

# TREASURES OF ANDALUCIA & SEVILLE



## TRIP OVERVIEW

Embark on a Spanish cruise along the great Guadalquivir, Andalusia's longest river combining local culture, European history and picturesque stopovers, including Seville with its Plaza de España, a square decorated with azulejos and built especially for the Ibero-American Exhibition of 1929; Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe and Cordoba, home of the Mezquita - a vast mosque with a cathedral rising at its centre.

## 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. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

### 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. Upon 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.

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

Disembark for a guided tour of Cordoba, a city whose Moorish roots are evident in its Mezquita-Catedral — 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, cruise past 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

## PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings made before August 2017 are cruise only and, unless you have chosen to upgrade your cruise to include excursions, do not include any of the excursions listed below:

- Guided tour of Cordoba
- Guided tour of Seville
- Guided tour of Cadiz
- Guided tour of Jerez and a Ganaderia
- Tour of the Osborne Bodega
- Hacienda tour and equestrian show on Isla Minima
- Guided tour of Granada and the Alhambra
- Tour of nature reserve and bird-watching site in Seville

**The excursions listed above can be booked whilst on board for an additional fee, payable locally.**

### 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  
Cabins 88 cabins

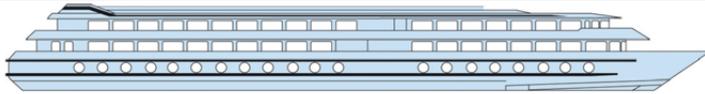
Width 11.40m wide  
Capacity: 176 passengers

#### 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



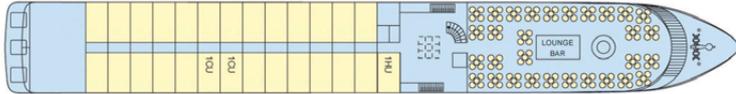
Sun deck



Upper deck



Middle deck



#### The Cabins

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

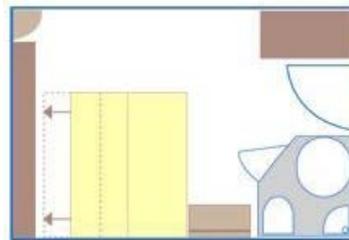
Upper deck: 40 cabins - 38 twins and 2 double bed cabins (1CU).

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).

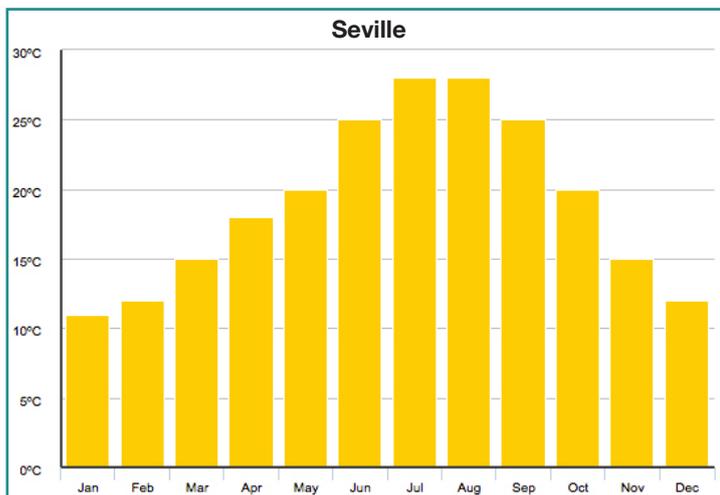
Final confirmation of your deck and cabin will be confirmed at booking. Please contact us if you have any queries.

#### 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

Optional excursions are escorted by an experienced, English speaking 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 as well as on board is the Euro (€). We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK, however cash machines are available in most towns and cities to withdraw money in the 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.

### 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](http://www.fco.gov.uk), [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk), [www.hpa.org.uk](http://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

Your flight is to [Seville airport](#) with [easyJet \(EZY\)](#) departing from [London Gatwick North Terminal](#).

**IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. Your final documentation will include transfer vouchers for your pre-organised return airport transfers and your river cruise boarding passes.**

### Baggage Allowance

Each passenger is entitled to 23kg of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding in size and 1 personal item such as a handbag, briefcase or laptop case. Weight restrictions will be finalized on e-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-in should be at least 2 hours before departure.

### 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 Extra Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

## ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Seville you will be met just after the Customs office by a representative from our local transfer agent **Move in Spain**. The Mercury Holidays/Move in Spain representative will show you to your transfer vehicle and escort you to your boat. If you need to contact Move in Spain, during your stay the details are:

### Move in Spain

Telephone - 0034 951 923 314

### Please Note:

For bookings made after 1 August 2017 or upgraded to include all excursions, 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.

### Emergency contact information

Please find below the **CroisiEurope** emergency contact details for the **MS Belle De Cadix**: 0034 955 124597

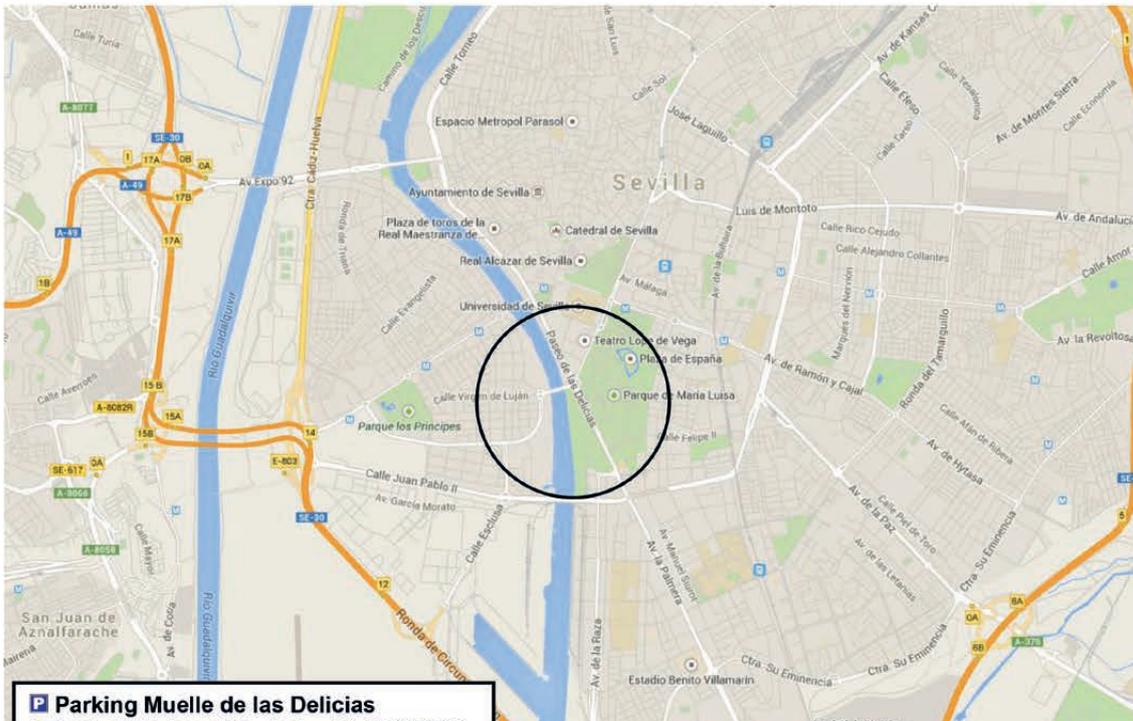
### EMBARKING & DISEMBARKING

**Embarkation Time:** 5pm  
**Disembarkation Time:** 9am

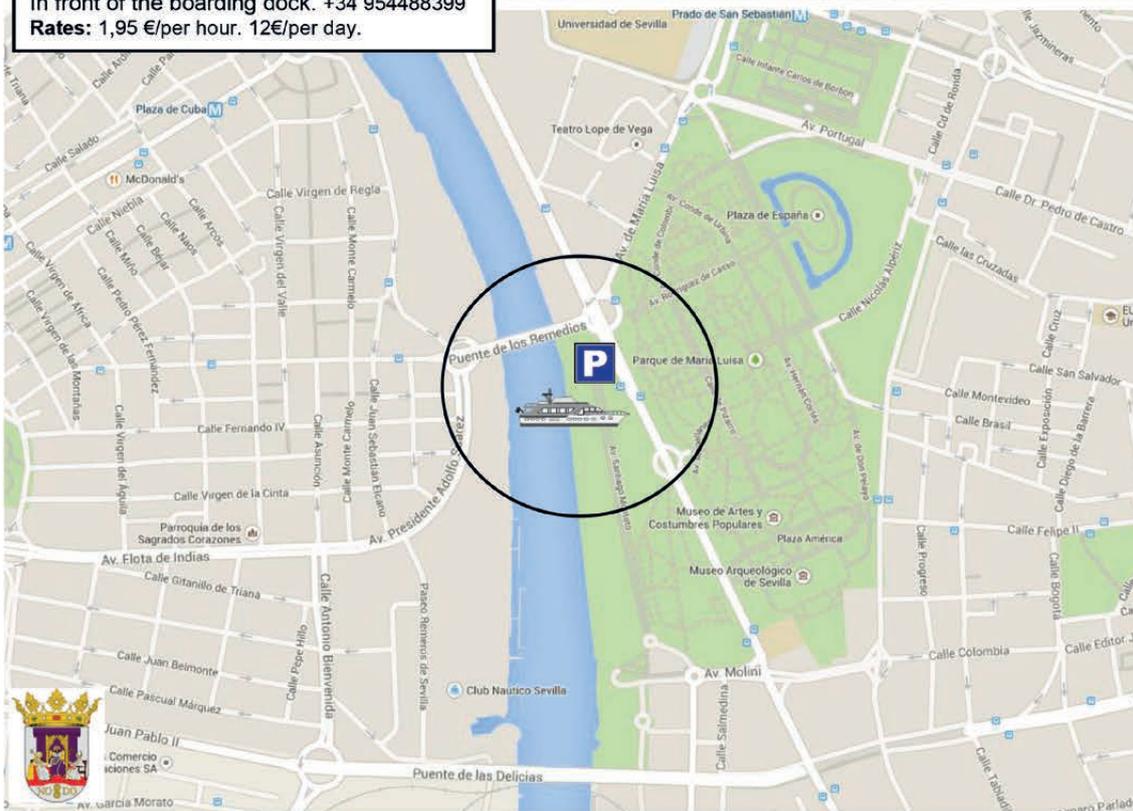
If your arrival is before this time, you will be transferred to the docking area where you will be able to leave your luggage. You are then free to explore the city at your own pace until it is time to board your ship.

### BOARDING DETAILS

Please see below for details of your boarding quay. Your cruise company is [CroisiEurope](#).



**Parking Muelle de las Delicias**  
 In front of the boarding dock. +34 954488399  
 Rates: 1,95 €/per hour. 12€/per day.



**SEVILLE**

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