

Treasures of Andalusia & Seville



TRIP OVERVIEW

Sail under the Mediterranean sun into Spanish Andalusia and Seville on this eight-day voyage by cruise and coach taking in the highlights of this vibrant region. Follow the Guadalquivir River into Cordoba and onward to Seville and Cadiz. Enjoy coach tours from the ship, wine tastings, flamenco shows and more on this river adventure.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable river cruise. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our river cruise.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner.

Day 1: UK to Seville, Spain **D**

Depart London on your scheduled flight to Seville. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your ship, MS Belle De Cadix. Board your ship and enjoy a welcome cocktail with the crew before dinner. The ship will remain docked in Seville until day 3.

Day 2: Seville **B/L/D**

Disembark for a guided tour of Cordoba, a city whose Moorish roots are evident in its Mezquita-Cathedral - a cathedral built in the heart of a mosque. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Seville.

Day 3: Seville to Cadiz **B/L/D**

Take a guided walking tour of Seville, a city renowned for its tapas bars, flamenco dancers and fragrant orange trees. This afternoon is your first day of cruising as you pass the Doñana National Park. Arrive at Cadiz in the evening for a night-time city tour.

Day 4: Cadiz to El Puerto de Santa Maria **B/L/D**

Start the day with a visit to a Ganaderia in Jerez, where bulls are raised. Enjoy time in Cadiz with a guided tour of this ancient port city. Later, enjoy an evening of traditional flamenco dancing on board your vessel. Cruise onwards to El Puerto de Santa Maria.

Day 5: El Puerto de Santa Maria to Isla Minima **B/L/D**

Take a tour of the Osborne Bodega, including a local wine tasting session. In the afternoon, cruise towards Isla Minima for a hacienda tour and equestrian show. Return to the ship and set sail for Seville where the ship will dock for the remainder of your trip.

Day 6: Seville **B/L/D**

Depart Seville for a tour of Granada, including lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the fortress of Alhambra and discover the country estate of Palacio de Generalife.

Day 7: Seville **B/L/D**

Enjoy free time to explore Seville. Later, depart by coach for a nature reserve. Enjoy a private tour of the area and visit a bird watching site. In July and August, this will be replaced by a visit to Rabida Monastery.

Day 8: Seville to UK **B**

After breakfast, disembark for your airport transfer and flight to the UK.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily are taken onboard the ship. Tables seat 4 and 6 people, so you'll be able to converse and socialise with new friends, whilst never feeling crowded together. Tea and coffee are available on-board ship as well as unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, including a variety of wines and beer, both during meals and at the bar. (Premium brands are available at an extra cost).

Any dietary requirements and dislikes should be made known to our reservations staff at the time of booking.

On embarking the ship, you will be greeted by the captain, crew and staff and treated to welcome cocktails.

SHIP INFORMATION

Ship information - 5★ MS La Belle De Cadix

Admire the beautiful views from the spacious sundeck or enjoy a drink in the panorama bar, all 88 cabins are well equipped on this 3 deck ship.

Length: 110m long

Width 11.40m wide

Cabins 88 cabins

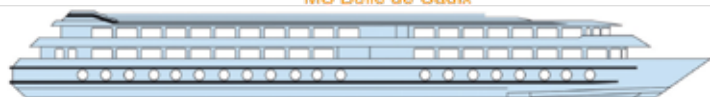
Capacity: 176 passengers

Facilities

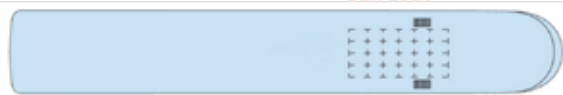
- Lounge bar with a dance floor ■ Pianorama ■ Dining room
- Spacious sundeck with deckchairs ■ French balconies ■ Gift shop
- Lift ■ Central heating/air-conditioning ■ TV and video in the lounge
- Wi-Fi on board



MS Belle de Cadix



Sun deck



Upper deck



Middle deck



The Cabins

All cabins are equipped with shower and toilet, hairdryer, satellite TV, radio, safe.

Upper deck: 40 cabins - 38 twins and 2 double bed cabins (1CU).

Middle deck: 27 cabins - 24 twins and 2 double bed cabins (1CU).

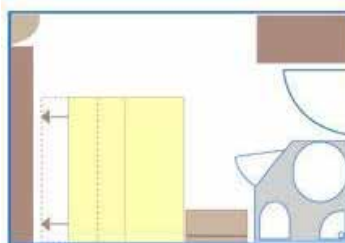
Main deck: 21 cabins with portholes - 20 twins and 1 double bed cabins (1CU).

Final confirmation of your deck and cabin will be confirmed at booking.

Please contact us if you have any queries. If the ship detailed is not available, alternatives will be used of a similar standard.

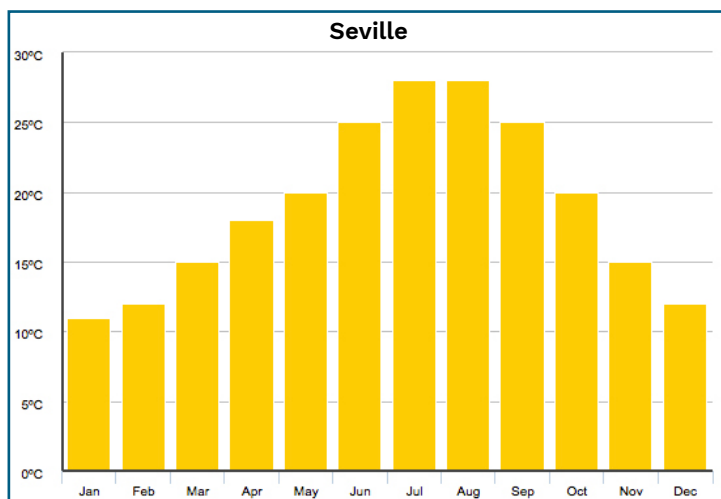


Twin Cabin



WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for British nationals travelling to Spain. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Tour Guides

An English-speaking Cruise Director will be on board your cruise to help with any queries that you may have. While on excursions included in your itinerary, you will be accompanied by an English-speaking local tour guide. When exploring locally during your leisure time you will not be accompanied by a tour guide.

Tipping

Tipping is at your discretion. There is an envelope in your cabin for these purpose that can be handed to reception at the end of your cruise.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Spain is the Euro. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Personal Expenses

This cruise is All-Inclusive, so you will only need to take a little extra money with you to cover any premium drinks on board and souvenirs, drinks and snacks purchased when off the ship, as well as any optional excursions you wish to book.

Credit Card Information

Credit cards are accepted on board ship and throughout Spain.

Electricity Supply

The electricity supply is 220V – 240V. You will need a special 2 pin plug adapter in Spain.

Shared cruise

Please note: your cruise is shared with international clients from other companies.

Itinerary Changes

The Captain and CroisiEurope reserve the right to alter/modify an itinerary at any time, should safety or external circumstances make this necessary, changes are also subject to tides. Some of the highlights may only be seen on optional excursions at an additional cost, or by exploring independently.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This river cruise is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves moderate days of walking on cobble streets and getting on and off the cruise ship. This cruise is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call **0800 781 4237** and quote **'WK830'** for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

DRESS CODE & WHAT TO PACK

Dress Code

There is no official dress code on board, however you'll be most comfortable during the day in smart casual clothing. You may wish to bring items that do not wrinkle easily as there is no iron provided on board ship. There are also no laundry facilities available. Bring a variety of clothing for the weather expected on your cruise, including light clothing and bathing suits for hot weather, a jumper or jacket for cooler weather and of course a raincoat and/or small umbrella.

What to Pack

- Comfortable walking shoes such as trainers for sightseeing excursions
- Sun cream and a hat with a big brim for sunny days
- Sunglasses
- Ruck sack or light bag per person
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport and boarding pass to the staff at the desk. Your final documentation will include transfer vouchers for your pre-organised return airport transfers and your river cruise boarding passes.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Seville you will be met by a representative from our local agent, CroisiEurope, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/CroisiEurope representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. If you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are as follows:

Phone number (for emergencies only): - MS Belle de Cadix: (0034) 955.124.597.

Representative in Spain: Eric - Mobile phone: (0034) 635.670.552 - Office: (0034) 951.923.314..

Please Note: You will receive excursion vouchers with your ticket package. In the unlikely event that your cruise does not operate, then you may be asked to change to a different date. A full refund will be made available, should the alternative dates offered be unsuitable.

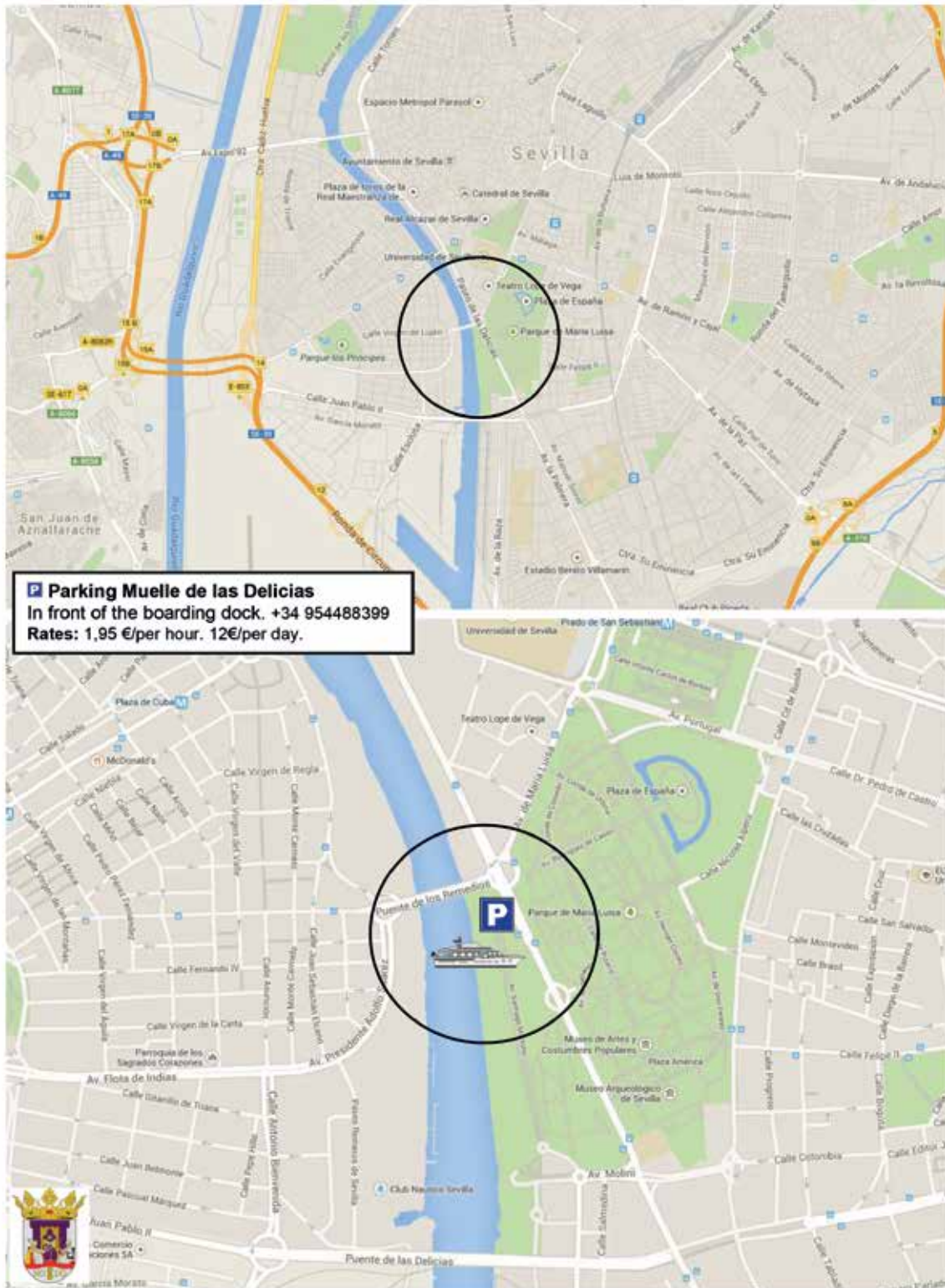
EMBARKING & DISEMBARKING

Embarkation Time: 6pm
Disembarkation Time: 9am

If your arrival is before this time, you will be transferred to the docking area where you will be able to leave your luggage. You are then free to explore the city at your own pace until it is time to board your ship. Please note that details of the boarding quay will be confirmed when you receive your final holiday confirmation.

BOARDING DETAILS

Please see below for details of your boarding quay. Your cruise company is **CroisiEurope**.



SEVILLE 

The boat is moored at **Las Delicias quay**, which can be found opposite Maria Luisa park. Acces is via La Palmera avenue.

Seville City Stay Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



TRIP OVERVIEW

Enjoy an extended 2-night stay in Andalucia's beautiful capital and largest city - Seville. Enjoy this free time to explore the areas grand monuments or immerse yourself in the charm and beauty of the area.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your beach extension to Seville.

Hotel (2 nights)

Your stay in Seville will take place at the **4★ Hotel Bécquer** on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

Hotel Bécquer is located in the old town of Seville, in a unique and privileged location in the city. From here, you can enjoy pleasant walks on the city streets, discover its emblematic spots, mix with the people, taste the exquisite cuisine (especially in the traditional Triana district) and admire its characteristic architectonic beauty. Seville Cathedral, the Giralda or the Santa Cruz district are all less than a 10-minute walk away. The rooftop swimming pool offers wonderful views over the cathedral.

Hotel Information

4★ Hotel Bécquer

Address: C. Reyes Católicos, 4, 41001 Sevilla, Spain

Tel: 0034 954 22 89 00

Tour Guides

Your stay in Seville is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.

Meals

Your stay will be on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any lunches, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs and drinks.



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

For any further enquiries or for more information call us on **0333 003 0522**