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# VASCO DA GAMA

## A ship for explorers.



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September 2021 - October 2022

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Mediterranean • Northern Europe • North Sea • Baltic Sea



## Bom dia, dear friends of classic ocean cruises,

Do you feel **butterflies in your stomach and wanderlust in your heart**? Do you yearn to feel the fresh sea air again and discover new things? This yearning to explore connects us with the great seafarers in history. They too were continually drawn to the oceans to discover unknown routes, islands, places and countries. **It's not an accident that our new ship is named after one of the most famous explorers in history: VASCO DA GAMA.** He was the first European to sail to India around the Cape of Good Hope, laying the foundation for Portugal's maritime power. He is still a national hero to this day and **the Portuguese flag is a quality standard for ocean-going vessels.**

Our 4-star\*, **classically beautiful ocean-going vessel therefore travels under the Portuguese flag**, taking you to picturesque coasts and beaches, unspoiled dream locations and unique UNESCO World Heritage Sites. **Become an explorer too, but relaxed and in comfort, and with all the amenities of a modern cruise.** We have around 550 crew members on board who all take care of things for you. **As the ship only accommodates around 1,000 guests**, you will travel in generously sized rooms with a manageable number of like-minded and interesting people, who – just like you – are keen to finally be heading off for new shores again. Needless to say, we have established **modern safety standards on the ship, as well as our proven and comprehensive hygiene measures.**

Cruise with us during the White Nights in the Baltic States and under the Northern Lights at the North Cape, along the historic coasts of Western Europe and the Mediterranean, and experience the unbridled power of nature and the unforgettable flora and fauna on the volcanic Canary Islands, the Azores and Cape Verde. **VASCO DA GAMA will ensure you are always in the right place at the right time** and our extended layover times mean you get time to thoroughly explore your travel destination. No matter what your explorer heart longs for – with VASCO DA GAMA, we will take you to the **places the "big liners" can't get to.** In doing so, we always strive to provide a balanced blend of impressive experiences in the countryside, exciting city tours and famous cultural treasures.

Give in to your wanderlust now, browse through our catalogue and enjoy the anticipation of your dream cruise. Feel free to compare – in VASCO DA GAMA's size class, this exceptionally beautiful ship offers **unique value for money.** Single travellers and families have something to look forward to: we've put together some particularly attractive offers for them too.



Yours,

Guido Laukamp  
Chief Commercial  
Officer - CCO



Yours,

Carsten Keil  
Chief Financial  
Officer - CFO

PS: On our 5-star expedition ship \* WORLD VOYAGER – our newly built ship, which also travels under the Portuguese flag – and on our 26 river cruise ships worldwide, our motto still stands: "Small ships. Great experiences." Request your personal copy of our catalogue!



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Shipping lines and tourism,  
Consumer evaluations of 20,000 brands



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Edition 3/2020, Consumer survey,  
5 stars 2020/21



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# Holiday? But of course!

For us, the safety of the guests and crew on board our ships always comes first – especially in these current times. In 2020, when we were the first cruise operator worldwide to get our ships going again in June, we proved that our safety and hygiene practices work. Our proven measures meet national and international health standards. **We have summarised the key facts for you in our current 10-point plan below.**

All up-to-date information is available to you on our web page at [www.nicko-cruises.info/explore-safely](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/explore-safely).

## 1. Safety right from the start...

Even before the ship departs, your health is our priority: you will receive an infection protection questionnaire together with your travel documents, which you will need to complete, sign and bring with you on the day of embarkation. For your maximum protection, you will be tested for COVID-19 by medical personnel free of charge upon embarkation. Only passengers with a negative test result are allowed to set sail with us.

## 2. ... and throughout the entire cruise

Two is better than one: in addition to checking the infection protection questionnaire and the negative test result, we also check your temperature every day on board using a contactless device – and we do this both for you and our crew members. This helps us ensure that everyone on board is as well protected as possible.

## 3. Well trained and well protected

You are in the best hands on board: the crew on board our ships is optimally prepared. The COVID-19 test taken when you embark on the ship is carried out by competent, medically trained staff. We also have an on-board doctor. All crew members have been fully trained in our additional hygiene and infection protection measures. Wearing FFP2 masks and undergoing continual health checks are common practice for the crew.

## 4. Comprehensive hygiene and disinfection: just a matter of course for us

Hygiene is always our number one priority on all nicko cruises ships. We have expanded our existing hygiene measures. All surfaces on board that are touched on a regular basis are continually cleaned and disinfected – in both the public areas and the cabins. For this, we use highly effective cleaning products and surface disinfectants, which are also effective against viruses. We also provide additional disinfectant dispensers on all ships, so that you can disinfect your hands at all the key contact points.



## 5. Enjoy your trip whilst maintaining sufficient distance

We make sure that you can maintain sufficient distance so you can travel safely. On our small ships, you will travel with a manageable number of like-minded people.

All procedures on board have been adapted so that the current distancing rules can be complied with. Anywhere where a minimum distance of 1.5 metres is not possible – for example in lifts, stairwells and on the jogging track – we ask all guests and crew members to protect each other by wearing an FFP2 mask.

## 6. Plenty of space in our bars and restaurants

We give you more space to enjoy yourselves: in all the restaurants and bars on board our ships, we have reduced the number of tables and seats and placed them at an ample distance away from each other, which means you can continue to eat and drink without hesitation and while away your evening with a cocktail or two.

## 7. We serve you – even at the buffet

Culinary highlights are part and parcel of every cruise. Let us spoil you! On board our ships, we will serve you delicious dishes from our menu straight to your table. And at the buffet, our culinary delights are currently arranged on plates and served there too.

## 8. Safety first – on our shore excursions too

At nicko cruises, excursions are a key part of the cruise. To ensure you can enjoy beautiful cultural experiences and explore nature carefree in these times too, our excursions will take place in small groups. With our comfortable whisper audio system, you can still maintain a safe distance throughout the shore excursion. Effective protection is also ensured by FFP2 masks, which will be worn on the buses, and which are also regularly disinfected.

## 9. Sport and spa – open for you

Whether you want to do some sport or you just want to relax: with us, you can feel completely at home, because our fitness and spa areas on board are open for you. By registering in advance, we can also guarantee sufficient space for you in the fitness area and spa.

## 10. Together: with each other and for each other

We have devised our 10-point plan to ensure your safety on board. So that you can enjoy your holiday safely and fully, we ask that you take an active part in our safety and hygiene practices.





VASCO DA GAMA in Flåm

## Discovering the world – in comfort

Discover the world with VASCO DA GAMA – conveniently and safely. Once on board, you will arrive **at the most beautiful destinations on the coasts of the world's oceans at the very best times to visit them** – in comfort and without the need to pack your suitcase all the time.

## A classically beautiful cruise ship with Portuguese hospitality!

High levels of comfort and tasteful design await you on board VASCO DA GAMA. **With a capacity of approx. 1,000 passengers, there's plenty of room for your individual holiday experience.** We have a large and varied selection of inside, outside, family and balcony cabins as well as suites available for you. The ship travels under the **Portuguese flag**. So, don't be surprised if you get a friendly "Bom dia" from the wonderful crew – **English is also spoken on board of course.**

## Discover new countries. On our excursions.

At nicko cruises, we have always put shore excursions at the very heart of our offer. With our great range of excursions on offer, which can be reserved in advance on our website, you can explore the destination in small groups – **of course always at a reasonable distance thanks to our convenient whisper audio systems.** You will find a small selection of the possible excursions described in our itineraries in this catalogue – you determine how intensively and in what way you wish to explore the regions we visit.



# Small ships. Great experiences. Now with VASCO DA GAMA too.

For almost 30 years, we at nicko cruises have been organising travel on water with a particular focus on creating in-depth experiences at the cruise destinations. We are also now in our third year of operating small ocean-going expedition ships. New to our fleet this year, for the first time, is a **classic cruise ship with a personal touch, manageable number of guests and a well-known name: VASCO DA GAMA**. In the tradition of the famous Portuguese seafarer, this exceptionally beautiful 4-star ship will pave the way for you to make your own very personal discoveries, offering, of course, the best value for money and proven hygiene practices. We say: Bem-vindo a bordo!

For more information, see:  
[www.nicko-cruises.info/oceans](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/oceans)

## In good hands. Expert advice.

All nicko cruises sea voyages are accompanied by an **experienced cruise director and excursion team**. Also, **at least one lecturer travels on each cruise** to give you detailed and entertaining information and ideas that will make your experience at your destination even more intensive. The experts make sure that you do not miss anything that is worth seeing and always have tips at hand for your time on shore.

### Your advantages at a glance

- Hospitality and explorer tradition **under the Portuguese flag** on a classically beautiful cruise ship with plenty of space both inside and out
- Spacious **teak-wood decks** where you can walk right up to the bow of the ship and two pool decks, one of which has a sliding glass roof
- Visit places off the beaten track on a **ship large enough for around 1,000 passengers**
- Travel slowly and stress-free – **spend more time in port** with extended layovers or overnight stays
- Flexible eating times and **free choice of seats in five restaurants**
- **Excursions and life on board the ship in English**
- **Excursions with enough distance from travellers** thanks to the comfortable whisper audio system
- **Travel safely with proven hygiene practices** and worry-free booking with our optional **travel insurance including coronavirus services** (see page 137)
- **Fabuloso! Particularly attractive savings for**
  - last-minute planners thanks to **special prices for cruises in 2021** and an **Ultra Early Booking Discount of 10% for cruises in 2022**
  - single travellers thanks to the **single supplement of just 15%**
  - families thanks to **good-value family cabins** or free upper/additional beds
  - single travellers with children thanks to a **50% child discount** in a double cabin



Padrão dos Descobrimentos – Monument of the Discoveries in Belém, Lisbon

## The legacy of Vasco da Gama

As Vasco da Gama set sail in 1497 from Belém near Lisbon to find the eastern sea route around Africa to India, it was not yet generally apparent that, five years previously, Columbus had reached America, not India, via the western route across the Atlantic. **The task set by the Portuguese King Manuel I to Vasco da Gama was of far-reaching national interest: to find nothing less than direct access to valuable pepper and spices and prepare the way for Portuguese maritime trade and affluence.**

After more than ten months travelling, Vasco da Gama reached Calicut on the Indian Malabar Coast and returned to Lisbon a year later heavily laden with valuable freight. On another trip, he managed to secure Portugal's monopoly in the spice trade and lay the foundations for its colonial empire in Asia. Back then, Vasco da Gama's trips made the Portuguese nation rich. **Today, each cruise on our cruise ship VASCO DA GAMA will enrich your memories and knowledge, and expand your horizons with unforgettable discoveries and experiences.**



# Portuguese seafaring tradition. Become an explorer with us.

For us, sailing our ocean-going vessels under the Portuguese flag is more than just a matter for the ship register. Because the traditional flag of Portugal is the flag of the great explorers, it is a matter close to our hearts here at nicko cruises that we make it possible for you to make lots of discoveries, big and small, on your cruise with us.

It is no coincidence that an armillary sphere is a central element of the Portuguese national flag. For the Portuguese, this navigation instrument used by the old seafarers, also called a “World Machine”, symbolises the age of discoveries. One of the most important explorers was VASCO DA GAMA, the namesake of our ship, in whose footsteps we tread on every one of our cruises.



## Explorer facts

This heading and the compass symbol on the travel pages of this catalogue indicate interesting facts and surprising information about the Portuguese seafaring tradition.

## The Portuguese – a people of explorers

Situated on the banks of the River Tagus, at the site of the former Lisbon seaport Restelo in the city district of Belém, from where Vasco da Gama set sail, **the monument of Portuguese explorers shows all the 33 personalities – seafarers, astronauts, poets, thinkers, missionaries, politicians and aristocrats – who shaped the age of discoveries.**

Prince Henry the Navigator, as the greatest visionary of this development, stands at the top, followed by Pedro Cabral who discovered Brazil, Diniz Dias who discovered Cape Verde and his descendent Bartolomeu Dias, who was the first to conquer the Cape of Good Hope. There are no fewer than three Da Gamas among the explorers represented, as well as Ferdinand Magellan, who was the first seafarer to circumnavigate the world. For the Portuguese, exploring the world by sea is in their genes. **To this day, captains and ship officers from Portugal are considered to be particularly gifted navigators and knowledgeable sailors.**





## The wonders of nature

Impressive volcano islands or spectacular panoramas under the midnight sun – discover beautiful countryside along the most beautiful European and North African coasts on the cruises **presented in this catalogue on board VASCO DA GAMA**. Experience, for example, the White Nights on our cruises to the Northern Baltics and to Russia. Observe the extensive coastal and marine life in Europe, such as grey seals, sperm whales and turtles. You might also see seabirds such as little terns and Balearic shearwater. Entire habitats with numerous endemic plants and animal species have developed on the Atlantic islands in particular. **Our goal is to discover the wonders of nature with you.** Our excursions **are conducted quietly and considerately in small groups out of respect for the flora and fauna and the country and its people.**

## Experienced experts

**All our excursions are led by local tour guides.** This gives you a first-hand insight into the culture and nature of your travel destination. Our experienced excursion team has put together a fascinating blend of popular highlights and deeper impressions of the culture and natural beauty – **including many UNESCO World Heritage Sites.** On each cruise, a lecturer presents additional perspectives, insights and background in informative events on board the ship.

# Explore new ground in the footsteps of great seafarers.

Travelogues by great historical seafarers tell predominantly of their discoveries when ashore. **On each of our cruises, too, our fascinating shore excursions are a real highlight.** On the most beautiful European and African coasts, discover the flora, fauna and culture of your destination in a truly intensive way. Stroll through bustling metropolises such as Barcelona, enjoy the volcano landscapes of the Azores or discover art and cultural treasures in St. Petersburg. **On top of the classic city tours, impressive natural spectacles and special cultural highlights await in each of the destinations we travel to.**

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## City tours, culture and history at first-hand

Between Porto and St. Petersburg, the metropolises symbolise vibrant life and cultural highlights. Discover the world-famous sights and the architectural variety that characterise each one of these cities. **Our excursions offer you a perfect overview** of these big cities with their splendid boulevards and historic buildings. Come and explore the testimonies of bygone civilisations with us, such as those of the legendary Vikings or the Romans. Small, untainted villages will fully immerse you in the culture of your travel destination.

## We always find the right tone, while keeping our distance.

On all excursions, you will receive **state-of-the-art, comfortable whisper audio systems to use for free**. The receiver and earphones are as light as a feather and make it possible to choose the distance you want to be from others within the group **without missing valuable information from the tour guide**. This way you can always keep a proper distance on city tours and sightseeing – because we care about your health. They are easy to use and you can set the volume yourself. **The sound and quality are noise-free and very good.**



Geirangerfjord: the Seven Sisters waterfalls

## A range of different destinations – a range of different options

If you love cruises, you will find the perfect trip for you in our sea voyages programme – whether it be the Azores or Northern Europe, the British Isles or the metropolises of the Baltic. Our excursions are as diverse as our travel destinations! Enjoy local specialities, hike in unique countryside or marvel at the sights in cities and museums. How would you like a helicopter ride over Monte Carlo, a canal trip through Copenhagen or a safari in Senegal?

Do you prefer to explore travel destinations on your own? Our central berthing locations put you right at the centre of the action in most ports and give you the ideal starting point to discover the surroundings yourself.



Get to know the country and its people

## Natural enjoyment around the world

Marvel at **imposing fjords** or discover secluded beaches with their **crystal clear waters**. Wander through Mediterranean countryside in the Balearic Islands or discover the beauty of Madeira. **Impressive volcanos** on the Canary Islands, in the Mediterranean or in the Azores give an impression of the elemental forces of the earth. Of course, you can also look forward to some **unique encounters with the world of animals** at your travel destination too, for example with whales and dolphins in the Atlantic.



Dolphins off the Azores island of Pico

## Culture and history at first hand

Discover the testimony of bygone civilisations, such as those of the ancient Romans and Greeks, or follow in the footsteps of the legendary Vikings. Untainted villages will immerse you in the culture of your travel destination. Many UNESCO World Heritage Sites and famous museums beckon you to marvel at their splendour. **Our experienced tour guides and the lecturers who travel with us on each cruise offer first-hand experience of culture and history, as well as glimpses behind the scenes.**



Roman theatre in Cartagena

## Cities of the world up close

London, Lisbon, Marrakesh, Rome, Barcelona, Amsterdam, St. Petersburg – the names of these cities alone symbolise vibrant life and cultural highlights. **Discover the world-famous landmarks and the architectural variety** that characterise each one of these world cities. Our excursions offer you a perfect overview of these big cities with their splendid boulevards and squares.



London, Tower Bridge

For more information, see:  
[www.nicko-cruises.info/excursion](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/excursion)

# Portuguese hospitality. Bem-vindo a bordo!

In its own unique way, **VASCO DA GAMA** combines **Portuguese explorer tradition with the demands of today's cruise guests**: a wide range of different bars and restaurants in an exclusive setting, lots of public space with a modern interior and tasteful design elements. On board, you'll find a full range of equipment for spa, fitness and your personal leisure activities. You won't find **any other comparable cruise ship of this size on the market offering such good value for money**. The personal atmosphere on board due to the manageable number of guests is key to the sense of well-being. In the very spirit of Portuguese hospitality, our friendly crew remains committed to your welfare.



## A classically beautiful ship for around 1000 guests

In today's cruise ship market, our ship is regarded as small due to the fact that we have limited passenger capacity. The beautiful teak-wood decks exude **classic charm, working in perfect harmony with the ship's** elegant and modern appearance. At 219 metres long and with a volume of 55,820 GRT, the ship provides its guests with all the space they need to thrive, spread across nine passenger decks. On board, you'll feel this spaciousness, for example, in the **cabins and suites (16 to 102 sqm in size), five bars and lounges in different designs, five restaurants, an elegant spa area with sauna and steam bath, a large fitness centre, sports areas on the outside decks as well as two pools**, one of which **has a sliding glass roof**. And in our "Hollywood's" show theatre over two decks, our on-board theatre company provides you with top-class evening entertainment. Bom espetáculo!

## Rumo à descoberta! Explore the world – safely!

We want you to be safe when you're travelling. It's not just our captain – who really does know the ropes – and his experienced seafaring crew who will ensure your safety, our range of measures also include mandatory sea emergency exercises and safety measures, meticulous technical care and maintenance of the ship and life-saving equipment as well as **extensive infection protection and hygiene practices**. Of course, **VASCO DA GAMA** also has an on-board hospital with an experienced on-board doctor and skilled medical personnel.



## Maximum feel-good factor – meeting all of your needs

Our total of 550 crew members have just one goal: to make you feel comfortable! The combination of a **generous crew-to-passenger ratio, our range of on-board facilities and the ample crew-to-guest ratio is the key to finding your own personal way to relax** on board the ship. Whether you prefer to read a good book with a cool drink in our viewing lounge, the “Dome”, or would like to expend some of your energy in the outdoor sports areas, VASCO DA GAMA has the full range of options to choose from. For **families, our children’s area over two decks and our special family cabins provide the ideal basis** for an enjoyable holiday together – on family-friendly terms. We also have an attractive programme for single travellers: **we have a cabin allocation for all dates** with a single supplement of just 15%. Our chefs are, of course, able to meet all common dietary requirements. The ship also has some cabins for disabled guests and has a dialysis unit.

## Cleverly combined: travel longer, save more

Are you struggling to decide between our two unique cruises? Not a problem! **Many of our ocean cruises can be optimally combined to make a longer cruise.** Book two consecutive cruises and **save 10%** on cruise services on the second cruise. This discount can be combined with our Early Booking Discounts.

### Combination tip:

Escape grey November days and enjoy pure culture in Europe’s south-west. **Route T1** along the wonderful coasts of the western Mediterranean (see page 51) is ideal to combine with **Route M3** from Málaga to the Canary Islands via Madeira (see page 86).

For nature lovers, we recommend a cruise to the volcanic islands of the Atlantic. From Gran Canaria, the cruise continues south to the exotic Cape Verde (**Route T2**, see page 52) and then onto the Flower Island of Madeira, oriental Morocco and the National Parks of the Canary Islands (**Route K1**, see page 40). A combination is possible on several dates.



## New look for cabins, suites and balconies

**VASCO DA GAMA features fine fabrics, fresh colours and a mix of modern materials and elegant design.** This is also reflected in the cabins, which feature new carpets, sofas and armchairs. Colour-coordinated curtains, bed linen and cushions round off the **refurbishment of the cabins.** The latest flatscreen TVs have been installed and bath tubs have been given added glass protection. The 29 suites on board VASCO DA GAMA have been given a complete makeover. The balconies and verandas gleam in stylish splendour with their new furniture. All these renovations bring a breath of fresh air to the ship and **meet the high standards of our guests.**

## New waste water treatment system

A new waste water system is being used on VASCO DA GAMA. The **organic waste water treatment system, developed and manufactured in Germany,** offers excellent waste water quality, reduces suspended particles to zero and **meets the latest international and local requirements for use without chemicals.** This is done using so-called ultrafiltration technology, which separates microorganisms from water by means of extremely fine-pored membranes. The innovative membrane technology removes the need for any additional disinfection of the waste water. **What remains is clear waste water that meets bathing water quality.**



# Modern and environmentally friendly. A ship for explorers.

Before VASCO DA GAMA takes you in the footsteps of the great Portuguese explorers, we take care to ensure you have the latest technology and the highest level of comfort on board. **Comprehensive technical and visual renovation measures ensure a sustainable and future-oriented cruise.** After the public areas of the ship were renewed in 1993, 2015 and 2017 with extensive renovation work, the cabins and ship's technology are now getting the "nicko finishing touches".

## Modern technology in line with sustainability

The technical upgrades mean VASCO DA GAMA **meets the latest environmental requirements**. The diesel-electric engines are driven by low-sulphur MGO (Marine Gasoil), which generates up to **70-85 per cent less sulphur oxide than crude oil**. We are also carrying out a general overhaul of the engines for the start of the season.

The ship is also getting a new SCR catalytic converter, in which nitrogen oxides are neutralised by means of selective catalytic reduction. The amount of nitrogen oxide is reduced by around 95 per cent. The SCR catalytic converter on board VASCO DA GAMA complies with the so-called TIER III level of emission standards of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which, as a special organisation of the United Nations as part of the MARPOL Convention, has set itself the goal of reducing pollution from ships. The SCR catalytic converter on VASCO DA GAMA **clearly exceeds the current environmental protection requirements** in sensitive areas, such as the North Sea and Baltic Sea, and even this year **far exceeds the requirements that will be mandatory for sailing through the Norwegian coastal landscapes from 2025**.



## Morning. Noon. Afternoon. Indulgence with authentic highlights.

Our extensive and healthy breakfast provided in our range of different restaurants will give you a varied start to the day as well as plenty of energy.

Our kitchen crew use all their passion and skill to cook for you every day. Whether you get a **light lunch put together for you at the Club Bistro buffet** (currently no self-service, our friendly staff will serve you), or have the extensive **lunch menu in one of our Waterfront Restaurants** – you can always choose from a wide range of international and regional dishes from the region you are travelling in. Our kitchen crew also **regularly add authentic Portuguese touches**. How about some traditionally prepared cod, for example? A saying goes that Portuguese cuisine has more recipes for bacalhau than there are days in the year. Or do you fancy sampling a Francesinha, a tasty sandwich from Porto? It's not just children who love it!

Traditionally, Portuguese seafarers have always indulged in culinary reminders of their home country on their travels. You will notice it when we celebrate afternoon tea and coffee time on board, which includes a wide range of desserts. Of course, there are also sweet treats from Portugal to choose from – for example, have you heard of pastel de nata or torta de Azeitão?



# A feast for your palate – uma explosão de sabores!

In all the **five restaurants**, you will be spoiled by the **wide range of first-class culinary delights on offer, freshly prepared by the kitchen crew**. While the Club Bistro presents buffets, show cooking and culinary themes, **in our three Waterfront Restaurants, we serve you at the table**. The same goes for our fine dining restaurant The Grill, where we offer you excellent menus for a small surcharge. In all restaurants, you can dine at extended, **flexible mealtimes with a free choice of seats**. The Alfresco Grill also offers light dishes to satisfy those little pangs of hunger outside of mealtimes.

## Dining in the evening – stylish and relaxed to suit every taste

**Your culinary highlight of the day awaits, before or after our evening show in Hollywood's** – because what would the most beautiful cruise be without its evening culinary delights? Every evening, our experienced and creative kitchen crew always prepare a varied and top-quality menu – with themed buffets in the Club Bistro. Our five restaurants offer a wide selection to suit every taste, not just in terms of the range of food on offer, but also **the atmosphere and decoration**. You can look forward, for example, to international specialities, Mediterranean dishes, Portuguese delicacies and also Asian-inspired fusion cuisine. Selected ingredients and healthy preparation will give you indulgence with (almost) no pangs of guilt.

## Refined drinks with the best view

Maybe you want to start the evening with an appetising aperitif – for example, with a good port, or the modern version, a port and tonic? Or do you want to end the evening somewhere cosy? **Enjoy classic cocktails and signature creations** with a view of the evening countryside, the sunset or the starlit sky. The name “Dome” says it all: this fully glazed space is the perfect place for your sundowner or nightcap. But the other bars, cafés and lounges **also have fine wines and a fantastic range of assorted alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks on offer**. Of course, the friendly service team will also be delighted to prepare any drink to your personal taste.

## Sample dinner menu

### *Optional appetisers*

Crispy Thai beef spring roll  
on a ginger and noodle salad with sweet chilli sauce

or

“Shrimp Louis” salad with crispy prawns  
served with a delicate cocktail dressing and creamy guacamole

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### *A choice of soups*

Aromatic poultry consommé  
with pancake strips and fresh chives

### *or vegetarian option*

Traditional southern Indian tomato soup “Thakkali Rasam”

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### *Salad*

Fresh garden salad with light Dijon mustard vinaigrette

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### *From traditional Portuguese cuisine*

Bacalhau com Natas – dried cod in a fine cream sauce

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### *A choice of main courses*

Cordon Bleu of veal filled with Provolone  
on young vegetables, mushroom ragout and marsala sauce

or

Crispy, baked fillet of dolphinfish  
on Japanese ratatouille with wasabi aioli

### *or vegetarian option*

Fresh asparagus tart and nutty brie, rocket salad  
with plum tomatoes, essence of red pepper and chive oil

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### *A choice of desserts*

Banana and nut parfait in a caramel fudge sauce,  
topped with almonds, macadamia nuts and whipped cream

or

Cherry clafoutis with dark chocolate mousse



Pastel de Nata





## Plenty of enjoyment but keeping things in perspective – our beverage package.

With nicko cruises, you can choose between two attractive types of beverage packages. Our **classic beverage package** rounds off your holiday perfectly. Our **premium beverage package** offers you a broader selection of other drinks. Decide for yourself which type is the right one for you. You can book them in advance or on board. Keep full control of your expenses and enjoy to the max.

### The classic beverage package includes:

- House wine by the glass (white, rosé and red)
- House sparkling wine by the glass
- Port, Madeira and sherry
- Draft and bottled beers, non-alcoholic beer (excluding Guinness and Somersby Cider)
- All non-alcoholic cocktails
- Aperitifs (Aperol spritz/orange, Campari soda/orange)
- All non-alcoholic house beverages (juices and soft drinks)
- Mineral water and still water
- Filter coffee, cappuccino, espresso, hot chocolate and tea, available in the “Dome”, “Cappuccino’s”, “Blue Room” and “Ocean Bar”

**Price: 29€ per person per night**

### The premium beverage package includes:

- All classic package beverages as well as
- Crémant by the glass
- Guinness (bottle) and Somersby Cider (bottle)
- All cocktails (alcoholic)
- Premium mixers (e.g. elderflower Fever Tree tonic water and Fentimans tonic)
- Various scotches and whiskies (e.g. Chivas Regal 12 years, Jack Daniel’s Old No. 7)
- Various gins (e.g. Bombay Star, Tanqueray 10 and Hendrick’s Gin)
- Various vodkas (e.g. Stolichnaya, Absolut Citron, Belvedere, Ketel One and Grey Goose)
- Various rums (e.g. Havana Club Anejo, Mount Gay, Pyrat XO Reserve and Sagatiba Pura Cachaca)
- Various tequilas (e.g. Jose Cuervo Silver and Gold, Patron Silver and Anejo and Don Julio Anejo)
- Various brandies and cognacs (e.g. Armagnac Clés des Ducs, Calvados, Grappa Alexander Cru and Hennessy VSOP)
- Various fruit brandies (raspberry, kirsch, mirabelle, fruit and Williams pear)
- Various liqueurs (e.g. Amaretto, Bailey’s, Frangelico, Galliano, Kahlua and Limoncello)
- Various bitters (Fernet Branca, Jägermeister)
- Various vermouths (e.g. Dubonnet Aperitif and Martini Bianco/Rosso)
- Aquavit (Bommerlunder and Loiten’s Linie)

**Price: 49€ per person per night**

### Kids & teens beverage package includes:

All non-alcoholic house beverages (juices, soft drinks, mineral water, still water, hot chocolate and tea) are included.

**Price: 12€ per child per night**

**Please note:** Beverage packages can only be booked for the entire duration of the cruise and for all persons sharing the cabin. They are not transferrable to other people. Our beverage packages are valid only during the cruise. It is not possible to book parts of a package and packages are non-refundable. Persons under 18 years of age may only book our non-alcoholic beverage packages.

## Your favourite spot? Everywhere on board!

On the following four pages, we will show you the most important details of our VASCO DA GAMA.



Waterfront Mediterranean

## Waterfront Fusion and Waterfront Mediterranean

At the Waterfront Fusion, you will find a fusion of modern Asian and European cuisine on the menu. Every day, the kitchen crew will surprise you with their finest new creations in a stylish atmosphere with decorative Asian elements. At the Waterfront Mediterranean, culinary delicacies from the entire Mediterranean region await you. Put your menu together according to your own personal taste from all the delicacies we have on offer. Our experienced service crew will be happy to advise you.

## Waterfront Restaurant

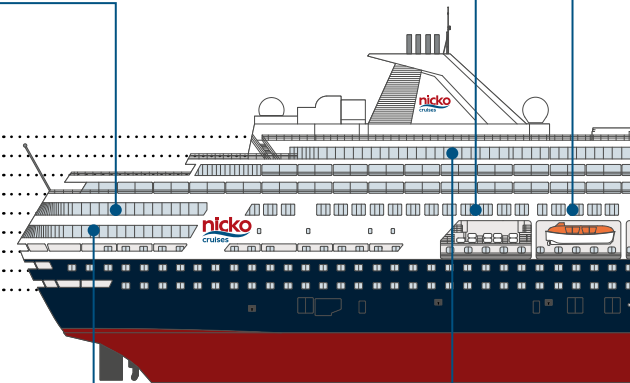
At the classic Waterfront Restaurant, we serve international specialities. Select your meal from a diverse menu, which is stylishly served to you at your table. You can also enjoy breakfast at the Waterfront Restaurant. Of course, you will regularly find Portuguese delicacies on the menu as well as various classic dishes available every day.



## Specialities in The Grill restaurant

Enjoy a special evening in an intimate atmosphere in the tastefully designed restaurant The Grill. Here, for a small surcharge, we offer top-quality, authentic steakhouse delicacies with an added Portuguese touch. Enjoy this culinary experience.

- Sports Deck 12
- Lido Deck 11
- Navigator Deck 10
- Veranda Deck 9
- Upper Deck 8
- Boat Deck 7
- Promenade Deck 6
- Main Deck 5
- Atlantic Deck 4



## Club Bistro

Welcome to our stylish buffet restaurant. At different live-cooking stations, you can put your meals together yourself, completely individually. In an informal bistro atmosphere, you will dine with the best views.

Whether in the morning, at lunchtime or in the evening, you can eat and drink here as your mood takes you.





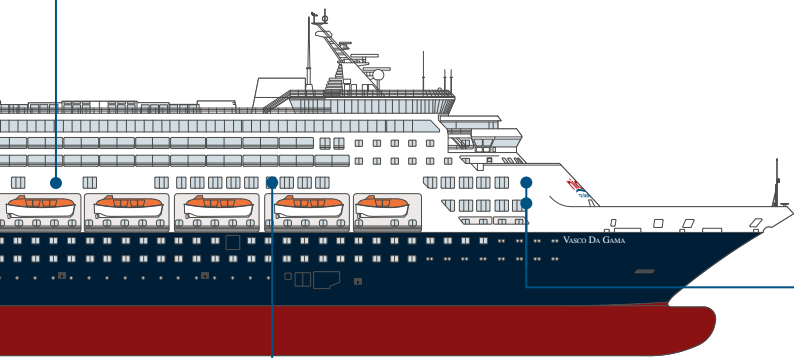
## Blue Room

As with all bars on board VASCO DA GAMA, the Blue Room also has its own unique character. In a modern atmosphere, accompanied by live music, we serve signature drinks as well as the classics. Night owls will appreciate this place in particular. It's never too late for a nightcap and the "blue hour" is one of the most beautiful of the day.



## Captain's Club

This tastefully decorated bar is the place to go for a cosy drink after an eventful day. Whisky Sour, Old Fashioned or a glass of fine red wine – for an evening in fine surroundings. Likewise for good conversation and new acquaintances, you've come to the right place.



## Ocean Bar

The Ocean Bar is a place for design fans. Its neat mix of colonial style and orangery provides a relaxing stay and is a real treat for both eyes and mind. This place always exudes charm no matter what time of the day it is. Enjoy an aperitif or a delicious tea with fine biscuits.



## Hollywood's

Shows and entertainment – quite clearly an important part of any cruise. Our very own "Hollywood" on the sea provides the best entertainment. The theatre extends over two decks, forming the artistic heart of your ship. Music, acting, artistry – you won't cease to be amazed.





## Oasis pool

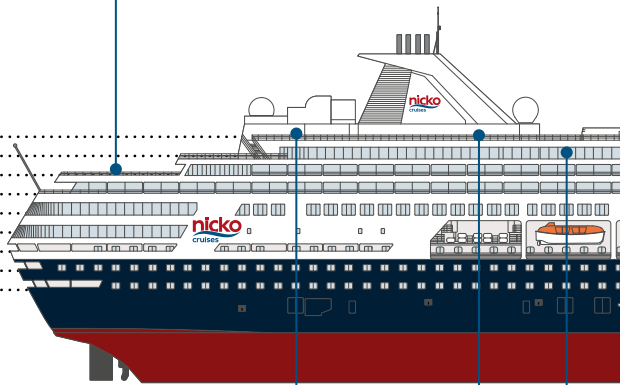
At the rear on Deck 10, this pool really is an oasis for relaxation, with a wonderful sea view and a constant fresh breeze. With its peaceful location, beautiful teak-wood deck and comfortable pool loungers, the oasis pool is an inviting place where you can really switch off.



## Pool with sliding glass roof

There are two pools available on board VASCO DA GAMA. Whatever the temperature outside, you can always cool off or swim a few lengths in the main pool on the Lido Deck. That's because the modern sliding glass roof can either be left open in good weather, bringing in the warm summer air and sunshine, or when the temperature drops, it can be closed.

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## Children's area

We don't just provide childcare for our youngest guests in the holiday periods. The children's area on board VASCO DA GAMA extends over two decks and also has an outdoor area with plenty of space for fun and adventures, making your family holiday on board the ship a varied and relaxing time for all family members.



## Outdoor sports areas

Would you like to do some sport out in the fresh air during your cruise? Our two separate outdoor sports areas give you a range of different options. For example, you can play a round of paddle tennis or run a few miles around the jogging track.





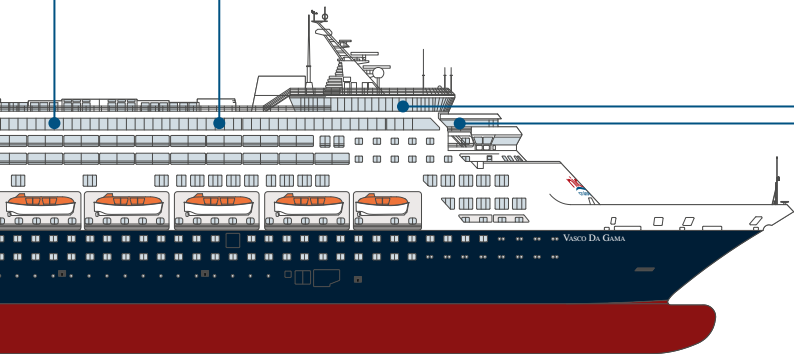
## Alfresco Grill

Do you just feel like eating a little something now and then? Then the Alfresco Grill right next to the pool on the Lido Deck (Deck 11) is the perfect place for you, offering a range of different snacks every day that you can look forward to and really enjoy.



## Dome and night club

For a fantastic finish to your eventful day on the cruise, enjoy world-class drinks and cocktails with the best view in the “Dome” bar. And if you really want to let go and party, pop over to the night club with its catchy beats.



## Fitness centre and wellness area

For your very own physical wellbeing, our fitness centre with cardio machines and our wellness area with sauna, steam bath and massage (for a fee) are available. Whether you want to do some sport yourself or would rather relax and let yourself be pampered – you’re in the right place!

## Lido bar and Cappuccino’s

Fancy a refreshing soft drink or a coffee speciality in the fresh air and with the best view? Or you might want a delicious Italian ice cream – with over 20 flavours on offer, we have something to suit every taste. It isn’t far to get from your pool lounge and there’s nothing to stand in the way of a relaxing day on deck.



# Family holiday on VASCO DA GAMA.



## Suitable accommodation for the whole family

On board VASCO DA GAMA, families with children can enjoy a host of different benefits. **Children under 16 years travel free when accompanied by two full-paying adults\***. Most of the cabins offer sufficient space for additional or upper beds. There is also a limited number of **family cabins with a liaison door**. Here too, you get the connecting cabin free for at least one child under 16 when you pay full price for at least two adults. Older children and adults only pay 80€ per person per night's accommodation in the connecting cabin. There are also attractive offers for **single travellers with children** on all of our departures.

## Enjoyment for all ages

In the **restaurants, we naturally offer delicious children's menus and high chairs are available**. Most bar areas offer space for you to enjoy time together playing cards and a delicious alcohol-free cocktail. An **alcohol-free Kids & Teens beverage package** means you can keep an eye on your expenses and your children can help themselves whilst on board.

## Discoveries ashore

Our cruises on VASCO DA GAMA are all about making discoveries. To ensure that even the youngest in your family can enjoy unforgettable experiences, you can select from a range of **family-friendly excursions**. Whether it's visits to leisure parks, relaxed transfers to the beach, wildlife observations or child-friendly adventures in the most beautiful cities in the world: here, there's something for everyone.



## Example calculation

(4 full-paying adults and 3 children under 16 years)

### Route T3 in category 10

Cruise price 2 full-paying adults	5,458€
Cruise price 3rd and 4th full-paying adults	+ 1,600€
Cruise price 3 children under 16 years	+ 0€
<i>Accommodation in two cabins with liaison doors</i>	

### less discounts

less 10% Ultra Early Booking Discount	- 706€
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### plus additional services

Classic beverage package (4 full-paying adults)	+ 1,160€
Kids & teens beverage package	+ 360€

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**Your total cruise price for 7 persons** = 7,872€

**Your savings** **706€**

## Fun and entertainment – also outside of the holiday season

**The children's area on board VASCO DA GAMA extends out over two decks.** Up to four supervisors create ever new and exciting experiences with care. The interior is divided into several different light-flooded areas, so that, depending on age, each of the children's activities can be carried out without disturbing the other activities going on. **For little ones, it is a real games' paradise and for the older ones, the multi-media area has plenty of video game stations as well as classic table football.** Parties are guaranteed in their own disco area.

**There are other play opportunities and two stages in the wind-protected and supervised outdoor section of the children's area.** Here, the kids can try out short performances and let their creativity run wild. Have a drink in one of the bars or indulge in a massage in the wellness area – your little ones will be well cared for!

# Individual, but not alone.



## Your personal dream holiday

Would you like to explore the world on board our VASCO DA GAMA, but don't have anyone to travel with? No problem! Our **numerous offers specially for single travellers** mean you can explore the most beautiful travel destinations on your own terms. Whether you want pure culture on the western Mediterranean, an active holiday with hiking around the volcano islands of the Canary Islands or a city break during the White Nights along the Baltic sea – **you can spend your own personal dream holiday on VASCO DA GAMA.**

## Travelling with like-minded people

**Come and join the nicko cruises single traveller meet-ups right at the start of each cruise.** Enjoy a coffee or a cocktail in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know other guests travelling on their own. **This is where many friendships have been forged between like-minded people,** who have been travelling together ever since.



## Attractive offers

Even if you're travelling by yourself, you will find we are **excellent value for money**. That's because there is a cabin allocation for all dates with **a single supplement** of just 15%. Choose your ideal accommodation during your cruise from a large selection of cabin categories.



# Always first-class medical care.



The health and safety of our guests on board is always our top priority.

Here, we do not only have our proven hygiene practices for safety, a doctor also sails with us on board all our cruises on our new VASCO DA GAMA fleet. The ship's own on-board hospital is fully equipped for **first-class medical care**.

The added bonus: on board we have a **fully equipped hemodialysis station**, so even as a dialysis patient, you can experience an unforgettable holiday with us too. **This service is available on all travel dates** and is brought to you as a collaboration between nicko cruises and DiaCare AG, who have been providing holiday dialysis on ships for 40 years and are supplying a hemodialysis unit for use on board our VASCO DA GAMA. The unit is equipped with a **separate water treatment system** and has its **own emergency power supply**.



## Explore carefree

You can thoroughly enjoy your dream cruise, while we make sure that you always receive the care you need from an experienced doctor and other dialysis professionals. **Treatment times are planned around the excursions on offer**, so you don't have to pass up any of the cruise experiences and can enjoy the travel highlights, amenities and special atmosphere on board our ship both before and after your treatment.

## DiaCare – a reliable partner

If you decide to book a voyage of discovery with dialysis treatment, **a dialysis doctor from DiaCare can support with the preliminary planning of your cruise**, for example by providing a form for a doctor's letter and a predefined application for a health insurance company. Find out from DiaCare if there are any free dialysis places on your requested cruise (Tel. +49 (0) 40 6077 338 20). If you want to book your dream cruise or would like some reliable advice about our cruises with dialysis service, please get in touch with your travel agent or contact us directly.





# Cape Verde & West Africa

## Dream beaches, wild valleys and African exoticism

Cape Verde enchants its guests with a variety of scents, sounds, countryside and people. A colourful blend of circumnavigators, fishermen, chefs, poets and musicians has always characterised this small archipelago. Nine inhabited dots in the middle of the Atlantic, from mountain green to dune yellow, from volcanic to steppe-like, invite you to go on an island-hopping adventure packed with variety. We have selected the five most beautiful ones for you. Immerse yourself in the originality of Cape Verde, be inspired by the cheerfulness of the Cape Verdeans and try some of the typical Cachupa, a type of stew made from corn, beans and fish or meat.

Dakar, the capital of Senegal, is a surprisingly lively metropolis with just over a million inhabitants on a headland jutting far out into the Atlantic. In 1444, the Portuguese seafarer Dinis Dias discovered the region and named the green peninsula "Cabo Verde" in contrast to the surrounding desert regions. Incidentally, it was this description that gave Cape Verde its name.



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 **Cape Verde & West Africa**

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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## CAPE VERDE

### The green island in the north

**Santo Antão** is a paradise for hikers. Start your exploration in the main town of Porto Novo: colourful fishing boats, children skipping and playing, shared taxis vying for passengers, women selling goat cheese and schnapps when the ferries dock. Are you tempted by the contrasting north with its rugged mountains, spectacular views, deep gorges and terraced fields? Follow the arduous path taken by the farmers' wives from the mountains into the fertile valley of Vale do Paúl, where dragon trees and figs grow. Or are you tempted by the "wild west", which you can reach by jeep off the beaten track? Whatever you decide, Santo Antão is a brilliant start to our Cape Verde cruise. **Route K1**



Santo Antão

### Culture centre of Cape Verde

Mindelo on São Vicente is a must-see; even the circumnavigators dock here. Stroll through the city and visit small shops, the quaint fish market, cafes and museums. Don't miss the famous city park and the Praça Nova district with its pastel-colored stucco villas. Go on a bus tour and experience the São Vicente countryside characterised by mountain massifs and volcanic craters; enjoy a spectacular view across the island from Monte Verde (744 m). **Route K1**



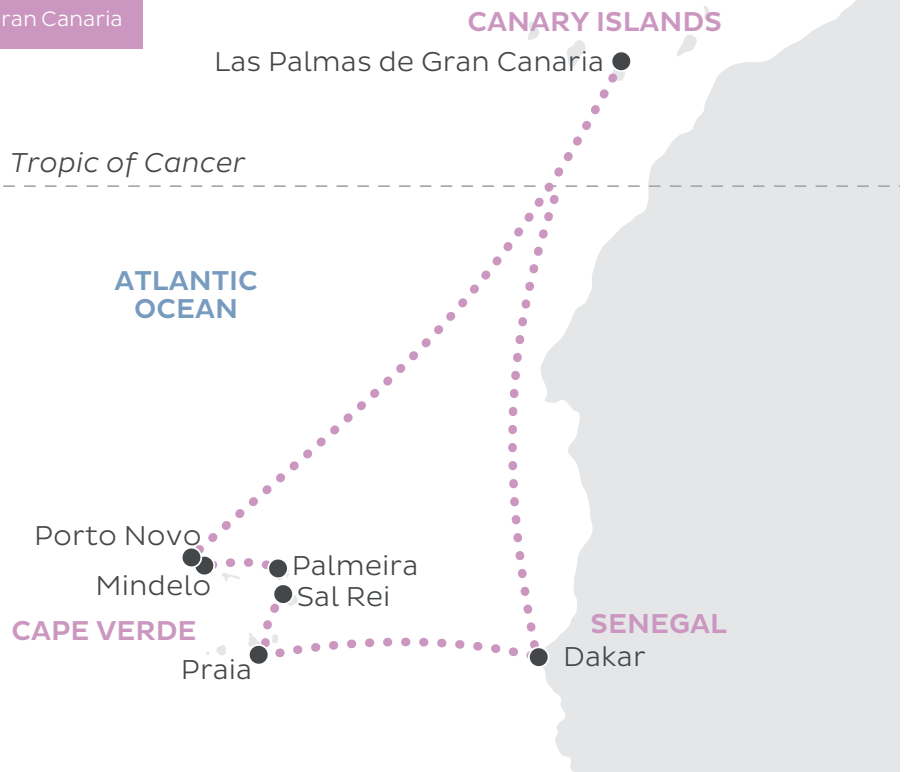
Fishing boats on Cape Verde

### The most beautiful beach in the country

The island of **Sal** is a picture-book holiday island. Here the sun shines 350 days a year attracting more than just windsurfers, divers and sun worshippers. "Sal" means "salt", and Pedra de Lume is a disused salt mine where you can still enjoy a salt water bath to this day. We will take you ashore in the small port town of Palmeira. Ponta Preta is extremely popular with (wind)surfers because, depending on the air movement, this is where you will find the best and fastest waves in the world. You can feel the adrenalin just watching them. Buracona is a natural seawater basin with a special colour effect: light shines blue through a hole in a lava tongue. The highlight of the island is the fine sand from the city beach in Santa Maria, Cape Verde's most important tourist resort. Nightlife, souvenir shops, bars, cafés – there's always something going on here. **Route K1**



Musical sounds of Cape Verde



## Desert landscapes

**Boa Vista** is holiday island number two. Desert fans will be thrilled. The starting point for our excursions is the small but colourful port town of Sal Rei (“Salt King”). The church, cultural centre and market can be explored on foot. The fine sandy beach of Praia de Santa Mónica, a good 18 km long, is named after the Californian city of Santa Monica. Only the current prevents swimming. The sandy desert Deserto de Viana is also impressive. In 1968, a freighter ran aground off the north coast; the shipwreck is now a well-known photo motif. Back in Sal Rei, your gaze will be drawn upstream to the island of Ilhéu de Sal Rei, a place that attracts sea kayakers with its column-like basalt formations. **Route K1**

## Where it all began

The capital city of Praia on **Santiago** is where European and African influences merge. Here, you see what “creol” means and you can feel the African influence of the mainland in the markets. In the Mercado Municipal your palate will truly get its money’s worth: papayas, mangos, guavas, sweet potatoes and many other exotic fruits are peddled by women with colourful headscarves. The Palácio da Cultura Ildo Lobo is a meeting place for artists, musicians and painters. At the presidential palace, on the other hand, you are not allowed to take any pictures. To understand Cabo Verde, a visit to the Cidade Velha is a must; the old town with houses dating back to the 15th and 16th century is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. But Santiago also has a lot to offer in terms of scenery: mountain massifs up to 1,394 m, the fertile Assomada plain, sandy beaches, coconut palms and sugar cane and banana plantations. **Route K1**

For more information, see:

[www.nicko-cruises.info/cape-verde-west-africa/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/cape-verde-west-africa/vdg)

## SENEGAL

### In the capital city of Senegal



**Dakar** is the westernmost city on the African mainland and also the economic center of the country. Stroll through the historical old town and you can’t help but be amazed: magnificent buildings from the colonial period, quaint markets, a cathedral and a large mosque. A contrasting program is an excursion to Île de Gorée, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you can learn all about the dark days of the slave trade. If you love wildlife watching, you can look forward to seeing rhinos, giraffes and gazelles in the Bandia Reserve. If you would rather go for a swim in the Atlantic, there are beaches close to the city where you can do it too. **Route K1**



### Explorer facts

Vasco Da Gama's fleet stopped in Cape Verde on its voyage of discovery to India to take on provisions. It then set off on its next three-month leg, which took it on a sweeping arc across the Atlantic to South Africa.



Île de Gorée

# Sun, beach, safari. African flair in the Atlantic.

São Vicente, Monte Verde

Special price 2021  
from **1,679€**

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**1,889€\***

## 13 days Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria

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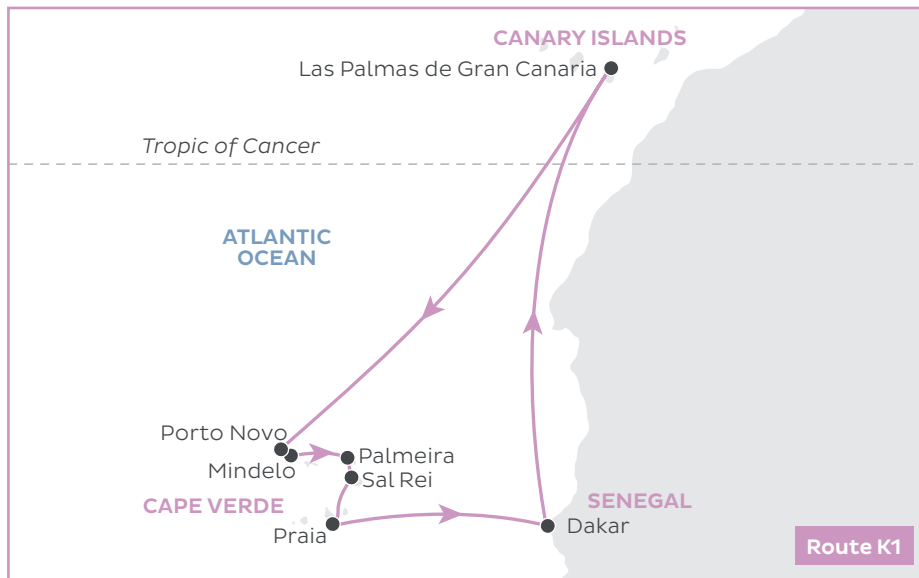
This cruise is perfect if you want to explore the unknown, you appreciate short flight distances and you are looking for some sunshine and warmth during the cold winter months. A finely-balanced mix of relaxing days at sea and adventurous shore excursions promises a relaxing yet intense holiday. From Gran Canaria we head for Cape Verde Islands. No island is like the other – you will get to know five of the most beautiful: Santo Antão, São Vicente, Sal, Boa Vista and Santiago. Dakar provides some exciting insights into the African way of life.

### Why this cruise?

- Discover the “Islands of Bliss” in all their glory
- Unspoiled island paradises, each with a character of their own
- Unspoiled nature with lush vegetation and mile-long beaches
- Experience the unique blend of Portuguese and African influences
- Experience Africa’s wildlife up close during a visit to the Bandia Nature Reserve



Senegal, Bandia Nature Reserve



With our  
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**10%** p.p.  
on bookings before 31.08.2021! \*

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
1	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	-	8:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2-3					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
4	↙ Porto Novo	Cape Verde/ Santo Antão	7:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> with a visit to the <b>Paul Valley</b> , a <b>Grogue distillery</b> and the <b>Ribeira da Torre</b> with its bizarre rocky crags. <b>Jeep safari</b> to see the sights on the <b>northwest side</b> of the island.
5	Mindelo	Cape Verde/ São Vicente	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with <b>Monte Verde</b> , the highest point of the island. <b>Guided tour</b> through <b>Mindelo</b> , Cape Verde's unofficial capital city.
6	↙ Palmeira	Cape Verde/Sal	8:30 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to Pedra de Lume</b> , enjoy a salt-water bath in a disused salt mine. <b>Day trip</b> across the island with the <b>Buracona lava cave</b> and the <b>"Blue eye"</b> , visit the island's capital city of <b>Espargos</b> , the <b>Salinas Pedra de Lume</b> and lunch in <b>Santa Maria</b> .
7	↙ Sal Rei	Cape Verde/ Boa Vista	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Round trip</b> through the north of the island with a visit to the <b>shipwreck Cabo Santa Maria</b> . <b>Off-road tour</b> to the <b>Viana Desert</b> , the famous <b>Santa Monica beach</b> and tour in <b>Sal Rei</b> .
8	Praia	Cape Verde/ Santiago	9:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	Guided tour through the old town of <b>Cidade Velha</b> , listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the island's capital city of <b>Praia</b> with a visit to the <b>Real de São Filipe fortress</b> . <b>Tour of Praia</b> with a stop at the <b>weekly market</b> and the <b>Ethnographical Museum</b> .
9					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
10	Dakar	Senegal	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Safari</b> in the <b>Bandia Nature Reserve</b> . Guided tour with a visit to the <b>Ethnological and Art History Museum</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to the <b>Île de Gorée</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
11-12					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
13	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

↙ VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor.

The excursions listed are just some of the onshore activities available. You will get further details about the excursion programme in good time before departure. All shore excursions can be booked individually aboard. Arrival and departure times are guidelines. This cruise may require schedule changes, the captain will decide the best course possible depending on the conditions. We reserve the right to change times, itineraries and excursion programmes.



### Explorer facts

On the Cape Verde Islands, Magellan's sailors, half-starved on the way home, obtained food and drink as "brotherly help" - and kept secret that their ship was full of expensive pepper and fine spices.



Dream Santa Maria beaches on Sal

# Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	13 days
Cruise route	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria (K1)
Travel date	28.11.-10.12.2021 • 15.01.-27.01.2022 • 27.01.-08.02.2022 • 18.02.-02.03.2022 • 19.04.-01.05.2022
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Booking code	GKG-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Cruise price	Special price ** 2021 departure
Inside cabin	01	4	4	2,099	1,679
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	2,289	1,829
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	2,449	1,959
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	2,759	2,209
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	2,819	2,259
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	2,939	2,349
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	3,049	2,439
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	3,209	2,569
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	3,439	2,749
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	3,609	2,889
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	3,609	2,889
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	3,769	3,019
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	4,199	3,359
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	4,409	3,529
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	6,279	5,019
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	9,839	7,869
Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)				free	
Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)				-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed				960	960
Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin** (category 15 und 16 on request)				+15%	+15%
<b>Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.08.2021**</b>				-10 %	-
<b>Combined Discount for two or more cruises***</b>				-10 %	-10%

\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route K1	Route K1
The classic beverage package during the cruise	348	348
The premium beverage package during the cruise	588	588
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	144	144



Senegal, île de Gorée

## Example calculation

(1 full-paying adult and 1 child under 16 years)

### Route K1 in category O1

Cruise price 1 full-paying adult 2,099€

Cruise price 1 child under 16 years 1,050€

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Classic beverage package + 348€

1 full-paying adult

Kids & teens beverage package + 144€

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**Your total cruise price** = 3,326€

**for 2 people**

**Your savings**

**315€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seating
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guides
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- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and spa area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Minimum number of participants** for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).



Gran Canaria, Bandama Crater

# Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco

## Europe's south-west

It was the early seafarers who discovered the charm of the Flower Island of Madeira and the Canary Islands. Enjoying consistently good weather, the Islands of Eternal Spring became the turnstile between the old and the new world, captivating people with the contrast between colourful plant varieties, imposing volcanic landscapes and sprawling dunes. Immerse yourself in Morocco's urban life. The markets of Casablanca, the fairy-tale world of Marrakesh and the old town of Essaouira await with warm-hearted people, exotic dishes and the unique Moroccan architecture.

Arabian influences can also be found in the south of the Iberian peninsula. Cádiz and Seville were important Muslim cities, where relics of past rulers can still be found today. The Portuguese Algarve will captivate you with its beautiful beaches. Among the striking red and gold-glowing rock formations, fishing towns like Portimão lure you in with their Portuguese specialities.



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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## CANARY ISLANDS

### Island of contrasts



The second smallest Canary Island, **La Gomera**, is green and fertile due to the trade winds in the north and is perfect for hiking. The Garajonay National Park in particular is a popular excursion destination and was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A circular walk takes you through the mystical cloud forest to beautiful vantage points and the tiny mountain village of Las Hayas. From Vallehermoso, you will get a fantastic panoramic view of the hilly green countryside and the sea behind it. In the south, sun worshippers can really get their money's worth – with a mostly cloudless sky and sandy beaches, it is the perfect spot for a bit of relaxation. San Sebastián is the capital city of the small island with large plazas, where locals meet to exchange news and where children play. Christopher Columbus was said to have once replenished his water supplies at the fountain of the former customs house.

Route T1 • T3 • T4 • T5 • T6

### Black volcanic rock & cacti

Timanfaya National Park on the island of **Lanzarote** offers a unique experience of nature. You will see huge lava fields and look into deep lava valleys, from which volcanic cones protrude. This lava landscape is unique in Europe. You will feel the rising heat from the earth as you journey through the fields and valleys up to the edge of open volcanic craters. The wonderful cactus garden of the artist César Manrique is laid out like an amphitheatre. On around 5,000 square metres, you will find 1,400 different types of cacti. The green plants, the blue sky and the black volcano stone provide a unique colour contrast. A place where art, architecture and nature come together in perfect harmony.

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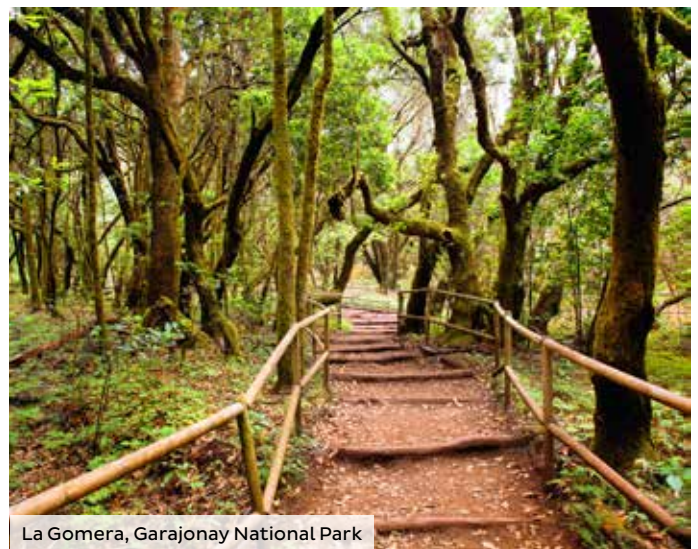


### Explorer facts

Due to their geographical location, the Canary Islands have always been a bridgehead for explorers. Columbus had his ship "Pinta" repaired on Gran Canaria and visited the Countess la Bobadilla on La Gomera. Vasco da Gama also made a stop on Tenerife like Alexander von Humboldt or Charles Darwin.



Exotic flora on the Canary Islands



La Gomera, Garajonay National Park



Timanfaya National Park on the island of Lanzarote

- Route T1** Málaga-Madeira-Fuerteventura-Gran Canaria
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- Route T4** Gran Canaria-Canary Islands-Cádiz-Lisbon
- Route T5** Lisbon-Portimão-Agadir-Canary Islands-Gran Canaria
- Route T6** Gran Canaria-Canary Islands-Agadir-Madeira-Gran Canaria



## “La Isla Bonita”

**La Palma**, the fifth largest of the Canary Islands, will impress you with its rustic rocks, laurel forests, roaring waterfalls and fantastic volcanoes, such as the Teneguía, and the volcano ridge Cumbre Vieja. Go on an excursion through the volcanic Caldera de Taburiente National Park and enjoy the view of the neighbouring islands. The green island is just 417 kilometres away from the Moroccan coast and the climate is mild all year round. The island capital city of Santa Cruz de La Palma on the east coast invites you to take a stroll through its narrow lanes past the historic colonial houses. Cafés and restaurants offer homemade tapas and wine. The locals also call the island “La Isla Bonita” – the beautiful island.

**Route T4 • T5 • T6**



La Palma

## Mountain world meets sandy beaches

Maspalomas in the south of **Gran Canaria** will surprise you with its sweeping sand dunes which are six kilometres long and up to two kilometres wide: an intact nature reserve, surrounded by a diverse mountain world. Just a stone’s throw away from the bustling capital city of Las Palmas is Bandama Natural Park. Stroll through the vineyards of Tafira up to the crater of the Caldera de Bandama. The cone can be seen from quite a distance and offers a wonderful panoramic view from its peak. The island’s capital city is not only perfect for a stroll through the old town; it also has a sandy beach, “Las Canteras”, which stretches for several miles across the whole bay.

**Route T6**



Maspalomas sand dunes on Gran Canaria

## SPAIN

### Andalusian flair

**Cádiz** in Andalusia is an old Spanish harbour city. Built on a headland, it is surrounded on almost all sides by the sea. More than 100 watch towers were traditionally used to look out for merchant and expedition ships. From Cádiz, you can visit Seville, Andalusia's capital city. The gothic cathedral there is where you will find Christopher Columbus' tomb. Not far from Cádiz is Jerez de la Frontera, well known for its royal Andalusian riding school and sherry production. **Route T4 • T5**



Jerez de la Frontera

## PORTUGAL

### The Flower Island in the Atlantic

**Madeira** will surprise you with its diverse and breath-taking countryside. Picturesque fishing villages, fantastic views of the steep coasts over bizarre rock formations and roaring waterfalls set the scene. The island's capital city of Funchal offers sights including the Sé Cathedral and the market hall, where you can buy everything from exotic fruits to colourful flowers and fresh fish. In the Jardim Botânico, the botanical gardens, you will not only find a multiplicity of exotic plants but you will also be able to enjoy a beautiful view across the island.

The small neighbouring island of **Porto Santo** is quieter. The island, called the "Ilha Dourada" (golden island) by the locals due to its bright yellow stone, was once home to Christopher Columbus. Today, it's a real insider's tip, particularly for swimmers and nature lovers. **Route T1 • T2 • T3 • T6**



Traditional little houses on Madeira

### Stroll on the Algarve

**Portimão** in the southern Portuguese region of the Algarve has much to offer: the old town, the port and its proximity to the beach. Its regional history is shown in the Museo de Portimão, a restored canning factory from the 19th century. The Azulejos – pictures made from blue ceramic tiles – in the Church of Nossa Senhora da Conceição are impressive. In strong sunshine, the Praia da Rocha to the south of the town looks as though it has started glowing with its ochre-coloured rock formations and Fortaleza de Santa Catarina fortress. The bustling fishing port is a great place for taking a stroll along the picturesque promenade or sitting on the benches under the shade of the trees. **Route T4 • T5**



Algarve coast

## MOROCCO

### Moorish style meets art deco

The word **Casablanca** means "The White House". This harbour city is the largest city in Morocco with more than three million inhabitants. Founded in the 8th century, this settlement has always been disputed. Portuguese, Spaniards and French joined its inhabitants. The cityscape is dominated by the great Hassan II mosque with space for 25,000 faithful worshippers and a minaret of 210 metres in height, the tallest of its kind in the Islamic world. The city is also home to Moroccan Jews, who run over 300 synagogues. The bustling Boulevard de la Corniche runs along the coast. **Route T2 • T4 • T5 • T6**



Casablanca, Hassan II mosque

## Royal city by the sea



**Rabat** is the capital city of Morocco and is the only one of the four royal cities to be located by the sea. A massive city wall surrounds the old town, Medina, whose bazaars by Andalusian immigrants in the 17th century were surprisingly European in character. You must visit the neighbouring district Kasbah of the Udayas. In the old fortress complex, which was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, little white and blue whitewashed houses gleam bright in the sunshine. At the imposing royal palace, the traditional changing of the guard can be observed several times a day.

**Route T2 • T4 • T5 • T6**



Rabat, old town

## Northern Morocco

**Tangier** is situated in the far northwest of Morocco on the Straits of Gibraltar. The city has always been a crucible of different cultures. The Anglican church of St. Andrew was built in Moorish style and the city itself also boasts a number of European and Mediterranean building styles. The Cave of Hercules, where according to the legend he found refuge, is worth a visit. In fact it was inhabited in the sixth millennium before Christ.

**Route T1 • T3**

## Architectural masterpieces

The Moroccan city of **Agadir** has one of the most beautiful and most popular beaches in the country. It is no wonder that the city is a popular holiday destination. In this picturesque old town, you feel as though you are in a story from the Arabian Nights.



Agadir, Medina



Make the most of this day trip to **Essaouira** to get to know this idyllic harbour city on Morocco's Atlantic coast. Its old town is surrounded by ramparts and a fortress, the "Scala de la Kasbah", from the 18th century. Walkers can get a fantastic view of the sea from the old city wall. Protected by UNESCO, the medina, with its picturesque houses with blue wooden doors, archways and small twisty paths, has some of the magic of the Arabian nights.

**Route T2 • T4 • T5 • T6**



Souk of Essaouira

## Oriental magic



In **Marrakesh** you will find mosques, labyrinthine lanes through the medina, magical palaces, secret gardens and bustling souks. The medina sells traditional clothing, pottery, woodcarvings and jewellery. On the central square Djema el Fna, donkey carts and mopeds make their way between food stalls. Artists, fortune tellers and snake charmers hope to arouse your curiosity. It evokes oriental magic like something out of a fairy tale. In addition, the UNESCO city also has its elegant side with mosaics, decorated wooden portals and spring fountains in quiet inner courtyards.

**Route T2**

For more information, see:

[www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg)



Marrakesh, Koutoubia mosque



## Explorer facts

In the course of the Reconquista, the reconquest of the Arabian occupied areas, the Portuguese advanced as far as present-day Morocco and established Agadir in 1505.

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## 11 days Gran Canaria-La Gomera-Fuerteventura-Madeira-Tangier-Málaga or vice versa

18.11.-28.11.2021 (Málaga-Gran Canaria) • 01.05.-11.05.2022

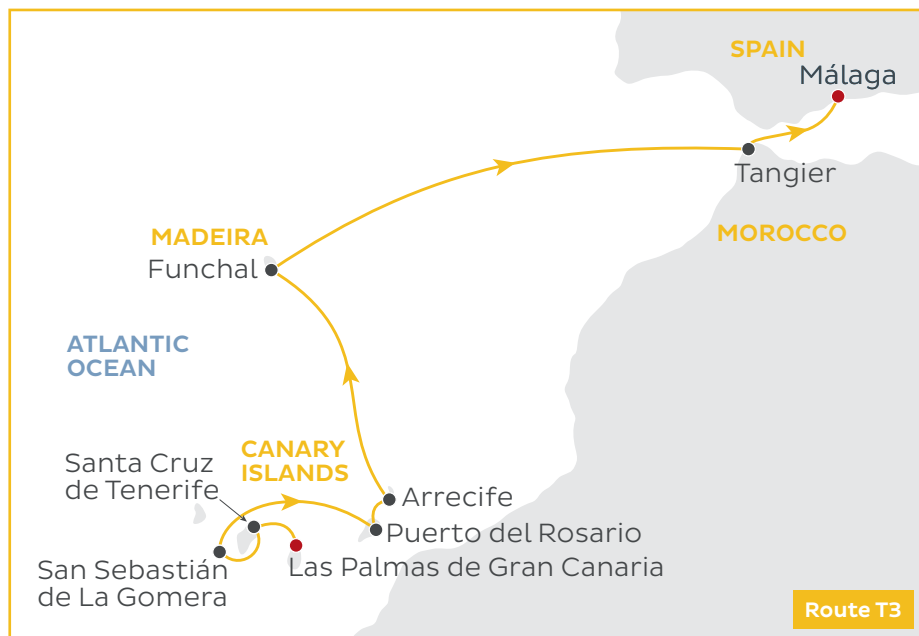
The Canary Islands amaze with their charming contrasts: their dark, volcanic ground is in some places covered with lush vegetation and in others it is sparse like lunar landscape. Bustling little fishing towns line the coasts and quiet national parks occupy the inner part of the island. The sunny Flower Island of Madeira demonstrates at any time of year why it is called the “Island of eternal spring”. With its mix of European architecture and Arabian culture, Tangier is situated at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar.

### Why this cruise?

- Take an extensive trip to five Canary Islands
- Spend at least one whole day each on Tenerife, La Gomera, Fuerteventura and Lanzarote
- La Gomera – hiking paradise and green oasis
- Fuerteventura – dune landscapes and endless beaches
- Lanzarote – rugged beauty with the unique Fire Mountains
- 24 hours on the Flower Island of Madeira with time for individual explorations
- Special highlight in May: flower festival and flower parade on Madeira



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### Explorer facts

Although the Madeira archipelago was already mapped in some old nautical charts, it fell into oblivion and was only “rediscovered” in 1418 by the Portuguese – when it was promptly colonised at the behest of Henry the Seafarer.

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
01.05.22	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
02.05.22	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Canary Islands/ Tenerife	8:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to the highest mountain in Spain, the <b>El Teide volcano</b> in the <b>Las Cañadas National Park</b> . Guided <b>tour of Laguna</b> with a <b>visit to a local bodega</b> and wine tasting.
03.05.22	San Sebastián	Canary Islands/ La Gomera	8:00 a.m.	-	<b>Day trip</b> with stop at the <b>highest point of La Gomera</b> , a <b>visit to Gran Rey Valley</b> and a typical local lunch in <b>Arure</b> . <b>Panoramic tour of La Gomera</b> .
04.05.22	San Sebastián	Canary Islands/ La Gomera	-	2:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic tour of Northern La Gomera</b> . <b>Forest hike</b> in the <b>Garajonay National Park</b> .
05.05.22	Puerto del Rosario	Canary Islands/ Fuerteventura	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> of Fuerteventura with a <b>visit to an Aloe Vera plantation</b> and a <b>goat farm</b> with tasting session. <b>Explore</b> the north in an off-road vehicle, including a stop-off at the <b>El Caldera volcano</b> and <b>Playa Aguila</b> . Evening <b>Jeep safari</b> with tapas tasting.
06.05.22	Arrecife	Canary Islands/ Lanzarote	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with a <b>visit to Timanfaya National Park</b> and its impressive volcanic landscape. <b>Excursion</b> to the <b>Manrique Cactus Garden</b> and <b>Museum of Contemporary Art</b> .
07.05.22	Funchal	Portugal/Madeira	6:00 p.m.	-	Time for individual exploration.
08.05.22	Funchal	Portugal/Madeira	-	5:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip</b> across the <b>Flower Island of Madeira</b> . <b>Visit to the botanical gardens</b> .
09.05.22					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
10.05.22	Tangier	Morocco	9:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>“Highlights of Tangier”</b> with a <b>visit to the Caves of Hercules</b> . <b>Excursion to Tetouan</b> including a <b>tour in Medina</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
11.05.22	Málaga	Spain	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

## 11 days Málaga-Tangier-Madeira-Fuerteventura-La Gomera-Gran Canaria (Route T1)

Slightly amended programme in reverse order, see [www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg)

The excursions listed are just some of the onshore activities available. You will get further details about the excursion programme in good time before departure. All shore excursions can be booked individually aboard. Arrival and departure times are guidelines. This cruise may require schedule changes, the captain will decide the best course possible depending on the conditions. We reserve the right to change times, itineraries and excursion programmes.



La Gomera, Roque de Agando

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Madeira, botanical garden

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## 11 days Gran Canaria-Madeira-Casablanca-Agadir-Lanzarote-Tenerife-Gran Canaria

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Explore the Canary Islands, Madeira and Morocco with extended layovers in the evening too. While other ships set sail again, you can stroll through the quiet, evening streets in Funchal or experience Casablanca at night. There is plenty of time for day trips and own leisure time in the other ports too, for example on the Canary Islands, whose volcanic origins shape the lives of the residents and the vegetation on the islands.

### Why this cruise?

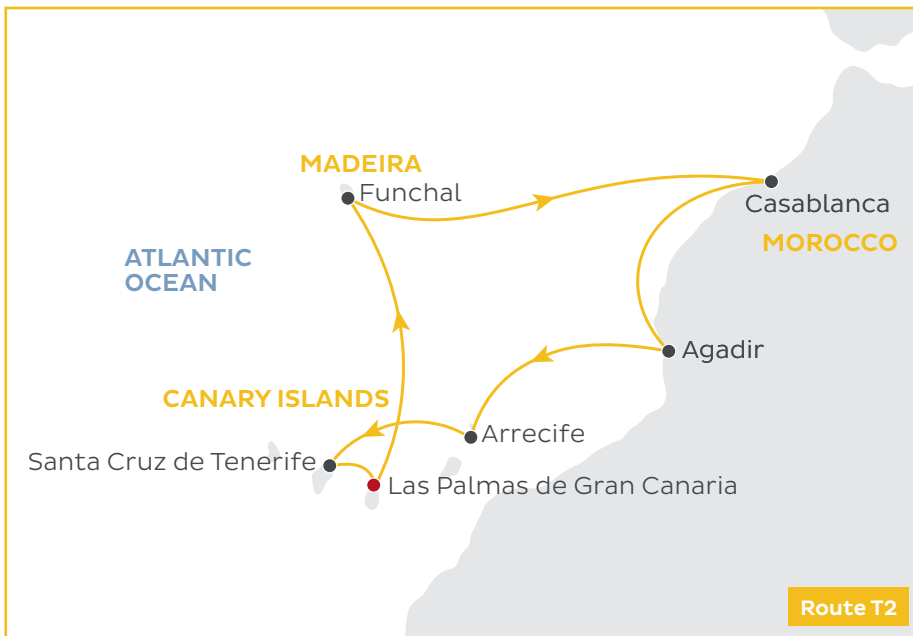
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Tenerife, Santa Cruz beach

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## Itinerary

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1	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	-	8:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2	Funchal	Portugal/ Madeira	4:30 p.m.	-	Time for individual exploration.
3	Funchal	Portugal/ Madeira	-	6:00 p.m.	<b>Cable car and wicker sledge ride with wine tasting in Madeira. Tukxi journey</b> through Funchal's hidden lanes and corners. <b>Panoramic trip</b> across the Flower Island of Madeira. A visit to the botanical gardens.
4					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
5	Casablanca	Morocco	7:00 a.m.	-	<b>Day trip to Rabat.</b> Guided tour to Marrakesh, the "Pearl of the South".
6	Casablanca	Morocco	-	12:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> through the Moroccan metropolis with the impressive Hassan II mosque. <b>Morocco up close</b> on a visit to the Dar Al Ala Museum (House of Music) and a stroll through the market.
7	Agadir	Morocco	7:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip to Essaouira</b> with a tour in Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. <b>Moroccan folklore show</b> and delicacies in the Berber palace.
8					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
9	Arrecife	Canary Islands/ Lanzarote	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with a visit to Timanfaya National Park and its impressive volcanic landscape. <b>Excursion to the Manrique Cactus Garden and Museum of Contemporary Art.</b>
10	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Canary Islands/ Tenerife	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to the highest mountain in Spain, the El Teide volcano in the Las Cañadas National Park. <b>Guided tour of Laguna</b> with a visit to a local bodega and wine tasting.
11	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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### Explorer facts

A Portuguese expedition explored the Canary Islands in 1341 – however, this did not include Tenerife, which was called the "Insula de Inferno – Island of Hell" on account of strange phenomena on Pico mountain.



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## 13 days Gran Canaria-Tenerife-La Gomera- Lanzarote-Casablanca-Cádiz-Lisbon or vice versa

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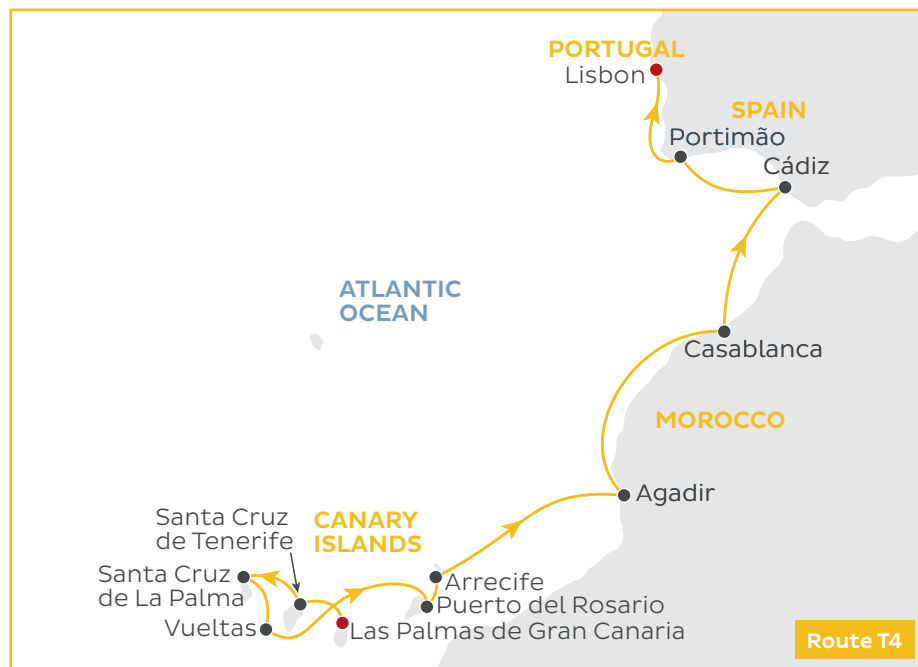
The Teide, Spain's highest mountain and a landmark in Tenerife, can be seen from miles around. On La Gomera, a forest walk leads you to the magical Garajonay National Park. Try out the local delicacies of the Canary Islands on the many excursions! In Morocco, don't miss the World Heritage City of Essaouira and the souk in the state capital Rabat. From Cádiz, the cruise continues on to Seville, the birthplace of flamenco. The little Portuguese fishing town of Portimão and a tour along the Algarve complete the cruise.

### Why this cruise?

- From the Canary Islands along the sunny coast of North Africa and southern Europe
- One full day each on five Canary Islands in the mild spring
- Lively markets, historical cities and magical desert in Agadir and Casablanca
- Succumb to the special charm of Andalusia
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Rabat, Mausoleum of Mohammed V



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3	Santa Cruz de La Palma	Canary Islands/ La Palma	8:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour of Santa Cruz</b> , including the <b>La Cumbrecita viewpoint</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to the <b>Caldera volcano national park</b> with wine tasting. <b>Day trip</b> to the <b>Roque del Los Muchachos</b> and <b>El Time</b> with a <b>visit</b> to the <b>La Zarza cultural park</b> .
4	Vuelatas	Canary Islands/ La Gomera	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip</b> in Northern <b>La Gomera</b> . <b>Forest hike</b> in the <b>Garajonay National Park</b> .
5	Puerto del Rosaria	Canary Islands/ Fuerteventura	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> of Fuerteventura, with a visit to an <b>Aloe Vera plantation</b> and a <b>goat farm</b> including a tasting session. <b>Explore</b> the north in an off-road vehicle, including a stop-off at the <b>El Caldera volcano</b> and <b>Playa Aguila</b> .
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7	Agadir	Morocco	9:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to <b>Essaouira</b> with a <b>tour</b> in <b>Medina</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site. <b>Moroccan folklore show</b> and delicacies in the <b>Berber palace</b> .
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10	Cádiz	Spain	12:00p.m.	10:00p.m.	<b>Excursion</b> to <b>Jerez de la Frontera</b> with sherry tasting and tapas. <b>Guided tour</b> through <b>Cádiz</b> , the oldest city in Western Europe.
11	Portimão	Portugal	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion</b> to the coastal towns of <b>Lagos</b> and <b>Sagres</b> on the Algarve. <b>Jeep tour</b> through the mountains and villages of the Algarve.
12					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
13	Lisbon	Portugal	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

## 13 days Lisbon-Portimão-Cádiz-Agadir-Canary Islands-Gran Canaria (Route T5)

Slightly amended programme in reverse order, see [www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/canary-islands/vdg)

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# Holidays under palm trees: Canary Islands & Madeira in depth.

Lanzarote, Papagayo Beach

from **2,129€\***  
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## 17 days Gran Canaria-La Gomera-El Hierro-Tenerife- Casablanca-Madeira-Lanzarote-Gran Canaria

20.12.2021-05.01.2022

The highlight in the nicko cruises calendar! Join us on a 17-day cruise to the most beautiful Atlantic islands with a detour to the Moroccan coast. Spend your Christmas holidays on the Canary Islands and get to know all seven of the main islands in depth. In Morocco, visit the oriental Agadir, point of departure for an exciting excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Essaouira, and the romantic Casablanca. On New Year's Eve, experience the spectacular firework display in the port of Funchal, which is one of the largest in the world.

### Why this cruise?

- Escape the winter and leave the festive stress behind
- Extended layovers with numerous overnight stays
- Canary Islands complete with the gems El Hierro and La Palma
- The insider tip in the Atlantic: Porto Santo
- New Year's Eve fireworks against an unforgettable backdrop on the Flower Island of Madeira
- Immerse yourself in oriental culture in Agadir and Casablanca



Gran Canaria, Bandama volcanic crater



**Explorer facts**

The former Berber settlement in Casablanca, whose roots date back to the 8th century, became a feared pirate haunt in the 15th century. In 1575, following numerous attempts, the Portuguese succeeded in their conquest and gave the place the name Casa Branca.

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
20.12.21	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	-	-	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
21.12.21	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	-	6:00 p.m.	<b>Hike to the Bandama crater</b> and a <b>visit to a vineyard</b> with a wine tasting. <b>Excursion to the south of Gran Canaria</b> and the impressive <b>dunes of Maspalomas</b> .
22.12.21	San Sebastián	Canary Islands/ La Gomera	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip</b> of Northern <b>La Gomera</b> . <b>Forest hike</b> in the <b>Garajonay National Park</b> .
23.12.21	Puerto de La Estaca	Canary Islands/ El Hierro	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Hike on the Llanía pathway</b> . <b>Panoramic trip</b> across the smallest Canary Island.
24.12.21	Santa Cruz de La Palma	Canary Islands/ La Palma	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Guided tour of Santa Cruz, including the La Cumbrecita viewpoint. <b>Excursion to the Caldera volcano national park</b> with wine tasting. <b>Day trip to the Roque del Los Muchachos</b> and <b>El Time</b> with a <b>visit to the La Zarza cultural park</b> .
25.12.21	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Canary Islands/ Tenerife	8:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip to the highest mountain in Spain, the El Teide volcano</b> in the <b>Las Cañadas National Park</b> . Guided <b>tour of Laguna</b> with a <b>visit to a local bodega</b> and wine tasting.
26.12.21					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
27.12.21	Agadir	Morocco	7:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip to Essaouira</b> with a <b>tour in Medina</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site. <b>Moroccan folklore show</b> and delicacies in the <b>Berber palace</b> .
28.12.21	Casablanca	Morocco	6:00 p.m.	-	Time for individual explorations.
29.12.21	Casablanca	Morocco	-	8:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> through the Moroccan metropolis with the impressive <b>Hassan II mosque</b> . <b>Morocco up close</b> on a <b>visit to the Dar Al Ala Museum (House of Music)</b> and a <b>stroll through the market</b> . <b>Day trip to Rabat</b> .
30.12.21					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
31.12.21	↓ Funchal	Portugal/ Madeira	8:00 a.m.	-	<b>Panoramic trip</b> across the <b>Flower Island of Madeira</b> . <b>Visit to the botanical gardens</b> . <i>Enjoy the spectacular fireworks over Funchal from the ocean.</i>
01.01.22	↓ Funchal ↓ Porto Santo	Portugal/Madeira Portugal/ Porto Santo	- 8:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> across the small island of Porto Santo with wine tasting. <b>Hike to the Pico do Castelo</b> .
02.01.22	Arrecife	Canary Islands/ Lanzarote	4:00 p.m.	-	Time for individual explorations.
03.01.22	Arrecife	Canary Islands/ Lanzarote	-	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with a <b>visit to Timanfaya National Park</b> and its impressive volcanic landscape. <b>Excursion to the Manrique Cactus Garden</b> and <b>Museum of Contemporary Art</b> .
04.01.22	Puerto del Rosario	Canary Islands/ Fuerteventura	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> of Fuerteventura, including a <b>visit to an Aloe Vera plantation</b> and a <b>goat farm</b> with tasting session. <b>Explore the north</b> in an off-road vehicle, including a stop-off at the <b>El Caldera volcano</b> and <b>Playa Aguila</b> .
05.01.22	Las Palmas	Canary Islands/ Gran Canaria	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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# Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	11 days	11 days	11 days
Cruise route	Gran Canaria-Málaga (T3)	Málaga-Gran Canaria (T1)	Gran Canaria-Gran Canaria (T2)
Travel date	01.05. - 11.05.2022	18.11. - 28.11.2021	05.01.-15.01.2022 08.02.-18.02.2022
Catalogue page	50	50	52
Booking code	GAM-VDG	MAG-VDG	GMG-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Cruise price	Special price ** 2021 departure	Cruise price
Inside cabin	01	4	4	1,599	1,299	1,659
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	1,729	1,399	1,789
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	1,859	1,509	1,919
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	2,089	1,689	2,159
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	2,129	1,719	2,199
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	2,229	1,809	2,299
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	2,309	1,869	2,389
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	2,429	1,969	2,509
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	2,609	2,109	2,699
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	2,729	2,209	2,819
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	2,729	2,209	2,819
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	2,849	2,309	2,949
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	3,179	2,569	3,289
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	3,339	2,699	3,449
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	4,749	3,849	4,919
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	7,449	6,029	7,709

Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)

free

Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)

-50%

-50%

-50%

Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed

+800

+800

+800

Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin\*\* (category 15 und 16 on request)

+15%

+15%

+15%

**Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.08.2021\*\***

-10%

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-10%

**Combined Discount for two or more cruises\*\*\***

-10%

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\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route T3	Route T1	Route T2
The classic beverage package during the cruise	290	290	290
The premium beverage package during the cruise	490	490	490
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	120	120	120



Fuerteventura coast

Trip duration	11 days	13 days	17 days
Cruise route	Gran Canaria-Gran Canaria (T2)	Gran Canaria-Lisbon (T4) Lisbon-Gran Canaria (T5)	Gran Canaria-Gran Canaria (T6)
Travel date	10.12.-20.12.2021	02.03.-14.03.2022 (T4) 07.04.-19.04.2022 (T5)	20.12.-05.01.2022
Catalogue page	52	54	56
Booking code	GMG-VDG	GCL-VDG (T4) · LAG-VDG (T5)	GFG-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Special price ** 2021 departure	Cruise price	Special price ** 2021 departure
Inside cabin	01	4	4	1,329	1,999	2,129
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	1,429	2,159	2,299
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	1,539	2,309	2,469
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	1,729	2,599	2,769
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	1,759	2,659	2,829
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	1,839	2,779	2,959
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	1,909	2,879	3,069
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	2,009	3,029	3,229
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	2,159	3,249	3,469
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	2,259	3,399	3,629
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	2,259	3,399	3,629
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	2,359	3,549	3,789
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	2,629	3,959	4,229
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	2,759	4,159	4,439
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	3,939	5,919	6,319
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	6,169	9,289	9,899
Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)					free	
Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)				-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed				+800	+960	+1,280
Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin** (category 15 und 16 on request)				+15%	+15%	+15%
<b>Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.08.2021**</b>				-	-10%	-
<b>Combined Discount for two or more cruises***</b>				-10%	-10%	-10%

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\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route T2	Route T4/T5	Route T6
The classic beverage package during the cruise	290	348	464
The premium beverage package during the cruise	490	588	784
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	120	144	192



Marrakesh, Menara Garden

## Example calculation

(4 full-paying adults)

### Route T3 in category O1

Cruise price 2 full-paying adults 3,198€

3rd full-paying adult in the upper/additional beds 800€

4th full-paying adult in the upper/additional beds 800€

### less 10%

Ultra Early Booking Discount -480€

### plus additional services

Classic beverage package +1,160€

4 full-paying adults

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Your total cruise price = 5,478€

for 4 persons

Your savings

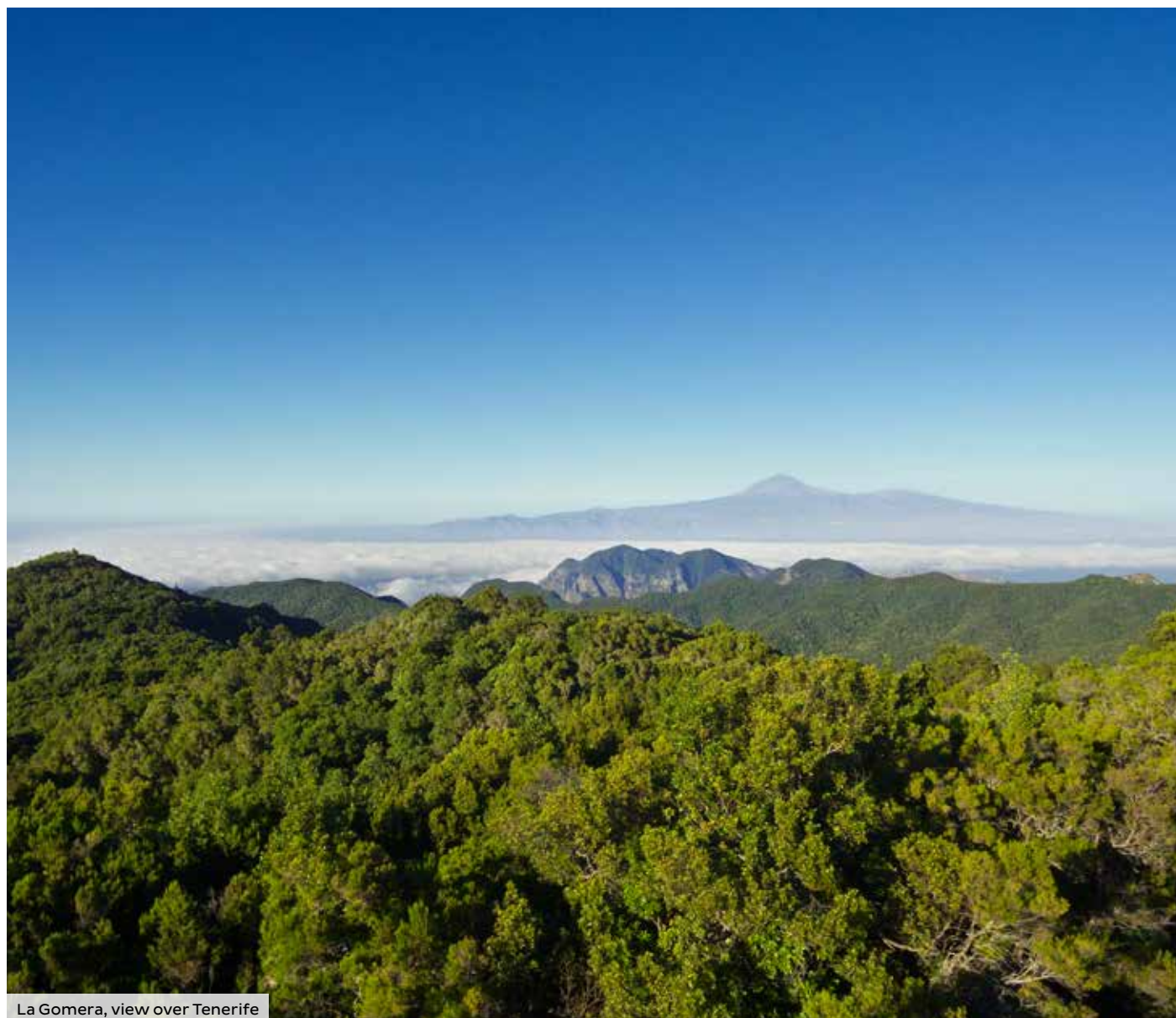
**480€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seating
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guides
- Entertainment programme and lectures on the countries visited on board
- Childcare and a large children's area extended over two decks with indoor and outdoor areas
- English-speaking service on board
- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and wellness area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Minimum number of participants** for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).



La Gomera, view over Tenerife



Casablanca, Hassan II mosque

# The Azores & Western Europe

## Volcanic islands and historic metropolises

In the far west of our continent, the Ilhas dos Açores await you, a secluded archipelago of volcanic origin that has been able to preserve its ecosystem and keep it intact both on land and at sea. You would be hard pressed to find more untouched nature than this in Western Europe.

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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## THE AZORES

### The island of the volcanos

**São Miguel** is the largest and most scenic island. Here, you can marvel at the large picture book crater lakes – first and foremost the double crater lake of Sete Cidades, which has often been described as the “most beautiful valley in the world”. The 2,000-strong community of Furnas is well-known for having more than 20 hot springs with partly steaming fumaroles. Here, the geothermal energy is not only used for a cosy warm bath under the open sky, but also to cook the stew speciality Cozido in hot holes in the ground.

Route E1 • E3 • E4

### European seafaring history



**Terceira** occupies a special cultural position among the Azores islands. An essential sightseeing highlight is the capital and undoubtedly the most beautiful city on the archipelago, Angra do Heroísmo, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its Renaissance architecture and its central role in the colonial maritime trade between the Old and New Worlds.

Route E1 • E3 • E4

### The world's largest visitor's book

Faial's capital, Horta, boasts one of the most famous ports in the Atlantic. You can't miss the thousands of colourful paintings on the quay walls and floors painted by the sailing crews crossing the big pond. Countless decorated buildings in colonial style line the port. A panoramic trip across **Faial** leads to the huge crater Caldeira in the centre of the island and to the lunar landscape Ponta dos Capelinhos in the far west, which was formed in 1957/58 by an undersea volcanic eruption.

Route E1 • E3 • E4

### Whales and volcano wine



The second largest Azores island **Pico** is dominated by the eponymous, giant 2,351 metre-high volcano. The soil is ideal for one of the most unusual wine-growing regions on the planet. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is surrounded by thousands and thousands of little stone walls. Most visitors to Pico, however, have one thing in mind: whale and dolphin watching. Sea depths of up to 3,000 metres create the perfect nursery for the young of the native sperm whales.

Route E1 • E3 • E4



### Explorer facts

Up until 1585, the Netherlands was Portugal's most important trading partner in the north. Hamburg then profited from the Dutch trade embargo, gladly picking up the flow of Portuguese goods and redistributing them via the Hanseatic League.



Terceira, Angra do Heroísmo



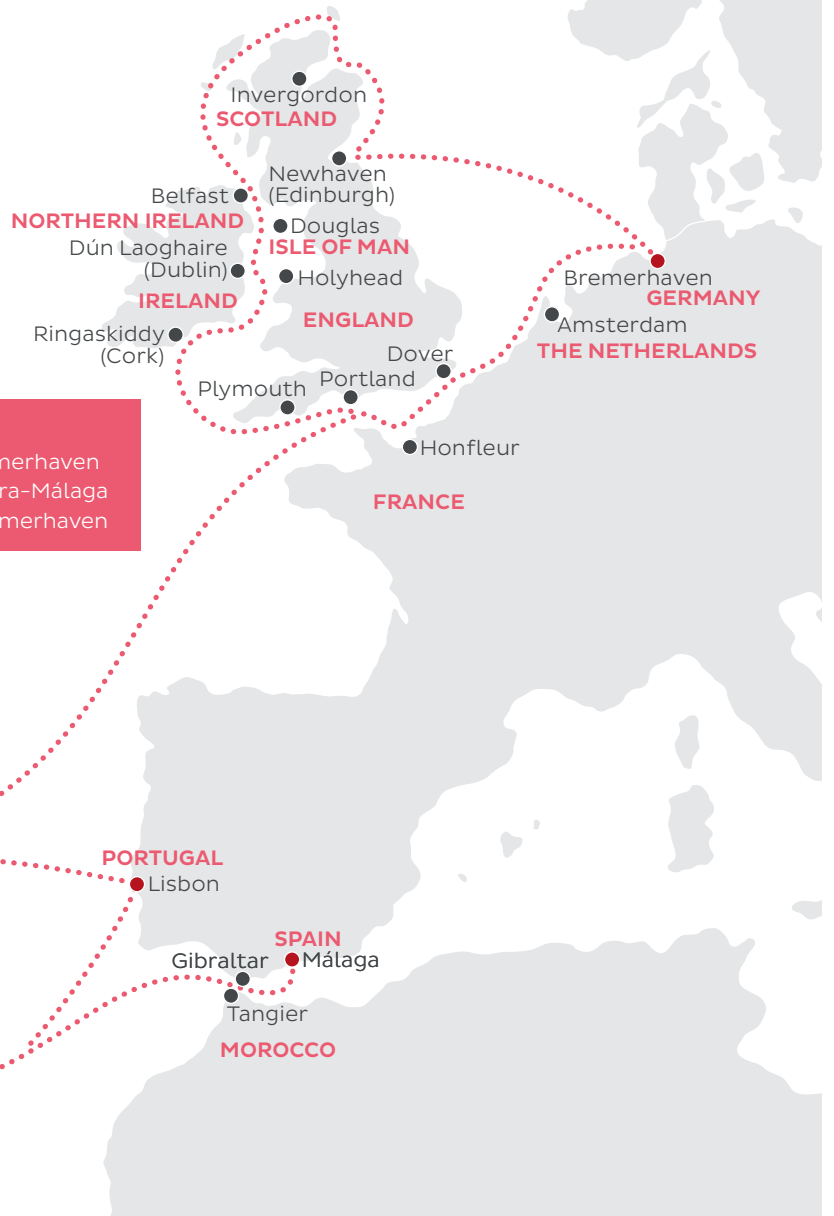
Faial, Ponta dos Capelinhos



São Miguel, view of the island of Pico

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- Route E1** Lisbon-Azores-Madeira-Lisbon
- Route E2** Bremerhaven-Edinburgh-Plymouth-Bremerhaven
- Route E3** Bremerhaven-Amsterdam-Azores-Madeira-Málaga
- Route E4** Málaga-Madeira-Azores-Amsterdam-Bremerhaven



## Dragon island with a backbone



The Ilha de **São Jorge** stretches through the Atlantic Ocean as a long and narrow, but over 1,000 m high mountain ridge northeast of Pico. Its unmistakable trademarks are the more than 50 “Fajãs”: small coastal plains created by landslides and lava flows at the foot of the steep, lush green slopes, which are protected as a UNESCO biosphere reserve and in whose microclimate coffee beans and tropical fruits thrive.

**Route E1**

## Biosphere reserve with a view



The second smallest Azores island **Graciosa** deserves its name “the Graceful”. The landscape of the driest and flattest island, on which quaint trachyte villages and characteristic windmills form white dots amongst the green, appears incredibly tranquil. A visit to the gigantic sulphur cave Furna do Enxofre, to which you descend through a vent, offers a captivating programme full of contrasts.

**Route E1**



Whales off the island of Pico

For more information, see:

[www.nicko-cruises.info/western-europe/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/western-europe/vdg)

## SCOTLAND

### Whisky, castles and sea monsters



Whisky has been distilled in Scotland for over 500 years. Today, there are over 120 whisky distilleries in Scotland – don't miss the chance to visit and enjoy a tasting session!

The capital **Edinburgh** with its rectangular old town is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an extravaganza that takes place every year at Edinburgh Castle.

The Scots casually call the monster “Nessie”. For centuries, she has allegedly been making unexpected appearances in the fresh-water lake **Loch Ness** in the Scottish highlands. It is the second largest and, at up to 230 metres, the deepest of all the Scottish lakes. **Route E2**



The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

## IRELAND

### A double dose of Ireland



These two cities equally represent the Irish heritage and culture of the country. **Dublin** is the capital of the Republic of Ireland and captivates its visitors with famous pubs as centres of social life, venerable buildings, picturesque coasts and the nature of Dublin Bay.

**Belfast**, the capital of Northern Ireland, is situated in the beautiful green countryside of a bay. Its numerous sights and attractions include the central Donegall Square with its city hall and the Titanic Museum. The legendary ship was originally built in Belfast. **Route E2**



Mystical atmosphere at Loch Ness

## ENGLAND

### Experience English history and culture



Since the Roman occupation, **Dover** has been an important gateway to the European mainland, both economically and strategically. Dover Castle, the largest fortress in England, reflects the eventful English history through countless extensions and additions from the Romans to the Cold War.

Today, **Canterbury** is the global centre of the Anglican Church and home to one of the most imposing churches in England, Canterbury Cathedral.

The Welsh island of **Anglesey**, “island of the druids”, will inspire you with one of the most beautiful gardens in Great Britain and Beaumaris Castle, which was never completed.

The **Isle of Man** is best explored by steam train. The island's image is characterised by small towns and villages with superb pubs and colourful gardens. Things take a historic turn on a Viking tour. **Route E2**



Dublin



Isle of Man



### Explorer facts

In 1595, a Dutch shipping association takes its first trip from Amsterdam to Java and returns with precious pepper. The Portuguese monopoly thus starts to crumble and the Dutch East Indian company soon becomes the dominating force.

## Where the Beatles grew up



**Liverpool** naturally makes you think of the Beatles. A statue in the city centre commemorates the Fab Four and the legendary Cavern Club is still there too. Over the past decades, the romantic old town and docks have been brilliantly restored and are a great place for taking a stroll. In 2004, the whole area was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Route E2**

## Swinging London



You can visit a range of attractions in the capital of the former global empire. Buckingham Palace is the former centre of royal world power. The Queen's Gallery showcases works by Michelangelo, Holbein and Rembrandt all year round. Oxford Street is a lively shopping mecca, while Marylebone High Street is quieter. St. Paul's Cathedral is designed in the classic baroque style – and everywhere you go you can feel the vibes of Swinging London.

**Route E2**



London

## THE NETHERLANDS

### In the City of Canals, Amsterdam



The museum city of Amsterdam has something to suit every taste: The Van Gogh Museum, the Rijksmuseum with European masterpieces, the Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art or the Anne Frank House are among Europe's finest museums. Amsterdam is best known around the world for its canals. The so-called „grachtengordels“, typical canal houses, are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Route E3 • E4**



Amsterdam

## FRANCE

### A blossom on the “flower coast”

The seafaring city of **Honfleur** will delight you! Located at the estuary of the Seine, it is characterised by its picturesque houses and is one of the most charming places along the 32 kilometre-long Côte Fleurie, the “flower coast”. Renoir, Cézanne and other painters set up their easels here. The late gothic Saint Catherine's church, which has a free-standing wooden bell tower dating back to 1468, is also worth a visit.

**Route E3 • E4**



Honfleur

# Unique island archipelago: Experience the Azores in depth.

São Miguel, Grota Do Inferno vantage point at Sete Cidades

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## 13 days Lisbon-Azores-Madeira-Lisbon

14.03.-26.03.2022 • 26.03.-07.04.2022

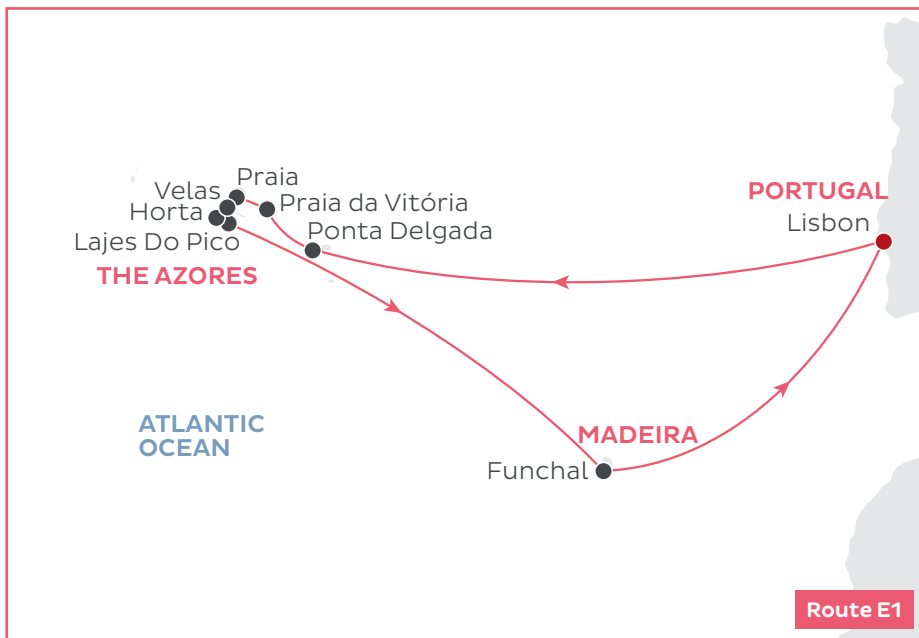
Six Azores islands provide for an unforgettable programme full of contrasts. Marvel at São Miguel, one of the large Caldeiras, and the well-known double crater lake of Sete Cidades. On Terceira, you will be impressed by the UNESCO-protected Angra do Heroísmo, a pearl from the renaissance period. Descend into an impressive volcano cave in the UNESCO biosphere reserve Graciosa. The seemingly primeval nature of the dragon island São Jorge is ideal for hiking. Enjoy the colonial charm on Faial and the cosmopolitan flair of the sailing capital of Horta. And observe whales and dolphins in their natural habitat on a boat trip to Pico. The cruise comes to an end on Portugal's Flower Island of Madeira.

### Why this cruise?

- Take time to explore the variety of the Azores across six islands
- Enjoy the most beautiful islands from early morning to late evening
- Special blend of spectacular countryside and unspoilt nature
- Unique experience: observe sperm whales at close range off the island of Pico
- Volcanic natural wonder: Bathe in hot springs and marvel at crater lakes
- A whole day of floral splendour on Madeira



Sperm whales



With our  
Ultra Early Booking Discount, save  
**10%** p.p.  
on bookings before 31.08.2021! \*

**Explorer facts**  
Vasco da Gama took a detour on his way back from India because his brother Paulo had taken ill – and had to bury him here in 1499 before he set out on the last stage of his return trip to Lisbon.

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
1	Lisbon	Portugal	-	8:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2-3					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
4	Ponta Delgada	Azores/ São Miguel	8:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour with the crater lake Lagoa do Fogo</b> and one of the most beautiful waterfalls on the island – <b>Caldeira Velha</b> . <b>Excursion to the double crater lake of Sete Cidades</b> . <b>Day trip to the Furnas Lake</b> , where the traditional “Cozido” stew is prepared with natural volcanic steam, and a <b>visit to the city in the volcanic crater: Furnas</b> .
5	Praia da Vitória	Azores/ Terceira	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Historical <b>tour</b> in the capital city of <b>Angra do Heroísmo</b> . <b>Excursion to the volcano cave Algar do Carvão</b> and to the <b>wine museum</b> with a tasting.
6	↓ Praia	Azores/ Graciosa	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip</b> with a visit to the <b>volcanic vent Furna do Enxofre</b> , one of the largest lava caves in the world, and <b>museum visit</b> . <b>Culinary excursion</b> – try the famous <b>Queijada da Graciosa</b> biscuits and <b>Aguardente</b> brandy.
7	↓ Velas	Azores/ São Jorge	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> with a scenic tour to the most beautiful <b>sights, lunch</b> and a <b>visit to a cheese dairy</b> with a tasting session. <b>Hike from Caldeira do Santo Cristo to Fajã dos Cubres</b> along one of the most beautiful paths on the archipelago.
8	↓ Horta	Azores/ Faial	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with a <b>visit to the Capelinhos volcano</b> interpretation centre. <b>Jeep safari</b> on off-road tracks across the blue island with a <b>visit to the Capelinhos volcano</b> .
9	↓ Lajes do Pico	Azores/ Pico	7:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	<b>Boat trip</b> along the coast with the opportunity to <b>observe whales</b> . <b>Panoramic trip</b> to the wine-growing region of <b>Criação Velha</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a wine tasting and a <b>visit to the Whaler’s Museum</b> .
10					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
11	Funchal	Portugal/ Madeira	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Scenic tour across the <b>Flower Island of Madeira</b> . A <b>visit to the botanical gardens</b> .
12					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
13	Lisbon	Portugal	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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São Jorge

# Highlands and chalk cliffs. Aspects of the British Isles.



Edinburgh

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## 15 days Bremerhaven-Edinburgh-Belfast- Plymouth-Dover-Bremerhaven

09.08.-23.08.2022

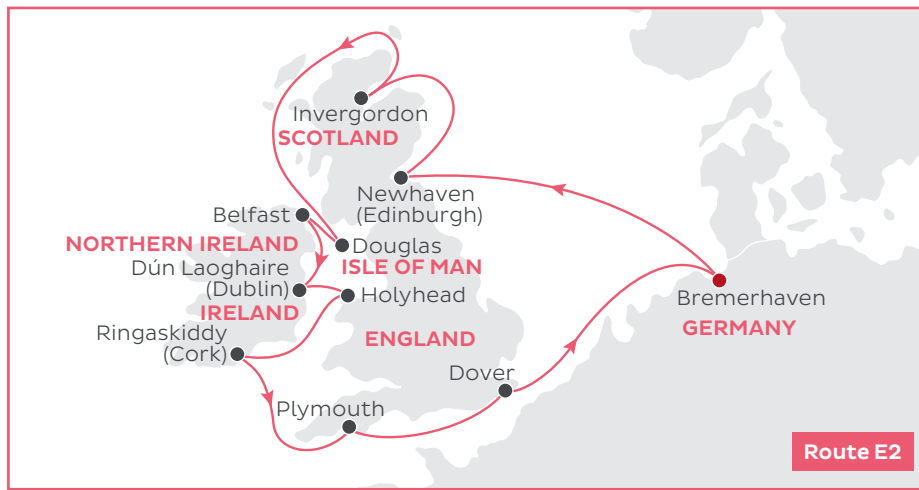
Edinburgh welcomes you with the famous Royal Mile and the 800-year-old Edinburgh Castle, where the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo takes place. Go on a day trip to Loch Ness and experience the raw, but wonderful Scottish countryside. Of course, before you leave Scotland for its Irish neighbours, you must taste some whisky. The UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Giant's Causeway, stretches out in quite spectacular fashion across the Atlantic coast. In Dublin, a relaxed and cosy atmosphere prevails. The cruise culminates in modern London or historical Canterbury with its famous cathedral.

### Why this cruise?

- Experience the spectacular music festival "Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo"
- The perfect mix of lively metropolises, dreamy countryside and highly concentrated pleasures
- Scotland's wild beauty: highlands, castles and lakes
- A jewel in the Irish Sea: Isle of Man
- Plymouth: great English seafaring tradition from Francis Drake right up to the "Mayflower"
- English garden art and elegant manor houses



Dublin



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on bookings before 31.01.2022! \*

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
09.08.22	Bremerhaven	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
10.08.22					Relaxation at sea.
11.08.22	↓ Newhaven (Edinburgh)	Scotland	7:00 a.m.	-	<b>The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – the largest music festival in Scotland. Visit the show consisting of a military march, music and dancing in traditional kilt, has taken place in front of Edinburgh Castle since 1950. A highlight of your cruise.</b>
12.08.22	Newhaven (Edinburgh)	Scotland	-	1:00 a.m.	Relaxation at sea.
	Invergordon	Scotland	4:00 p.m.	-	Time for individual explorations.
13.08.22	Invergordon	Scotland	-	6:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip “In the tracks of Nessie” with Urquhart Castle, boat tour on Loch Ness and guided tour of the Glen Ord Distillery with tasting. Dolphin safari in the Moray Firth and sightseeing tour of Inverness.</b>
14.08.22					Relaxation at sea.
15.08.22	Douglas	Great Britain/ Isle of Man	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip along the south coast with a coastal walk and a visit to the hilltop castle. Ride on the Isle of Man steam train to Erin. Day trip to Peel “in the footsteps of the Vikings” with a visit to the Ayre Lighthouse, Laxey Wheel and a pub lunch.</b>
16.08.22	Belfast	Northern Ireland	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour with a visit to the “Titanic Belfast” Museum. Day trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Giant’s Causeway.</b>
17.08.22	↓ Dun Laoghaire (Dublin)	Ireland	7:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	<b>City tour of Dublin with a visit and tasting in the Guinness Store House. Scenic boat trip through Dublin on the Liffey.</b>
18.08.22	↓ Holyhead	Wales	7:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	<b>Excursion to Liverpool with sightseeing tour. Day trip to the island of Anglesey with a visit to the “Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens”, Beaumaris Castle and boat trip around Puffin Island. Visit Caernarfon Castle ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</b>
19.08.22	Ringaskiddy (Cork)	Ireland	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to the colourful little coastal town of Kinsale and round trip around Cork. Visit to a whisky distillery with a tasting.</b>
20.08.22	↓ Plymouth	England	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	<b>Visit the Cotehele manor house with its enchanting gardens. Guided tour around Plymouth with a visit to the gin distillery and tasting.</b>
21.08.22	Dover	England	8:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip to London including the most important sights and a boat trip on the Thames. Excursion to historical Canterbury and to Dover Castle – the largest castle in England.</b>
22.08.22					Relaxation at sea.
23.08.22	Bremerhaven	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.



### Explorer facts

Vasco da Gama's family on his mother's side originally came from England. Portugal and England have maintained close relationships and a lively exchange since 1275, which led to the oldest known diplomatic contract in Europe, the 1386 Treaty of Windsor.

↓ VVASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor.

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# The variety of the Atlantic: City jewels and natural wonders.



England, Jurassic Coast

Special price 2021  
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**2,312€\***

## 17 days Málaga-Madeira-Azores-Portland- Amsterdam-Bremerhaven or vice versa

29.09.-15.10.2021 (Bremerhaven-Málaga) • 11.05.-27.05.2022

On the Strait of Gibraltar, "Little Great Britain" and the Moroccan city of Tangier are worth a trip. Experience the colonial charm of the island metropolis Funchal on Madeira and the island's year-round floral splendour. The Azores, Portugal's secluded Atlantic islands in the far west of Europe, will inspire you with their magical countryside, lush vegetation and incomparable marine fauna. After these exciting days surrounded by pure nature, Portland in England awaits you as the point of departure for excursions to picturesque, historical Dorchester and the picturesque harbour town of Honfleur on the French "flower coast". At the end of the cruise, experience the world-renowned canal scenery in the vibrant city of Amsterdam.

### Why this cruise?

- Experience the highlights of Western Europe on just one cruise
- Exciting contrasts of nature and coastal cities that exude charm
- Time-out on the Azores, a haven of peace in the Atlantic
- Get to know four of the most beautiful Azores islands in depth
- Cruise experience on the Jura coast in the English Channel: Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site
- 24 hours in Amsterdam to experience the city in depth



São Miguel, crater lake of Fogo

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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
11.05.22	Málaga	Spain	-	8:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
12.05.22	Gibraltar	Great Britain	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Gibraltar highlights</b> at the famous strait between Europe and Africa. <b>Boat trip to the dolphins.</b>
13.05.22					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
14.05.22	Funchal	Portugal/ Madeira	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	<b>Scenic trip</b> across the Flower Island of Madeira. <b>A visit to the botanical gardens.</b>
15.05.22					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
16.05.22	↓ Lajes do Pico	Azores/ Pico	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	<b>Boat tour</b> along the coast with the opportunity to <b>observe whales.</b> <b>Panoramic trip</b> to the wine-growing region of <b>Criação Velha</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with wine tasting and a <b>visit to the Whaler's Museum.</b>
17.05.22	↓ Horta	Azores/ Faial	8:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with a visit to the <b>Capelinhos volcano</b> visitor centre. <b>Jeep safari</b> on off-road tracks across the blue island with a <b>visit to the Capelinhos volcano.</b>
18.05.22	Praia da Vitória	Azores/ Terceira	8:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	Historical <b>tour</b> in the capital city of <b>Angra do Heroísmo.</b> <b>Excursion to the volcano cave Algar do Carvão</b> and to the <b>wine museum</b> with a tasting.
19.05.22	Ponta Delgada	Azores/ São Miguel	7:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	<b>Island tour</b> with the <b>crater lake Lagoa do Fogo</b> and one of the most beautiful waterfalls on the island – <b>Caldeira Velha.</b> <b>Day trip to the Furnas Lake</b> , where the traditional “Cozido” stew is prepared with natural volcanic steam, and a <b>visit to the city in the volcanic crater: Furnas.</b>
20.05.-22.05.2022					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
23.05.22	Portland	England	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Travel to <b>Dorchester</b> with a <b>guided tour.</b> <b>Excursion to the Jurassic Coast</b> , a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
24.05.22	Honfleur <sup>1</sup>	France	7:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> through picturesque <b>Honfleur.</b> <b>Connoisseur tour of Normandy</b> with tastings of local specialities.
25.05.22	Amsterdam	The Netherlands	2:00 p.m.	-	<b>Guided tour of Amsterdam</b> with a <b>canal cruise</b> past the typical merchant houses. <b>Tour of the medieval city of Haarlem</b> and a <b>visit to the Jopenkerk brewery</b> with a tasting.
26.05.22	Amsterdam	The Netherlands	-	2:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion 'Typically Holland!'</b> – scenic <b>tour</b> with a <b>visit to a windmill</b> and the <b>village of Edam</b> , well known for its cheese culture.
27.05.22	Bremerhaven	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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## 17 days Bremerhaven-Amsterdam-Portland-Azores-Madeira-Málaga (Route E3)

Slightly amended programme in reverse order, see [www.nicko-cruises.info/western-europe/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/western-europe/vdg)

For prices and services see pages 74-75.

## Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	13 days	15 days	17 days	17 days
Cruise route	Lisbon-Lisbon (E1)	Bremerhaven-Bremerhaven (E2)	Málaga-Bremerhaven (E4)	Bremerhaven-Málaga (E3)
Travel date	14.03.-26.03.2022 26.03.-07.04.2022	09.08.-23.08.2022	11.05-27.05.2022	29.09.-15.10.2021
Catalogue page	68	70	72	72
Booking code	LML-VDG	BDB-VDG	MAB-VDG	BRM-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occu-pancy	Deck	Cruise price	Cruise price	Cruise price	Special price ** 2021 departure
Inside cabin	01	4	4	2,099	2,499	2,569	2,099
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	2,289	2,699	2,779	2,269
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	2,449	2,889	2,969	2,419
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	2,759	3,249	3,339	2,719
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	2,819	3,319	3,409	2,779
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	2,939	3,469	3,569	2,909
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	3,049	3,599	3,699	3,019
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	3,209	3,779	3,889	3,169
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	3,439	4,059	4,169	3,399
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	3,609	4,249	4,369	3,559
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	3,609	4,249	4,369	3,559
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	3,769	4,439	4,569	3,729
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	4,199	4,949	5,089	4,149
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	4,409	5,199	5,349	4,359
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	6,279	7,399	7,609	6,209
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	9,839	11,599	11,929	9,729
Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)				free			
Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)				-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed				960	1,120	1,280	1,280
Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin** (category 15 und 16 on request)				+15%	+15%	+15%	+15%
<b>Ultra Early Booking Discount before 31.08.2021**</b>				-10%	-10% (before 31.10.2021**)	-10%	-
<b>Early Booking Discount before 31.01.2022**</b>				-	-5%	-	-
<b>Combined Discount for two or more cruises***</b>				-10%	-10%	-10%	-10%

\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% auf +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route E1	Route E2	Route E4	Route E3
The classic beverage package during the cruise	348	406	464	464
The premium beverage package during the cruise	588	686	784	784
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	144	168	192	192



Liverpool, Beatles statue

## Example calculation

(2 full-paying adults and 1 child under 16 years)

### Route E1 in category O1

Cruise price 2 full-paying adults 4,198€

Cruise price 1 child under 16 years 0€

### less 10%

Ultra Early Booking Discount - 420€

### plus additional services

Classic beverage package 2 full-paying adults + 696€

Kids & teens beverage package + 144€

**Your total cruise price = 4,618€**

**for 3 persons**

Your savings

**420€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seating
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guides
- Entertainment programme and lectures on the countries visited on board
- Childcare and a large children's area extended over two decks with indoor and outdoor areas
- English-speaking service on board
- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and wellness area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Minimum number of participants** for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).



Faial, the volcanic crater of Monte da Guia overlooking the island's capital city of Horta





# Mediterranean

## Picturesque islands, magnificent cities and diverse cultures

A journey through the Mediterranean takes you to the roots of European history. The Phoenicians began maritime trade long before our calendar system was born and with the Greeks and Romans came culture. In Andalusia, you will find the tracks of the Moors, who left their mark in masterpieces made out of stone, marble and colour. You will come across history and tradition throughout the Mediterranean region.

The western Mediterranean shows its most beautiful side with its varied range of flora and fauna. Picturesque islands alternate with beautiful harbours and historic cities. See the whitewashed houses of the Balearic Islands, the stony shores of the northern and western regions and the scattered islands in the sea with their turquoise blue bays. Each historic city, such as the impressive Rome or baroque Florence, is worth a visit.

You will meet all manner of people along the different Mediterranean coasts: Spaniards, Frenchmen, Italians and the inhabitants of the Mediterranean Sea islands! You will come across completely different mentalities, the reason why the Germans' favourite stretch of water is so interesting and so surprising.



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## Mediterranean

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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## SPAIN

### Following in Gaudí's footsteps



The Catalonian city is one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean. Nine buildings in **Barcelona** are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. They include the architectural wonder by Antoni Gaudí – the **Basilica de la Sagrada Família**. He only lived in the house of God from 1883 up until his death in 1926. It was only in 2010 that the German pope Benedikt was able to consecrate it. The façade of this five-aisled basilica is remarkable. He also created a stately town house, **Palau Güell**, and **Park Güell** in a mountain ridge to the north of Barcelona. A walk along the entertainment mile **Las Ramblas** is a must, where you will find hundreds of tapas bars with typical Spanish specialities.

Route M2 • M3



Barcelona, Park Güell

### A splash of colour and more

Paella, the world's most famous rice dish, was invented in **Valencia**. The impressive cathedral, home of the Holy Grail, rises up between the narrow lanes of the old town. The **Museo Bellas Artes** (Museum of Fine Arts) stands out among the countless museums in the city. In contrast to this is the **Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències** – the futuristic buildings of the science park make it look as if spaceships have landed in the former river bed of the Turia.

Route M2 • M3



Valencia, Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències

### Three millennia of history

**Cartagena** lies in a deep bay and the entrance by ship is spectacular. The city wall is still intact; forts with old cannons stand on two rocky slopes. Near the harbour, the leafy **Heroes' Square** commemorates those who fell in the Spanish-American War. You can see the ruins of the cathedral, which was destroyed during the Civil War, as well as those of a Roman amphitheatre.

Route M2 • M3

### Islamic architecture



The **Alhambra**, the massive and magnificent city castle, sprawls over Sabikah Hill above Granada. In front of it lies the remarkable **Generalife Summer Palace**.



Alhambra, Palacio de Generalife

**Route M1** Marseille-Florence-Rome-Sicily-Valletta  
**Route M2** Málaga-Barcelona-Corsica-Marseille  
**Route M3** Valletta-Rome-Florence-Barcelona-Málaga



Alhambra means “red castle”, referring to the reddish outer walls. This “city in a city” was already being modified in the 9th century. It has been changed extensively over the centuries. The Castle Hill was already inhabited as an upper town in pre-Roman times. It rose to splendour during the reign of the caliphate, when Moorish rulers dominated southern Spain. In 1492, the Catholic monarchs recaptured the region and protected the Alhambra with a towered city wall. The Alhambra, with its magnificent palaces, gardens and countless beautiful fountains, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984. **Route M2**

## An old town with charm


The mighty gothic cathedral of La Seu overlooks the port and the remains of the city wall. If you look closely, however, you will also discover the influences of other, different architecture styles, which have been added over the centuries. The old town centre of **Palma de Mallorca** sprawls out behind it with its many shops, narrow lanes and inviting tapas bars. In the port, fishing boats intermingle with luxury yachts; the beaches along Palma Bay are popular with the German and British holidaymakers in particular. **Route M2**



Old town of Palma de Mallorca

## GREAT BRITAIN

### English pubs and Spanish sun

 The peninsula of **Gibraltar** almost feels like you are in a small English town. There are cosy pubs, red phone boxes and the typical British letterboxes. Only the weather is better – with almost 2,800 hours of sunshine each year, it’s a great place to explore. Visit the Rock of Gibraltar with its cheeky animal residents or Gorham’s Cave, which was once inhabited by Neandertals and is now an important archaeological site. In 2016 it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Route M2 • M3**



Barbary macaques on the Rock of Gibraltar



Monaco, Casino de Monte Carlo

## FRANCE

### Enchanting Côte d'Azur

**Monaco** is an independent city state and a popular place for the rich and famous. The especially popular city district of Monte Carlo draws people in with its elegance and world-famous casino. Here in the principality, the stage is gallantly set to show both past and present.

Route M1 • M2 • M3

### Mighty mountains and wild nature

The island of **Corsica** is a mountain range in the Mediterranean with mountains rising over 2,000 metres high. Corsica belongs to France. It was occupied by foreign powers for centuries but has nevertheless retained its characteristic Italian culture. The capital of **Ajaccio** is also Napoleon's hometown. The family's former ancestral seat, the Maison Bonaparte, is a museum displaying family heirlooms. The cityscape is characterised by narrow lanes and old houses with red, orange and yellow façades. The small fishing town of **Calvi** in the northwest of the island is a fascinating place with its welcoming old town, too. Further up, on a small piece of headland, is the mighty citadel, which is not only home to a cathedral but also a Bishop's palace and the supposed birthplace of Christopher Columbus.

Route M2



Corsican mountain village

## ITALY

### City trip in Tuscany



A UNESCO World Heritage Site and the capital of Tuscany, **Florence** has a wealth of masterpieces of art and architecture. It is considered the most beautiful Renaissance city. Its buildings, museums and art galleries are world-class. The square in front of the cathedral is one of the most popular places for people to marvel at and take a stroll. The Ponte Vecchio, Florence's oldest bridge dating back to 1345 is also a famous landmark.

In **Pisa**, of course, you really must visit the 56-metre-high leaning tower, the bell tower of the cathedral built from pure Carrara marble. This city on the Arno river will also impress you with its medieval old town and botanical gardens established in the 16th century.

Route M1 • M3



The Leaning Tower of Pisa

## The “eternal city”



More than 3,000 years of history are concentrated in Italy's capital. From the Forum Romanum to the Colosseum: **Rome** has a wealth of attractions to offer. The Vatican City, the centre of the Roman Catholic Church, is monumental in itself. You can admire many masterpieces in St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, such as Michelangelo's frescos in the Sistine Chapel.

Route M1 • M3



Rome, Colosseum

## The city of kings



**Palermo**, the capital of the Italian island of **Sicily** and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a typical harbour city with busy markets such as the central street market Ballarò and the Vucciria market near the port. The imposing Cathedral of Maria Santissima Assunta from the 12th century and the catacombs with their spooky mummies are also worth a visit. In the middle of the narrow old town is a 35-metre wide fountain, the Fontana Pretoria. From the cathedral in **Cefalù** you get a fantastic view of the old town and the turquoise water of the Mediterranean Sea.

Route M3



Cefalù

## Sicilian history



**Taormina** on Sicily is a melting pot of cultures. Greeks, Romans, Saracens and Christian rulers whiled away their time in the city, each of them leaving behind great legacies. Numerous churches, palaces and the old city wall tell of an eventful history. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, in fact, enthusiastically reported about Taormina in his diary, the *Italian Journey*. He visited the Ancient Theatre and raved about the sensational view of **Mount Etna**. The volcano, which is still active, was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013.

Route M1



Taormina

## From antiquity to baroque



The historic Sicilian city of **Syracuse** is located on the coast of the Ionian Sea. It has more ancient ruins to offer than most other cities. The Archaeological Park of Neapolis with its Roman Amphitheatre, the Teatro Greco and the Orecchio di Dionisio, a limestone cave, are at the heart of the city. Not far from Syracuse is the **Val di Noto**. Because of its late-baroque cities, the region is under the protection of UNESCO. The provincial capital is Ragusa, one of the most fascinating cities in Sicily. One of its city districts from the 17th century is preserved in its complete baroque style.

Route M1 • M3



Syracuse

For more information, see:

[www.nicko-cruises.info/mediterranean/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/mediterranean/vdg)



### Explorer facts

It was precisely Portugal's lack of direct access through the Mediterranean to the Orient that became the geopolitical driving force behind the Portuguese setting off on their voyages of discovery around Africa and across the Atlantic to Brazil.

# Bella Italia!

## Mediterranean culture & history.



The Amalfi Coast

## 11 days Marseille-Monte Carlo-Florence-Rome-Naples-Sicily-Valletta

27.10. - 06.11.2021

There are numerous World Heritage Sites to explore on this cruise. After a detour to fashionable Monaco, this cruise will take you on to see the Italian highlights. In Pisa and Florence, you will feel as though you have been transported back to renaissance times. Experience world history up close in Rome amongst the Colosseum and the Vatican City. Make sure you try an original Neapolitan pizza before enjoying an incredible view of Capri and Stromboli Volcano on board VASCO DA GAMA. On Sicily und Malta, archaeological sites testify to a culture that is thousands of years old.

### Why this cruise?

- Travel down the entire "boot": from Tuscany to Sicily
- Extra-long layover times for in-depth experiences
- Cruise along the coast of Sorrento with breathtaking views of Capri and Ischia
- Passage through the Strait of Messina passing the active Stromboli Volcano
- Immerse yourself in the past on a visit to Pompeii



Florence



Malta, Casa Rocca Piccola city palace

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
27.10.21	Marseille	France	-	11:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
28.10.21	↓ Monte Carlo	Monaco	11:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>On foot</b> through the principality. <b>Excursion to Èze and Monaco.</b> The best views on a <b>helicopter ride</b> over Monte Carlo.
29.10.21	Livorno (Florence & Pisa)	Italy	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to Pisa</b> with the famous Leaning Tower. <b>Day trip</b> to the magnificent city of <b>Florence</b> , birthplace of the Renaissance, with a <b>visit</b> to the <b>Accademia</b> and the famous statue of David.
30.10.21	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	7:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to the fascinating Italian metropolis of <b>Rome</b> with a <b>visit</b> to the <b>Colosseum</b> . <b>Day trip</b> to the famous <b>Vatican City</b> .
31.10.21	Naples	Italy	12:30 p.m.	-	<b>Excursion</b> to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of <b>Pompeii</b> .
01.11.21	Naples	Italy	-	4:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> with a tasting session of the famous Neapolitan "Pizza a portafoglio". <b>Excursion</b> to the picturesque little coastal town of <b>Sorrento</b> . <b>On leaving Naples, enjoy the scenery of the island of Capri and the Sorrento coast from on board the ship.</b>
02.11.21					<b>Enjoy breathtaking views of the Stromboli Volcano and the passage through the Strait of Messina from aboard.</b>
03.11.21	Catania	Italy/Sicily	7:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion</b> to <b>Mount Etna</b> . <b>Guided tour</b> around Taormina with wine tasting.
04.11.21	Syracuse	Italy/Sicily	8:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Visit</b> to the impressive <b>Neapolis archaeological site</b> and <b>tour</b> of the historic city centre of <b>Ortygia</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to <b>Val di Noto</b> , the baroque jewel of Sicily. <b>Visit</b> to the historic centre of <b>Ragusa</b> .
05.11.21	Valletta	Malta	8:00 a.m.	-	<b>"Megalithic culture of Malta"</b> excursion. <b>Guided tour of Valletta</b> including a <b>visit</b> to the city palace <b>Casa Rocca Piccola</b> . <b>Mini concert</b> in the <b>Tal Harba chapel</b> .
06.11.21	Valletta	Malta	-	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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Pompeii and Vesuvius

# Culinary highlights of the Western Mediterranean.



Alhambra

from  
**1,599€\***  
Special price for this  
2021 departure

## 13 days Málaga–Cartagena–Barcelona–Monte Carlo– Corsica–Marseille

15.10.–27.10.2021

A city trip done differently: on this cruise, explore the most beautiful cities in the Western Mediterranean. Winding old towns, modern promenades and bustling streets – each town will enchant you in its own way. Use the opportunity to try the different local specialities, such as vermouth, tapas or Corsican delicacies. A highlight of the cruise is the day trip to the world-famous Alhambra, which you won't want to miss. The palace complex, shimmering red and gold, will captivate you.

### Why this cruise?

- Enjoy the Mediterranean with all your senses along the sunny European coast
- Extended layovers with overnight stays in Barcelona and Palma de Mallorca
- Marvel at the Moorish architecture in Granada's famous Alhambra
- Connoisseur tours in Cartagena, Palma de Mallorca and on Corsica
- Principality from above: experience Monte Carlo on a helicopter ride
- Called "the island of beauty" by the Greeks – explore Corsica on two days



Coast at Calvi



## Explorer facts

From 1580, Portugal, under Felipe II., was in a personal union with Spain, but also with Naples, Sicily and Milan. For Portuguese traders, this brought many advantages.

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
15.10.21	Málaga	Spain	-	11:30 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
16.10.21	Gibraltar	Great Britain	12:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Experience the <b>Gibraltar highlights</b> at the famous strait between Europe and Africa. <b>Boat trip</b> to the dolphins.
17.10.21	Almería	Spain	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to the famous <b>Alhambra**</b> . <b>Guided tour of Almería</b> with a visit to the impressive <b>Alcazaba fortress</b> .
18.10.21	Cartagena	Spain	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Explore the harbour town of <b>Cartagena on foot</b> . <b>Gourmet tour</b> with tapas and wine tasting.
19.10.21	Valencia	Spain	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Discovery tour of Valencia</b> .
20.10.21	Barcelona	Spain	9:00 a.m.	-	<b>Following in Gaudi's footsteps</b> : discover some of his famous architectural masterpieces, including the famous Sagrada Família. <b>Barcelona in the evening</b> with <b>Font Màgica</b> fountain show of light, water and music.
21.10.21	Barcelona	Spain	-	8:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> through the <b>Gracia quarter</b> with vermouth tasting.
22.10.21	Palma de Mallorca	Spain/ Balearic Islands	8:00 a.m.	-	<b>Excursion to Sóller</b> and a visit to an <b>oil mill</b> including tasting. <b>Visit to the secret dragon caves</b> of Mallorca.
23.10.21	Palma de Mallorca	Spain/ Balearic Islands	-	12:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk around Palma de Mallorca</b> .
24.10.21	Monte Carlo	Monaco	1:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>On foot</b> through the <b>principality</b> . <b>Excursion to Èze and Monaco</b> . The best views on a <b>helicopter ride over Monte Carlo</b> .
25.10.21	Ajaccio	France/Corsica	11:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Experience the <b>highlights of Ajaccio</b> on a <b>panoramic trip</b> with a <b>guided tour</b> . <b>Enjoy a tour of the old town</b> and Corsican delicacies at the market.
26.10.21	↓ Calvi	France/Corsica	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour of Calvi</b> . <b>Visit to the market in L'Île-Rousse</b> with a tastings.
27.10.21	Marseille	France	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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**\*\* The Alhambra day trip must be booked by 15.08.2021. Reservations are subject to availability and confirmation by the local administrators. The excursion costs 194€ per person.**



Spanish tapas

# Western Mediterranean in depth. From Malta to Málaga.



Palermo

from  
**1,599€\***  
Special price for this  
2021 departure

## 13 days Valletta-Sicily-Rome-Florence-Monte Carlo- Barcelona-Málaga

06.11.-18.11.2021

On this grand Mediterranean cruise, travel to the most beautiful places along the sun-drenched coasts of Italy, France and Spain. On Sicily, you can feel the irrepressible power of nature that has formed the imposing volcanic landscapes of Etna and Stromboli. Along the Italian coast, Naples, Rome, Pisa and Florence welcome you with their magnificent and historical monuments. Walk through the well-known principality of Monaco and take in the luxurious lifestyle of the Côte d'Azur. The Spanish harbour cities impress with their mix of history and modernity. Gibraltar exudes British charm.

### Why this cruise?

- Grand Mediterranean cruise: all highlights along the Italian, French and Spanish coasts
- Extended layover times with full-day stays
- Archaeological highlights on Sicily and around Naples
- Art, culture and architecture in Rome, Florence, Barcelona and Valencia
- The most beautiful region in France: welcome to Provence



Barcelona, Sagrada Família



Florence, David by Michelangelo

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
06.11.21	Valletta	Malta	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
07.11.21	Syracuse	Italy/Sicily	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Visit</b> to the impressive <b>Neapolis archaeological site</b> and <b>tour</b> of the historic city centre of <b>Ortygia</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to <b>Val di Noto</b> , the baroque jewel of Sicily. <b>Visit</b> to the historic city centre of <b>Ragusa</b> .
08.11.21	Palermo	Italy/Sicily	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the historic centre of <b>Palermo</b> with a <b>visit</b> to the ancient fishing village of <b>Cefalù</b> . <b>Visit</b> to the magnificent Doric <b>Temples in Segesta</b> .
09.11.21	Naples	Italy	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> with a tasting of the famous Neapolitan "Pizza a portafoglio". <b>Excursion</b> to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of <b>Pompeii</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to the picturesque little coastal town of <b>Sorrento</b> .
10.11.21	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Italy	7:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Day trip</b> to the fascinating Italian metropolis of <b>Rome</b> with a <b>visit</b> to the <b>Colosseum</b> . <b>Day trip</b> to the famous <b>Vatican City</b> .
11.11.21	Livorno (Florence & Pisa)	Italy	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion</b> to <b>Pisa</b> with the famous Leaning Tower. <b>Day trip</b> to the magnificent city of <b>Florence</b> , birthplace of the renaissance, with a <b>visit</b> to the <b>Accademia</b> and the world-famous statue of <b>David</b> .
12.11.21	Monte Carlo	Monaco	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>On foot</b> through the <b>principality</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to <b>Èze</b> and <b>Monaco</b> . The best views on a <b>helicopter ride</b> over <b>Monte Carlo</b> .
13.11.21	Marseille	France	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> of „ <b>Le Panier</b> “, the oldest city district in Marseille. <b>Day trip</b> to <b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b> and <b>Avignon</b> . <b>Day trip</b> to one of the most beautiful villages in France: <b>Les Baux-de-Provence</b> with a <b>visit</b> to the " <b>Quarries of Light</b> ".
14.11.21	Barcelona	Spain	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Following in Gaudí's footsteps</b> : discover some of his famous architectural masterpieces, including the famous <b>Sagrada Família</b> . <b>Guided tour</b> through the <b>Gracia quarter</b> with a short vermouth tasting.
15.11.21	Valencia	Spain	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through <b>Valencia</b> . <b>Excursion</b> to the <b>Albufera National Park</b> .
16.11.21	Cartagena	Spain	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Discover the harbour town of <b>Cartagena</b> on a <b>tour</b> . <b>Gourmet tour</b> with tapas and wine tasting. <b>Guided tour</b> through the former <b>La Unión mine</b> with a <b>flamenco show</b> .
17.11.21	Gibraltar	Great Britain	12:00 midday	10:00 p.m.	Experience the <b>Gibraltar highlights</b> at the famous strait between Europe and Africa. <b>Boat trip</b> to the <b>dolphins</b> .
18.11.21	Málaga	Spain	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.



### Explorer facts

The Indian elephant Hanno, which was sent by the Portuguese King Manuel the Fortunate as a present to Rome, was the pope's favourite animal. Unfortunately, the elephant died from improper medical treatment.

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## Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	11 days	13 days	13 days
Cruise route	Marseille-Valletta (M1)	Málaga-Marseille (M2)	Valletta-Málaga (M3)
Travel date	27.10.-06.11.2021	15.10.-27.10.2021	06.11.-18.11.2021
Catalogue page	84	86	88
Booking code	MAV-VDG	MBM-VDG	VAM-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Special price** 2021 departure	Special price** 2021 departure	Special price** 2021 departure
Inside cabin	01	4	4	1,329	1,599	1,599
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	1,439	1,729	1,729
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	1,539	1,849	1,849
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	1,739	2,079	2,079
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	1,769	2,119	2,119
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	1,859	2,229	2,229
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	1,919	2,309	2,309
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	2,019	2,419	2,419
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	2,169	2,599	2,599
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	2,269	2,719	2,719
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	2,269	2,719	2,719
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	2,369	2,849	2,849
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	2,649	3,169	3,169
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	2,779	3,329	3,329
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	3,949	4,739	4,739
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	6,189	7,429	7,429
Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)				free		
Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)				-50%	-50%	-50%
Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed				800	960	960
Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin** (category 15 und 16 on request)				+15%	+15%	+15%
<b>C Combined Discount for two or more cruises***</b>				<b>-10%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-10%</b>

\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route M1	Route M2	Route M3
The classic beverage package during the cruise	290	348	348
The premium beverage package during the cruise	490	588	588
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	120	144	144



Gibraltar

## Example calculation

(2 full-paying adults)

### Route M1 in category O1

Cruise price 2 full-paying adults 2,658€  
(all discounts already deducted)

### plus additional services

(for 2 full-paying adults)

classic beverage package 580€

**Your total cruise price for 2 people = 3,238€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seating
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guides
- Entertainment programme and lectures on the countries visited on board
- Childcare and a large children's area extended over two decks with indoor and outdoor areas
- English-speaking service on board
- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and wellness area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Minimum number of participants** for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).



Sicily, Noto

# Northern Europe

## Fjords, glaciers and colourful cities in Northern Europe

Experience Norway like never before. The interplay of water and land in Norway's spectacular fjords is fascinating. They are carved into the landscape, deep blue with waterfalls cascading off the cliffs.

These cruises are all about nature. Whether from the water or from high up in the mountains, for example on a panoramic trip to the famous mountain peak and Dalsnibba view point or on an excursion to the sled dogs: Norway will captivate you!

Along the shores, groups of charming Scandinavian villages with brightly coloured wooden houses line the barren ground. The Lofoten Islands, located far above the Arctic Circle, are surrounded by azure blue water and will captivate you with their imposing mountain backdrop. At the North Cape, one of the northernmost points in Europe, impressive countryside under the midnight sun awaits and, with a bit of luck, the colourful shimmering Northern Lights will accompany you along the way.

The natural attractions of the North Atlantic are unique. Experience how the vastness of the sea merges together with that of the sky.

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from  
2,249€

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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## SWEDEN

### Western Sweden's archipelago garden

**Gothenburg**, Sweden's second largest city, is a coastal city with charm and a delightful offshore island world, the southern archipelago. Gothenburg has much to offer with its cathedral, the historic and picturesque quarter of Haga, the Kronhuset (the city's oldest building), but also the fish market, the parks, a Ferris wheel, the botanical gardens and museums. The upper class atmosphere of the Vasa area is reminiscent of the Ringstrasse buildings in Vienna.


Route N1 • N2 • N3



Archipelago off Gothenburg

## NORWAY

### A city with a living history


 **Bergen** combines over 900 years of history with the youthful ambiance of a student city. With its seven mountains, the bays and peninsulas, Bergen was once a centre of the Hanseatic League. Traces of its past can still be found today – the most significant in the old Bryggen merchant quarter, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you walk on boards through the labyrinth of closely built offices and warehouses with their beams and cornices. One of the city's most famous sons is the composer Edvard Grieg, who was born in Bergen and spent a major part of his life here. Today, his dwelling houses a museum about Grieg's life and works.

Route N1 • N2 • N3



Bergen

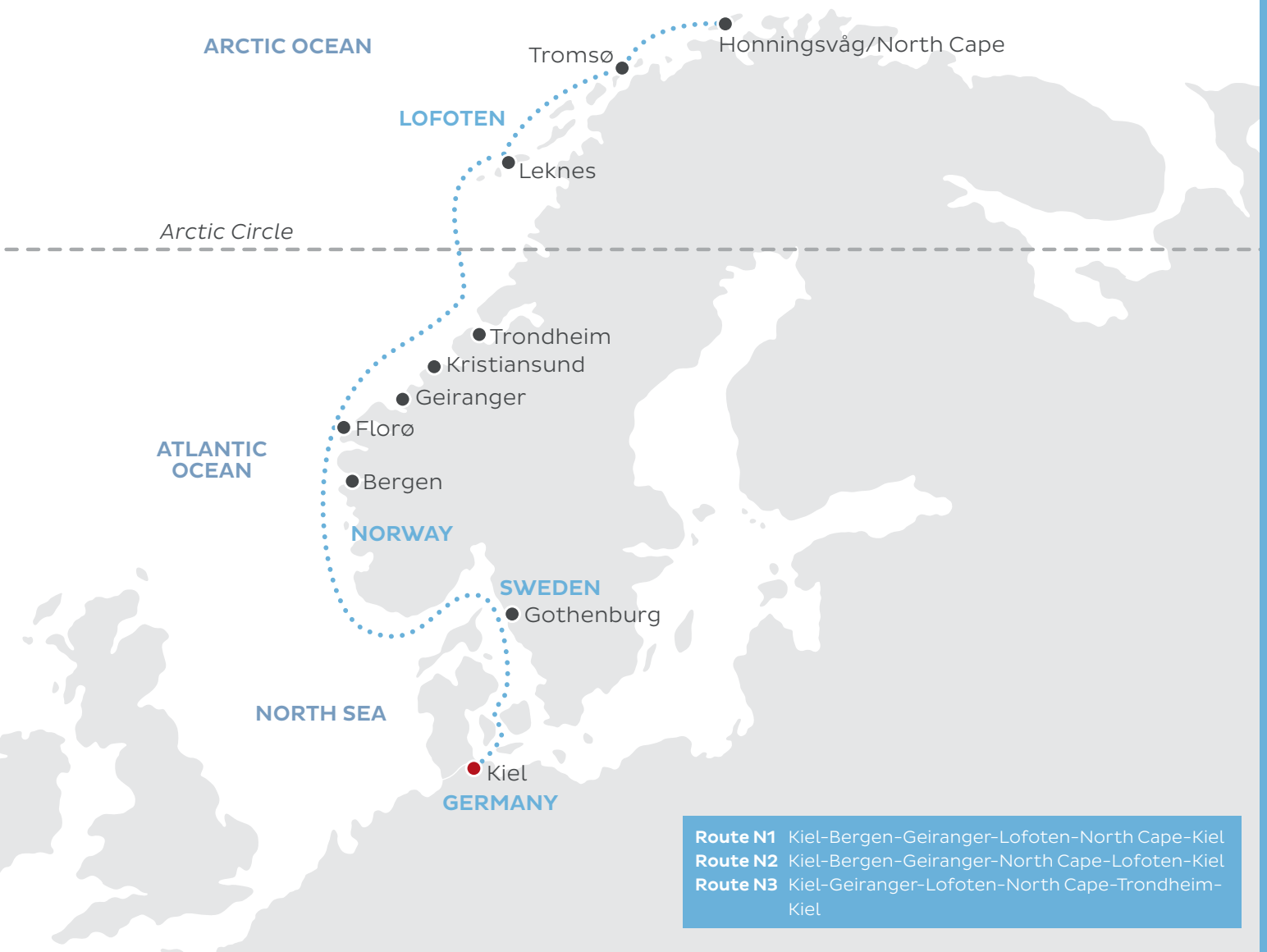
### Pearl of the Norwegian fjords

 The route to **Geiranger** takes you through the 15 kilometre-long legendary **Geirangerfjord**. As cascades of water fall down from vertical walls, misty veils form over the craggy cliffs. Take a closer look – legend has it they are spirits wishing to marry. Huge mountains rise up on both banks. The peaks are covered in snow, but from the lower parts of the mountain, the green of the valleys shines through. Some of the mountain farms can only be reached by ladder.

Route N1 • N2 • N3



Geirangerfjord, the Seven Sisters waterfall



## City on four islands

**Kristiansund** is an historically important city that extends over four islands. After a devastating bomb raid in 1941, the city has been rebuilt over the last 50 years. Colourful houses with eaves facing the streets are typical for Kristiansund. In Innlandet, the old town, you can try a speciality: "fishan" – Norwegian fish and chips. The citizens are proud of their cultural activities. Its nickname is the "opera city", as they hold an opera festival every year.

**Route N1 • N2 • N3**

## Islands in the North Sea

According to legend, the god Thor piled stone on top of stone to have a better view. This is how the **Lofoten Islands** were created off the Norwegian coast. You will smell the fish before you see them in the picturesque **Leknes**. Cod is hung up to dry in front of the 'Rorbuer', the red wooden huts. There are also thousand-metre-high mountains, gently rolling hills and deep forests, raging rivers and tranquil mountain lakes. You might see whales emerging from the sea or encounter elk, which outnumber humans on the five Lofoten Islands.

**Route N1 • N2 • N3**

For more information, see:

[www.nicko-cruises.info/northern-europe/vdg](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/northern-europe/vdg)



Dried cod on Lofoten

## Dancing light

In the dark winter months, which in Northern Norway can last from the end of September until March, a magical, mostly green flicker covers the sky. The best place to observe the **Northern Lights** is between Lofoten and the North Cape. For the Vikings, they were a sign of the gods; the Sami people native to Northern Norway incorporated the aurora borealis into their shamanic rituals. These lights dancing across the sky are created by tiny particles, which are driven by solar winds hitting the earth's magnetic field. A unique experience!

Route N1 • N2 • N3



Northern Lights

## At Europe's northernmost point

**Honningsvåg** is the gateway to the **North Cape**, which is located just 34 kilometres away. The bus ride to the North Cape leads through a barren, incomparably impressive tundra landscape. With a bit of luck you might spot some wild reindeer. The post office with a special stamp is a unique souvenir. The entire island of Magerøya has been protected as a nature conservation since 1929 and can be explored on foot.

Route N1 • N2 • N3



Reindeer

## Impressive midnight sun

It is a phenomenon that can only be found north of the **Arctic Circle**: the sun shines 24 hours a day. That's provided the weather conditions are right – the sky must be clear and not covered by clouds or rain. Only then you can see this unique natural spectacle, where day and night merge together and the sun never goes down behind the horizon. Experience how the unique landscapes of the far north look different, creating a kaleidoscope of rugged shapes and colours – it is truly unforgettable!

Route N1 • N2 • N3

## Fishing tradition on Norway's west coast

The little town of **Florø** has always lived off fishing. The occurrence of herring off the western city of Norway was so enormous that the fish was included in the city's coat of arms and a monument to the herring fishermen, sildegutten, was built at the port. The coastal museum shows the life of the fishers in the 19th and 20th century. Off Florø is the small island of Kinn, known for its church dating back almost 1,000 years, whose size and detailed woodcarvings testify to the wealth of the coastal inhabitants.

Route N1 • N2 • N3



Tromsø

## Norway's northern city

In the north of Norway, beyond the Arctic Circle, lies the city of **Tromsø**. From a geographical point of view, the city is on the same latitude as Alaska. The historical city centre is an island, whose bright, wooden houses are centuries old. The most northerly church in the world is the city's landmark: the Arctic Cathedral, with its striking pitched roof that extends almost right down to the ground and its tall, bright glass windows, can be seen from far and wide. The Polar Museum displays interesting items from the polar world and showcases the culture of the Sami people, who have lived in this region for around 9,000 years. The fjords and surrounding island and mountain scenery are wonderful.

Route N1 • N2 • N3



View of the Geirangerfjord

# From Kiel to the North Cape. Exploring the Arctic Circle.

North Cape

from  
**2,249€\***

## 15 days Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Lofoten-Tromsø- North Cape-Trondheim-Gothenburg-Kiel

19.06.-03.07.2022 • 29.09.-13.10.2022 • 13.10.-27.10.2022

From Germany to the Arctic Circle and beyond – this cruise is a long-held dream for many cruise travellers. The mountains welcome you as the gateway to the north, after which you will continue up through Norway's fjord landscape along the famous Hurtigruten. In Tromsø, you really get the feeling of having travelled a long way. This is where you will find sled dogs and one of the most northerly breweries in the world. The cruise at the North Cape is an unforgettable experience: in the summer, the sun never goes down completely; in the autumn, the Northern Lights cast a spell over the night sky. A breathtaking feeling!

### Why this cruise?

- Fascinating natural phenomena in early summer and in the autumn: experience the midnight sun or marvel at the magical Northern Lights
- Cross the Arctic Circle – a special kind of cruise experience
- Spectacular views high above the Geirangerfjord from the mountain peak of Dalsnibba
- Marvel at the cultural heritage of the north in the former capital city of Trondheim



Sled dogs in Tromsø



Trondheim

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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
1	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
3	Bergen	Norway	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Tour through the Hanseatic quarter of Bergen and views over the city from Mount Fløyen. Visit to the house of the composer Edvard Grieg and the Fantoft stave church.</b>
4	↕ Geiranger	Norway	11:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip to the mountain peak and vantage point Dalsnibba and to the fjord centre. RIB boat safari through the Geirangerfjord.</b>
5	↕ Kristiansund	Norway	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	<b>“Historic Kristiansund” with its Dried Cod Museum. Boat trip through the Bergtatt marble mine.</b>
6	↕ Leknes	Norway/ Lofoten	2:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Early morning crossing of the Arctic Circle. Panoramic trip and visit to the Viking Museum in Borg. Traditional sea angling from a Norwegian wooden boat.</b>
7	Tromsø	Norway	12:00 midday	-	<b>Excursion to the sled dogs and a visit to the Polaria Museum. Excursion to one of the most northerly breweries in the world with tasting.</b>
8	Tromsø	Norway	-	3:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk of Tromsø with a visit to the botanical gardens.</b>
9	↕ Honningsvåg	Norway	7:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	<b>Trip to the North Cape, one of Europe’s northernmost points. King crab fishing in the Sarnesfjorden followed by meal preparation and tasting.</b> <b>Cruise at the North Cape.</b>
10					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
11	Trondheim	Norway	5:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip through the former capital city of Trondheim.</b>
12	Florø	Norway	4:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to the legendary Island of Kinn. Panoramic trip with a visit to the Coastal Museum.</b>
13					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
14	Gothenburg	Sweden	7:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour with canal trip. Discover Gothenburg during a trip on the historical tram. Enjoy the Gothenburg sail-off through the archipelago garden.</b>
15	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.



### Explorer facts

Even in Viking times – besides the occasional raids into today’s Portugal – trade between the Norsemen and Portuguese coastal towns was brisk. Today, Norway is Portugal’s most important supplier of bacalhau.

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# Norway's unforgettable midnight sun.



Bergen

from  
**2,249€\***

## 15 days Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Tromsø-North Cape-Lofoten-Gothenburg-Kiel

14.07.-28.07.2022

This journey takes you to the northernmost tip of the European continent. From Kiel you will travel to Bergen with its famous Mount Fløyen, as well as its traditional merchant quarter and fish market. From there the route takes you to the famous Geirangerfjord, past picture-perfect waterfalls. It is, of course, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is right at the top of the list of most impressive fjords. You cross the Arctic Circle and then reach your destination. At the North Cape there is a special natural spectacle from May to July: The sun shines 24 hours a day. A cruise full of stunning impressions!

### Why this cruise?

- Experience the midnight sun bright as day at the North Cape
- Colourful wooden houses in Bergen, Norway's unofficial capital
- Geirangerfjord and the spectacular world of fjords in Southern Norway
- Experience the authentic life of Norwegians in small villages
- A whole day in the fishing town of Kristiansund
- A highlight for every cruise traveller: exiting from Gothenburg through the archipelago garden



Geirangerfjord



Bergen, Edvard Grieg's house

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## Itinerary

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14.07.22	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
15.07.22					Relaxation at sea.
16.07.22	Bergen	Norway	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Tour through the Hanseatic quarter of Bergen and views over the city from Mount Fløyen. Visit to the house of the composer Edvard Grieg and the Fantoft stave church.
17.07.22 ↓	Geiranger	Norway	11:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Panoramic trip to the mountain peak and vantage point Dalsnibba and to the fjord centre. RIB boat safari through the Geirangerfjord.
18.07.22					Crossing of the Arctic Circle
19.07.22	Tromsø	Norway	11:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	Excursion to the sled dogs and a visit to the Polarja Museum. City tour/walk of Tromsø with a visit to the botanical gardens. Excursion to one of the most northerly breweries in the world with tasting.
20.07.22	Honningsvåg	Norway	6:00 p.m.	-	Trip to the North Cape, one of Europe's northernmost points.
21.07.22	Honningsvåg	Norway	-	12:00 p.m.	King crab fishing in the Sarnesfjord followed by meal preparation and tasting. Cruise at the North Cape.
22.07.22 ↓	Leknes	Norway/ Lofoten	2:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	Panoramic trip and visit to the Viking Museum in Borg. Traditional sea angling from a Norwegian wooden boat.
23.07.22					Relaxation at sea.
24.07.22	Kristiansund	Norway	7:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	"Historic Kristiansund" with its Dried Cod Museum. Boat trip through the Bergtatt marble mine.
25.07.22	Florø	Norway	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Excursion to the legendary Island of Kinn. Panoramic trip with a visit to the Coastal Museum.
26.07.22					Relaxation at sea.
27.07.22	Gothenburg	Sweden	7:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Guided tour with canal trip. Explore Gothenburg on a trip on the historical tram. Enjoy the Gothenburg sail-off through the archipelago garden.
28.07.22	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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Lofoten

# City hopping done differently: explore Norway's coast.



Tromsø

from  
**2,249€\***

## 15 days Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Lofoten-North Cape-Trondheim-Gothenburg-Kiel

04.09.-18.09.2022

On this cruise, you experience the most beautiful cities in the rugged north. From Kiel, you will go to Bergen, home of the world-famous composer Edvard Grieg and well known as the "gateway to the fjords". The Geirangerfjord is one of Norway's most enchanting fjords. Further north, Kristiansund, known for its dried cod, stands out with its colourful houses. The journey across the Arctic Circle is a unique experience. The trip from Gothenburg through the archipelago garden rounds off this cruise.

### Why this cruise?

- Late summer light and "Indian Summer" in the far north
- A highlight for every sea voyager – cruising off the North Cape
- Experience the fascination of remote Lofoten Islands
- Marvel at one of the oldest churches in Norway on the Island of Kinn
- Spend all day exploring the former capital city of Trondheim



Fish for king crabs



Trondheim, old town

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## Itinerary

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04.09.22	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
05.09.22					Relaxation at sea.
06.09.22	Bergen	Norway	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Tour through the Hanseatic quarter of Bergen and views over the city from Mount Fløyen. Visit to the house of the composer Edvard Grieg and the Fantoft stave church.
07.09.22	↓ Geiranger	Norway	11:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Panoramic trip to the mountain peak and vantage point Dalsnibba and to the fjord centre. RIB boat safari through the Geirangerfjord.
08.09.22	Kristiansund	Norway	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	"Historic Kristiansund" with its Dried Cod Museum. Boat trip through the Bergtatt marble mine.
09.09.22	↓ Leknes	Norway/ Lofoten	2:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Early morning crossing of the Arctic Circle. Panoramic trip and visit to the Viking Museum in Borg. Traditional sea angling from a Norwegian wooden boat.
10.09.22	Honningsvåg	Norway	11:30 p.m.	-	Time to explore by yourself.
11.09.22	Honningsvåg	Norway	-	5:00 p.m.	Trip to the North Cape, one of Europe's northernmost points. King crab fishing in the Sarnesfjord followed by meal preparation and tasting. Cruise at the North Cape.
12.09.22	Tromsø	Norway	9:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Excursion to the sled dogs and a visit to the Polaria Museum. City tour/walk of Tromsø with a visit to the botanical gardens. Excursion to one of the most northerly breweries in the world with tasting.
13.09.22					Relaxation at sea.
14.09.22	Trondheim	Norway	9:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Panoramic trip through the former capital city of Trondheim.
15.09.22	Florø	Norway	4:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Excursion to the legendary Island of Kinn. Panoramic trip with a visit to the Coastal Museum.
16.09.22					Relaxation at sea.
17.09.22	Gothenburg	Sweden	7:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Guided tour with canal trip. Discover Gothenburg during a trip on the historical tram. Enjoy the Gothenburg sail-off through the archipelago garden.
18.09.22	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.



### Explorer facts

From 409, the Germanic Suebi tribe migrated south from the Baltic Sea to the territory of present-day Portugal and captured it from the Romans. The Suebi kings resided in present-day Braga in Northern Portugal.

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# Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	15 days	15 days	15 days
Cruise route	Kiel-Kiel (N1)	Kiel-Kiel (N2)	Kiel-Kiel (N3)
Travel date	19.06.-03.07.22 • 29.09.-13.10.22 13.10. - 27.10.22	14.07.-28.07.22	04.09.-18.09.22
Catalogue page	98	100	102
Booking code	KTK-VDG	KGK-VDG	KMK-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Cruise price	Cruise price	Cruise price
Inside cabin	01	4	4	2,499	2,499	2,499
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	2,699	2,699	2,699
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	2,889	2,889	2,889
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	3,249	3,249	3,249
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	3,319	3,319	3,319
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	3,469	3,469	3,469
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	3,599	3,599	3,599
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	3,779	3,779	3,779
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	4,059	4,059	4,059
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	4,249	4,249	4,249
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	4,249	4,249	4,249
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	4,439	4,439	4,439
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	4,949	4,949	4,949
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	5,199	5,199	5,199
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	7,399	7,399	7,399
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	11,599	11,599	11,599

Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)

free

Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)

-50%

-50%

-50%

Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed

1,120

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Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin\*\* (category 15 und 16 on request)

+15%

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\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route N1	Route N2	Route N3
The classic beverage package during the cruise	406	406	406
The premium beverage package during the cruise	686	686	686
Kids & teens beverage package during the cruise	144	144	144



Trondheim

## Example calculation

(3 full-paying adults and 1 child under 16 years)

### Route N1 in category O1

Cruise price 2 full-paying adults 4,998€

Cruise price 3 full-paying adults 1,120€

in upper/additional bed

Cruise price child under 16 years 0€

### less 10%

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### plus additional services

Classic beverage package + 1,218€

3 full-paying adults

Kids & teens beverage package + 168€

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**Your total cruise price** = 6,892€

for 4 persons

Your savings

**612€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seating
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guides
- Entertainment programme and lectures on the countries visited on board
- Childcare and a large children's area extended over two decks with indoor and outdoor areas
- English-speaking service on board
- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and wellness area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarkation and disembarkation
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Minimum number of participants** for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).




North Cape

# North Sea & Baltic Sea

## Hanseatic cities, cultural metropolises and unique archipelago landscapes

A journey along the shores of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea is characterised by constant change. You can expect knightly castles, winding old towns and churches that reach for the sky, as well as white beaches and national parks with beautiful nature. And you also get to experience the culture and history of the Baltic countries, whose languages and traditions provide many exciting contrasts. They are connected by rugged yet beautiful coastlines on the Baltic Sea.

Helsinki and Stockholm are among the most vibrant cities in the north and are located in the middle of unique archipelago landscapes. Marvel at the “Little Mermaid” on the riverside promenade in Copenhagen, one of Denmark’s landmarks.



Swedish archipelago landscape

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Routes

12-13  
Days

from  
1,799€

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# Your cruise highlights

This symbol indicates excursions that include a visit to **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Do not miss!



## FINLAND

### Southern Finland



With just 650,000 inhabitants, **Helsinki** is a rather modest capital city. The Protestant cathedral, finished all in white both inside and out, and Suomenlinna (the “Finnish Castle”) from the 18th century, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are both worth a visit. The **Archipelago Sea** extends along Finland’s south-west coast. It is made up of thousands of small, rocky islands, dotted with wooden houses and fishing boats. A slower pace of life away from the major cities and surrounded by unique nature. **Route B1 • B2 • B3 • B4**



Helsinki

## LATVIA

### The capital of Art Nouveau



**Riga**, Latvia’s capital city, was established in 1201 by the missionary bishop Albert I von Buxthoeven from Bremen. The old town is a tribute to the past: luxuriant moulding with gold ornaments on façades, nostalgic cafés with a plush ambiance, marble in over 600 buildings in the Art Nouveau style. You can spend hours strolling around the “capital of Art Nouveau” without getting tired of looking at the historic splendour. **Route B1 • B2 • B3 • B4**

### Artists’ town on the Baltic Sea

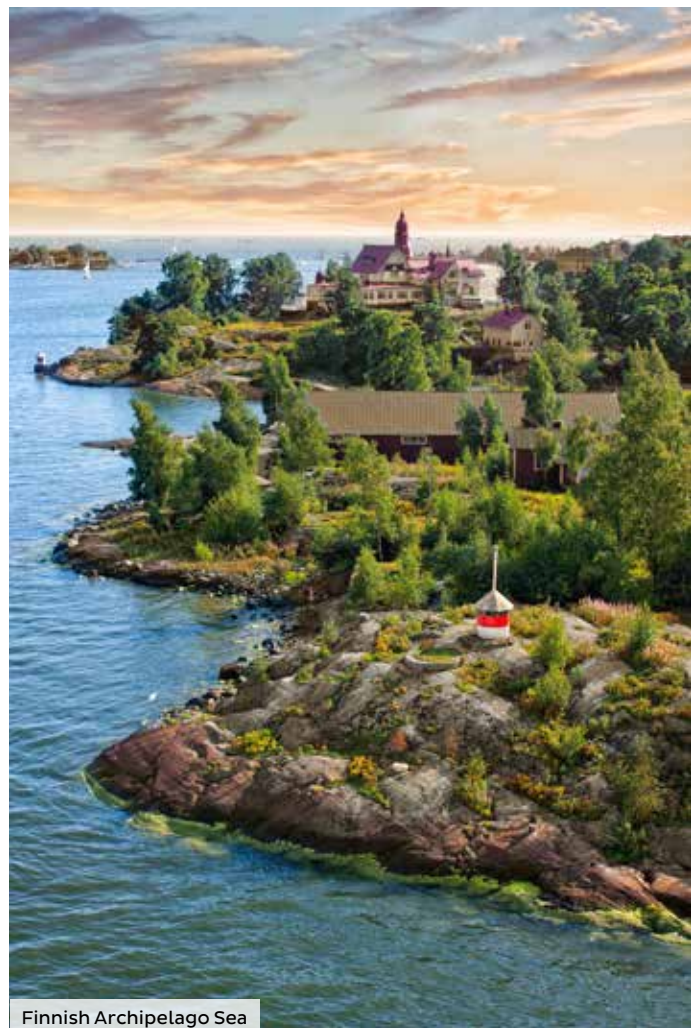
Latvia’s **Libau** has long been defined by its ice-free port in winter, a special feature in the Baltic States. First, the Russian tsars traded via Libau. It then became an important military base in the post-war period. Today, the area has been revived by musicians, studios and cafés and Libau has redefined itself as city of artists. **Route B2**

## ESTONIA

### A trading city with charm



You will arrive at a small metropolis with plenty of style and flair. The city’s location right next to the sea and rich history give **Tallinn** an international character. The city shines with its historic old town and the mighty fortifications on the cathedral hill ‘Toompea’. You can also see one of Europe’s oldest pharmacies in the town hall square. Enjoy the exciting blend of old and new. **Route B1 • B2 • B3 • B4**



Finnish Archipelago Sea

- Route B1** Kiel-Riga-Helsinki-Stockholm-Gdansk-Kiel
- Route B2** Kiel-Libau-Riga-Helsinki-Stockholm-Kiel
- Route B3** Bremerhaven-Copenhagen-Helsinki-Kiel
- Route B4** Kiel-Helsinki-Copenhagen-Bremerhaven



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## DENMARK

### The Little Mermaid

In Denmark's capital city, **Copenhagen**, you should try a Smørrebrød, the Nordic sandwich. You will love the coolness of this bicycle and design city. Not far from the "Little Mermaid", Copenhagen's landmark, you will find the city district of Østerbro, where it's not just shops and little boutiques that line the streets but also numerous cafés and bakeries. Frederiksberg is one of the finer areas, whereas Christianshavn will wow you with its canals and little houses and Christiania with its hippy anarchy.

Route B3 • B4



Copenhagen, Little Mermaid

## SWEDEN

### 14 islands and over 50 bridges



**Stockholm** – the "Venice of the north" – can be reached by water through the incomparable archipelago landscape. Sweden's only city with over a million inhabitants surprises visitors with its history and culture. Stockholm lies across 14 islands and is connected by more than 50 bridges. Among the 70 museums is the Vasa Museum, which is famous around the world for its unique Vasa galleon. Gamla Stan, the old town, shows off its German building heritage. The royal Drottningholm Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was built on the model of Versailles.

The architecture and cityscape of Scandinavia's largest metropolis are characterised by its special location on the banks of the Mälaren, one of the largest lakes in Sweden.

Route B1 • B2 • B3 • B4



Stockholm, Drottningholm Palace

## POLAND

### Rows of colourful houses



The former Hanseatic city of **Gdansk** impresses with its imposing churches in the city centre, the old town hall, the powerful crane gate by the waterside and the car-free 'Langgasse' street – the boulevard of the harbour city. Since the 13th century, this has been one of the main streets in Gdansk; its patrician houses, with the "additions" of a terraced porch at the front, tell of the city's former wealth. Near to Gdansk lies the impressive Malbork Castle, the largest medieval castle in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Route B1



Gdansk



# The fascination of the Baltic sea pearls.



Helsinki

from  
**1,799€\***

## 12 days Kiel-Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki-Turku-Stockholm-Danzig-Kiel

08.06.-19.06.2022 1 • 18.09.-29.09.2022

Experience the Baltic Sea during the most beautiful travel season, when the sun (almost) never sets! Throughout the summer, the landscapes around our Baltic metropolises are bathed in glorious light. The journey itself makes this cruise so special: old prosperous Hanseatic and trading cities are rowed along the Baltic Sea like pearls on a string - and are all worth a trip in their own.

### Why this cruise?

- Special experience in June: Kiel Week
- Overnight stay in the metropolises of Tallinn and Stockholm
- Archipelago landscape and archipelago: experience cruise in Sweden and Finland
- Experience Gdansk and the impressive Malbork Castle



Stockholm

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1 Experience the famous Kiel Week at the start of the cruise.



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1	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2					Relaxation at sea.
3	Riga	Latvia	12:00 midday	5:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour</b> through Riga, Latvia's capital city. Visit to the Latvian Ethnographical <b>Open-Air Museum</b> .
4	Tallinn*	Estonia	2:00 p.m.	-	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the charming city of Tallinn. Explore Tallinn by bike.
5	Tallinn*	Estonia	-	6:00 p.m.	" <b>Tallinn Markets</b> " with tasting of local products. Walk through the historic Old Town and Kalamaja district.
6	Helsinki	Finland	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through cosmopolitan Helsinki. Excursion with speedboats in the Finnish Archipelago Sea.
7	Turku	Finland	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Highlights</b> of Turku. Excursion to the gardens of Kulturanta. Walk through Ruissalo National Park.
8	Stockholm	Sweden	9:00 a.m.	-	<b>Enjoy the cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.</b> Stockholm city tour with Vasa Museum. Visit to the Ice bar with a tour of the old town. Excursion to the Baroque Drottningholm Palace.
9	Stockholm	Sweden	-	5:00 a.m.	Relaxation at sea.
10	↓ Sopot (Gdansk)	Poland	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> of Gdansk. Excursion to Malbork Castle – the largest knight's castle in Europe.
11					Relaxation at sea.
12	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

\* Tallinn 21.09.2022: Departure 11:30 p.m.; Kotka 22.09.2022 Arrival 08:00 a.m., Departure 06:00 p.m.  
The itinerary for 18.09–29.09.2022 has been slightly modified and can be viewed online on our website.

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### Explorer facts

In the 16th century, Portuguese gold coins were in circulation in the tsar's court in Russia. They were so highly valued that Ivan the Terrible gave them to his bravest fighters as a military medals of merit.



Malbork Castle at Gdansk

# Highlights and insider tips along the Baltic Coast.



## 12 days Kiel-Bornholm-Libau-Riga-Helsinki-Kotka-Tallinn-Turku-Stockholm-Kiel

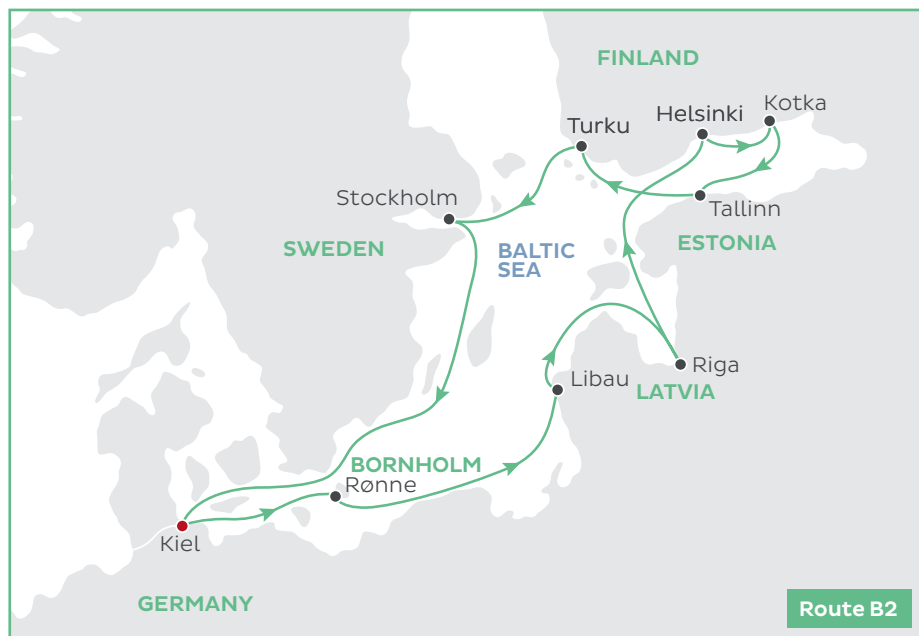
03.07.-14.07.2022

On this cruise you will visit well-known highlights and hidden gems of the Baltic States. Our insider tip: Discover Libau in Latvia. The port city with numerous historical sights has become the centre of a young artist and music scene in recent years. The medieval city centres of Riga and Tallinn bear witness to their eventful Hanseatic history. Helsinki will delight you with its classical architecture and lively city centre. After sailing into the beautiful Swedish archipelago, enjoy a great end to your cruise in Stockholm.

### Why this cruise?

- The Baltic Sea at this time with very special light
- Discover hidden pearls in six Baltic State countries
- Detour to Bornholm, Denmark's sunny island
- Art nouveau and historical churches in Libau, the city "where the wind was born"
- Still an insider tip: Riga, cultural capital and UNESCO World Heritage Site





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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country/Island	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
03.07.22	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
04.07.22					<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
05.07.22	Rønne	Denmark/ Bornholm	7:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to Svaneke and Gaarden.</b> Visit to the historical castle ruins Hammershus.
06.07.22	Libau	Latvia	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Panoramic trip to Libau</b> with a visit to the Seaside Parks. <b>City tour/walk</b> through the old town of Libau.
07.07.22	Riga	Latvia	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour through Riga</b> , Latvia's capital city. Visit to the Latvian Ethnographical Open-Air Museum.
08.07.22	Helsinki	Finland	1:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the cosmopolitan city of Helsinki. <b>Excursion with speedboats</b> in the Finnish Archipelago.
09.07.22	Kotka	Finland	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Discovery tour of Kotka and Hamina.</b> <b>Trekking tour</b> through Valkmusa National Park. <b>RIB boat tour</b> through the archipelago.
10.07.22	Tallinn	Estonia	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the charming city of Tallinn. <b>Trip to "Tallinn's markets"</b> with tasting of local products.
11.07.22	Turku	Finland	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Highlights of Turku.</b> <b>Excursion to the gardens of Kulturanta.</b> <b>Walk</b> through Ruissalo National Park.
12.07.22	Stockholm	Sweden	9:00 a.m.	-	<b>Enjoy the cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.</b> <b>Stockholm city tour</b> with Vasa Museum. <b>Evening boat trip</b> through Stockholm's waterways.
13.07.22	Stockholm	Sweden	5:00 a.m.		<i>Relaxation at sea.</i>
14.07.22	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

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Stockholm Archipelago

# Archipelago, palaces, wonderful light. **Unique Baltic sea.**



Swedish archipelago landscape

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## 13 days Bremerhaven-Kopenhagen-Riga-Helsinki-Kotka-Tallinn-Turku-Stockholm-Kiel

27.05.-08.06.2022 • 23.08.-04.09.2022

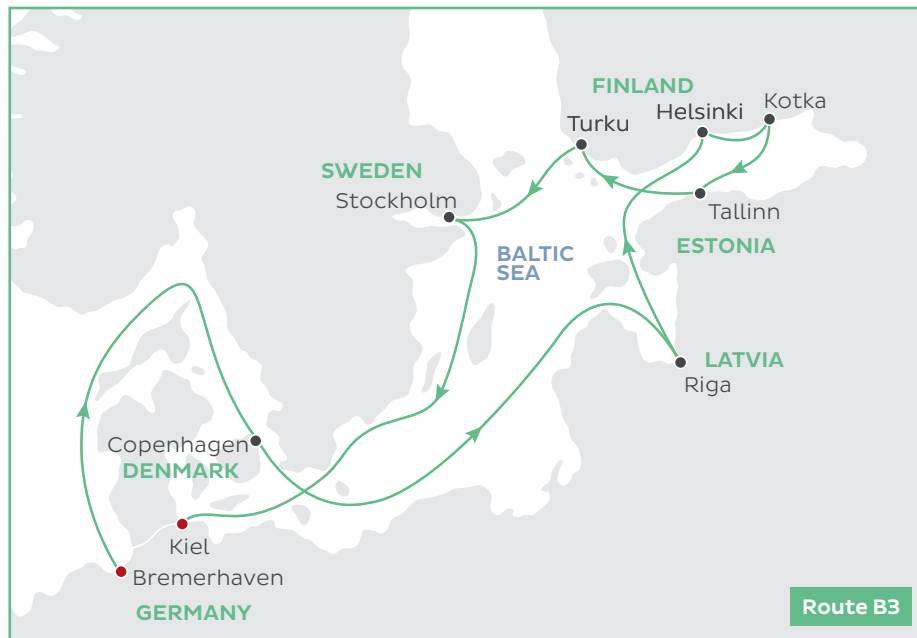
Experience the unique flair of the Baltic port cities: Latvia's Riga and Estonia's Tallinn welcome you with wonderful Baltic Sea architecture. The Finnish cities of Kotka and Turku exude cosiness. The Finnish capital Helsinki impresses with its imposing institutions. Sweden's archipelago landscape cannot be described in words, you have to see it on your own! A fascinating voyage of discovery full of variety.

### Why this cruise?

- Riga and Tallinn, emerging Baltic cities with tradition
- Stops in Kotka and Turku: Two cosy Finnish port cities
- Cruise through Stockholm's archipelago landscape
- Two days in Stockholm: explore the city with its 14 islands at your leisure



Tallinn



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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
1	Bremerhaven	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2					Relaxation at sea.
3	Copenhagen	Denmark	7:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Sightseeing tour with a visit to Tivoli or with canal cruise.
4					Relaxation at sea.
5	Riga	Latvia	12:00 midday	5:00 p.m.	Guided tour through Riga, Latvia's capital city. Visit to the Latvian Ethnographical Open-Air Museum.
6	Helsinki	Finland	2:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	City tour/walk through the cosmopolitan city of Helsinki. Excursion with speedboats in the Finnish Archipelago.
7	Kotka	Finland	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Discovery tour of Kotka and Hamina. Trekking tour through Valkmusa National Park. RIB boat tour through the archipelago.
8	Tallinn *	Estonia	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	City tour/walk through the charming city of Tallinn. Trip to "Tallinn's markets" with a tasting of local products.
9	Turku	Finland	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Highlights of Turku. Excursion to the gardens of Kulturanter. Walk through Ruissalo National Park.
10	Stockholm	Sweden	9:00 a.m.	-	Enjoy the cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago. Stockholm city tour with Vasa Museum. Visit to the Ice bar with a tour of the old town. Evening boat trip through Stockholm's waterways.
11	Stockholm *	Sweden	-	4:00 p.m.	Excursion to the Baroque Drottningholm Palace. In the footsteps of ABBA – a visit to the museum dedicated to the famous music band.
12					Relaxation at sea.
13	Kiel	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

Stockholm: Departure 06:00 p.m. am on 06.06.2022.

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### Explorer facts

Ivan Dakosta, the most famous of the tsars' jesters, was actually called João da Costa Corticos and came from a Portuguese family from present-day Morocco.



Riga, House of blackheads

# Six countries. Countless memories.

Copenhagen

from  
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## 13 days Kiel-Riga-Helsinki-Kotka-Tallinn-Turku-Stockholm-Kopenhagen-Bremerhaven

28.07.-09.08.2022

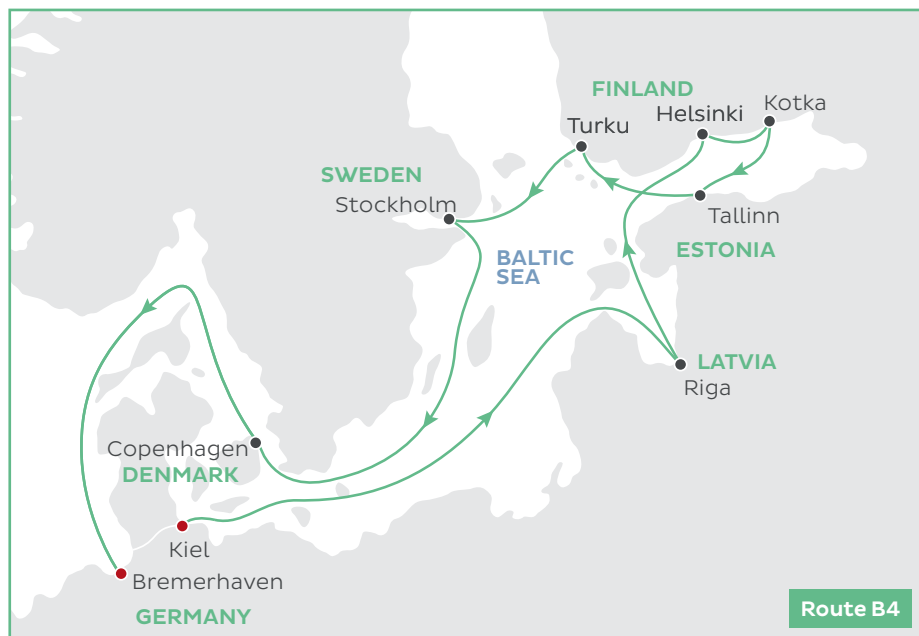
Once around the Baltic Sea, from Copenhagen to Helsinki: on this trip you will discover all facets of the Baltic Sea! Proud cities with a long history present their magnificent castles, churches and sights such as Drottningholm Castle near Stockholm. The unique nature fascinates with fine sandy beaches, rough coasts and the thousands of small islands in the Finnish archipelago and in the Stockholm archipelago. A journey you won't forget!

### Why this cruise?

- Experience the summer in the Baltic capital city
- An added culinary highlight: explore the markets in Tallinn
- In ABBA's footsteps in Stockholm
- The capital of the "hygge" attitude towards life: explore the laid-back city of Copenhagen



Helsinki



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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Country	Arrive	Depart	Excursion options
28.07.22	Kiel	Germany	-	6:00 p.m.	Embarkation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
29.07.22					Relaxation at sea.
30.07.22	Riga	Latvia	11:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	<b>Guided tour through Riga</b> , Latvia's capital city. <b>Visit to the Latvian Ethnographical Open-Air Museum.</b>
31.07.22	Helsinki	Finland	2:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the cosmopolitan city of <b>Helsinki</b> . <b>Excursion with speedboats</b> in the <b>Finnish Archipelago</b> .
01.08.22	Kotka	Finland	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>Discovery tour of Kotka and Hamina</b> . <b>Trekking tour</b> through <b>Valkmusa National Park</b> . <b>RIB boat tour</b> through the archipelago.
02.08.22	Tallinn	Estonia	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>City tour/walk</b> through the charming city of <b>Tallinn</b> . <b>Trip to "Tallinn's markets"</b> with a tasting of local products.
03.08.22	Turku	Finland	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	<b>Highlights of Turku</b> . <b>Excursion to the gardens of Kulturanta</b> . <b>Walk</b> through <b>Ruissalo National Park</b> .
04.08.22	↓ Stockholm	Sweden	9:00 a.m.	-	<b>Enjoy the cruise through the Stockholm archipelago</b> . <b>Stockholm city tour</b> with <b>Vasa Museum</b> . <b>Visit to the Ice bar</b> with a <b>tour of the old town</b> . <b>Evening boat trip</b> through Stockholm's waterways.
05.08.22	↓ Stockholm	Sweden	-	5:00 p.m.	<b>Excursion to the Baroque Drottningholm Palace</b> . In the footsteps of <b>ABBA</b> – a <b>visit to the museum</b> dedicated to the famous music band.
06.08.22					Relaxation at sea.
07.08.22	Copenhagen	Denmark	3:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	<b>Sightseeing tour</b> with a <b>visit to Tivoli</b> or with <b>canal cruise</b> .
08.08.22					Relaxation at sea.
09.08.22	Bremerhaven	Germany	8:00 a.m.	-	Disembarkation until 9:00 a.m.

↓ VASCO DA GAMA lies at anchor.

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Stockholm archipelago

# Travel price per person in Euro

Trip duration	12 days	12 days	13 days	13 days
Cruise route	Kiel-Kiel (B1)	Kiel-Kiel (B2)	Bremerhaven-Kiel (B3)	Kiel-Bremerhaven (B4)
Travel date	08.06.-19.06.2022 18.09.-29.09.2022	03.07.-14.07.2022	27.05.-08.06.2022 23.08.-04.09.2022	28.07.-09.08.2022
Catalogue page	112	114	116	118
Booking code	KLK-VDG	KDK-VDG	BPK-VDG	KPB-VDG

Cabin category	Accomm.	Max. Occupancy	Deck	Cruise price	Cruise price	Cruise price	Cruise price
Inside cabin	01	4	4	1,999	1,999	2,149	2,149
Inside cabin Front/Aft	02	4	5/6/9	2,149	2,149	2,299	2,299
Inside cabin	03	4	5/6/9/10	2,299	2,299	2,469	2,469
Outside cabin with porthole front	04	4	4/5	2,579	2,579	2,779	2,779
Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view)	05	2	6	2,629	2,629	2,829	2,829
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	06	2	6	2,749	2,749	2,959	2,959
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	07	4	4	2,849	2,849	3,059	3,059
Outside cabin with window Front/Aft	08	4	5/9	2,979	2,979	3,199	3,199
Outside cabin with window	09	2	6	3,199	3,199	3,439	3,439
Outside cabin with window and liaison door (family) *	10	7*	4	3,349	3,349	3,599	3,599
Outside cabin with window	11	2	4	3,349	3,349	3,599	3,599
Outside cabin with window	12	4	5	3,499	3,499	3,759	3,759
Outside cabin with balcony Front/Aft	13	3	9/10	3,889	3,889	4,189	4,189
Outside cabin with balcony	14	3	9/10	4,099	4,099	4,399	4,399
Suite with balcony	15	4	10	5,829	5,829	6,259	6,259
Penthouse suite with balcony	16	4	10	9,129	9,129	9,819	9,819

Children under 16 years in upper/additional beds (when accompanied by 2 full-paying adults)

free

Discount for children under 16 years (when accompanied by 1 full-paying adult)

-50%

-50%

-50%

-50%

Price for 3rd/4th person aged 16 and over in upper/additional bed

880

880

960

960

Supplement for single occupancy in 2-bed cabin\*\* (category 15 und 16 on request)

+15%

+15%

+15%

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**Combined Discount for two or more cruises\*\*\***

**-10%**

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\* Family cabin: Get a connecting cabin free for children under 16 when you pay full price for at least two people. For more detailed information, please see p. 28.

\*\* Limited offer. Note on the single supplement: Once the quota is reached, the surcharge increases from +15% to +30%.

\*\*\* Discount applies from the second cruise when booking at least two consecutive cruises.

Additional services	Route B1	Route B2	Route B3	Route B4
<b>The classic beverage package</b> during the cruise	319	319	348	348
<b>The premium beverage package</b> during the cruise	539	539	588	588
<b>Kids &amp; teens beverage package</b> during the cruise	132	132	144	144



Riga

## Example calculation

(1 full-paying adult)

### Route B1 in category O1

Cruise price	1,999€
Surcharge double cabin with single supplement	+300€

### less 10%

Ultra Early Booking Discount	-230€
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### plus additional services

Classic beverage package	+ 319€
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Your total cruise price = 2,388€

Your savings **230€**

## Prices include the following services

- Cruise in the booked cabin category
- nicko cruises full board
  - Generous breakfast with coffee, tea and juices in a variety of restaurants
  - Buffets, show cooking or à la carte menus served at the table, depending on the restaurant
  - Flexible meal times with free choice of seats
  - Coffee and cake depending on the daily programme
- nicko cruise director and local tour guide
- Entertainment programme and lectures on the countries visited on board
- Childcare and a large children's area extended over two decks with indoor and outdoor areas
- English-speaking service on board
- Comfortable whisper audio system on all excursions
- Use of the fitness area, swimming pools, outdoor sports area and wellness area with sauna (massage for a fee)
- Luggage service between landing stage and cabin for embarking and disembarking
- All port and passenger fees

### Important travel information:

Please note that information and excursions will only be provided in English language (subject to availability). You will not be able to join the cruise without valid identification documents. **Note on Russia: Passengers of cruise ships may stay without a visa in the port of call area for up to 72 hours as part of our excursion programme. nicko cruises will provide information about the cruise and personal details prior to arrival. Passengers who organise their stay ashore themselves and are not part of a guided group require a visa. An application can be made for an electronic visa for St. Petersburg at <http://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/>. Minimum number of participants for this trip to be reached up to 30 days before departure: 900 people (see section 8.1. of our travel terms).**



# VASCO DA GAMA in detail



## The right cabin to suit every need

Your home on the high seas: on board VASCO DA GAMA, you will find exactly the right cabin for your cruise on the oceans. No matter which deck you are on or which category you choose – you will feel completely at home. All our cabins are equipped with a wardrobe, a shower or bath tub, rest room, individually regulated air conditioning/heating, a safe and satellite TV. The beds can be separated into two singles if desired. Hairdryers are available in all cabins.

For more information, see:  
[www.nicko-cruises.info/fleet](http://www.nicko-cruises.info/fleet)



Outside cabin with balcony

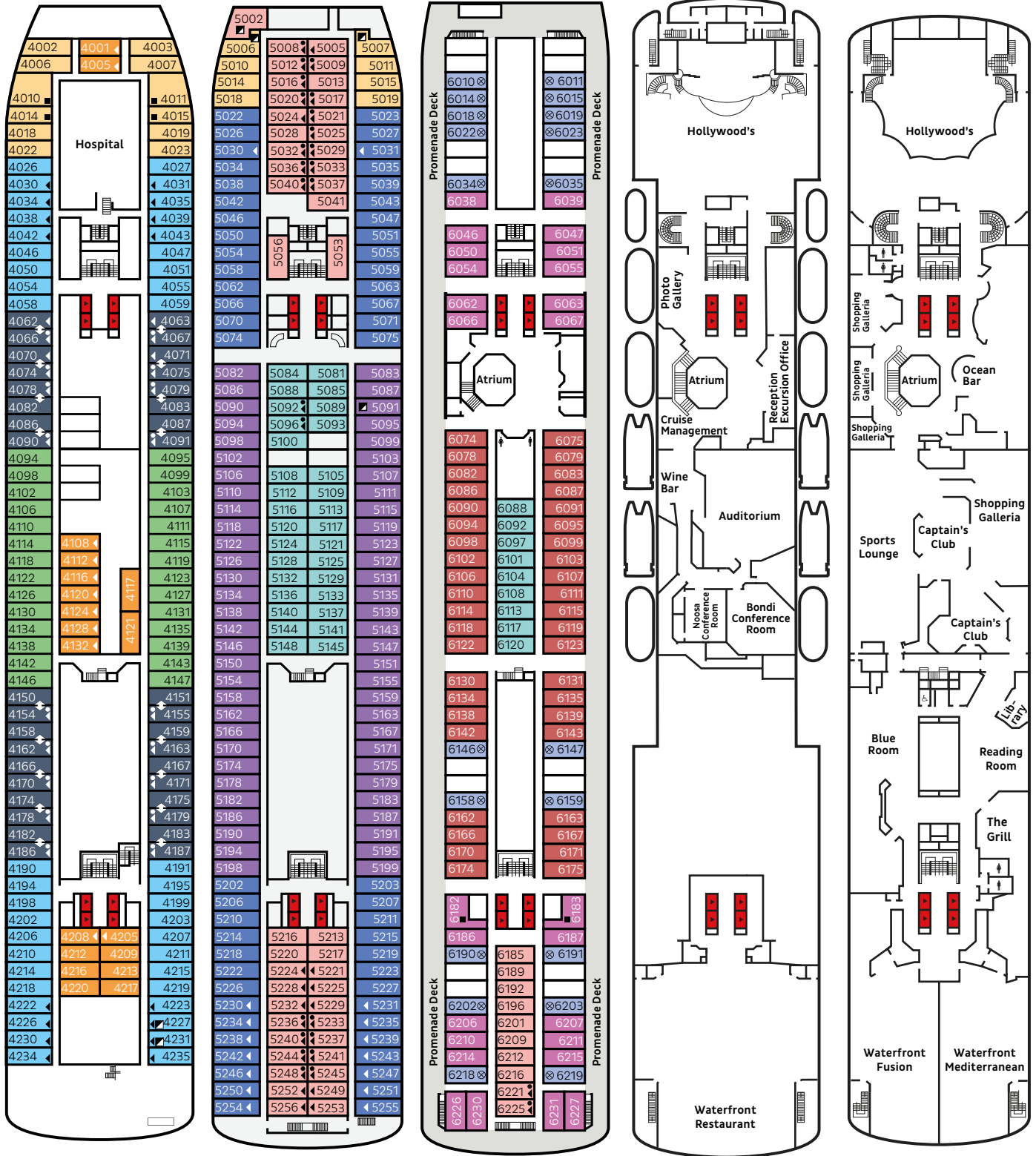
## Plenty of space for your stay

VASCO DA GAMA has five restaurants, an Alfresco Grill and various bars and lounges. The “Hollywood’s” theatre is there to provide your entertainment. The wellness area with sauna, fitness centre and two pools provides plenty of space for relaxation or sporting activities. You can also get active on the outside deck, where you will find a jogging track, among other things. In the children’s area there is lots on offer for your little ones.

## What else you need to know

The on-board currency is Euro. At the end of the cruise, you can pay your bill and any excursions you booked on board in cash or by credit card (MasterCard, VISA).

# Deck plan VASCO DA GAMA



Atlantic Deck  
(Deck 4)

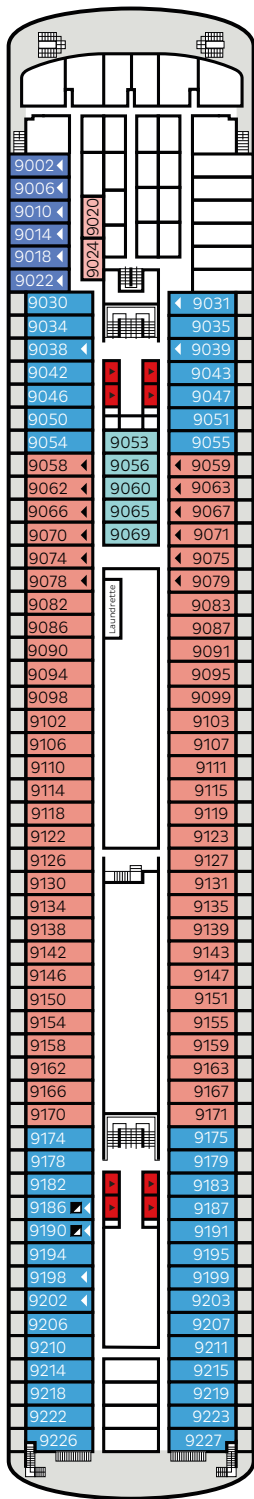
Main Deck  
(Deck 5)

Promenade Deck  
(Deck 6)

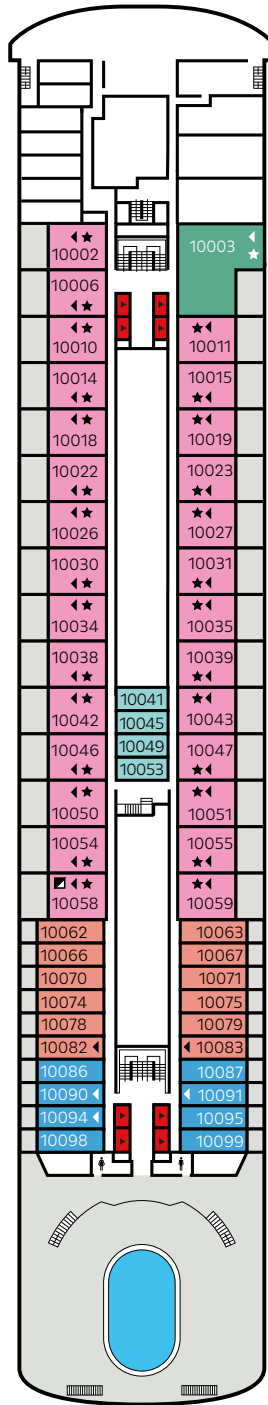
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Upper Deck  
(Deck 8)

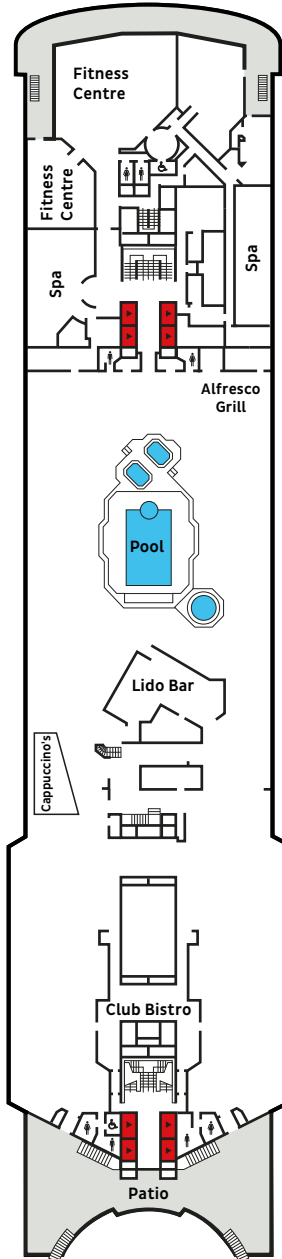
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- 02 Inside cabin front/aft, Deck 5/6/9
- 03 Inside cabin, Deck 5/6/9/10
- 04 Outside cabin with porthole front, Deck 4/5
- 05 Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view), Deck 6
- 06 Outside cabin with window front/aft, Deck 6
- 07 Outside cabin with window front/aft, Deck 4
- 08 Outside cabin with window front/aft, Deck 5/9
- 09 Outside cabin with window, Deck 6
- 10 Outside cabin with window & liaison door (family), Deck 4
- 11 Outside cabin with window, Deck 4
- 12 Outside cabin with window, Deck 5
- 13 Outside cabin with balcony front/aft, Deck 9/10
- 14 Outside cabin with balcony, Deck 9/10
- 15 Suite with balcony, Deck 10
- 16 Penthouse suite with balcony, Deck 10



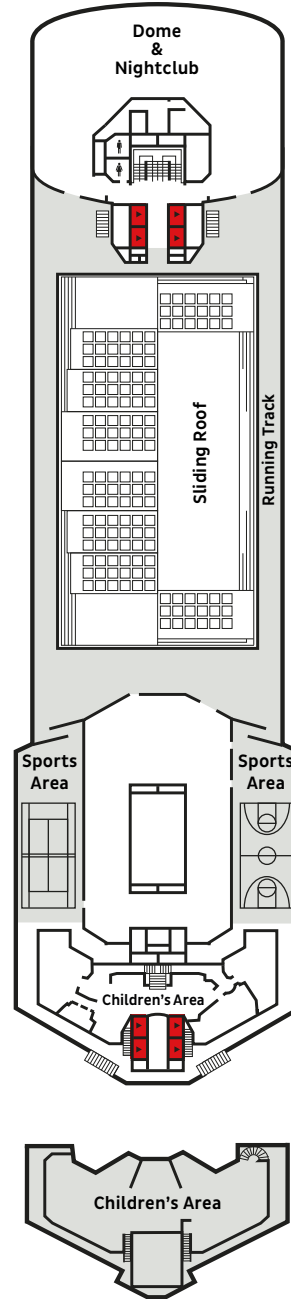
Veranda Deck  
(Deck 9)



Navigator Deck  
(Deck 10)



Lido Deck  
(Deck 11)



Sports Deck  
(Deck 12)

- Lift
- ⊗ Partially restricted view
- Additional upper bed
- ◁ Additional single sofa bed (Cat. 15 & 16: double sofa bed)
- ⊕ Family cabins with liaison door
- ☆ Lower beds arranged as king-size bed
- Cabin with shower for guests with limited mobility
- ▣ Cabin with shower for guests with limited mobility (not wheelchair-accessible)

## Technical details

**Language on board:** English, German  
**Passengers/crew members:** approx. 1,000/approx. 550  
**Year of construction:** 1993 (conversion 2015, renovation 2017 and 2021)  
**Length/width/draught:** 219m/31m/7.8m  
**Voltage:** 220 volts  
**WiFi:** for a charge

# Your modern hotel room on the high seas



Penthouse suite with balcony



Penthouse suite with balcony



Suite with balcony



Suite with balcony



Outside cabin with balcony



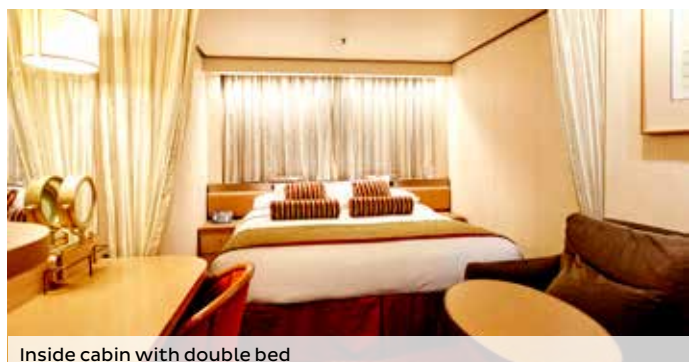
Outside cabin with window & double bed



Outside cabin with window



Outside cabin with porthole



Inside cabin with double bed

## Cabin categories VASCO DA GAMA (all 2-bed cabins)

### Cat. 16 Penthouse suite with balcony Deck 10

- 101.7 sqm, maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Large balcony with seating
- King-size double bed
- Seating area including sofa/bed, can be set up as a double bed
- Bathroom with shower, bath tub/whirlpool and hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, DVD player, phone, safe
- Coffee/tea amenities
- Individually adjustable air conditioning
- **Extras for penthouse suite guests:**
  - Welcome fruit bowl, one bottle of wine & water
  - Culinary delight at turndown service
  - Laundry & ironing service
  - Preferred check-in & check-out (wherever possible)
  - Atlas, binoculars, umbrella & bathrobe for the duration of the cruise as well as towelling slippers

### Cat. 15 Suite with balcony Deck 10

- 34.7 sqm, maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Balcony with seating
- King size double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Seating area including sofa/-bed, can be set up as a double bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub/whirlpool and hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, DVD player, phone, safe
- Coffee/tea amenities
- Individually adjustable air conditioning
- **Extras for suite guests (category 15):**
  - Welcome fruit bowl, one bottle of wine & water
  - Culinary delight at turndown service
  - Laundry service
  - Preferred check-in & check-out (wherever possible)
  - Atlas, binoculars, umbrella & bathrobe for the duration of the cruise as well as towelling slippers

### Cat. 14 Outside cabin with balcony Deck 9 & 10

- 20.9 sqm, maximum occupancy: 3 people
- Balcony with seating
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can be set up as a bed in some cabins
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub/whirlpool and hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone, safe
- Coffee/tea amenities
- Individually adjustable air conditioning
- **Extras for all balcony cabin guests – categories 13 & 14:**
  - Welcome fruit bowl, one bottle of wine & water
  - Preferred check-in & check-out (wherever possible)
  - Atlas, binoculars, umbrella & bathrobe for the duration of the cruise as well as towelling slippers

### Cat. 13 Outside cabin with balcony front/aft Deck 9 & 10

- 20.9 sqm, maximum occupancy: 3 people
- Balcony with seating
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can sometimes be set up as a bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub/whirlpool and hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone, safe
- Coffee/tea amenities
- Individually adjustable air conditioning
- **Extras for all balcony cabin guests – see category 14**

### Cat. 12 Outside cabin with window Deck 5

- 17.5 sqm with window, maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 11 Outside cabin with window Deck 4

- 17.7 sqm with window, maximum occupancy: 2 people
- Double bed (beds can be separated into two singles upon request) and seating area
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 10 Outside cabin with window & connecting door (family) Deck 4

- 17.6 sqm with window, max. occupancy of two connecting cabins: 7 people
- **Family cabins with connecting door:** When booking cabin numbers

- 4066, 4067, 4074, 4075, 4078, 4079, 4090, 4091, 4154, 4155, 4162, 4163, 4170, 4171, 4178, 4179, 4186 or 4187 with at least three people (at least two of whom are paying full price) you get the connecting cabin free for children under 16 years of age.
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 09 Outside cabin with window Deck 6

- 16.8 sqm with window, maximum occupancy: 2 people
- Double bed (beds can be separated into two singles upon request) and seating area
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 08 Outside cabin with window front/aft Deck 5 & 9

- 17.1 - 17.7 sqm with window (cab. 5250, 5251, 5254 and 5255: 16.4 sqm), maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 07 Outside cabin with window front/aft Deck 4

- 17.3 - 17.9 sqm with window, maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 06 Outside cabin with window front/aft Deck 6

- 16.8 - 18.3 sqm with window (cab. 6182 and 6183: 22 sqm), maximum occupancy: 2 people
- Double bed (beds can be separated into two singles upon request) and seating area
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 05 Outside cabin with window (partially restricted view) Deck 6

- 16.8 sqm with window (partially restricted view), maximum occupancy: 2 people
- Double bed (beds can be separated into two singles upon request) and seating area
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 04 Outside cabin with porthole front Deck 4 & 5

- 16.0 - 18.5 sqm with porthole (cab. 4010 and 4011: 23.7 sqm; cab. 5010 and 5011: 15.3 sqm), maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (beds can be separated into two singles upon request) and seating area
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower or bath tub & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 03 Inside cabin Deck 5, 6, 9 & 10

- 16.4 - 17.0 sqm (cab. 5081 and 5085: 20.2 sqm), maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 02 Inside cabin front/aft Deck 5, 6 & 9

- 16.4 - 17.1 sqm (cab. 5002: 21 sqm; cab. 5053 and 5056: 20.2 sqm; cab. 9020 and 9024: 13.1 sqm), maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

### Cat. 01 Inside cabin Deck 4

- 16.4 - 16.9 sqm, maximum occupancy: 4 people
- Double bed (can be separated into two singles upon request)
- Sofa, can partly be set up as a bed/partly as an additional upper bed
- Bathroom with shower & hairdryer
- Flat-screen TV, phone & safe, individually adjustable air conditioning

# Important travel information

Dear travellers,

We are delighted that you would like to go on a cruise with nicko cruises and are now starting to plan your holiday. We would like to give you some tips that will help you to prepare. There are a few special features and useful tips that are worth knowing for every form of travel. We have picked out what we think are the most important things for you to have a relaxing journey.

## Animals/bicycles/sports equipment

Due to the lack of space on board, we are unfortunately unable to take on pets or to transport bulky sports equipment, such as bikes, surfboards, etc. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Cabins

Your cabin number is usually provided with your booking confirmation. You are welcome to make a cabin request when booking, but please note these are requests and are not binding. Cabin numbers are expressly not a contractual component. Noises typical of a ship, e.g. from the ship's engine, the air conditioning system/ventilation, etc. can be heard in almost every room. Outside cabins with a visual obstruction due to the design of the ship are marked accordingly in the deck plan in this catalogue. Standard cabins and suites feature a double bed with separate mattresses. The beds can be separated into two singles if desired. The Royal Penthouse Suite has a king size double bed. VASCO DA GAMA has double cabins with liaison doors as well as suites that can be occupied by up to four people. For occupancy by 3-4 people, the ship has double cabins with a sofa bed and/or an individual upper bed. These cabins are particularly suitable for travellers with children. Cabins for guests with limited mobility are also marked in the published deck plan. Details of the amenities in the cabin categories on offer can be found in the ship and cabin descriptions on page 127 and in the deck plan on pages 124-125. Please note that suites may only be occupied by at least two people. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Catering

On board VASCO DA GAMA, you can choose between five different restaurants with a free choice of seating. We serve breakfast à la carte or in a buffet style; at lunchtime and at dinner, you can choose from a variety of different menus. Depending on the cruise route, the catering may also include local elements. In "Club Bistro", global cuisine and buffet-style themed evenings await. In the evening, you can dine in any of our restaurants any time from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (last entry approx. 8:15 p.m.). Look forward to exclusive menus in our restaurant "The Grill" for a surcharge. Please reserve your place here in good time directly with the maitre. The "Alfresco Grill" offers light meals outside

of normal meal times. Please inform us of any dietary requirements and special meals you require when booking. Suitable catering options will usually always be provided for you. Please understand that this may not always be possible on flights.

## Changes to prices and services between catalogue printing and booking

1. The contractually agreed travel services in this catalogue are correct at the time of printing in April 2021. Please understand, however, that we expressly reserve the right to make changes to the services for objective reasons up until your booking request is submitted. We will, of course, inform you of these changes before concluding the contract.

2. The prices stated in this catalogue are correct at the time of printing and are binding for us as a tour operator. However, we expressly reserve the right – especially for the following reasons – to declare a change to the travel price before concluding the contract, which we will, of course, inform you of prior to booking:

- A corresponding adjustment of the price quoted in the catalogue is permitted after publication of the catalogue in the case of increased transport costs (particularly fuel costs); charges for certain services such as port fees or VAT; the so-called "bed tax" or a change in the exchange rates applicable to the trip in question.

- A price adjustment after catalogue publication is also permitted if the package tour desired by the customer and offered in the catalogue is only available through the purchase of additional tourist services (allocations). The regulations relating to price increases/cuts in our travel terms, which we expressly reference, apply to pricing adjustments made after the conclusion of the travel contract.

## Changes to routes and services

Sea voyages are subject to the special factors of seafaring that we have no influence over. The shipping company therefore reserves the right to make changes to the cruise itinerary without prior notice, should they become necessary for safety reasons or due to sea, weather or

ice conditions or due to travel warnings issued by the Foreign Office.

## Children on board

Children under 16 years travel free when accompanied by two full-paying adults\*. When accompanied by a full-paying adult, children under 16 years get a discount of 50% on the cruise price. For information on our family cabins and discounts for bookable additional services, please refer to the price tables and arrival pages at the end of each chapter. The minimum age for children on board is 24 months. For children aged 3 and over, we have a spacious, supervised play area on board VASCO DA GAMA with indoor and outdoor areas extending over two decks.

## Clothing

We recommend wearing sporty, casual clothing on the ship. You should wear non-slip shoes on the outside decks. Swimwear and sports clothing may be worn in the designated pool, spa and sports areas. Neat clothing is required in the restaurants. For the onshore excursions we recommend clothing suitable for the weather conditions. For cruises in cold regions, we recommend warm clothing, even during the summer months, as well as waterproof and comfortable footwear for the onshore excursions. A laundry and ironing service is available on board VASCO DA GAMA at extra charge.

## Dialysis

There is a dialysis station on board VASCO DA GAMA, which can be used by dialysis patients for a booking fee. As a dialysis patient, please reserve your dialysis appointment directly with our partner DiaCare prior to booking (DiaCare tel. +49 (0) 40 6077 338 20).

## Drinking water

As the fresh water on board the ships is always stored in tanks, we recommend not drinking the tap water and that you use the mineral water in your cabin and, if necessary, get mineral water from the bar, in the restaurant or at the coffee point instead. The tap water is perfectly suitable for brushing teeth.

## Electrical appliances

Irons, hair straighteners, immersion heaters and similar electrical appliances must not be used in the cabins for safety reasons. The voltage in your cabin is 220

volts. German plugs can be used without requiring an adapter. A hairdryer is located in your cabin and is free to use.

### **Embarkation and disembarkation**

You will receive detailed embarkation information with the precise berth at the embarkation point, as well as exact embarkation times with your travel documents. Ships must sometimes change their berths at short notice despite what has been officially confirmed. If you arrive on your own, we recommend you arrive at the pier at least 3 hours before the ship is due to depart. Please note the precise embarkation times. Even if the ship arrives in the port earlier than planned, the crew must use this time to clean the ship. Please understand that you will not be able to board the ship until the specified time. Disembarkation on the day of departure is usually by 9:00 am.

### **Environmental protection**

VASCO DA GAMA is operated with low sulphur MGO (Marine gasoil) and has an SCR catalytic converter, which reduces nitrogen oxide by up to 95 per cent. VASCO DA GAMA thus far exceeds the exhaust emission regulations set out by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). A new waste water system using the latest membrane technology makes it possible to treat wastewater without the use of chemicals and achieve bathing water quality.

Please do your bit to protect the environment by using resources sparingly and helping to preserve our wonderful destinations for generations to come.

### **Excursions**

For each cruise, we offer you a range of excursions, which you can reserve on our website bindingly six weeks before departure at the latest. Payment for any of the excursions you reserve is made on board. These excursions often have a minimum or maximum number of participants. If you do not participate in an excursion you have booked, the cost will not be reimbursed. Arrival and departure times are guidelines. All cruises may require schedule changes. The captain will decide the best course possible depending on the conditions. We reserve the right to change times, itineraries, excursion programmes and prices.

### **First aid and medical care on board**

A doctor is available on board VASCO DA GAMA to provide first-aid assistance in the event of accidents and emergencies. Billing for the doctor's services and, if applicable, medication that has been administered, is carried out on site. Our on-board staff (e.g. at the reception desk) are unable to dispense any medication.

Please ensure that you have an adequate supply of any medication you need on a regular basis and carry it with you in your hand luggage. You should also have enough of any medication that you might need, e.g. headache tablets. We assume no liability for any medication and urgently required medical equipment that is carried in your suitcase. We strongly recommend you take out international health insurance, which also covers the cost of medically necessary repatriation to your country. Our VASCO DA GAMA is subject to strict hygiene regulations, which are constantly monitored by the ship's management. For your own safety, we have hand disinfection equipment in multiple places around the ship, which every guest should use as often as possible to prevent the inadvertent spread of pathogens on board. The transportation of medical electrical equipment on board is possible on request. Please note, however, that temporary power fluctuations can occur on the ship. It is generally not permitted to carry oxygen tanks on tour coaches.

### **Guests with physical limitations**

Your ship will be as comfortable as possible, but there will of course be staircases, as well as narrow doors and corridors. Even boarding or disembarking from the ship is usually via narrow gangways, which are not always at ground level and, depending on the tide, can also be very steep. If you are not able to handle these obstacles on your own, an ocean cruise on our ships is not recommended. Please understand if in some cases tenders or shore leave are refused for safety reasons. This decision is made by the captain. Our crew is of course on hand to help, however, please bear in mind that our onboard employees are not trained caregivers and are not permitted to carry out any nursing activities. For safety reasons and to review requirements, please let us know if you have any specific needs, limited mobility or other physical limitations prior to making your booking. Should you have any limitations that prevent you from taking part in the sea rescue exercise, please also let us know before departure. If you require specialised help, you must travel with a companion. Our ocean ship is not disabled accessible. Guests who are wheelchair-dependent must bring their own collapsible wheelchair with them. Please note that the number of guests per cruise who are wheelchair-dependent is limited for safety reasons and embarkation may be refused without prior registration.

### **Internet on board**

VASCO DA GAMA is equipped with a satellite reception system and offers WiFi

internet access at extra charge (please note the ship information). Continuous reception cannot always be guaranteed; there may be interruptions to network coverage on the high seas. Please understand that we are unable to reimburse you for costs caused by coverage interruptions. In order to guarantee a stable internet service, there are limitations on certain streaming providers and internet services. For more information please refer to the on-board ABC information in your cabin. If you have any questions, please contact the reception desk staff who will be happy to help.

### **Luggage**

There are no limits on board in terms of the quantity and weight of the luggage you bring with you, although there may be if you arrive by plane. Please note that your empty luggage bags must be stowed away in your cabin. Storage space for this is under the beds and is suitable for luggage up to a maximum of 23 centimetres in height. Your luggage must only contain personal items. It is forbidden to bring weapons, knives, alcohol or drugs on board. For safety reasons, you are not allowed to bring beverages or food on board. This also applies to anything bought for consumption during shore excursions. The hotel management is happy to store local products/souvenirs that you wish to take home with you for safekeeping until you leave the ship. In accordance with the rules of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS), every piece of luggage – including hand luggage – is examined during embarkation.

### **Passenger manifest**

For all of our cruises on VASCO DA GAMA we require information from you in advance of departure in order to draw up a passenger manifest. This helps the ship to be cleared faster by the authorities in the various ports we visit and therefore shortens waiting times for you. Information provided for this passenger manifest is subject to the Privacy Policy. You will receive your log-in details for the online registration of the manifest data with your booking confirmation.

### **Passports/Visas**

Please check that all necessary papers and records are valid well in advance of your trip. We would like to point out that you are responsible for having the appropriate travel documentation, visas and for complying with the vaccination requirements. Please note the "Important Travel Advice" at the end of the respective travel chapter in this catalogue or the information in your travel confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact your

responsible consulate or travel agency. Please note that minors require their own valid travel documents. For travel outside of the European Union, most countries do not accept children's ID cards. To enter, you will need to present a machine-readable passport with photo. If children are not travelling accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, they must carry written confirmation of custodianship with them, which under certain circumstances may also need to be certified by a notary. In addition to this, a copy of the parent's or legal guardian's passport must be attached to the confirmation. You can find detailed information on this at [www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en) under the heading "Travel and safety information" for those countries on the cruise route you've booked. In the event of non-compliance with the passport, visa and vaccination regulations, travel may be prevented or it can lead to considerable costs for the passenger. If a cruise cannot be taken due to improper documentation, there will be no refund of the price. For our Baltic States cruises that visit St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), you will not need an individual single-entry visa as part of our excursion programme. However, if you are planning to do shore excursions on your own, you will need a single-entry visa including verification of international insurance that is valid in Russia. The visa is not included in our travel services and each guest is responsible for procuring their own visa. You can obtain a visa for Russia either directly through the responsible consulate/embassy service centre in your country or use a visa service to apply on your behalf. We are happy to provide recommendations should you wish to use a visa service company. Please read up about any customs regulations along your cruise route in advance of departure.

#### **Payment on board**

The currency on board is Euro. You can pay for beverages you consume on board and trips booked on board at the end of your journey in cash in Euro. You can of course also pay your onboard bill using your credit card (MasterCard, VISA). There is no transaction fee when paying by credit card on board. In some circumstances, foreign travel charges may be incurred by your bank or credit card company for card payments, as VASCO DA GAMA sails under the Portuguese flag. Please note: money cannot be exchanged on the ship.

#### **Post**

You can send post while on board. The post will usually be mailed when we reach the next port. Postcards and postage stamps can be purchased at the reception desk on board, but please bear in mind

that prices on board may often be more expensive than ashore.

#### **Pregnant guests**

At the point of departure, pregnant travellers must present a medical certificate as verification that there are no medical concerns about their participation on the cruise. Please note that you will not be able to come on the cruise if you are already in the 24th week of pregnancy or have a high-risk pregnancy.

#### **Risk coverage documents**

Your travel price is ensured in accordance with EU guidelines. You will receive the travel price risk coverage document with your nicko cruises travel confirmation.

#### **Roads/ship moorings**

Each ship has a berth in each port, which can be changed by the authorities at short notice. These are not always centrally located. You will see the anchor symbol in front of some docking points on the travel pages in your cruise itinerary; this means that your ship will not dock at a pier – it will anchor at a safe, designated place or, in nautical terms, it will be lying "in the roads". Please note that it is always the responsibility of the port authorities to assign our vessel another berth at anchor in the roads at short notice; this is beyond the control of the shipping company. In these cases there will be a regular shuttle service between the ship and port, which will either be on the ship's own boats or on local tender boats. Disembarking depends on weather conditions. Unfortunately, for security reasons, customers who only have limited mobility cannot make use of this service. This also applies to guests with severely impaired vision.

#### **Services not included in the price**

Please note that the following services are not included in our prices: individual arrivals and departures, excursions – if not expressly stated as being included in the price – insurance, beverages, tips (we recommend €13-17 per day/person), other personal expenses.

#### **Ship equipment**

On board VASCO DA GAMA, we have a range of public facilities for your well-being. This includes a fitness area with various cardio equipment as well as our wellness area with steam bath and sauna. Table tennis, shuffleboard and darts complete the range of activities on offer. The outdoor sports area includes a hard paddle tennis court and a jogging track. VASCO DA GAMA also has an outdoor pool with two whirlpools and a covered indoor pool. You can use all of these facilities for free. Use them at your

own risk. The beauty area provides massage and cosmetic treatments at extra charge. You can find the opening times and price lists for these services in your cabin. In the various shops we have on board, you will find a range of clothing, jewellery, cosmetics and a selection of items for daily use. Please note that the shops are only permitted to open outside the 12-mile zone due to customs regulations. Varying shows and entertainment programmes are performed in our "Hollywood" theatre.

#### **Shore excursions**

Onshore excursions organised and put together for you by nicko cruises take you to some of the most beautiful countryside and important sights along your cruise route. You are, of course, welcome to explore the holiday destination on your own. Please enquire in good time before departure about the respective entry and visa requirements at the location. You are able to leave the ship when the authorities and ship's captain have officially approved disembarkation and the corresponding announcement has been made. Please refer to the daily programme for information on when you have to be back on board. The ship is unable to wait for late passengers due to the layover times agreed with the port. Any extra costs incurred (such as hotel or additional transfer costs) will not be covered. If your ship is at anchor off the coast, landing will be in the ship's own or local tender boats.

#### **Smoking**

Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the outside decks. Please only use the ashtrays provided. All interior areas such as restaurants, lounges, cabins, cabin balconies, corridors, etc. are non-smoking areas. This also applies to the use of all types of e-cigarette.

#### **Telephones on board (communication)**

You can make calls on board from cabin to cabin. It is also possible to call ashore via a satellite link. The costs of this, however, are high and we recommend using your own mobile phone. It is generally only possible to get mobile reception close to shore. Please find out from your provider before departure about any possible roaming charges you may incur.

#### **Tips**

It is common practice around the world for a satisfied guest to reward the services of staff accordingly. The amount tipped is, of course, at the guest's discretion and should be in recognition of good service. We recommend €13-17 per guest and per overnight stay for the ship crew. The cruise director, local tour guides and

bus drivers are not included in this. You can, however, also thank them by giving them a tip.

#### **Travel documents**

The travel documents are ready for dispatch approx. 14 days before departure and will be sent to you immediately after we have the details for the on-board manifest and final payment has been received. Bookings made at short notice from two weeks before departure or last-minute bookings will also be sent by e-mail. The travel documents contain important information, including embarkation information and vouchers for the services you have booked. In individual cases, the documents may be delayed and not arrive until a few days before departure.

#### **TV**

Your ship has flat screen TVs that work with a satellite dish, so television reception is guaranteed for most of the trip. The on-board TV will show feature films and selected travel shows.

#### **Vaccinations**

You need to find out in good time before the start of the cruise from your family physician about infection prevention and vaccinations as well as other prophylactic measures. If special vaccinations are mandatory on your cruise route, we will explicitly point this out in the "important travel advice" at the end of the respective travel chapter. Each guest is responsible for meeting the entry requirements at each of the respective destinations.

#### **Valuables**

All cabins are equipped with a small safe box in which you can store your valuables. However, we recommend that you do not take items such as expensive jewellery, etc. on the cruise. We sometimes visit parts of the world in which for our standards lower affluence levels are considered abundant wealth, and the display of valuables can evoke covetousness. We would like to point out that valuables, such as cameras, jewellery, cash and other expensive items, must be carried in your hand luggage. Liability for valuables lost in unattended checked-in baggage is excluded.

**Do you have any further questions?  
Contact your travel agency or us.**







# nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH travel terms for ocean cruises and expedition trips

Dear customers and travellers,

The following conditions shall be, insofar as effectively agreed, the content of the contract between the customer and nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, hereinafter "**nc**", for the package travel contract drawn up during the conclusion of the contract. They supplement the statutory regulations of §§ 651a - y BGB (German Civil Code) and Articles 250 and 252 of the EGBGB (Introductory Act to the German Civil Code) and complete them. **Please read these travel terms carefully before booking! Although the utmost care was exercised in translating these Conditions of Travel into English, attention is expressly drawn to the fact that only and exclusively the German version entitled "Reisebedingungen nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH" is legally binding.**

## 1. Completion of the package travel contract, customer obligations

**1.1.** The following applies to all booking methods:

**a)** The offer of **nc** and the customer's booking are based on the travel description and the supplementary information from **nc** for the respective trip, insofar as these are available to the customer at the time of booking.

**b)** Travel agents and booking offices are not authorised by **nc** to make agreements, provide information or make any assurances that alter the agreed content of the package travel contract, go beyond or contradict the travel description or the services contractually agreed by **nc**.

**c)** Information in hotel guides and similar directories that are not published by **nc**, are not binding for **nc** and **nc**'s obligation to perform, unless they have been made part of **nc**'s obligation to perform by express arrangement with the customer.

**d)** If the contents of the travel confirmation from **nc** differ from the contents of the booking, there will be a new offer from **nc**, to which **nc** is bound for a duration of 3 working days. The contract is concluded on the basis of this new offer, insofar as **nc** has referred to the change with regard to the new offer and fulfilled its pre-contractual information requirements and the customer declares acceptance to **nc** within the binding period via express declaration or down payment.

**e)** The pre-contractual information provided by **nc** on essential characteristics of travel services, the travel price and all additional costs, the terms of payment, the minimum number of participants and the cancellation fee (in accordance with Article 250 § 3 Number 1, 3 to 5 and 7 EGBGB (Introductory Act to the German Civil Code)) will then only not be included in the package travel contract if this is expressly agreed between the parties.

**f)** The customer is liable for all the contractual obligations of the fellow travellers for whom they make the booking, as well as their own, insofar as they have accepted a corresponding obligation by express and separate declaration.

**1.2.** For the booking, which is made verbally, by phone, in writing, by e-mail or by fax, the following applies:

**a)** By booking, **nc** offers the customer the binding completion of the package travel contract. The customer is bound to the booking for 3 working days.

**b)** The contract is concluded upon receipt of the travel confirmation (declaration of acceptance) by **nc**. Upon or immediately after conclusion of the contract, **nc** will provide the customer with a legal confirmation of the travel confirmation on a permanent data medium (which enables the customer to keep the declaration unchanged or store it for a reasonable time, e.g. on paper or via e-mail), unless the traveller is entitled to a written confirmation of travel in accordance with Art. 250 § 6 (1) sentence 2 EGBGB because the conclusion of the contract occurred in the simultaneous physical presence of both parties or outside of business premises.

**1.3.** For bookings in electronic commerce (e.g. internet, app, telemedia), the following apply to the conclusion of the contract:

**a)** The customer will be informed about the procedure for electronic booking in the corresponding application of **nc**.

**b)** The customer is able to correct their information, delete or reset the entire booking form, and the utilisation of this correction option is explained to them.

**c)** The contractual languages used to carry out the online booking are indicated. Only German is legally relevant.

**d)** If the **nc** contract text is stored in the online booking system, the customer will be informed about this and will be given the option to retrieve the contract text at a later date.

**a)** By pressing the "Book and pay" button, **nc** offers the customer the binding completion of the package travel contract. The customer is bound to this contract offer for three working days from the date of sending the electronic declaration.

**f)** The customer is immediately informed of the receipt of their booking by electronic means.

**g)** The submission of the booking by pressing the "Book and pay" button does not justify any claim of the customer to the conclusion of a package travel contract according to their booking details. Rather, **nc** is free to either accept or decline the customer's contract offer.

**h)** The contract comes into effect when the customer has access to the travel confirmation sent by **nc**.

**i)** If this travel confirmation appears immediately after the customer makes the booking by pressing the "Book and pay" button via the immediate presentation of the travel confirmation on the screen (booking in real-time), the customer has access to the package travel contract and the travel confirmation is displayed on the customer's screen. Failing this, the customer will receive an interim notification regarding receipt of their booking in accordance with f), insofar as the customer is given the option of saving the travel confirmation on a permanent data medium and printing it out. However, the binding nature of the package travel contract is not dependent on the customer actually using these options for storage or printout. **nc** will also provide the customer with a copy of the travel confirmation in text form.

**1.4.** **nc** points out that according to the legal regulations (§§ 312 Paragraph 7, 312g Paragraph 2 Sentence 1 no. 9 BGB (German Civil Code)) for package tour contracts pursuant to § 651a and § 651c BGB, that there is no right of cancellation for contracts concluded via distance selling (letters, catalogues, phone calls, faxes, e-mails, messages sent via mobile services (SMS), as well as by radio, telemedia and online services), but only the statutory rights of withdrawal and termination, in particular the right of withdrawal according to § 651h BGB (see also Section 5). There is, however, a right of withdrawal if the contract for travel services pursuant to § 651a BGB (German Civil Code) was concluded outside of business premises, unless the oral negotiations on which the conclusion of the contract is based have been conducted on the prior order of the consumer: in the latter case, there is no right of withdrawal.

**1.5.** On booking an expedition trip in the Antarctic or Arctic, which we run together with Quark Expeditions®, each traveller expressly agrees to the travel terms of **nc** and the "Additional special contract terms for expedition trips with Quark Expeditions®". Travellers are made aware of these special conditions in writing before completing the booking.

## 2. Payment

**2.1.** **nc** and travel agents may only claim or accept payments for the travel price prior to the completion of the package tour if there is an effective customer money protection contract and the customer has been provided with the risk coverage documents with the name and

contact details of the credit institute in a clear, understandable and emphasised manner. Upon conclusion of the contract, a down payment of 20% of the travel price will be due for payment upon delivery of the risk coverage documents. The final payment is due 30 days prior to departure, provided that the risk coverage document has been handed over and the trip can no longer be cancelled for the reason stated in Section 8. For bookings with less than 30 days to go before departure, the entire travel price is due immediately.

**2.2.** If the customer does not make the down payment and/or the final payment in accordance with the agreed payment due date, although **nc** is willing and able to provide the contractual services properly, has fulfilled its statutory information obligation and the customer has no legal or contractual offset right or right of retention and the customer is responsible for delayed payment, then **nc** is entitled, after sending a reminder with a deadline after the deadline has expired, to withdraw from the package travel contract and to charge the customer cancellation costs in accordance with Section 5.

## 3. Changes to the content of the contract prior to departure, which do not affect the travel price

**3.1.** Discrepancies in key features of the travel services from those outlined in the contents of the package travel contract which became necessary after the conclusion of the contract and were carried out by **nc** in good faith are permitted to **nc** before departure, insofar as the discrepancies are insignificant and do not affect the overall arrangement of the booked trip.

**3.2.** **nc** is obligated to inform the customer of service changes as soon as the reason for the change is known via a permanent data medium (e.g. via e-mail, SMS or voice message) in a clear, understandable and emphasised manner.

**3.3.** In the event of any material change to any essential feature of a travel service or deviation from the customer's specific requirements that have become part of the package travel contract, the customer shall be entitled within a reasonable time limit set by **nc** upon notification of the change to either accept the amendment or to withdraw from the package travel contract free of charge. If the customer does not expressly declare to **nc** their withdrawal from the package travel contract within the deadline set by **nc**, the change shall be deemed accepted.

**3.4.** Any warranty claims remain unaffected to the extent that the changed services are flawed. If **nc** incurred lower costs when carrying out the modified journey or any replacement tour of equivalent quality, the difference should be reimbursed to the customer in accordance with § 651m (2) BGB (German Civil Code).

## 4. Price increase; price cut

**4.1.** **nc** reserves the right, in accordance with § 651f, 651g BGB (German Civil Code) and the following regulations, to increase the travel price agreed in the package travel contract if this change occurred after the contract was concluded

**a)** Increase in the price of transporting passengers due to higher fuel or other energy costs,  
**b)** Increase in taxes and other charges for agreed travel services, such as tourist taxes, port or airport charges, or

**c)** A change in the exchange rates applicable to the package tour concerned directly affects the travel price.

**4.2.** An increase in the travel price is only permitted if **nc** clearly and comprehensibly informs the traveller about the price increase and its reasons in text form and informs them of the calculation of the price increase.

**4.3.** The price increase is calculated as follows:  
**a)** If the price for the transport of persons according to 4.1a) is increased, **nc** may increase the travel price in accordance with the following calculation:

- In the event of a seat-based increase, **nc** may charge the customer for the increase.
- Otherwise, the increased costs for fuel or other energy costs required by the transport company for each means of transport of **nc** will be divided by the number of persons carried. **nc** can claim payment from the customer for each person carried for the resulting increase.

**b)** In the event of an increase in taxes and other charges according to 4.1b), the travel price may be increased by the corresponding pro rata amount.

**c)** In the event of an increase in exchange rates according to 4.1c), the travel price can be increased to the extent that the journey has become more expensive for **nc**

**4.4.** **nc** is obliged to provide the customer/traveller with a reduction of the travel price at his request, if and to the extent that the prices, charges or exchange rates specified in 4.1 a) –c) have changed after the conclusion of the contract and this leads to lower costs for **nc** before departure. If the customer/traveller has paid more than the amount owed hereafter, the surplus shall be reimbursed to them by **nc**. However, **nc** may deduct the administrative expenditure that has been incurred by **nc** from the amount to be reimbursed. **nc** must prove to the customer/traveller, at their request, the cost of administrative expenditure that has been incurred.

**4.5.** Price increases are only permitted up to 20 days before departure.

**4.6.** In the event of price increases of more than 8%, the customer is entitled within a reasonable time limit set by **nc** upon notification of the price increase to either accept the change or to withdraw from the package travel contract free of charge. If the customer does not expressly declare to **nc** their withdrawal from the package travel contract within the deadline, the change shall be deemed accepted.

## 5. Cancellation by the customer before departure/cancellation fees

**5.1.** The customer may withdraw from the package travel contract at any time before departure. Their withdrawal should be declared to **nc** at the below address, or, if booked through a travel agent, the withdrawal declaration can also be sent to them. We recommend the customer withdraw from the contract in text form.

**5.2.** If the customer withdraws before departure or if the customer does not start the journey, **nc** is not entitled to receive the travel price. Instead, **nc** can demand reasonable compensation, insofar as withdrawal is not the responsibility of **nc**. **nc** cannot claim compensation for unavoidable, extraordinary circumstances at the destination or in its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the operation of the package tour or the transport of persons to the destination; circumstances are unavoidable and extraordinary if they are not under the control of the party invoking them and their consequences could not have been avoided even if all reasonable arrangements had been made.

**5.3.** **nc** has determined the following compensation charges taking into consideration the period between the notice of withdrawal and departure, as well as the expected expenditure savings and the expected purchase through other uses of the travel services. Compensation will be calculated after the time of receipt of the notice of withdrawal using the following scale:

**a)** Trips from the main catalogue, trips without any special labels

up to 150 days before departure	10%
up to 90 days before departure	20%
up to 45 days before departure	30%
up to 30 days before departure	50%
up to 10 days before departure	75%
up to one day before departure and on the day of arrival or in the event of non-occurrence of the agreed travel price	95%

**b)** Special offers at special prices (labelled as: "special offers")

up to 90 days before departure	30%
up to 45 days before departure	40%
up to 30 days before departure	60%
up to 10 days before departure	85%
up to one day before departure and on the day of arrival or in the event of non-occurrence of the agreed travel price	95%

**c)** Cancellation of single beds (individual travellers) in double or multi-bed cabins (trips from the main catalogue)

up to 90 days	50%;
from 89 to 45 days	75%;
from 44 days to 10 days	90%;
from 9 days until the day of arrival or in the event of non-occurrence of the agreed travel price.	95%

**c)** Cancellation of single beds (individual travellers) in double or multi-bed cabins (special offers)

up to 90 days	60%;
from 89 to 45 days	90%;
from 44 days until the day of arrival or in the event of non-arrival of the agreed travel price.	95%

**5.4.** The customer is free to prove to **nc** that **nc** did not incur any losses or a far lower loss than the cancellation compensation demanded by **nc**.

**5.5.** Cancellation compensation according to Section 5.3. is deemed not to have been determined and agreed if **nc** proves that **nc** incurred significantly greater expenditure than the calculated lump sum amount that would have been applied in the event of an agreement. In this case, **nc** is obliged to quantify and substantiate the required compensation, taking into consideration saved expenditure and acquisition and any other use of travel services.

**5.6.** If **nc** is obliged to refund the travel price due to a cancellation, Section 651 h (5) German Civil Code remains unaffected.

**5.7.** According to § 651 e BGB (German Civil Code), when notifying **nc** on a permanent data medium requesting a third party to enter into the rights and obligations under the package travel contract in their stead, the customer's legal rights remain unaffected by the above conditions. Such a declaration is considered timely if **nc** is informed 7 days before departure.

**5.8.** Taking out travel cancellation insurance and insurance to cover repatriation costs in case of accident or illness is strongly recommended.

## 6. Rebooking

**6.1.** After the conclusion of the contract, the customer may not make a claim for rebooking (changes regarding the travel date, travel destination, place of travel, accommodation, type of catering, type of transport or other services). This does not apply if the rebooking is necessary because **nc** has not provided any information or has provided insufficient or false pre-contractual information to the traveller pursuant to Art. 250 § 3 EGBGB (Introductory Act to the German Civil Code); in this case, the rebooking is free.

**6.2.** Upon request of the customer, **nc** may review rebooking options. If **nc** makes a rebooking, **nc** may charge a rebooking fee from the customer for each traveller affected by the rebooking, subject to the following time limit. Unless otherwise agreed on a case-by-case basis prior to the rebooking being agreed, rebooking fees amount to €200 per person up to 150 days before the journey.

Customer rebooking requests that take place after expiration of the time limit as well as rebooking requests that concern special offers at special prices, can, if their execution is possible at all, only be carried out after withdrawal from the travel contract according to Section 5 in line with the conditions and the making of a new registration. This does not apply to rebooking requests that only incur minor costs. Previously promised cabin numbers cannot be taken into account with rebookings.

## 7. Unused services

If the traveller accepts individual travel services, for whose contractual provision **nc** was prepared and able to provide, and does not make use of these services for their own reasons, the traveller has no entitlement to the partial reimbursement of the travel price, insofar as such reasons would not have entitled them to free withdrawal or termination of the travel contract in accordance with the legal conditions. **nc** will seek reimbursement for the expenditure saved from the tour operators. This obligation is waived if the services are completely insignificant.

## 8. Withdrawal due to the minimum number of participants not being met

**8.1.** **nc** may withdraw the travel offer if the minimum number of participants is not achieved in accordance with the following stipulations:

**a)** The minimum number of participants and the latest date of receipt of the declaration of withdrawal from **nc** by the customer must be stated in the respective pre-contractual briefing

**b)** **nc** must indicate the minimum number of participants and the latest withdrawal period in the travel confirmation

**c)** **nc** is obligated to immediately notify the customer of the cancellation of the trip if it is established that the journey will not be carried out due to the minimum number of participants not being reached.

**d)** Cancellation by **nc** later than 30 days before departure is not permitted.

**8.2.** If the trip is not carried out for this reason, the customer will immediately receive reimbursement of the travel price they have paid, Section 5.6. applies accordingly.

## 9. Obligations of the customer/traveller

### 9.1. Travel documents

The customer has to inform **nc** or the travel agent, through which the customer booked the package tour, if they do not have the necessary travel documents (e.g. plane ticket, hotel voucher) within the deadline communicated by **nc**.

**9.2.** Notice of defects/Request for remediation  
**a)** If the trip is not provided free of defects, the traveller may request remediation.

**b)** Insofar as **nc** could not remedy the situation as a result of a culpable neglect of the notice of defects, the traveller cannot assert any compensation claims according to § 651m BGB (German Civil Code) or claims for damages according to § 651n BGB.

**c)** The traveller is obligated to promptly provide the **nc** representative on-site with their notice of defects. If there is no local **nc** representative, any travel defects shall be reported to **nc** through the contact point provided by **nc**; accessibility of the **nc** representative or its contact on-site will be mentioned in the travel confirmation. The traveller can, however, also take the notice of defects to the travel agent through which the package tour was booked.

**d)** The **nc** representative is instructed to remedy the issue, if this is possible. They are not, however, authorised to recognise any claims.

### 9.3. Termination deadline

If the customer/traveller wants to terminate the package travel contract due to a travel deficiency of the kind specified in § 651i (2) BGB (German Civil Code), insofar as the defect is substantial, according to § 651l BGB, **nc** must be set a reasonable deadline for remedial action by the customer. This does not apply if the remedial actions of **nc** are refused or if immediate remediation is required.

**9.4.** Luggage damage and luggage delay during air travel; special rules and deadlines for requests for remediation

**a)** The traveller is advised that luggage loss, damage and delay related to air travel in accordance with the aviation regulations must be reported on-site immediately through a notice of loss ("P.I.R.") filed with the responsible airline. Airlines and **nc** may refuse reimbursement under international conventions if the notice of loss has not been completed. The notice of loss must be refunded within 7 days in case of luggage damage and within 21 days after delivery in case of delay.

**b)** In addition, the loss, damage or misdirection of luggage shall be reported immediately to their representative or contact point or the travel agent. This does not release the traveller from their obligation to file a loss report with the airline in accordance with a) within the deadlines stated above.

## 10. Limitation of liability

**10.1.** The contractual liability of **nc** for damages that are not the result of injury to life, body or health and were not culpably caused is limited to the triple of the travel price the travel price. Any further claims under the Montreal Convention or the Aviation Act remain unaffected by this limitation of liability.

**10.2.** **nc** is not liable for service interruptions, personal injury and material damages in connection with third-party services only (e.g. contracted excursions, sporting events, theatre visits, exhibitions), if these services were explicitly stated as being provided by third parties and the identity and address of the contracting party was clearly indicated in the travel description and travel confirmation so that the traveller could clearly see they were not part of the **nc** package tour and were selected separately. Sections 651b, 651c, 651w and 651y BGB (German Civil Code) remain unaffected.

**10.3.** **nc** shall be liable, however, if and to the extent that violation of the information, explanation or organisational duties of **nc** was the cause of damage to the traveller.

## 11. Assertion of claims, recipients

Claims according to § 651i (3) no. 2, 4-7 BGB (German Civil Code) are to be asserted to **nc** by the customer/traveller. The assertion may also be made through the travel agent if the package tour was booked through this travel agent. The contractual claims listed in § 651 i (3) BGB (German Civil Code) become time-barred after two years. The limitation period starts on the day on which the journey ends according to the contract. We recommend making an assertion in text form.

## 12. Information obligation for the identity of the air carriers

**12.1.** In accordance with the EU regulation on informing air transport passengers of the identity of the operating air carrier, **nc** will inform the customer of the identity of the operating airline(s) prior to booking, or at the latest at the time of booking, for all of the air transportation services to be rendered as part of the booked trip.

**12.2.** If the operating airline(s) have not yet been determined at the time of booking, **nc** is obliged

to provide the customer with the name of the airline or airlines that are likely to operate the flight. As soon as **nc** knows which airline will be operating the flight, **nc** will inform the customer.

**12.3.** If the operating airline stated to the customer changes, **nc** will immediately inform the customer of the change and provide them with suitable information regarding this change.

**12.4.** The "Black List" established in accordance with the EC regulations (airlines prohibited from using the airspace over the member states) is available on the **nc** internet site or directly via [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index\\_de.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_de.htm) and at the offices of **nc**.

## 13. Passport, visa and health regulations

**13.1.** **nc** will inform the customer/traveller of general passport and visa requirements, as well as the health formalities of the country of destination, including the approximate deadlines for obtaining any necessary visas prior to conclusion of the contract and any changes to these prior to the journey.

**13.2.** The customer is responsible for procuring and carrying the officially required travel documents, getting any necessary vaccinations and compliance with customs and foreign exchange regulations. Disadvantages resulting from non-observance of these regulations, e.g. the payment of cancellation costs, are at the expense of the customer/traveller. This does not apply if **nc** has not provided information or has provided insufficient or incorrect information.

**13.3.** **nc** shall not be liable for the timely issuance and receipt of necessary visas from the respective diplomatic representation if the customer has entrusted **nc** with the provision, unless **nc** has culpably neglected its own duties.

## 14. Special regulations in relation to pandemics (in particular coronavirus)

**14.1.** The parties agree that **nc** will always render the agreed travel services in conjunction with the service providers in compliance with and subject to the official regulations and requirements applicable at the time of travel.

**14.2.** The traveller agrees to observe appropriate usage regulations or limitations of the service provider when using the travel services and to notify the tour guide and tour operator immediately if the characteristic symptoms of illness appear.

## 15. Data processing; alternative dispute resolution; choice of law and place of jurisdiction

**15.1.** Data provided by the customer in the travel booking is used by **nc** to book and process the cruise as well as to forward information and offers to the customer. In the case of cruises abroad, processing includes in particular forwarding customer data to service partners abroad. More about the processing and storage as well as the rights as data subjects (in particular information and objection rights) can be found in **nc**'s Privacy Policy, which can be viewed at any time at <https://www.nicko-cruises.de/en/rechtliches/data-protection> or at the business premises of **nc** or which **nc** is happy to send to customers.

**15.2.** **nc** points out that in view of the law on consumer dispute settlement, **nc** does not

participate in voluntary consumer dispute settlement. If a consumer dispute settlement becomes mandatory for **nc** after these travel terms have been printed, **nc** will inform the consumer accordingly in a suitable manner. **nc** refers to the European online dispute resolution platform <https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/> for all travel contracts concluded in electronic commerce.

**15.3.** For customers/travellers who are not nationals of a member state of the European Union or who are Swiss citizens, the exclusive validity of German law is agreed for the entire legal and contractual agreement between the customer/traveller and **nc**. Such customers/travellers can only file suits against **nc** at the **nc** headquarters.

**15.4.** For **nc**, claims against customers or contracting parties in the package travel contract who are businessmen, legal entities of the public law or private law, who are domiciled abroad, are ordinarily resident abroad or whose habitual residence at the time the claim is raised is unknown will be filed in the place of jurisdiction of the **nc** headquarters.

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Valid as of September 2020  
Separate conditions apply to our river cruises.



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# Form for briefing the traveller on a package tour in accordance with § 651a of the German Civil Code

The combination of travel services offered is a package tour within the meaning of directive (EU) 2015/2302. You can therefore claim all EU rights that apply to package tours. The company **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** bears full responsibility for the proper execution of the entire package tour. In addition, **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** has the legally required protection for the repayment of your payments and, if transport is included in the package tour, to ensure your repatriation in the event of its insolvency.

## Most important rights under directive (EU) 2015/2302

- Travellers will receive all relevant information about the package tour before the completion of the package travel contract.
- At least one operator is always liable for the proper provision of all travel services included in the contract.
- Travellers will receive an emergency telephone number or details for a contact point in order to be able to contact the tour operator or travel agent.
- Travellers may transfer the package tour to another person within a reasonable time and possibly at additional cost.
- The price of the package holiday may only be increased if certain costs (for example, fuel prices) increase and if this is expressly provided for in the contract, and in any case not later than 20 days before the start of the package tour. If the price increase exceeds 8% of the package tour price, the traveller can withdraw from the contract. If a tour operator reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has the right to a price cut if the corresponding costs decrease.
- Travellers can withdraw from the contract without payment of a cancellation fee and receive full reimbursement for all payments if any of the essential elements of the package tour, with the exception of the price, are significantly altered. If the operator responsible for the package tour cancels the package tour before the start of the journey, travellers are entitled to reimbursement and possibly compensation.
- Travellers may withdraw from the contract in the event of exceptional circumstances prior to the start of the package tour without paying a cancellation fee, for example, if there are serious safety issues at the destination which are likely to affect the package tour.
- In addition, travellers can withdraw from the contract at any time before the start of the package tour by paying a reasonable and justifiable cancellation fee.
- If, after the start of the package tour, essential elements of the package tour cannot be arranged in accordance with the agreement, the traveller must be provided with appropriate alternative arrangements at no extra cost. The traveller may withdraw from the contract without payment of a cancellation fee (in the Federal Republic of Germany this right is called "Termination"), if services are not provided in accordance with the contract and this has a significant effect on the provision of the contractual package tour services and the tour operator fails to remedy the situation.
- The traveller is entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation if the travel services are not provided or are not provided properly.
- The tour operator will assist the traveller if they are experiencing hardship.
- In the event of the insolvency of the tour operator or, in some member states, of the travel agent, payments will be reimbursed. If the tour operator or, if relevant, the travel agent enters into insolvency after the start of the package tour, and if transport is part of the package, the return of travellers is guaranteed. **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany** has insolvency hedging with **Zurich Beteiligungsaktiengesellschaft**. Travellers can contact **Zurich Beteiligungsaktiengesellschaft** (Platz der Einheit 2, 60327 Frankfurt am Main, Germany, tel: +49 (0) 69 7115-0; Fax: +49 (0) 69 7115-3358; e-mail: service@zurich.de) if they are denied services due to the insolvency of **nicko cruises Schiffsreisen GmbH, Mittlerer Pfad 2, 70499 Stuttgart, Germany**.

Web page on which the complete edition of the German Civil Code can be found: <https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bgb/>

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## COMPLETE PROTECTION

No deductible

- Travel Cancellation Insurance
- Travel Assistance
- Travel Curtailment Insurance
- Foreign Travel Health Insurance incl. Patient Repatriation Transportation
- Travel Luggage Insurance
- Travel Accident Insurance
- Travel Liability Insurance

## CANCELLATION FULL PROTECTION

No deductible

- Travel Cancellation Insurance
- Travel Assistance
- Travel Curtailment Insurance

## WORLD

per person Travel price to	booking code: KSOH	
500		91
750		106
1,000		130
1,500		144
2,000		185
3,000		253
5,000		422
7,500		632
10,000		843

## WORLD

per person Travel price to	booking code: RROH	
500		52
750		62
1,000		83
1,500		108
2,000		132
3,000		211
5,000		314
7,500		529
10,000		704

## TRAVEL HEALTH INSURANCE

No deductible

- Foreign Travel Health Insurance incl. Patient Repatriation Transportation

## WORLD

per person Travel duration	booking code: AKVH	
45 days		34

All sums and premiums in Euro.

**Mode of travel:** valid for all types of travel

**Area of application:** worldwide

**Insured cost of travel:** A maximum travel price of € 10,000 per person is possible. Please contact our service team for longer travel periods and travel fees exceeding € 10,000.

**Sums insured:**

**Travel Luggage Insurance:** € 3,000 per person

**Travel Accident Insurance:** up to € 30,000 per person in the event of disability, € 10,000 in the event of death

**Travel Liability Insurance:** € 500,000 per person for personal injury and property damage

**Insured duration of travel:**

**Cancellation Full Protection:** unlimited

**Complete Protection:** See insurance certificate / travel confirmation / booking confirmation. The insurance policies are valid for the duration of the trip (from commencement of the trip to the time of return); a maximum of 45 days is possible. The Travel Cancellation and Travel Curtailment Insurance provides cover irrespective of the duration of the trip.

**Notes on arranging insurance:** All travel protection with Travel Cancellation Insurance should be taken out when booking travel. It is possible to take this out later up to 30 days before commencement of travel. If travel is booked 29 days or less before commencement of travel, travel cover must be taken out immediately, but within the following three workdays at the latest.

**Important information:** The Terms and Conditions of Insurance of AWP P&C S.A. are relevant for insurance cover. The complete Terms and Conditions of Insurance are available from your travel agent. They are also available for inspection under [www.allianz-reiseversicherung.de/avb](http://www.allianz-reiseversicherung.de/avb). Services and premiums are subject to amendments.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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The Azores & Western Europe	E3	17	Bremerhaven-Amsterdam-Portland-Azores-Madeira-Málaga	29.09. - 15.10.2021	72
Mediterranean	M2	13	Málaga-Cartagena-Barcelona-Monte Carlo-Corsica-Marseille	15.10. - 27.10.2021	86
Mediterranean	M1	11	Marseille-Monte Carlo-Florence-Rome-Naples-Sicily-Valletta	27.10. - 06.11.2021	84
Mediterranean	M3	13	Valletta-Sicily-Rome-Florence-Barcelona-Málaga	06.11. - 18.11.2021	88
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T1	11	Málaga-Tangier-Madeira-Fuerteventura-La Gomera-Gran Canaria	18.11. - 28.11.2021	50
Cape Verde & West Africa	K1	13	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria	28.11. - 10.12.2021	40
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T2	11	Gran Canaria-Madeira-Casablanca-Agadir-Lanzarote-Tenerife-Gran Canaria	10.12. - 20.12.2021	52
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T6	17	Gran Canaria-La Gomera-El Hierro-Tenerife-Casablanca-Madeira-Lanzarote-Gran Canaria	20.12.2021 - 05.01.2022	56
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T2	11	Gran Canaria-Madeira-Casablanca-Agadir-Lanzarote-Tenerife-Gran Canaria	05.01. - 15.01.2022	52
Cape Verde & West Africa	K1	13	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria	15.01. - 27.01.2022	40
Cape Verde & West Africa	K1	13	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria	27.01. - 08.02.2022	40
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T2	11	Gran Canaria-Madeira-Casablanca-Agadir-Lanzarote-Tenerife-Gran Canaria	08.02. - 18.02.2022	52
Cape Verde & West Africa	K1	13	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria	18.02. - 02.03.2022	40
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T4	13	Gran Canaria-Tenerife-La Gomera-Lanzarote-Casablanca-Cádiz-Lisbon	02.03. - 14.03.2022	54
The Azores & Western Europe	E1	13	Lisbon-Azores-Madeira-Lisbon	14.03. - 26.03.2022	68
The Azores & Western Europe	E1	13	Lisbon-Azores-Madeira-Lisbon	26.03. - 07.04.2022	68
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T5	13	Lisbon-Portimão-Cádiz-Agadir-Canary Islands-Las Palmas	07.04. - 19.04.2022	54
Cape Verde & West Africa	K1	13	Gran Canaria-Cape Verde-Dakar-Gran Canaria	19.04. - 01.05.2022	40
Canary Islands, Madeira & Morocco	T3	11	Gran Canaria-La Gomera-Fuerteventura-Madeira-Tangier-Málaga	01.05. - 11.05.2022	50
The Azores & Western Europe	E4	17	Málaga-Madeira-Azores-Portland-Amsterdam-Bremerhaven	11.05. - 27.05.2022	72
Baltic Sea	B3	13	Bremerhaven-Riga-Helsinki-Tallinn-Stockholm-Kiel	27.05. - 08.06.2022	116
Baltic Sea	B1	12	Kiel-Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki-Stockholm-Gdansk-Kiel	08.06. - 19.06.2022	112
Northern Europe	N1	15	Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Lofoten-North Cape-Gothenburg-Kiel	19.06. - 03.07.2022	98
Baltic Sea	B2	12	Kiel-Bornholm-Riga-Helsinki-Tallinn-Stockholm-Kiel	03.07. - 14.07.2022	114
Northern Europe	N2	15	Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-North Cape-Lofoten-Gothenburg-Kiel	14.07. - 28.07.2022	100
Baltic Sea	B4	13	Kiel-Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki-Talinn-Stockholm-Bremerhaven	28.07. - 09.08.2022	118
The Azores & Western Europe	E2	15	Bremerhaven-Edinburgh-Belfast-Plymouth-Dover-Bremerhaven	09.08. - 23.08.2022	70
Baltic Sea	B3	13	Bremerhaven-Riga-Helsinki-Tallinn-Stockholm-Kiel	23.08. - 04.09.2022	116
Northern Europe	N3	15	Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Lofoten-North Cape-Trondheim-Kiel	04.09. - 18.09.2022	102
Baltic Sea	B1	12	Kiel-Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki-Stockholm-Gdansk-Kiel	18.09. - 29.09.2022	112
Northern Europe	N1	15	Kiel-Bergen-Geiranger-Lofoten-North Cape-Gothenburg-Kiel	29.09. - 13.10.2022	98
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Pool Deck with sliding glass roof

