



Join **Molly Fowler, The Dining Diva**, on
Oceania's Tudors to Tapas Cruise!

London to Barcelona aboard the MS Sirena

May 3-15, 2024 (Depart the U.S.A. by May 2, 2024)

We have filtered through a lot of cruises and cruise ships for our traveling companions, and here's what we look for: Our itinerary must be varied, breathtaking, and exotic, the ship sparkling and plush, the sights and food nothing less than Diva-level delicious, the on-shore activities spectacular, and, of course, there should be *more than one* "Once-in-a-Lifetime" experience! We know this wonderful journey checks all those boxes!

It's hard to beat marvelous London, **UK** as our departure point, and that's just the beginning. We have four more wonderful and very different countries ahead. **France** will stun you with Bordeaux beauty, wine estates, and coastal wonders! Basque country and northern **Spain** dazzle, from the art of the Guggenheim Museum to the art of "pintxos" (tapas)... both world-class! Oporto, **Portugal** is certainly the port for Port wine, with tastings a-plenty! Lisbon will thrill with its trolley cars, hills, sunny beaches, and relaxed spirit. Cross the straits to Africa... "*Let's take a trip to Morocco*", as the old song goes, with a day in Tangier, then return to coastal Spain with its Roman ruins, movie sets, pristine Moorish castles, and sunny, bustling squares lined with cafes, bodegas, and shopping galore. Coast into Barcelona and enjoy the rich, happy seaside lifestyle in the Party City of Europe! Come and see why the neighbors of France, Spain and Portugal are now the most visited and enjoyed countries in Europe – and we're on a cruise that *departs* from London and *ends* in Barcelona! It's just as we promised: *several* "Once in a Lifetime" experiences! ***Come join the celebration!***

Tudors to Tapas Itinerary

Itinerary ⚓ = Anchor Port

DAY	PORT
May 3 Fri	London (Southampton), United Kingdom
May 4 Sat	Saint-Malo, France ⚓
May 5 Sun	Cruising the English Channel & Bay of Biscay
May 6 Mon	Bordeaux, France
May 7 Tue	Bordeaux, France
May 8 Wed	Bilbao, Spain
May 9 Thu	La Coruña, Spain
May 10 Fri	Oporto, Portugal
May 11 Sat	Lisbon, Portugal
May 12 Sun	Tangier, Morocco
May 13 Mon	Almeria, Spain
May 14 Tue	Alicante, Spain
May 15 Wed	Barcelona, Spain



Fares from \$4399 per person incl. roundtrip airfare!

\$750 deposit to reserve your stateroom with only \$100 at risk until final payment due **1/4/2024**. Deposit by **1/10/2023** to receive all group discounts! All rates quoted are per person subject to change and availability until deposited. Email Cindy at Cindy@BeyondGroupTravel with questions or review **FEATURED TRIPS** on the website.

Your Oceania Cruise includes....



- Roundtrip economy airfare and airport transfers from select cities*
- Free dining at all specialty restaurants
- Free and unlimited soft drinks, bottled water, cappuccino, espresso, teas and juices
- Free shuttle service from ship to city center in many ports of call - a daily value of up to \$50 per guest!
- Free room service dining 24 hours a day and Free nightly entertainment
- With **OLife Choice***, our limited-time inclusive package, enjoy Free Internet plus choose one:
FREE - 3 Shore Excursions per guest; **FREE** – House Select Beverage Package; **FREE** - \$600 Shipboard Credit
(Amenities are per stateroom; must be the same for both occupants; Free shore excursions exclude Oceania Select, Oceania Exclusive, Executive Collection, Food & Wine Trails, Wellness, Go Local, and Culinary Discovery Tours)
- Private Group Dinner** and Private Group Cocktail Reception** **Both are Dining Diva Exclusives!**
- On-board gratuities for shipboard staff, minimum value of \$192 per guest, or \$276 per guest for Penthouse and above;
another Dina Diving Exclusive
- Free and unlimited access to Aquamar Spa Terrace+
- A Dining Diva private cooking demo onboard the ship

See BeyondGroupTravel.com **Featured Trips** for details!

Day 1: London (Southampton), UK. Arrive before our voyage begins and enjoy High Tea at Harrods... view the Royal Treasures display at the tower of London... shop Oxford Street boutiques... spend the evening in a cozy pub... or enjoy a beach day on the Isle of Wight!

Day 2: Arrive in **Saint-Malo, France.** Explore this fascinating fortified town or discover the lovely medieval town of Dinan with its impressive clock tower and picturesque half-timbered houses. Drive along the rugged Brittany coast and savor the stunning view of the mystical Mont St. Michel before wandering through its steep, winding streets, its shops and cafes, and the mazelike abbey passages.

Day 3: Cruising the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay. Relax and enjoy the beauty and features of our ship during a day at sea!

Days 4-5: Bordeaux, France. Enjoy the city's visual feast of wonderful ornate buildings, broad avenues, marvelous squares and the Cathedral of St. André where Eleanor of Aquitaine married Louis VII. Stroll through Old Bordeaux. Then visit the area's fabulous vineyards and magnificent châteaux and delight in tasting their superb wines. This is an "overnight" port, so you may consider a day trip to Paris!

Day 6: Bilbao, Spain. Bilbao is a charming city with 700 years of history! Enjoy a tapas crawl and ride the free trolley that crosses from the river district to the Old Quarter, the most popular area of the city. No visit to Bilbao would be complete without a visit to the architecturally delightful Guggenheim Museum, which is in and of itself a work of art with stunning, original design inside and out.

Day 7: La Coruna, Spain. See the famed Tower of Hercules, the still working 2nd-century-AD Roman lighthouse, and wander through this historic town of fine churches, old palaces, cobbled streets and unique fishermen's houses. Or spend the day in beautiful Santiago de Compostela, an important pilgrimage site renowned for its magnificent cathedral with a superb architectural and cultural heritage.

Day 8: Oporto, Portugal. Explore picturesque, historic Oporto and the Vila Nova de Gaia quarter, home of its famed port wine industry... or discover Portugal's scenic countryside and inviting beaches. Visit Guimaraes with its impressive medieval castle and beautiful Braga with its Bom Jesus Shrine and superb cathedral. Relax at a local tavern over delicious local snacks and a glass of rich port wine.

Day 9: Lisbon, Portugal. Visit the ornate Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery then stroll the winding streets of the charming Alfama district. Enjoy marvelous old Sintra, a royal country retreat, and Cascais, a beautiful seaside resort. Sample unusual wines paired with tapas at the Sintra-Colares wine cellar. Make a pilgrimage to Fatima, where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in 1917.

Day 10: Tangier, Morocco. Explore the shaded and beautiful Mendoubia Gardens. Shop the exotic Grand Socco bazaar then stroll the narrow streets of Tangier's medina. Experience Tetouan, a mountain city with a beautiful white royal palace. The Caves of Hercules are nine miles west of Tangier in the Cap Spartel area; it is a place of great beauty and archaeological significance.

Day 11: Almeria, Spain. Visit the astonishing Alcazaba, the largest Muslim building in Spain, overlooking the extraordinary city. Tour the locations where *Indiana Jones*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Patton*, and 300 other movies were made. The wall paintings in the caves of Velez Blanco offer fascinating insights into an ancient people. See where the historic and modern merge on a stroll down the Paseo de Almeria.

Day 12: Alicante, Spain. Lying on Spain's radiant Costa Blanca, Alicante exudes a rare beauty. Lovely Baroque buildings cluster around the historic central district. Marble plazas grace its broad waterfront boulevard. View pristine beaches from Roman ruins. Stop for a glass of refreshing sangria in the Old Quarter. Behold the masterpieces hanging in the Gravina Museum, a former 18th century palace.

Day 13: Barcelona, Spain. Visit the magnificent old Gothic cathedral and the amazing La Sagrada Familia, Antoni Gaudí's almost-finished masterpiece. Enjoy the lovely Montjuic Gardens and Olympic Stadium, Gaudí's Mind-bending Parc Guelle, the charming squares of the old Gothic Quarter, and of course the Ramblas, Barcelona's famed and scenic downtown promenade featuring La Boqueria food market.

*see website for primary gateway cities; **minimum number required; +Category A and above