable storage medium and to print it out. However, the binding nature of the package travel contract is not dependent on the customer actually using these storage or printing options. **nc** will also send the customer a copy of the travel confirmation in text form.

1.4. nc points out that in accordance with statutory provisions (section 312 (7) of the German Civil Code (BGB)), there is no right of cancellation for package travel contracts pursuant to section 651a and section 651c BGB that have been concluded at a distance (letters, catalogues, telephone calls, telecopies, e-mails, messages sent via mobile phone service (SMS) as well as broadcasting, telemedia and online services), but only the statutory rights of withdrawal and termination, in particular the right of withdrawal in accordance with section 651h BGB (see also section 5). However, there is a right of withdrawal if the contract for travel services has been concluded outside business premises in accordance with section 651a BGB, unless the oral negotiations on which the conclusion of the contract is based have been conducted based on the consumer's prior order; in the latter case, there is also no right of cancellation.

2. Payment

2.1. nc and travel agents may only demand or accept payment of the cruise fare before the end of the package trip if a valid insurance contract exists and the customer has been given the insurance certificate with the name and contact details of the insurer in a clear, comprehensible and prominent manner. Once the agreement has been concluded, a deposit of 20% of the cruise price is due in return for the secured payment certificate. The remaining payment is due 30 days before departure, provided that the insurance certificate has been handed over and the trip can no longer be cancelled for the reason stated in section 8. For bookings made less than 30 days before the start of the trip, the entire cruise fare is payable immediately.

2.2. If the customer does not make the down payment and/or the final payment in accordance with the agreed payment due dates, although **nc** is ready and able to duly provide the contractual services, has fulfilled its statutory information obligations and no legal or contractual right of set-off or retention exists on the part of the customer, and if the customer is responsible for the default in payment, then **nc** is entitled to withdraw from the package travel contract after issuing a reminder with a dead-

line and to charge the customer withdrawal costs in accordance with section 5.

3. Changes to the contents of the contract before the start of the trip that do not affect the cruise fare

3.1. Deviations of essential characteristics of travel services from the agreed content of the package travel contract, which become necessary after conclusion of the contract and which **nc** has not brought about in bad faith, shall be allowed to **nc** before the start of the trip, insofar as the deviations are insignificant and do not affect the overall nature of the trip.

3.2. nc is obligated to inform the customer of changes to services immediately after becoming aware of the reason for the change on a durable storage medium (e.g. also by e-mail, SMS or voice message) in a clear, comprehensible and prominent manner.

3.3. In the event of a significant change to an essential characteristic of a travel service or a deviation from special requirements of the customer which have become part of the package travel contract, the customer is entitled to either accept the change or withdraw from the contract free of charge within a period specified by **nc** at the same time as the notification of the change. If the customer does not expressly declare withdrawal from the package travel contract to **nc** within the period stipulated by **nc** the change is deemed to have been accepted.

3.4. Any warranty claims shall remain unaffected insofar as the modified services are defective. Should **nc** incur lower costs for carrying out the modified trip or any substitute trip that may be offered at the same quality at the same price, the customer is to be reimbursed the difference in accordance with section 651m (2) BGB.

4. Price increase; price reduction

4.1. nc reserves the right, in accordance with section 651f, 651g BGB and the following provisions, to increase the cruise fare agreed in the package travel contract, insofar as

- a)** an increase in the price of passenger transport due to higher costs for fuel or other energy sources,
- b)** an increase in taxes and other charges for agreed travel services, such as tourist taxes, port or airport charges, or
- c)** a change in the exchange rates applicable to the package trip in question directly affects the cruise fare.

4.2. An increase in the cruise fare is only permissible insofar as **nc** informs the traveller clearly and comprehensibly in text form about the price increase and the reasons for it, while communicating the calculation of the price increase.

4.3. The price increase is calculated as follows:

a) In the event of an increase in the price for the carriage of passengers in accordance with 4.1a), **nc** may increase the cruise fare in accordance with the following calculation:

- In the case of an increase related to the seat, **nc** may demand the amount of the increase from the customer.
- Otherwise, the increased cost of fuel or other energy sources claimed by the carrier per means of transportation on a pro rata basis by **nc** shall be divided by the number of persons transported. **nc** may thus request that the customer pay the amount of the increase thus resulting for each person transported.

b) In the event of an increase in taxes and other charges pursuant to 4.1b), the cruise fare may be increased by the corresponding pro rata amount.

c) In the event of an increase in exchange rates pursuant to 4.1c), the cruise fare may be increased to the extent that the trip has become more expensive for **nc**.

4.4. nc is obligated to grant the customer/traveller a reduction in the cruise fare at their request if and insofar as the prices, charges or exchange rates mentioned in 4.1 a)–c) change after conclusion of the contract and before the start of the trip and this results in lower costs for **nc**. If the customer/traveller has paid more than the amount due under this provision, the excess amount shall be refunded by **nc**. **nc** may, however, deduct from the excess amount to be refunded the administrative expenses actually incurred by **nc**. **nc** must prove to the customer/traveller at the latter's request the amount of administrative expenses incurred.

4.5. Price increases are only permissible if the customer receives such notification by the 20th day prior to the start of the trip.

4.6. In the event of price increases of more than 8%, the customer is entitled to either accept the change or withdraw from the package travel contract free of charge within a reasonable period of time set by **nc** at the same time as the notification of the price increase. If the customer does not expressly declare withdrawal from the package travel contract to **nc** within the period stipulated by **nc**, the change is deemed to have been accepted.

5. Withdrawal by the customer before the start of the trip/cancellation costs

5.1. The customer may withdraw from the package travel contract at any time before the start of the trip. The withdrawal is to be declared to **nc** at the address given below. If the trip was booked through a travel agent, the withdrawal can also be declared to the agent. The customer is advised to declare the withdrawal in text form.

5.2. If the customer withdraws before the start of the trip or if the customer does not take part in the trip, then **nc** shall lose the claim to the cruise fare. Instead **nc** can demand reasonable compensation, insofar as **nc** is not responsible for the withdrawal. **nc** may not claim compensation to the extent that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances arise at the destination or in its immediate vicinity which substantially affect the performance of the package trip or the carriage of persons to the destination; circumstances are unavoidable and extraordinary if they are beyond the control of the party invoking them and their consequences could not have been avoided even if all reasonable precautions had been taken.

5.3. nc has set the following flat-rate compensation charges, taking into account the period between the withdrawal declaration and the start of the trip, as well as expected savings on expenses and the expected acquisition through other uses of the travel services. Based on the date the withdrawal declaration was received, the compensation shall be calculated as follows with the respective cancellation scale:

a) Trips from the main catalogue, trips without special designation

up to 150 days before departure	10%
up to 90 days before departure	20%
up to 45 days before departure	30%
up to 30 days before departure	50%
up to 10 days before departure	75%
up to one day before departure	90%
and on the day of arrival	
or in case of no-show	95%
of the agreed cruise fare	

b) Promotional trips at special prices (special designation: "promotional trip")

up to 90 days before departure	30%
up to 45 days before departure	40%
up to 30 days before departure	60%
up to 10 days before departure	85%

and on the day of arrival	
or in case of no-show	90%
and on the day of arrival	
or in case of no-show	95%
of the agreed cruise fare	

c) Cancellation of single beds (individual travellers) in double or multi-bed cabins (trips from the main catalogue)

up to 90 days	50%
from 89 to 45 days	75%
from 44 days to 10 days	90%
from 9 days to the day of arrival	
or in case of no-show	95%
of the agreed cruise fare.	

d) Cancellation of single beds (individual travellers) in double or multi-bed cabins (promotional trips)

up to 90 days	60%
from 89 to 45 days	90%
from 44 days to the day of arrival	
or in case of no-show	95%
of the agreed cruise fare.	

5.4. In any case, the customer is at liberty to prove to **nc** that **nc** has not suffered any damage at all or that the damage is significantly lower than the flat-rate compensation charge requested by **nc**.

5.5. A flat-rate compensation charge pursuant to clause 5.3. shall be deemed not to have been fixed and agreed insofar as **nc** proves that **nc** has incurred significantly higher expenses than the calculated amount of the flat-rate charge that would have been applied in the event of an agreement. In this case **nc** is obligated to specifically quantify and justify the compensation demanded, taking into account the expenses saved and the acquisition of any other use of the travel services.

5.6. If **nc** is obligated to refund the cruise fare as a result of a cancellation, section 651h (5) BGB shall remain unaffected.

5.7. The customer's statutory right pursuant to section 651e BGB to send a message to **nc** on a durable storage medium stating that a third party intends to assume the rights and obligations arising from the package travel contract in place of the customer, shall remain unaffected by the above conditions. Such a declaration shall be deemed to have been sent on time if **nc** receives it 7 days before the start of the trip.

5.8. It is strongly recommended that you take out travel cancellation insurance and insurance to cover repatriation costs in the event of accident or illness.

6. Transfers

6.1. After conclusion of the contract **the customer has no right to change the booking** (changes with regard to the travel date, the travel destination, the place of departure, the accommodation, the type of catering, the mode of transport or other services). This shall not apply if the booking change is necessary because **nc** has provided no, insufficient or incorrect pre-contractual information to the traveller pursuant to Art. 250 section 3 EGBGB; in this case, the booking change is possible free of charge.

6.2. At the customer's request **nc** can check rebooking options. If **nc** performs rebooking, **nc** may charge the customer a rebooking fee per traveller affected by the rebooking, provided that the following deadline is met. Unless otherwise agreed in individual cases prior to the rebooking being confirmed, the rebooking fee is €200 per person up to 150 days before the start of the trip. Rebooking requests made by the customer after the deadline as well as rebooking requests concerning specially designated promotional trips at special prices can only be carried out, if their implementation is possible at all, after withdrawal from the travel contract in accordance with section 5 under the terms and conditions and simultaneous re-registration. This shall not apply to rebooking requests that only incur minor costs.

Previously confirmed cabin numbers cannot be taken into account for rebookings.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

of nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH
for sea and expedition cruises

Dear customers and travellers,

The following provisions, insofar as they are validly agreed, form part of the package travel contract entered into upon conclusion of the agreement between the customer and nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, abbreviated in the following to "**nc**". They supplement the statutory provisions of sections 651a–y BGB (German Civil Code) and Articles 250 and 252 of the EGBGB (Introductory Act to the German Civil Code).

Therefore, please read these terms and conditions of travel carefully before booking!

7. Service not used

If the traveller does not make use of individual travel services, which **nc** was willing and able to provide in accordance with the contract, for reasons for which the traveller is responsible, the traveller shall not be entitled to a pro rata refund of the cruise fare, unless such reasons would have entitled the traveller to withdraw from or terminate the travel contract free of charge in accordance with statutory provisions. **nc** will endeavour to obtain a refund for the saved expenses from the service providers. This obligation shall not apply if the services are completely negligible.

8. Withdrawal due to failure to reach the minimum number of participants

8.1. nc may withdraw if the minimum number of participants is not reached in accordance with the following provisions:

a) The minimum number of participants and the latest date of receipt of the withdrawal declaration by **nc** must be stated in the respective pre-contractual information documents

b) **nc** must state the minimum number of participants and the latest withdrawal deadline in the travel confirmation

c) **nc** is obligated to immediately declare the cancellation of the trip to the customer if it is determined that the trip will not be carried out due to the minimum number of participants not being reached.

d) It shall be impermissible for **nc** to withdraw later than 30 days before the start of the trip.

8.2. If the trip is not carried out for this reason, the customer will be refunded any payments made on the cruise fare without delay; section 5.6 applies accordingly.

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9. Obligations of the customer/traveller

9.1. Travel documents

The customer must inform **nc** or the travel agent through whom the customer has booked the package trip, if the customer does not receive the necessary travel documents (e.g. flight ticket, hotel voucher) within the period communicated by **nc**.

9.2. Notification of defects/seeking redress

a) If the trip is not provided free of travel defects, the traveller may seek redress.

b) Insofar as **nc** was not able to provide redress as a result of a culpable failure to report the defect, the traveller cannot assert claims for a reduction in price in accordance with section 651m BGB or claims for damages in accordance with section 651n BGB.

c) The traveller is obligated to immediately report the defect to the local **nc** representative. If a representative of **nc** is not available on site and there is no contractual obligation to provide such a representative, any travel defects are to be reported to **nc** at **nc's** designated contact point; the availability of **nc's** representative or its local contact point will be stated in the travel confirmation. However, the traveller may also bring the notice of defects to the attention of his/her travel agent through whom he/she booked the package trip.

d) The representative of **nc** is instructed to take remedial action, insofar as this is possible. However, he/she is not authorised to recognise claims.

9.3. Setting a deadline before termination

If the customer/traveller wishes to terminate the package travel contract due to a travel defect of the type described in section 651i (2) BGB, insofar as it is substantial, in accordance with section 651i BGB, the customer shall give **nc** a reasonable period of time to remedy the situation. This shall only not apply if **nc** refuses to provide a remedy or if immediate remedy is necessary.

9.4. Damaged and delayed baggage when travelling by air; special rules and deadlines for seeking redress

a) The passenger is advised that lost, damaged and delayed baggage in connection with air travel must immediately be reported by the passenger to the relevant airline on the spot by means of a claim form ("P.I.R.") in accordance with the provisions of aviation law. Airlines and **nc** may refuse refunds based on international agreements if the claim form has not been completed. In the event of damage to baggage, the claim must be filed within 7 days, in the event of delay within 21 days of delivery.

b) In addition, loss, damage or misrouting of baggage must immediately be communicated to **nc**, its representative or contact point or the travel agent. This shall not release the passenger from the obligation to notify the airline of the damage in accordance with a) within the above deadlines.

10. Limitation of liability

10.1. The contractual liability of **nc** for non-culpable damage not resulting from injury to life, limb or health is limited to three times the cruise fare. Any further claims under the Montreal Convention or the German Air Transport Act remain unaffected by this limitation of liability.

10.2. **nc** is not liable for disruptions to services, personal injury or damage to property in connection with services that are merely arranged as third-party services (e.g. arranged excursions, sporting events, theatre visits, exhibitions) if these services have

been expressly identified as third-party services in the relevant service description and the relevant travel confirmation, stating the identity and address of the third-party contractual partner, in such a clear manner that the traveller can see that they are not part of the package trip of **nc** and the requirements of sections 651b, 651c, 651w and 651y of the German Civil Code (BGB) have been duly fulfilled in all other regards.

10.3. **nc** is liable, however, if and to the extent that a breach of information, explanation or organisational obligations on the part of **nc** has become the cause of the damage suffered by the traveller.

11. Assertion of claims, addressee

The customer/traveller must assert claims pursuant to section 651i (3) no. 2, 4-7 BGB against **nc**. The claim can also be asserted via the travel agent if the package trip was booked via this travel agent. The contractual claims listed in section 651i (3) BGB are subject to a limitation period of two years. The limitation period begins on the day on which the trip should end according to the contract. Asserting the claims in text form is recommended.

12. Information requirements on the identity of the operating airline

12.1. Before or at the latest at the time of booking, **nc** shall inform the customer in accordance with the EU Regulation on information for passengers on the identity of the operating air carrier about the identity of the operating airline(s) with regard to all air transport services to be provided as part of the booked trip.

12.2. If the operating airline(s) has/have not yet been determined at the time of booking, then **nc** is obligated to inform the customer of the airline or airlines that will probably operate the flight. As soon as **nc** knows which airline will be operating the flight, **nc** will inform the customer.

12.3. If the airline named to the customer as the operating airline changes, then **nc** will inform the customer of the change without delay and as soon as reasonably practicable.

12.4. The "Black List" (airlines banned from using the airspace above the Member States), drawn up in accordance with the EC Regulation, is available on **nc's** website or directly at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_de.htm and is available at **nc's** offices.

13. Passport, visa and health requirements

13.1. **nc** will inform the customer/traveller about general passport and visa requirements as well as health formalities of the destination country including the approximate periods for obtaining any necessary visas before conclusion of the contract as well as about any changes to these requirements before the start of the trip.

13.2. The customer is responsible for obtaining and carrying officially mandated travel documents, taking any necessary vaccinations and complying with customs and foreign exchange regulations. Disadvantages arising from non-compliance with these regulations, e.g. payment of withdrawal costs, shall be borne by the customer/traveller. This shall not apply if **nc** has not provided information or has done so insufficiently or incorrectly.

13.3. **nc** shall not be liable for the timely issuance and receipt of necessary visas by the respective diplomatic mission if the customer has commissioned **nc** with the procurement of such visas, unless **nc** has culpably violated its own obligations.

14. Special regulations related to pandemics (esp. coronavirus)

14.1. The Parties agree that **nc** will always provide the agreed travel services in cooperation with the service providers in compliance with and in accordance with the official requirements and conditions applicable at the time of travel.

14.2. The traveller agrees to observe reasonable usage regulations or restrictions of the service providers when using travel services and to notify the tour guide and the service provider immediately in the event of typical symptoms of illness occurring.

15. Data processing; alternative dispute resolution; choice of law and legal venue

15.1. The data provided by the customer in the travel registration form shall be used by **nc** to book and process the trip and to send information and offers to the customer. In the case of travel abroad, the processing includes in particular the transmission of customer data to the service partners abroad.

Customers can find out more about processing and storage as well as their rights as data subjects (in particular the right of access and the right to object) in **nc's privacy policy which is available at any time at www.nicko-cruises.de/en/data-protection or at the business premises of **nc** or which **nc** will gladly send to the customer.**

15.2. **nc** points out with regard to the German Consumer Dispute Resolution Act that **nc** shall not participate in voluntary consumer dispute resolution. If a consumer dispute resolution procedure becomes obligatory for **nc** after these terms and conditions of travel go to print **nc** will inform consumers of this in an appropriate form. **nc** refers to the European online dispute resolution platform <https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/> for all travel contracts concluded in electronic legal transactions.

15.3. For customers/travellers who are not citizens of a Member State of the European Union or Switzerland, it is hereby agreed that the entire legal and contractual relationship between the customer/traveller and **nc** shall be governed exclusively by German law. Such customers/travellers can sue **nc** exclusively at **nc's** domicile.

15.4. For lawsuits filed by **nc** against customers or contractual partners of the package travel contract who are merchants, public-law or private-law legal entities or persons whose place of residence or habitual abode is abroad, or whose place of residence or habitual abode is unknown at the time of filing suit, it is agreed that the legal venue shall be **nc's** domicile.

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As of January 2023



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Your nicko cruises travel protection

For sea voyages

Travel cancellation insurance

In the event of unscheduled cancellation of the booking or delayed commencement of travel for an insured reason the contractually owed cancellation costs or the additional outward travel costs will be reimbursed.

- Sum insured up to the amount of the respective travel price

Holiday guarantee

- Additional reimbursement of costs in the event of trip interruption and early or delayed return journey

Travel health insurance

In the event of illness or accident abroad, you will be reimbursed for the costs of outpatient and inpatient treatment as well as medically reasonable return transport. (also rescue flights)

Travel accident insurance

- Sum insured per insured person:
in the event of death EUR 20,000
in case of disability up to EUR 40,000

Emergency insurance

- Emergency call service, worldwide - around the clock

Baggage insurance

- Sum insured: EUR 2,000 per insured person

Travel liability insurance

- sum insured:
– flat-rate up to 1,5 million EUR worldwide, up to 25,000. EUR for damage to rented property (with deductible)

Corona travel cover

Reimburses the cancellation costs if the trip cannot be started due to quarantine, in the event of refusal of transport by a third party or in the event of interruption of the trip.

*except for travel liability insurance

Complete cover for sea voyages

Worldwide, up to 45 days

Travel price up to EUR	Single EUR	Family/ couple EUR
500.	99.	99.
750.	129.	129.
1,000.	159.	195.
1,500.	199.	255.
2,000.	249.	329.
3,000.	359.	397.
5,000.	575.	620.
7,500.	874.	920.
10,000.	1,099.	1,180.
15,000.	1,499.	1,679.
20,000.	1,999.	1,999.
25,000.	2,535.	2,999.

Includes all services on this page

Extension of complete cover for sea voyages

Worldwide

Travel duration from	Single EUR	Family/ couple EUR
45 days	99.	195.
90 days	249.	495.
150 days	659.	1,299.

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All
without
deductible!*

Travel Cancellation Insurance + Holiday guarantee sea voyages

Travel price up to EUR	Single EUR	Family/couple EUR
500.	59.	59.
750.	79.	79.
1,000.	115.	115.
1,500.	149.	155.
2,000.	185.	229.
3,000.	295.	299.
5,000.	439.	489.
7,500.	689.	789.
10,000.	899.	949.
15,000.	1,289.	1,469.
20,000.	1,699.	1,789.
25,000.	2,225.	2,559.

Includes only the travel cancellation insurance and holiday guarantee incl. Corona travel protection.

Travel health insurance

Travel health insurance from 15. EUR.
For more detailed price information and further price offers for travel health insurance, please contact nicko cruises.

PACKAGE TRIP FORM

FORM FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE TRAVELLER IN THE CASE OF A PACKAGE HOLIDAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 651A OF THE GERMAN CIVIL CODE

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302. Therefore, you can benefit from all the EU rights that apply to package trips. The company **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** bears full responsibility for the proper performance of the entire package trip. The company **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** also has the legally required insurance coverage to refund your payments and, if transport is included in the package holiday, to secure your repatriation in the event of its insolvency.

MAIN RIGHTS UNDER DIRECTIVE (EU) 2015/2302

- Travellers shall receive all essential information about the package trip before concluding the package travel contract.
- At least one entrepreneur is always liable for the proper provision of all travel services included in the contract.
- Travellers shall receive an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point through which they can get in touch with the travel operator or travel agency.
- Travellers may transfer the package trip to another person – within a reasonable period of time and possibly at additional cost.
- The price of the package trip may only be increased if certain costs (for example fuel prices) increase and if this is expressly provided for in the contract, and in any case no later than 20 days before the start of the package trip. If the price increase exceeds 8% of the package price, the traveller may withdraw from the contract. If a travel operator reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has the right to a price reduction if the corresponding costs decrease.
- Travellers may withdraw from the contract without paying a cancellation fee and receive a full refund of all payments if any of the essential elements of the package trip, other than the price, are substantially altered. If the entrepreneur responsible for the package trip cancels the package trip before it starts, travellers are entitled to a refund and possibly compensation.
- Travellers may withdraw from the contract without paying a withdrawal fee if exceptional circumstances arise before the start of the package trip, for example if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package trip.
- In addition, travellers may withdraw from the contract at any time before the start of the package trip in exchange for paying a reasonable and justifiable withdrawal fee.

- If, after the start of the package trip, essential elements of the package trip cannot be carried out as agreed, reasonable alternative arrangements shall be offered to the traveller at no extra cost. The traveller may withdraw from the contract without paying a withdrawal fee (in the Federal Republic of Germany this right is called "cancellation") if services are not provided in accordance with the contract and this has a significant impact on the provision of the contractual package travel services and the travel operator fails to provide redress.
- The traveller is entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation if the travel services are not provided or not provided properly.
- The travel operator shall assist the traveller if the traveller is in difficulty.
- In the event of the insolvency of the travel operator or – in some Member States – the travel agent, payments shall be refunded. If the insolvency of the travel operator or, where relevant, the travel agent occurs after the start of the package trip and if transport is part of the package trip, return transport of passengers shall be guaranteed. **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** has taken out insolvency insurance with Deutscher Reiseversicherungsfond GmbH. Travellers can contact Deutscher Reiseversicherungsfond GmbH (Sächsische Straße 1, 10707 Berlin; Tel.: +49 (0)30 7895 4770; e-mail: schadenmeldung@drsf.reise; website: schadenmeldung.drsf.reise) if they have been denied services due to the insolvency of **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany**.

Website where the complete edition of the German Civil Code can be found: www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bgb/

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