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## WESTERN EUROPE CRUISE FROM IRELAND TO PORTUGAL

Embark on a captivating voyage with the Western Europe cruise from Ireland to Portugal, a luxury cruise that takes you from the bustling city of Dublin to the sun-kissed shores of Lisbon. This enchanting trip begins in Dublin, where rich history blends with modern charm. From there, sail to Waterford, Kinsale, and across the Celtic coast through France, Spain, and Portugal, ending in the vibrant city of Lisbon. Throughout this journey, you'll have the chance to explore fascinating destinations. In Waterford, discover the centuries-old Reginald's Tower and the treasures within the Medieval Museum. Kinsale invites you to stroll through its colorful streets, while Brittany's Batz Island offers lush gardens and historic sites. En route to Portugal, visit Belle-Île's dramatic cliffs and the fortified Citadelle Vauban, and absorb the historic ambiance of Royan, Santander, Gijon, and Ferrol. Your itinerary offers an array of activities to indulge in the local culture and scenic beauty of each stop. Whether touring Waterford Crystal's esteemed factory, admiring the charms of Santander's gardens, or sipping local ciders in Gijon, there's something for every traveler. As you traverse the Atlantic coast, relish in the architectural wonder of Porto's azulejos-adorned churches and Lisbon's historic quarters, where culinary delights await.



### ITINERARY

Days 0 - 1 Pre Cruise & Dublin



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Dublin, capital of Ireland, seamlessly blends grit and beauty with Georgian squares, parks and canals. It boasts a rich literary heritage, home to renowned writers like Oscar Wilde and James Joyce. Literary attractions include Trinity College Library, housing the 9th-century Book of Kells, and the James Joyce Centre. The vibrant pub culture, with landmarks like the Guinness Storehouse and Temple Bar, adds to its lively charm.

### Day 2 Waterford

Founded by Vikings in 914 AD, Waterford is Ireland's oldest city with well-preserved walls. Highlights include Reginald's Tower with the Waterford Museum of Treasures, and the Medieval Museum, Ireland's sole museum dedicated to the Middle Ages. Waterford Crystal, established in 1783, offers factory tours showcasing its glassmaking heritage. Nearby are Kilkenny Castle, a 1,500-year-old Norman fortress, and Tipperary's legendary Rock of Cashel.

### Day 3 Kinsale

At the start of the Wild Atlantic Way, Kinsale blends history, culture and natural beauty. This charming town, established in 1333, features colourful streets, renowned restaurants and two 17th-century fortresses: Charles Fort and James Fort. The 16th-century courthouse houses the Kinsale Regional Museum, with exhibits on local history and the RMS Lusitania torpedoing. Nearby Cork, Ireland's second-largest city, is famous for the Blarney Stone.

### Day 4 Batz Island

Ile de Batz, a 3.5 km wide island off Roscoff's coast, retains its authentic charm thanks to its inhabitants and offers a rich blend of nature and history. Its mild climate nurtures diverse flora and fauna, highlighted by the Georges Delaselle Garden, home to over 2,000 exotic plant species. The island features varied landscapes, including dunes, beaches, moors and wetlands, along with heritage sites like St. Anne chapel ruins and the lighthouse.

### Day 5 Belle-Ile-En-Mer

Belle-Île, the largest Breton island and second largest in mainland France, is known for its mild climate, rugged cliffs and stunning panoramas. The island features preserved moors, dunes and diverse flora and fauna. In the main town, Le Palais, is Citadelle Vauban, a star-shaped fortress. Other notable sites include the historic water tank Aiguade de Vauban, a museum on Sarah Bernhardt and the Grand Phare lighthouse overlooking Donnant Beach.

### Day 6 Royan

Royan, a French Atlantic coastal gem, features five beaches nestled between dunes and pine forests at the broad mouth of the Gironde. La Grande Conche, a 2 km stretch of golden sands, lures sun-seekers. Royan endured significant damage during an allied bombing on January 5, 1945. The town's charm continues to shine through its blend of belle époque villas and vibrant postwar architecture, including the distinctive Notre-Dame de Royan church.

### Day 7 Santander



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Santander, known for its beaches, unveils tales of a bygone era through medieval alleyways and ancient architecture. The Paseo de Pereda is a lush haven of gardens and sculptures. The city's history, dating back to Roman times, is marked by landmarks like the 13th-century Gothic cathedral, Catedral de la Asuncion, and the Palacio de la Magdalena, a former royal summer residence. Santander is also renowned for traditional Basque cuisine.

### Day 8 Gijon

The Asturian port city Gijon with colourful old houses is surrounded by green hills and is home to the Atlantic Botanical Gardens with over 2,000 plants. The monumental sculpture "Eulogy to the Horizon" by Basque sculptor Eduardo Chillida overlooks the sea. In the fisherman's old quarter, Cimadevilla, the Campo Valdes Roman Baths date from around 100 AD. Local ciders are a speciality, best enjoyed in a traditional sideria.

### Day 9 Ferrol

With a rich seafaring history and scenic beaches, Ferrol, in A Coruña, Galicia, on the Atlantic coast, champions the Ferrol Naval Museum and the 16th-century San Felipe Castle. Nearby, La Coruña, dubbed the Crystal City for its glass-fronted buildings, showcases the 1st-century Hercules Tower, a UNESCO landmark. Santiago de Compostela, a famed pilgrimage centre, houses the cathedral believed to hold the remains of St. James the Great.

### Day 10 Porto

Famed for its port wine and bridges over the river Douro, Portugal's second city, Oporto (Porto) is a city of two halves. On the left bank is Gaia's famed port houses such as Graham's and Taylor's. Ribeira, on the right bank, has rows of colourful old houses that line the riverfront, narrow streets that rise up the hill and Igreja de Carmo church whose facade is adorned with blue azulejos (tiles). A vintage tram trundles to the Foz district.

### Day 11 Lisbon

Spread over seven hills with Sao Jorge Castle views, bustling Lisbon is one of the world's oldest cities. Elegant Baixa, hilltop Alfama with its yellow tram, and scenic Graça overlooking pastel buildings, are top areas. The Jeronimos Monastery in Belem is a World Heritage Gothic site. The classic Portuguese pastel de nata custard tarts are a local treat. Europe's longest suspension bridge, the Ponte 25 de Abril, crosses the river Tagus.

### Please note:

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## YOUR SHIP: DIANA

**YOUR SHIP:** Diana

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Launched in 2023, SH Diana provides elegant and spacious 5-star accommodation for 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and suites, the vast majority with large balconies. Operated by an onboard team of 140 she provides a high level of personal service, exploring the Mediterranean and its famous sites of antiquity. Now sit back, relax and take a moment to get to know this amazing new ship, purpose-designed for our unique cultural expedition cruises. Named after the Ancient Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness, SH Diana has been specially designed for worldwide cruising to explore the most inspiring and inaccessible places on earth. Building on the outstanding amenities of her sister ships, she adds a dedicated Multifunctional Room next to the Observation Lounge, a Private Dining Room for special occasions, and two tenders which bring guests a comfortable alternative to Zodiacs for expedition landings. A Polar Class 6 ice-strengthened hull combines with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as comfortable as possible. SH Diana has been designed for immersive experiences, with extensive outside deck areas, multiple observation points and bright, open and relaxing public spaces with unobstructed views. The pleasure and safety of our

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Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring

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