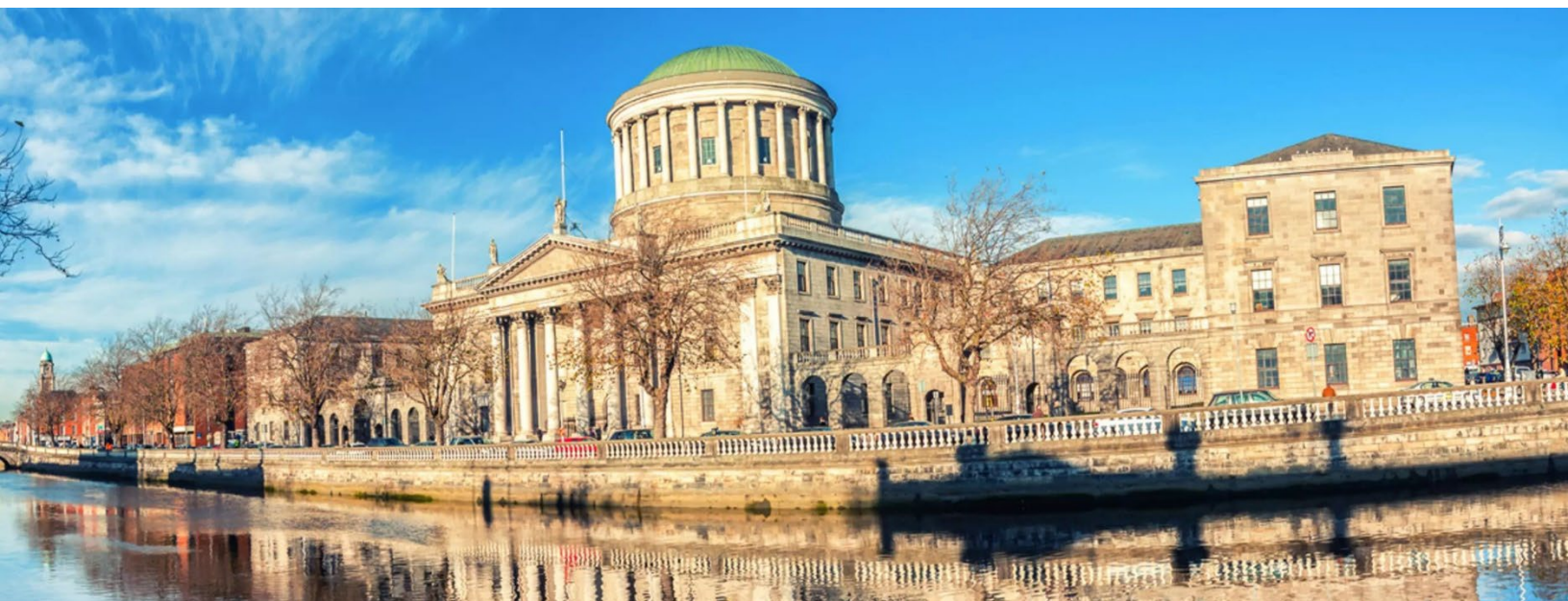


# DUBLIN to LISBON



They may be far apart, and their weather might go from one end of the spectrum to the other, but the similarities between the ports on this itinerary are manifest. Each place not only possesses a rich history but also a great lust for life. Enjoy the UK Scilly Isles' love of nature, the famous French Gastronomy Breton and northern Spain's magnificent architecture before your arrival in Portugal, the country that lives life to the fullest.



**DATE:** AUG 26, 2022  
MAY 25, 2023\*

**DURATION:** 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** DUBLIN, IRELAND  
**DISEMBARK:** LISBON, PORTUGAL  
\*Reverse Itinerary

**SHIP:** Silver Cloud

**FROM:** \$7,400  
*All Inclusive - Free Economy Air or  
reduced Business Class  
Pre-cruise hotel and transfers  
Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available.*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – ARRIVE DUBLIN, IRELAND

A city of irrepressible energy and lust for life, Ireland's capital is as welcoming a place as you'll find. Horse-drawn carriages plod along cobbled centuries-old streets, blending with an easy-going, cosmopolitan outlook. Dublin's St. Patrick's Cathedral has immense history below its steep spire, which dates to 1191. There's rich literary heritage to leaf through too, and the city's streets were rendered vividly in James Joyce's classic *Ulysses*.

**NOTE:** One pre-cruise hotel night is included. We are happy to make additional arrangements, including multi-day explorations of Ireland.

### DAY 2 – SEE MORE OF DUBLIN – EMBARKATION

Afternoon transfer to ship. Depart 18:00.

### DAY 3 - ISLE OF LUNDY, UNITED KINGDOM

Lundy has a long and colorful history due to its strategic location in the Bristol Channel between Devon and Wales. Marisco Castle was built by the English crown in the 13th century and rebuilt during the English civil war. At times, the island was a base for French, Spanish, Basque and English pirates, and corsairs from the Barbary Coast. Walking the island is easy and reveals historic features and the unique native Lundy Cabbage. Lundy is Norse for 'puffin island' and there are small numbers of these birds in summer, along with other seabirds. You may spot Grey Seals hauled out in the north of the island or spy their heads in the sea.

### DAY 4 - TRESCO, ST MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY, UK

For many visitors Treco is the most attractive of the Isles of Scilly. Its Abbey Garden is home to thousands of exotic plant species from around 80 different countries. Plant collector Augustus Smith began the gardens in the 1830s on the site of an old Benedictine Abbey by channeling the weather up and over a network of walled enclosures built around the Priory ruins. St Marys, the biggest island, is home to 1,600 people – roughly three-quarters of the total population - and is one of five occupied islands. Isolated and serene, this archipelago enjoys the UK's mildest climate, and some of its most spectacular beaches. There's a dense collection of historical sites that belies the islands' small size – from a former prime minister's grave to star-shaped fortresses.



### DAY 5 - ILE DE BREHAT, LES SEPT ILES, FRANCE

The island was once connected to the nearby mainland of France when it was first settled during Neolithic times. Now it is the main island of the Bréhat Archipelago, a collection of rocky islets and reefs off the coast of Brittany. The island attracts day visitors who walk or cycle to explore the island or relax on beaches or in the village square of Le Bourg. The flora of the island is an interesting mix of cooler climate heaths and plants more commonly seen in warmer Mediterranean climates. The island temperatures are influenced by the warm Atlantic currents, which ensures a rich and varied flower display in summer. Breeding seabirds have long attracted people to Les Sept Îles. In 1912 the islands were made a private nature reserve. The most numerous birds are Northern Gannets, the world's best high divers, and you may see them plummet from a great height into the sea seeking fish.

### DAY 6 - USHANT, ILE D'OUessant, FRANCE

The Island of Ushant (Ouessant in French) is thirty kilometers (18 miles) offshore of Brittany and its Pointe de Pern is the westernmost point of France. The island's name in the Breton language, is Enez Eusa meaning "the farthest Island". Ushant and Land's End in Cornwall mark the southern entrance of the English Channel; and Ushant helps mark the southern limit of the Celtic Sea, which extends between Ireland and France. Rocks of the low island of Ushant have always posed a threat to ships. Six lighthouses assist the 50,000 vessels travelling past each year—the Phare de Créac'h has the most powerful light beam in Europe, with a reported reach of 69 kilometers (43 miles) in clear conditions. Lighthouses are built of rock blocks carved from the island's base of pink granite. At 10 kilometers (6 miles) in length, the island is easy to explore for lights and sheep.

### DAY 7 - ILES DES GLENAN, CONCARNEAU, FRANCE

White sand beaches and a turquoise sea attracts visitors to the Glénan Islands. A cluster of nine low islands and many rocky outcrops surrounds a central lagoon of protected waters. All the islands are tiny, with a total area of only 5000 hectares (12,000 acres). There are few facilities on the islands and visitors only flock to the island in summer weather. Visible from all points of Glénan is a lighthouse on Ile de Penfret, and Cigogne, a fort built on an isle by the French in 1756. Starting as a safe harbor for local fishing boats it expanded to become an important port and fish processing base for a deep water tuna fishing fleet. The main town today is large and bustling and occupies the mainland of the harbor. The original old part of town, known as the Ville Close, was built on an island in the harbor for safety. A defensive wall around the town was constructed in the 14th century and upgraded in the 17th century. You can still patrol the ramparts of the wall today. The inside of Ville Close is a jumble of timbered and gabled houses, often decorated with flowers, crowding cobbled streets. It is a tight fit, as the town is only 350 meters (1150 feet) by 100 meters (330 feet) in



size. We can understand why the town overflowed to nearby shores.

#### **DAY 8 - BELLE ILE, FRANCE**

Lovely Belle-Île-en-Mer is the largest of a small clutch of islands off the coast of Brittany. Just twelve miles long and less than four miles wide, this verdant atoll benefits from a mild climate, which contributes to the abundant flora found here. Fragrant eucalyptus, exotic ginkgo and mimosa trees, bountiful figs and colorful oleanders are all part of the lush landscape. Secluded, small beaches along coastal paths and quiet roadways are perfect for hiking and biking. Le Palais, the island's main town, boasts a 16th-century citadel standing guard near the harbor. Monet painted the charming village of Sauzon during a stay in 1886 and Sarah Bernhart owned a home on the island for several years.



#### **DAY 9 - GIJON, SPAIN**

Gijon has a unique cultural identity, warm, welcoming charm and miles and miles of nature. Part of "Green Spain", weather in Gijon is a bit more of an issue here than in other parts of the country. Gijon dates from Roman times, and the city hosts some superb Roman baths ruins.

#### **DAY 10 - FERROL, SPAIN**

English pilgrims have arrived in Ferrol by sea since Medieval times to walk to the city of Santiago de Compostela. Ferrol is a superb harbor with a narrow entrance fortified with forts. It had excellent strategic value as a deep safe harbor and was Europe's most important arsenal for the storage of arms and ammunition in the 17th century. It became a major naval base and ship building port for many centuries. The Old Town of Santiago is a World Heritage Site.

#### **DAY 11 - CIES ISLANDS, BAIONA, SPAIN**

The Cies Islands' craggy granitic rock hills and cliffs of these three islands were once well known as a hideout for pirates. The western sides of the islands share nearly vertical cliffs and numerous sea caves, both formed by erosion from wave action generated by Atlantic squalls. The more sheltered eastern side is protected from the Atlantic winds and has formed beaches and dunes carpeted with brushy vegetation. The area is now a nature reserve and home to over 15,000 nesting seabirds, most of them Yellow-legged Gulls. The water around the islands is exceptionally clear and cool, and

the islands are a favorite recreational spot. Baiona's old town is a district behind the busy and more modern waterfront and is a circular area of narrow streets lined with Galician terraced houses. The Castelo de Monterreal was built in a strategic position overlooking the port and town. Built over time between the 12th and 16th centuries it defended the town from enemies and pirates. Visitors may walk castle battlements, dine and enjoy panoramic views and Galician entertainment. People lived on the hillsides of Mount Santa Tecla, south of Baiona, 2000 years ago.



#### **DAY 12 - OPORTO (LEIXÕES), PORTUGAL**

Lively, commercial Oporto is the second largest city in Portugal after Lisbon, and easily brings to mind the city's most famous product - port wine. Oporto's strategic location on the north bank of the Douro River has accounted for the town's importance since ancient times. The Romans built a fort here where their trading route crossed the Douro, and the Moors brought their own culture to the area. Oporto profited from provisioning crusaders enroute to the Holy Land and enjoyed the riches from Portuguese maritime discoveries during the 15th and 16th centuries.

#### **DAY 13 - ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL**

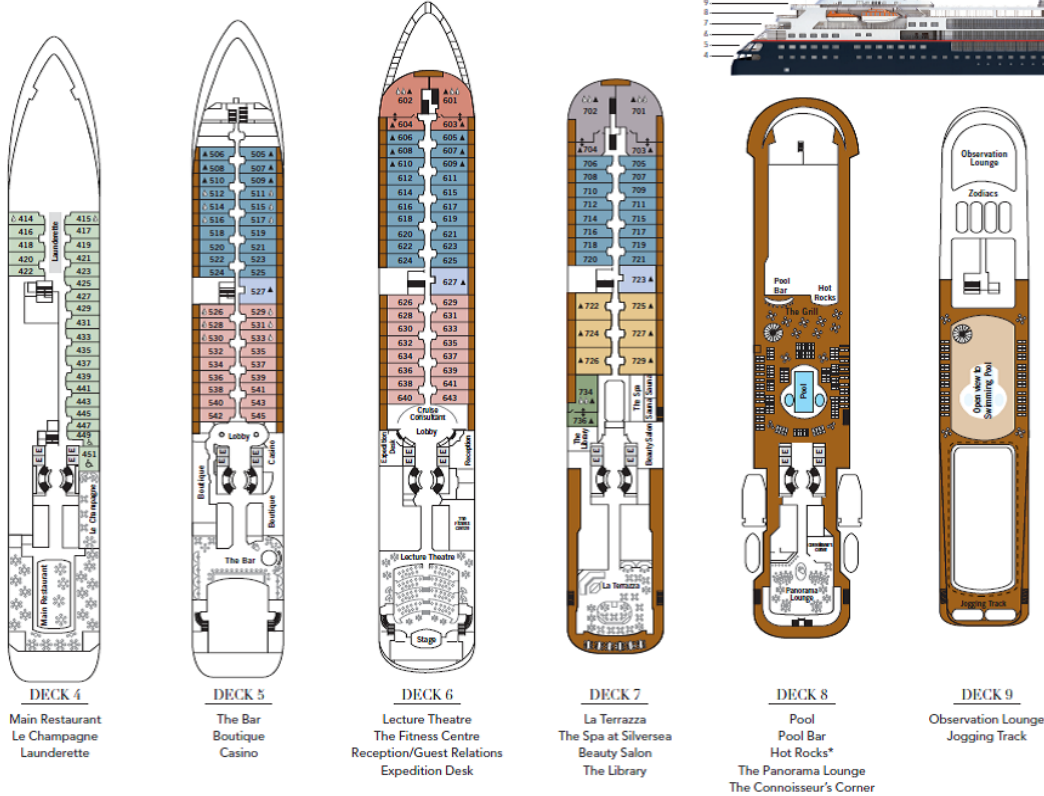
Spread over a string of seven hills north of the Rio Tejo (Tagus River) estuary, Lisbon presents an intriguing variety of faces. In the grand 18th-century center, *calçada à portuguesa* (black-and-white mosaic cobblestone) sidewalks border wide boulevards. *Elétricos* (trams) clank through the streets, and blue-and-white *azulejos* (painted and glazed ceramic tiles) adorn churches, restaurants, and fountains.

**Pre- and Post-cruise arrangements may be arranged to suit your interests.**





## SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS



### SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite . . . . . ●
- Grand Suite . . . . . ●
- Royal Suite . . . . . ●
- Silver Suite . . . . . ●
- Medallion Suite . . . . . ●
- Deluxe Veranda Suite . . . . . ●
- Veranda Suite . . . . . ●
- Vista Suite . . . . . ●

### SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew . . . . . 208
  - Officers . . . . . European
  - Guests . . . . . 200/260
  - Tonnage . . . . . 16,800
  - Length . . . . . 514.14 Feet/156.7 Metres
  - Width . . . . . 70.62 Feet/21.5 Metres
  - Speed . . . . . 18 Knots
  - Passenger Decks . . . . . 6
  - Connecting Suites . . . . . ↓
  - 3rd Guest Capacity . . . . . ▲
  - Bathub/Shower Combination . . . . . 4
  - Bathub & Separate Shower . . . . . 4
  - Disabled Suites . . . . . 4
  - 449, 451
  - Built . . . . . 1994
  - Registry . . . . . Bahamas
  - Ice-class Rating . . . . . 1C
- Deck plans are for illustration purposes only and may be subject to change.  
Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footages. Please refer to suite specifications for square footages.  
\* Please note that Hot Rocks opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

Rates are per person based on Double Occupancy and Includes all beverages, gratuities to crew, all excursions, port charges, enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expeditions Team, spacious suites, unlimited free Wifi, and more. **Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.**



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Veranda	WL	\$8,300
Deluxe Veranda	WL	\$9,300
Medallion	WL	\$11,800
Silver	\$16,300	\$13,700
Royal	\$19,000	\$15,800
Grand	\$23,200	WL
Owners	WL	\$21,300