



SHORE EXCURSIONS

9
nights

STAR FLYER

Malta, Balearics & Spain (*Málaga to Valletta - 10-April-2026*)



Fri Málaga, Spain
Sat Almería, Spain
Sun Cartagena, Spain
Mon Ibiza, Spain
Tue Mahón (Menorca), Spain
Wed at sea
Thu Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy
Fri at sea
Sat Gozo, Malta
Sun Valletta, Malta

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers and the availability of 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.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- 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.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).



IMPORTANT NOTE: below programs are given as an indication. Final excursions program and prices for 2026 season in the Mediterranean Sea will be published on our website by the end of January 2026.

ALMERIA - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

The city of Almeria is Andalucia's most eastern capital. It is located at the foot of a mountain range. Not to be missed is the magnificent Alcazaba, an Arab fortress built by the Caliph of Cordoba, Abd-erRahman with three huge walled enclosures (in the second of which are the remains of a mosque, converted to a chapel by the Catholic kings). The Alcazaba is the second largest Muslim fortress in Andalucia behind the Alhambra in Granada.

CARTAGENA - Cartagena & tapas (with Roman Theater)



3:30



55 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 20 / Max 40
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Discover Cartagena's culinary specialities and famous sights on a walking tour. Meet your local guide and take a scenic walk through the ancient city of Cartagena. See the historic old town and hear stories of the rise and fall of ancient civilisations. Your guide will regale you with tales from the prosperous Roman era to the Golden Age of the 16th century. See the city's historic sites, including the Palace Hall, the Roman Theater and the Sea Wall, as well as modern Cartagena with its impressive Art Deco architecture. During your tour, you will visit three local restaurants to sample a selection of typical tapas dishes paired with a glass of sangria, wine or soft drink. Savour the fresh ingredients of dishes lovingly prepared using produce straight from the market or caught that very morning in the sea.

Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking over uneven and cobbled ground with inclines and some steps to negotiate.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

CARTAGENA – Murcia and Cartagena



4:30



55 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Sightseeing

The route from Cartagena into the hinterland crosses fertile farmland before winding through the mountain pass of the "Mountains of the Chain" to reach Murcia, the charming provincial capital.

There will be a visit to the old quarter of Murcia and its beautiful 13th century cathedral (inside visit not guaranteed). The façade of the cathedral is considered one of the best examples of Baroque architecture in Spain. You will have some free time before returning to Cartagena, where you can take a walking tour of this charming city with its magnificent natural harbour. The tour starts at the Monument to the Heroes of Cavite and the Town Hall, then continues along the pedestrianised main street where you can admire the 18th century Casino Gate as well as some delightful Art Deco houses.

Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking over cobbled surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The journey to Murcia takes approximately 1 hour each way. The order of visits is subject to change.

IBIZA - Discover Ibiza by 4WD



4:30



115 €



strenuous



4WD vehicle

Min 12 / Max 36
participants

Active & Adventure | Nature

Discover Ibiza on our "off the beaten track" adventure, a fantastic opportunity to discover unusual places inaccessible by coach. The excursion starts directly from the pier, where you will board your jeep and be taken inland "off the beaten track" to explore areas of the island untouched by the growing tourist industry, places that have remained unchanged for hundreds of years. The scenic route has been specially designed to showcase all of Ibiza's original beauty, passing through small rural villages, verdant valleys and mountain tracks, allowing you to see the island from a different perspective, not as a clubber's paradise, but as a perfectly preserved environment where nature reigns supreme.

During the tour you will visit the beautiful beach of Sa Caleta, the viewpoint of Es Vedrá, a magical place according to the locals, and end your tour at Cala Comte, where you will have some free time to have a drink or a swim if you like.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, pregnant women or anyone suffering from conditions (back, neck or other) which may be affected by bumpy roads.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. If you plan to swim at the beach, wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel from the ship and sunscreen.

MENORCA (Mahón) - Hiking in S'Albufera nature park



3:15



62 €



moderate



transfer by
minibus, hiking

Min 15 / Max 25
participants

Active & Adventure | Nature

This is a must for nature lovers, the wildlife is abundant in this protected area and the coastal views are simply stunning! A short 15 minute drive will take you to Es Grau, a typical Menorcan village in the middle of S'Albufera Natural.

The park includes the wetlands, a marshy coastal area consisting of a 2km long lagoon surrounded by a system of dunes and a river that flows into the sea. You will be taken on an itinerary designed to showcase the flora and fauna of the wetlands. The park is home to a wide variety of bird species; waterfowl such as ducks, coots, herons and shags live alongside birds of prey such as ospreys, kites and booted eagles, while the streams and ponds of the wetlands are populated by Iberian green frogs and toads. The vegetation consists mainly of wild olive trees, holm oaks, lentisk, jasmine box and tree spurge. The route takes you along the Cami de Cavalls, a bridleway that goes around the island, through the woods and then along the water reserve that leads to the beach of Es Grau.

From here, follow a winding path up to the headland overlooking Isla Colom off the north coast. Continue down to Cala Tamarells before returning along the beach to the village of Es Grau.

Please note: This tour is suitable only for active guests, as it involves extensive walking over natural terrain (approx. 5 km walk).

Dress for the weather, wear proper hiking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The journey between the cruise pier and the nature reserve takes approximately 15min each way.

MENORCA (Mahón) - Magic of Menorca (with Torralba d'en Salord site)



3:15



62 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 35
participants

History & Culture | Unesco

Meet our local guide at the cruise port and set off to explore Menorca's archaeological and spiritual sites. The first stop on the tour is Monte Toro; at 357m it is the highest point on the island and the views are absolutely breathtaking, on a clear day you can see Mallorca to the south-east. The site is considered the spiritual centre of Menorca and has been a place of pilgrimage since the 13th century. The remains of an old Augustinian monastery are still visible and there is a small church with a carved wooden image of the Virgen del Toro, the patron saint of Menorca. Legend has it that Monte Toro takes its name from a bull (el toro) that led a group of monks to a statue of the Virgin Mary carved into the rock face.

The route continues to Torralba d'en Salort, a prehistoric Talaiotic settlement dating from 2000-1000 BC. The taula is made up of two rock slabs, one on top of the other, forming a "T". The monument is more sophisticated than many other prehistoric constructions and is generally believed to have been used as a sanctuary. The taula is unique to Menorca and, despite the shared Talayotic heritage, there is nothing comparable in Mallorca.

Afterwards, the coach will return to Mahón and the participants will leave the coach and walk through the 18th-century town (mostly downhill) to reach the pier.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking (approx. 2.5 hrs) over uneven surfaces and some inclines.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Estimated driving times: 30min between the cruise pier and Monte Toro; 30min between Monte Toro and the archeological site; 20min between the archaeological site and Mahón. Arrived in Mahón city center, the visit continues on foot back to the cruise pier.

CAGLIARI - Barumini and tasting



5:00



109 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 35
participants



tasting

History & Culture | Unesco | Food & Wine

Visit the Barumini Unesco World Heritage Site with our guide and learn about the prehistoric history and culture that built the "Nuraghi", a special type of defensive structure that has no parallel anywhere else in the world.

These austere and imposing Bronze Age megalithic structures are one of the most characteristic features of the Sardinian landscape. Our tour begins with a one-hour drive across the Campidano plain, the largest in the region and once considered the granary of the Roman Empire.

The nuraghe of Barumini is the largest nuraghe in Sardinia and, due to its state of preservation and imposing architecture, it is also the most famous and important archaeological site on the island.

The building was designed for a single family but, following the political and social evolution of the island, the main tower was incorporated into a structure made up of four other towers and, over time, the "nuraghe" became a fortified village, a small urban settlement inhabited by families of soldiers and craftsmen.

After discovering this ancient history and culture, enjoy a tasting of Sardinian products (wine, cheese, salami, special bread) before returning to the port.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking /standing (approx. 2 km walk) over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps to negotiate at the archeological site. The passages inside the nuraghe are narrow and tortuous. The group can be split in smaller groups to visit the nuraghe.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

In case of heavy rain (even recent), the archaeological site can be closed without notice; in this case guests will visit Casa Zapata, the museum of the archaeological excavations.

The drive between Cagliari and Barumini takes approx. 01:10 (each way).

GOZO - Highlights of Gozo



4:00



65 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 70
participants

Sightseeing | History & Culture | Unesco

Located a few kilometres from the port of Mgarr, the site of Ggantija (which means 'Tower of the Giants' in Maltese) is made up of two megalithic temples dating from 3,600 to 3,200 BC and dedicated to the Great Mother of the Earth. Their round, curved architecture symbolises the body of a powerful, generously-shaped mother goddess.

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, these temples are older than the Great Pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge. The temples were places of pilgrimage and sacrifice for the ancient peoples of Malta. Take a stroll around this fascinating site before heading to Victoria (or Rabat), the capital of the island of Gozo.

Nestled beneath a mighty old citadel, Victoria was named in honour of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1887. The walled castle dominates the town and its fortifications offer a magnificent panoramic view of the whole island. Inside the citadel is the beautiful baroque cathedral, built on the site of a Roman temple dedicated to Juno.

After leaving Victoria, drive to the Basilica of Ta Pinu, which became a centre of pilgrimage in 1883 after a local woman heard the voice of the Virgin Mary while praying in the small chapel that once stood on the site. The monumental sanctuary that stands today was built between 1920 and 1931. You can explore the church and take in the sweeping coastal views. Next stop is Fungus Rock, also known as Dwejra Seascape. Admire this unique rock formation before continuing along the east coast to take in the coastal views of Ramla l-Hamara (The Red Beach). On the drive back to the pier enjoy views of the island of Comino.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking (approx. 2 hours) over uneven surfaces, with inclines and steps. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts). The order of the visits is subject to change.

GOZO - Salt Pans and hike to marvelous Wied il-Ghasri



3:00



85 €



active (sport)



minibus, hiking

Min 15 / Max 18
participants

Active & Adventure | Nature

Embark on a captivating journey through picturesque landscapes, stopping to capture moments at the breathtaking Qala Belvedere and the iconic Kenuna Tower. Your adventure unfolds with a delightful excursion to the renowned Xwejini Bay Salt Pans, expertly guided by a local enthusiast.

The experience begins with an engaging introduction by an experienced salt harvester, who provides an insightful walkthrough of the intricate salt harvesting process. Following this enlightening overview, you will dive into the hands-on experience, equipped with a burlap sack to personally collect your sea salt, a distinctive souvenir of the charming island of Gozo. Indulge your senses as you taste the freshly harvested salt, take photo opportunities and immerse yourself in the history of the ancient salt store, which has a heritage dating back to the 1800s.

After absorbing the rich salt-inspired encounters, take a coastal walk to the fascinating Wied il-Ghasri.

Wied il-Ghasri is a secluded cove with a tiny pebble beach wedged between high cliffs. The view of the valley from the top of the cliffs is breathtaking. The outstanding natural beauty of this place will blow you away. At the end of your hike, enjoy a scenic drive back to the harbour where your waiting tender will ensure your return. This immersive experience offers a unique and unforgettable exploration of Gozo's cultural and scenic treasures.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking (approx. 2.5 km) over slightly elevated surfaces. The hike to Wied il-Ghasri takes approx. 50 minutes (2 km relatively flat but uneven).

Dress for the weather, wear proper hiking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The journey between the port and the salt pans takes approximately 40 minutes.



MALTA (Valletta)

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, on request):

- Shared Transfer to Malta Airport.

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time. There is a fixed departure from the port at 09:00 (arrival at the airport approx. 09:30). This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 11:30.

- Private transfers to Malta airport or to hotels.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00. Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers). This service can only be pre-booked.

Transfers and excursions ending at the airport can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

The ship will be alongside at Valletta Cruise Port in Malta's Grand Harbour, close to the Valletta Waterfront (Pinto Wharf), just below the old town and at approximately 7 km distance from Malta airport.

All guests must leave the ship by 10:00am.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance, visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.