





# Mysteries of Morocco and The Captivating Canary Islands!

Discover and Explore Casablanca's Bazaars — Sunny Azure Isles of the Azores Tasty Portuguese Tapas in Lisbon — Spanish Treasures of Cadiz and Seville

October 29 - November 10, 2025 13 Days / 11 Nights — with a Pre-Cruise Night in Lisbon!

# Sail from Lisbon, Portugal through the sparkling Azores & Canary Islands down to the exotic souks and bazaars of Morocco!

After an exciting pre-cruise night in fabulous Lisbon, get set for both relaxation and adventure - sailing the incredible Norwegian Star on this ten day voyage down to Morocco by way of the Portuguese Azores and Spanish Canary Islands! Along the way, you'll explore seven exotic and mostly seldom-visited seaside wonders, ending with ancient Cadiz and fascinating Seville in Spain. Farther out in Spain's remote Azores, you can dip into the warm tranquil waters along Ponta Delgada's coastal boardwalk and soak in scenic countryside vistas. In the vibrant city of Santa Cruz, discover Tenerife's colorful art galleries and stroll past brightly painted buildings, unique local shops and vivid street art. Discover the island paradise of the Canaries in Arrecife and Tenerife, the former abounding in coral reefs and volcanic splendor, while the latter beckons you with its many gorgeous beaches. Then in mystical Morocco, you can savor Agadir's gorgeous beach resorts and flavorful local cuisine, then browse Casablanca's vast and bustling central market, an amazing cornucopia of colors with tempting exotic delicacies and merchandise!

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy all these rare marvels, cruising in luxury from sunny Iberia to mystical Morocco on the Norwegian Star!

## Itinerary

# <u> October 29, 2025 - Your Journey Begins!</u>

Depart today on your overnight flight bound for Lisbon, Portugal!

## October 30, 2025 - Welcome to Portugal

After 'crossing the pond', you'll arrive in **Lisbon** where you'll be met and assisted by your TRIPS escort, and can begin to explore this great city best known for its imposing Gothic cathedrals, medieval castle, and quaint village neighborhoods. Visit **Alfama**, the city's oldest district, as well as **Belem Tower**, Lisbon's most monumental and historic area, from which **Magellan** began his first voyage and where **Christopher Columbus** arrived after discovering the New World. While in Lisbon, be sure to enjoy a **pastéis de Belém**, a creamy, flaky custard tart served warm with cinnamon, truly one of Portugal's top culinary gifts to the world! Transfer to your hotel later to unpack, with more time to explore and enjoy dinner on your own in Lisbon.

## Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

## October 31, 2025 - Lisbon Sail-Away on the Star!

After a leisurely hotel breakfast and check-out, you'll transfer to board your floating resort for the next 14 days, the **Norwegian Star**. Enjoy a late lunch onboard and be up on deck for your **7pm** sailing! (B/L/D)

## November 1, 2025 - First Day at Sea

It's your first full day to really explore and enjoy the **Norwegian Star**! Indulge in a refreshing swim in the pool or try a relaxing dip in one of the hot tubs on deck. Perhaps you might check out the **Star Club Casino** to try your luck, or join friends in the Card Room for Bridge, or test your skill at board games. With well over a dozen dining options, from an elegant multi-course meal to a **Topsider's** burger off the grill, your taste buds are always in for a thrill on the Star! (B/L/D)

## November 2, 2025 - Ponta Delgada, Azores

Today from 12:30pm to 8:15pm you'll dock at Ponta Delgada, the

heart of Portugal's Azore Islands, offering much to see and do with its mild climate and the immense greenery of its forests and pasturelands. Grazing cows and bold hydrangeas provide splashes of color, and you'll find plenty of **picture-perfect vistas**! Take a stroll along the beautiful **seaside boardwalk** lined with white-washed houses, and in the town center you'll find quaint cobblestone streets and charming old squares such as the **Fifth of October Square** dominated by a splendid Renaissance-era fortress. (B/L/D)

#### November 3, 2025 - Horta, Azores

This morning finds you at **Horta** in the **Azores Archipelago**, where in 1775 **Captain Cook** once anchored his Endeavour. For an outdoor adventure filled with greenery, cliffs and volcanos, visit the **Vulcão dos Capelinhos**, where an eruption in the 1950s actually extended the island and buried a lighthouse in ash! Or see the quirky **Scrimshaw Museum** with its intriguing display of whale bones covered in scrollwork, engravings and carvings! Not surprisingly, **whale watching** is hugely popular here, with pilot whales as well as dolphin and giant marine turtles often seen in abundance. The Star is tendered here from **6am** to **2pm**. (B/L/D)

## November 4, 2025 - Last Day At Sea on the Star

After your Azores port visits and with the Canaries coming up next, you get to pause and relax, enjoying all the great amenities the **Norwegian Star** has to offer! There's the **Oasis Pool**, with an oceanfront promenade and al fresco dining, while ship-wide you'll find over 20 dining and lounge options, such as pub favorites at **O'Sheehan's** or a freshly-muddled exotic cocktail at **Sugarcane Mojito Bar**. There's lots of fun **entertainment** too, including the Parisian-themed **Paradis** revue, "**Deal or No Deal**" live game show, and the spirited musical **Band on the Run**! (B/L/D)

# November 5, 2025 - Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands

Right on the eastern tip of **Tenerife**, the largest of the **Canary Islands**, **Santa Cruz** is a natural holiday destination since so much of its perimeter is sandy shoreline. The beaches here are quite alluring, from the **yellow**  sands of Las Teresitas to the black sands of the quieter, clothingoptional Las Gaviotas. There's also plenty to see in its Old Town, including the colonial Church of the Immaculate Conception and the 1700s Palacio de Carta with its baroque and neoclassical features. The Star docks in Santa Cruz from 2:15pm to 10pm. (B/L/D)

#### November 6, 2025 - Arrecife, Canary Islands

The capital of Lanzarote Island in the Canaries, Arrecife (meaning "reef" in Spanish) exudes a leisurely island vibe, and is renowned for the abundance of **reefs and islets** along its coast. Be sure to explore this island's many natural wonders, from the fabulous golden sands and calm waters of **El Reducto Beach** to the craters, lava tunnels, canals and tubes of Los Volcanes Nature Park with its incredible volcanic landscapes. The Star will be docked here from **8am** to **5pm**. (B/L/D) November 7, 2025 - Agadir, Morocco

**Agadir**, a must-see spot where you'll dock from **7am** to **4pm**, is part bustling port town and part relaxing beach getaway. After an earthquake hit in 1960, the city had to almost completely rebuild itself - and now, it's become a major beach vacation destination for all of Morocco! Take a walk on the **scenic beach promenade**, pick up a slice from one of the city's many delicious pizzerias (who knew??), relax on the beach, and get a taste of the real **Moroccan street scene** - all in one port! (B/L/D)

## November 8, 2024 - Casablanca, Morocco

Morocco & Canary Islands!

\$5,198.00

Inside Cabin - Category IA

\$5.698.00

Oceanview Picture Window Cat. OA

\$6,598.00

Balcony Cabin - Category BD

**Balcony & Oceanview get Per Cabin:** 

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**\$50 Shore Excursion Credit** 

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Famed **Casablanca** is **Morocco's largest city**, the busiest port in North Africa, and a vital trading center since the Phoenicians. While its name may conjure up the Hollywood vision of an **exotic city of intrigue**, in

fact this modern commercial city is an evocative blend of more new than old, more familiar than exotic. But it still holds an old heart that's home to **narrow cobbled alleys, bazaars and souks, minarets and medinas**. Start with a visit to the **Central Market**, a massive kaleidoscope of colors, then kick off your shoes to visit the modernist **Hassan II Mosque**, the 3rd largest in the world. The city is also your gateway to Morocco's interior and the exotic "**Imperial Cities**" of **Rabat and Marrakech**. You're docked here from 9am to 5:30pm. (B/L/D)

## November 9, 2025 - Cadiz and Seville, Spain

Your last port visit is Spain's **Cadiz**, the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in Europe, founded by the Phoenicians around 1100BC. With its ancient city center almost entirely surrounded by water, Cadiz shows deep **Moorish influence** along its narrow cobbled streets opening onto quaint squares. Not too far away is Spain's most beloved city, **Seville**. The **legend of Don Juan** began here, inspiring operas ranging from Carmen to Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro and, of course, The Barber of Seville! See the **Cathedral of Seville** where the remains of Christopher Columbus are interred, or explore the labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys in what was once **Seville's Jewish Quarter**. The public plazas here are surrounded by houses overflowing with colorful flowers. The Star is docked at Cadiz from **6:30am** to **3pm**. (B/L/D)

#### November 10, 2025 - A Fond Farewell!

Following breakfast, you'll disembark in Lisbon and transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of your Mysteries of Morocco and Canary Islands Beaches Cruise/Tour are sure to last a lifetime!** (B)

#### Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare from Houston to Lisbon, Portugal (from certain major gateway cities only, your pricing may be higher from smaller ones; checked baggage fees are not included)
- 1 night hotel in Lisbon including breakfast
- 10 nights aboard the Norwegian Star in your selected stateroom
- Unlimited beverage package and 2-night specialty dining package included, both with gratuities! (I-night dining package only for inside/oceanview guests)
- All meals while onboard the Norwegian Star
- All transfers from the airport to your hotel and to the pier
- All port charges and government taxes

Pricing is based on double occupancy. Single supplement is an additional 50% of the rates shown.



Book your cabin early to ensure you receive the following amazing free promotions courtesy of TRIPS and Norwegian Cruise Line!

- ✓ Complimentary unlimited beverage package includes all drinks up to \$15.00
- ✓ 2-night specialty dining package (excludes extra charged items; 1-night package only for inside/oceanview guests)
  ✓ Gratuities included for both packages

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Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Passports are required for this tour!

# Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for **"Morocco and Canary Islands"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis. An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to June 11, 2025.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before June 11, 2025. Therefore, please be sure that payment is submitted at least 10 days prior to this date. 100% non-refundable as of June 11, 2025.

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