



## LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

## European Coastal Cruise: France, Spain & Portugal 2024

10 days from **\$12,495** per person *was* \$13,495

Limited to 148 guests

**OFFER**

Book early and save \$1,000 per person on all stateroom categories and suites. Plus, save 75% on the single supplement on categories 1-3.

Embark on a comprehensive western European adventure during the lovely fall season and enjoy rare experiences in France such as the exploration of bucolic Normandy, moving World War II sites, or the epicurean region of Bordeaux. You also visit picturesque Brittany, UNESCO-designated Mont Saint-Michel, Bilbao's modern Guggenheim, Santiago de Compostela and Porto.

### Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet<sup>®</sup> Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### A&K Advantages

Cruise for nine nights on an exclusively chartered, all-inclusive A&K expedition featuring treasures of France, Spain and Portugal

Experience the benefits of luxury small-ship expedition featuring no more than 148 guests and access to ports seldom visited by cruise ships, including Bordeaux and the coast of Brittany

Enjoy a choice of included A&K-led excursions in every port designed for a range of activity levels and interests, including everything from the epicurean to art and architecture to natural wonders

Savor wine tastings amid Europe's most famed vineyards, including UNESCO-designated Porto and Bordeaux

Experience a rare opportunity to retrace an ancient pilgrimage route and visit Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, where you also enjoy tapas, and folkloric music and dance

Visit Basque Country and Bilbao's stunning Guggenheim museum as well as a remarkable Paleolithic art Cave

Step back in time when you explore the magnificent fortress of the Mont Saint-Michel

# Itinerary

## SEP 21 ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND

Arrive in London, where you meet your fellow guests and Expedition Team. Then transfer to Dover to board your luxurious ship this afternoon. Later this evening, enjoy a welcome briefing and reception aboard.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Dinner

## SEP 22 HONFLEUR, FRANCE | NORMANDY'S RICHES

Arrive in Honfleur, a quaint Norman port town with a rich maritime heritage dating to the 16th century. Stroll the narrow streets, taking in St. Catherine's Church and the Old Port. Or, you might travel to the D-Day landing site of Omaha Beach, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitors Center at Colleville-sur-Mer. Alternatively, embark on a culinary adventure in the countryside, sampling local cheeses, hard cider and Calvados.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 23 SAINT-MALO | GATEWAY TO MONT SAINT-MICHEL

Arrive in Saint-Malo, a historic fortified port renowned for its walled battlements, idyllic beaches and regional gastronomy. Once ashore, explore the city's market, 15th-century buildings and Fort National. Then, visit a traditional Breton biscuit maker in Cancale and enjoy a seafood lunch. Alternatively, you might visit Mont Saint-Michel, a stunning village perched atop a tidal island. Here, wander its steep cobblestone streets and climb over 350 steps to reach its famed abbey. Or, visit the town of Dinan and its 14th-century castle, enjoying walks along the estuary, and a guided oyster farm experience.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 24 AT SEA | SAILING TOWARD SOUTHWEST FRANCE

Unwind during a relaxing day at sea, enjoying the ship's amenities and engaging presentations by our experts.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 25 BORDEAUX | INTOXICATING ART DE VIVRE

Bordeaux offers an exciting mix of castles, vineyards, art and urban street life. Here, explore the Old Town, the 13th-century Cathedral of St. André and the immersive digital art exhibition of the Bassins de Lumières. Alternatively, delve into Bordeaux's rich wine heritage with a tour and tasting at a local estate. Or, visit the seaside resort town of Arcachon, where you experience its golden beaches, Belle Époque atmosphere and freshly caught oysters. You might also opt for a nature walk through coastal Landes, home to the largest forest in Europe.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 26 BILBAO, SPAIN | SHIMMERING ART IN BASQUE COUNTRY

Arrive in Bilbao, a medieval city and proud Basque enclave that has transformed itself into a modern cultural mecca. Here, explore Frank Gehry's spectacular Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Alternately, transfer to Guernica, a historic Basque city inextricably linked to the Spanish Civil War and immortalized in Picasso's namesake masterpiece. Alternatively, choose a hike and visit to a cave adorned with Paleolithic art, or a drive through to the quaint fishing town of Bermeo. Return to your vessel for lunch and a relaxing afternoon sailing scenic coastal Spain.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 27 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA | HALLOWED GROUND

Today, explore the province of A Coruña and the city of Santiago de Compostela, the terminus of the Camino de Santiago, a network of pilgrimage routes dating to the ninth century. Choose to explore the city's cathedral and Old Town, followed by lunch with a Galician folklore dance performance. Alternatively, choose a shorter walk to Cape Finisterre, the last stop on the Camino de Santiago, followed by a visit to the medieval castle of Vimianzo. For another option, explore Santiago's bustling food market and restaurants, tasting local tapas, empanadas, cheeses and wines.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 28 PORTO, PORTUGAL | OPULENT CITY ON THE RIO DOURO

Arrive in Porto, the charming-yet-edgy star of the Iberian Peninsula. Here, explore vibrant Cais da Ribeira, discovering its Stock Exchange Palace and St. Francis Church, followed by a port wine tasting at a famous riverside lodge. Or, opt for a culinary tour of Porto's vibrant central market and beloved backstreet taverns. Alternatively, visit the enchanting Douro Valley for a winery tour, tasting and lunch at one of the region's finest wine estates; or see Braga, home of the Baroque Bom Jesus de Braga Sanctuary. You may also visit historic Guimarães and its medieval castle.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 29 LISBON | CHARISMATIC CAPITAL

Arrive in Lisbon, a charismatic seaside capital renowned for its white-bleached limestone buildings and easygoing charm. Once ashore, tour the iconic Tower of Belem and Jerónimos Monastery, pausing to sample local culinary specialties along the way. Or, drive to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its glittering palaces. Alternatively, set out on an excursion to the enchanting walled city of Évora. You might also opt to learn about the region's tilemaking tradition with a hands-on experience at a local workshop.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



**SEP 30 DEPART LISBON**

Disembark and continue on your post-tour extension or transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Meals: Breakfast

# Extensions



## England's Cotswolds Pre-Tour Extension

Explore Oxford, Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon, Arlington Row and Kiftsgate Court Gardens.

4 days from \$5,495 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,895 per person

SEP 18

Arrive at London airport and transfer to Oxford. Join fellow guests this evening for a welcome briefing. Enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels

SEP 19

Set off on a guided adventure of the historic Cotswolds, beginning with visits to Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare. After lunch, explore Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, and time permitting, pause to see his grave at St Martin's Church. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure in Oxford.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 20

Enjoy another full day in the Cotswolds, beginning in Bibury to see picturesque Arlington Row with its ancient row of weavers' cottages. Take a stroll in Upper and Lower Slaughter, and in the old wool town of Chipping Campden, see arguably the loveliest high street in England. Proceed to Kiftsgate Court Gardens for a special lunch; later, explore Great Tew and enjoy refreshments. Return to Oxford with time to experience the city at your leisure.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 21

Today, visit Christ Church College with its magnificent Great Hall — also the inspiration for Hogwarts Castle's Great Hall in the Harry Potter films — as well as the Bodleian Libraries and Divinity School. Enjoy lunch before transferring to Dover to joining your main program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## Lisbon Post-Tour Extension

Discover the picturesque capital of Portugal and treasures that include the Jeronimos Monastery and Sintra National Palace.

4 days from \$3,495 per person  
Single Supplement from \$795 per person

SEP 30

Extend your Portuguese adventure in Lisbon. Enjoy a panoramic tour and lunch of local specialties before transferring to your hotel in the heart of the city. Join fellow guests this evening for dinner.

InterContinental Lisbon | Meals: Dinner

OCT 1

Following breakfast, explore Lisbon and begin with a scenic drive through the Belem district. Continue on to explore the filigreed Belem Tower and jaw-dropping Jeronimos Monastery, two of Lisbon's most iconic UNESCO-listed treasures, as well as the National Coach Museum with its world-class collection of 17th to 19th-century coaches. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

InterContinental Lisbon | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

OCT 2

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before joining a scenic drive through the lush mountains and forests to Sintra, where you explore the whimsical Sintra National Palace with its arabesque courtyards and conical chimneys. Return to your hotel with time to experience the city at your leisure.

InterContinental Lisbon | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

OCT 3

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Sep 21 - Sep 30, 2024</b>			
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$12,495 (was \$13,495)	\$2,532 (was \$10,125)	Available
Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$15,495 (was \$16,495)	\$3,094 (was \$12,375)	Available
Category 3 - Prestige Stateroom	\$17,995 (was \$18,995)	\$3,562 (was \$14,245)	Available
Category 4 - Deluxe Suite	\$25,995 (was \$26,995)	\$23,395	Available
Category 5 - Privilege Suite	\$27,995 (was \$28,995)	\$25,195	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 6 - Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$34,995 (was \$35,995)	\$31,495	Available
Category 7 - Grand Deluxe Suite	\$42,495 (was \$43,495)	\$38,245	Available
Category 8 - Owner's Suite	\$46,495 (was \$47,495)	\$41,845	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

## Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: embarkation at 4:00 p.m. on Sep 21.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Sep 30.

## Special Offer Terms & Conditions

*Offers subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo or any other single supplement discounts.*

*Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo Club or any other single supplement discounts.*

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).