



SHORE EXCURSIONS

20
nights

STAR CLIPPER
Ocean Crossing Eastbound (Antigua – Málaga)

Sat 6 April 2024

7 April – 18 April 2024

Fri 19 April 2024

20 April – 25 April 2024

Fri 26 April 2024

St John's, Antigua and Barbuda

at sea

Ponta Delgada (São Miguel), Portugal

at sea

Málaga, Spain

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating, or similar activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book your shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes, which will be relayed to passengers during the Cruise Director's onboard information sessions. Last updated tour descriptions are available in a file at the library.

Date of last update: 20th of June 2023

PONTA DELGADA (AZORES ISLANDS), PORTUGAL

PONTA DELGADA - Sete Cidades crater lakes

Duration: 03:45 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

The entire region of Sete Cidades is dominated by the impressive Caldera of Cidades, the most spectacular volcanic landmark in the Azores with a diameter of 12km.

Below the panoramic viewpoint of Miradoura da Vista do Rei, from where King Charles I of Portugal contemplated this dramatic landscape in 1901, lie 2 volcanic lakes: the Green Lake and the Blue Lake, separated by a narrow bridge. Together the lakes have a surface area of 482 ha with a maximum depth of 19m.

On the shores of the Blue lake stands the village of Sete Cidades, surrounded by the dark forest covered slopes of the Caldera. Leaving Ponta Delgada behind you and driving along the coastal road through the western part of the city, you will pass through several very picturesque villages before arriving at Feteiras. From here the route climbs towards Sete Cidades until you reach the main crater of the extinct volcano, some 1900 ft above sea level.

From the edge of this crater (8 miles in circumference) there is a magnificent view of the two lakes below, the Blue lake reflecting the sky and the Green lake mirroring the lush green of the crater walls. On the way back to Ponta Delgada you will get the opportunity of seeing Lake Santiago. Before you return to the ship, you will visit a pineapple plantation and learn about the cultivation and marketing of this delicious fruit.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

This tour involves a lot of driving on winding roads, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.

PONTA DELGADA - Furna Valley and Terra Nostra botanical garden

Duration: 05:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 75 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

On this tour you will drive through Ponta Delgada towards Northeast along pleasant roads bordered with Japanese Cedars, Hydrangeas and Ginger Lilies until we reach Ribeira Grande. Here in this unique North City with a strong feeling of the Portuguese influence. A stop of about 20 minutes will be made for a guided visit to the city centre. Then the tour will proceed to Pico do Ferro Belvedere, a look out point, which gives you panoramic view over the Furnas Valley.

Descend into the valley to explore Terra Nostra Garden, or those who wish can enjoy a swim in the thermal swimming pool. Developed over the centuries the garden contains an extensive number of trees from all over the world, as well as, a serpentine canal, grottoes, camellias, ferns and cycas.

Following this visit we will head to Furnas Hot Springs, one of the richest hydrological areas in Europe, with 22 thermal springs. The return to Ponta Delgada will be via Vila Franca do Campo, the former capital of the island.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone and gravel surfaces with inclines, steps and uneven surfaces.

This tour involves a lot of driving on winding roads, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.



MALAGA, SPAIN**MALAGA - Discovering Mijas (ending at the airport)**

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 55 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

This tour ends at Nice Airport (NCE) and is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 15:30.

We will leave the town of Malaga behind us and head west along the coast road to Fuengirola, before driving inland to reach the village of Mijas. Mijas, perched 1500 ft. above sea level is a hilltop village with a maze of little whitewashed streets. It is beautifully clean and very well organized for tourists. Explore the narrow-cobbled streets far from the crowds and enjoy fine views of the surrounding countryside.

After a one-hour guided tour, you will have some time at leisure to explore the village before the transfer to the airport.

Please note: The drive between Málaga and Mijas takes approx. 1 hour. You will return to Malaga airport by a different route. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

