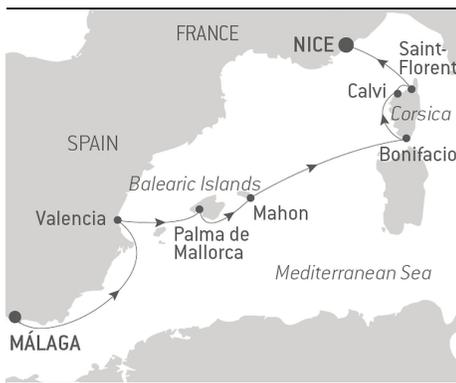


# Iberian shores & Corsica

From **26/4/2023**  
to **4/5/2023**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Málaga**  
to **Nice**



## With the exceptional presence of **Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt**.

Set sail aboard *Le Lyrial* for an exceptional **8-day** cruise to discover the Western Mediterranean. From towns brimming with history to stunning islands, this unforgettable itinerary has many a surprise in store.

Your journey will begin in **Málaga**, the capital of the Costa del Sol.

After a first call at **Valencia**, with its remarkable architectural splendours, you will sail to **Palma de Mallorca**, one of the jewels of the **Balearic Archipelago**, known for its four main islands that are charming, picturesque and discreet, sitting atop the clear waters of the Mediterranean like grains of sand

You will continue your visit to the Balearic Islands with the discovery of the well-preserved **Menorca. Mahon**, the island's capital, will charm you with its age-old history and its exceptional port, which, at 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) long, is the biggest in the Mediterranean!

You will leave the **Balearic Islands** for the **Isle of Beauty**. You will visit **Bonifacio**, the jewel of the far south of Corsica. A veritable fortress sculpted by the wind and the spray, the 'sentinel city' will reveal its historical centre and its long, cobbled streets.

You will then set sail for **Calvi** in the heart of the Balagne region. Between steep peaks and sublime beaches with turquoise waters, you will experience a wild and authentic Corsica.

Below the **Cap Corse** mountains and the **Agriates** desert, the beauty of the landscapes gives **Saint-Florent** a picture-postcard appearance.

Your cruise will end in **Nice**, capital of the French Riviera.



The information in this document is valid as of 20/5/2022

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### MÁLAGA

Embarkation 26/4/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 26/4/2023 at 6:00 pm

A historical and festive town, Malaga is located in Andalusia, on the Costa del Sol. Between the marina and the beaches, the seaside promenade of La Farola offers an ideal setting for strolling and relaxing. Set slightly further back, the Malagueta bullring is one of the emblematic sites of the city. From the hill overlooking the old town, one can see **Gibralfaro castle** and **the Alcazaba**, two fortified ensembles rising out from the cypresses and maritime pines. To visit **Pablo Picasso's birthplace**, you will go first to the courtly plaza de la Merced. A few streets back from here, you can explore the museum dedicated to the artist, in the Buenavista palace.

### AT SEA

Arrival 27/4/2023

Departure 27/4/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

### VALENCIA

Arrival 28/4/2023 early morning

Departure 28/4/2023 late afternoon

**Valencia** - the city of Art and Sciences. Two hearts beat in this Spanish city: one is modern, avantgarde and almost futuristic; the other is more provincial, more traditional and nostalgic. Valencia has the temperament of a great Mediterranean city whose wide avenues form a border around the old town. The city has an abundance of architectural styles that coexist harmoniously, but above all it resolutely embraces the 21st Century with the futuristic structures of its Agora congress centre and City of Arts and Sciences, emerging from a crystal blue pool.

### PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 29/4/2023 early morning

Departure 29/4/2023 late afternoon

**Palma de Mallorca** will reveal its many treasures: idyllic coves, majestic limestone cliffs that plunge into the clear sapphire- and turquoise-coloured waters of the Mediterranean, and vast plains planted with almond trees, olive trees and vineyards. When your ship calls at the capital of the Balearic Islands, take a walk to discover its emblematic monuments, such as its **famous cathedral**, and amble through its old streets. Here, like a painting, the island's historical heritage forms a backdrop to the lively and warm cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Mediterranean.

## MAHON, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 30/4/2023 early morning

Departure 30/4/2023 midday

You will be welcomed by the colourful houses of **Mahon**, its narrow streets and pretty squares that appear as you stroll around this richly contrasting city. Mahon reveals its different neighbourhoods, alternating between monuments, villas and white buildings. Discover the **Santa Maria church**, a building of neo-gothic inspiration, rebuilt in the 18th Century. It is worth a visit to see its monumental organ with more than 3,000 pipes and four keyboards. Around the Carmen church you will find a **local market**, full of stands selling *avarcas*, typical Menorcan sandals originally made by peasants. Let yourself fall under the spell of this Mediterranean treasure.

## BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Arrival 1/5/2023 midday

Departure 1/5/2023 evening

The spectacular town of **Bonifacio** located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient **Haute Ville**, to the promenade on the open-air medieval **chemin de ronde**, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequented or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beauté".

## CALVI, CORSICA

Arrival 2/5/2023 early morning

Departure 2/5/2023 evening

Nestled on a rocky spur in the north-west of Corsica, the port of **Calvi** offers its whiteness between two sapphire-coloured bays. Capital of the **Balagne** region, the Genoese city benefits from an exceptional natural setting between the abrupt relief of the central chain, fertile hills and long sandy beaches. From the promontory of the **Notre-Dame-de-la-Serra chapel**, built in the 19th century on the ruins of a 15th century sanctuary, you will not miss the sublime panorama of the seaside, the mountains and the Calvi citadel. A little further west, you will have the opportunity to discover with the **peninsula of Revelatta**, a wilder and more preserved part of Corsica.

## SAINT-FLORENT, CORSICA

Arrival 3/5/2023 early morning

Departure 3/5/2023 late afternoon

In the hollow of one of the most beautiful gulfs of the Mediterranean to which it owes its name, **Saint-Florent** is an ancient Genoese city whose citadel dominates the bay with its circular architecture. A link between the mountains of **Upper Corsica** and the **Agriates desert**, the fishing village has become a renowned seaside resort. In front of this jewel nestled in the hollow of a wild and isolated region, sublime beaches of fine sand border a sea of infinite turquoise shades. At the western tip of the gulf, the **Tower of Mortella**, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century under the Republic of Genoa to prevent from invaders, stands watch. Like most of the towers that dot the Corsican coast, it is an emblematic and familiar symbol of the island.

## NICE

Arrival 4/5/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 4/5/2023 at 8:00 am

**Capital of the Cote d'Azur**, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.