

EXPERIENCE PORTUGAL WONDER & THE GREEK ISLES & MORE

22 nights 22 MAY – 13 JUNE 2020: \$ 9970 pp + Airfare Singles Enquire

With Greg & Gaye of the Finesse Holidays

Join us for the Portugal experience, Medieval castles, cobblestone villages, captivating cities and golden beaches. History and great food and idyllic scenery are just the beginning....

- * 7 nights in Portugal - Cascais, right in the heart to explore Lisbon, Sintra & more.
- * 4 nights in Parador De Tortosa near Barcelona. Let's go back in time.
- * 11 nights on The Celebrity Infinity covering Greek Isles, Spain, Italy, Croatia & Malta
- * All Breakfasts, dinners, plus lunches on cruise, numerous day and ½ day tours and most transfers
- * All Bridge Fees and Welcome drinks.

Option: 7 Nights Lake Maggiore in 5* accommodation and 1 night in Rome to top off our exquisite holiday.



2: HOTEL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS for EMERGENCIES:

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CASCAIS - PORTUGAL – GRAND REAL VILLA ITALIA May 22 - 29

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TORTOSA - BARCELONA - PARADOR DE TORTOSA May 29 – June 02

Address: Castillo de la Zuda, s/n, 43500 Tortosa, Tarragona, Spain

Phone: +34 977 44 44 50

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE – June 02 - 13

CELEBRITY INFINITY

Bridge Program:

14 bridge sessions are at (B4Red). All singles are welcome and you will be matched with another single. All workshops come with literature.

7: BRIDGE WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS:

Please contact us for any material you wish to discuss. Some of the topics that will be covered include Bergen Raises, Jacoby, View to your opening lead, Declarer play, The Real Losing Trick Count. Additional lessons will be conducted at request of clients.

8: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

TBA

3: ITINERARY – Please note that times may be adjusted slightly

Your hosts will be departing Sydney on May 18 for a stopover somewhere and arriving in Lisbon on May 22, staying at Grand Real Villa Italia.

May 22 11:30 – 12:00 Depart Lisbon Airport.

CASCAIS – PORTUGAL GRAND REAL VILLA ITALIA

May 22 15:00 Approximate Arrival 18:30 Welcome Drinks & Dinner

TBC

3: CASCAIS - PORTUGAL – REAL VILLA ITALIA - MAY 22 - 29

Cascais is a fantastic location for a 1 week holiday, and combines the best of a bustling resort town with the close proximity of a major city. Cascais is a traditional Portuguese town, and has a delightful historic centre, filled with grand 19th-century architecture, pretty parks and interesting museums. Within the region surround Cascais are many enjoyable day trips, including Lisbon, Sintra and the beautiful natural scenery of the Serra de Sintra. Cascais is the perfect destination for tourists wanting a varied holiday, and this guide will provide a suggested 1-week itinerary.



A 5 Star Hotel in Cascais (A Leading Hotel of the World)

Get ready for a new and exclusive experience in the former Royal residence.

The Grande Real Villa Itália Hotel & Spa is a 5 star hotel in Cascais, facing the beaches of the City of Lisbon and 30km from the city centre. The perfect haven for an unforgettable stay. Within an environment where the classical and the contemporary blend into a single scenery, the Grande Real Villa Itália Hotel & Spa derives from the recovery of the former residences of the last King of Italy - Humberto II. With sophisticated suites and family Penthouses, the Grande Real Villa Itália Hotel & Spa offers you superb cuisine in the La Terraza Restaurant & Bar and Belvedere Ristorante, prepared by the well known Chef Paulo Pinto.

Enjoy an unforgettable stay, discover the secrets of the Royal residence and bring royalty into your history.

DAY 1 - TOUR 1. Discover Cascais and Estoril

Cascais elegantly blends 19th-century architecture with traditional Portuguese charm, to create an interesting days sightseeing. Within the historic centre is a fort, a fishing harbour, the grand Guimaraes mansion and the Casa Santa Maria. Along the coastline is the Boca do Inferno cliff formation and this leads back to the Paula Rego art gallery, the Sea museum and the Parque Marechal Carmona.



For the afternoon there is a delightful beachfront promenade between Cascais and Estoril. This pleasant 2km walk passes a series of pretty little beaches and luxurious villas, before ending in the stylish resort town of Estoril, which is famed for its casino.

DAY 3 - TOUR 2. Discover Lisbon (Alfama and Baixa)

After having a day of bridge, we will visit Lisbon-the vibrant capital of Portugal, and no holiday to Cascais is complete without visiting this exciting city. The suggested areas to begin exploring Lisbon are in Alfama and Baixa, and these two districts can fill an entire days sightseeing. Baixa is the grand centre of Lisbon, with majestic plazas and wide avenues, and attractions include the Elevador Santa Justa, the Rua da Augusta, and the magnificent Praca do Comercio.



The Rua da Augusta is the main shopping street of Lisbon. Alfama is a complete opposite to regal Baixa, and is a maze of narrow streets and alleys that climb up the steep hill from the Tejo Estuary to the castle. Contained in Alfama are many of Lisbon's oldest monuments, including the castle and cathedral, and the entire district is crossed by the quaint yellow tram. Cascais is connected to Lisbon by a direct railway and the journey is less than 40 minutes.

DAY 4 - TOUR 3

Discover Sintra

Sintra is an exquisite town that is nestled within the hills of the Serra de Sintra, and was the favoured residence of the Portuguese nobility. Contained within the town are beautiful royal palaces and opulent mansions, many of which follow the ornamental Romanticism style of architecture. Sintra is an outstanding tourist destination and there is so much to see within the town that it takes two full days to explore.

On this first day it is suggested to visit the Gothic National Palace, the ruins of the Moors Castle and the beautiful Pena Palace, which is the highlight of the day. These three sights are spread across the hills of Sintra and there is a tourist bus service number 434, departing from the train station that we will take. Cascais is connected to Sintra by the 417-bus route that departs from the bus station and terminates at Sintra train station.



DAY 5 - TOUR 4

Lisbon & The Belem District

Belem is the picturesque district to the west of Lisbon, and contains many of the capital's most iconic monuments, including the Jeronimos Monastery, Torre de Belem and the Discoverers Monument. The district lines the banks of the Tejo estuary and was where many of the 14th century "voyages of discovery" departed from. These expeditions discovered the sea route to India and Brazil, and the trade that it brought to Portugal helped fund the extravagant Jeronimos Monastery.



The Lisbon suspension bridge:

Belem is a district of ornamental gardens and wide open spaces, with pleasant footpaths along the waterfront and views of the suspension bridge. There are many great museums in Belem including the fascinating Museu dos Coches (museum dedicated to horse-drawn carriages), Museu Berardo (art gallery) and the Museu da Marinha. There is a lot to see within Belem and it deserves a whole day's sightseeing.



In **TORTOSA** you can easily immerse yourself in the old part of the town, which is just by the river. The city has its own charm, but is also a great place to base yourself to explore the Delta de l'Ebre and the Els Ports National Park. Close by is the historic town of Amposta, which is also worth a visit. In terms of beaches, you can find lovely, unspoilt beaches in the Delta de l'Ebre, or you can head to other locations that are easily accessible such as L'Ampolla and L'Ametlla de Mar, which although it's further away, is a charming fishing village, which has embraced tourism, so there's plenty to do there.

Tour day: May 31

Reus & Tarragona



REUS'S main claim to fame is being the home town of Gaudi, it has heaps more to offer than this alone. In parts of the centre, beautiful buildings are so frequent, that you just turn your head and another one is staring you in the face. It has that wonderful feeling of being protected by the mountains, but with the sea only a short distance away. So although strictly speaking it falls into the inland category, you're not far from the coast at all.

Today **TARRAGONA** is a place where history and culture are crowned with Mediterranean blue skies, blessed with beautiful beaches and adorned by an abundance of fine wine and cuisine.

CELEBRITY INFINITY



DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Tuesday June 02	Barcelona , Spain		17:00
Wednesday June 03	Palma de Mallorca , Spain	07:00	17:00
Thursday June 04	At Sea		
Friday June 05	Messina- Sicily , Italy	07:00	18:00
Saturday June 06	Valletta , Malta	09:00	19:00
Sunday June 07	At Sea		
Monday June 08	Mykonos , Greece	07:00	20:00
Tuesday June 09	Athens (Piraeus) Greece	06:00	19:00
Wednesday June 10	Santorini , Greece	07:00	18:00
Thursday June 11	At Sea		
Friday June 12	Split , Croatia	09:30	18:30
Saturday June 13	Venice , Italy	07:00	



Tours Include: Day 2 Palma De Mallorca - June 03



Explore the ancient Mediterranean port city of Palma de Mallorca on a hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing tour. Climb on the double decker bus at one of the 16 centrally located stops and listen to audio commentary as you cruise past top attractions. When you're ready for a closer look, hop off and rejoin the route at any point within the 24 hour validity period.

Day 4 Messina - June 05



Private Tour commences at Port. We will enjoy a drive through wonderful scenery with photo stops at the most beautiful locations – Piazza Belvedere where you will have a breathtaking view of Isolabella. We will drive up to the charming medieval village of **Castelmola** with a stop at Madonna della Roca. We will explore Castelmola picturesque streets with an amazing view of Mount Etna. Driving down to **Taormina** we will have free walking time by ourselves where we can admire the Greek Theatre from the 2nd century AD & Duomo di Taormina – the San Nicolo Cathedral Square & of course Corso Umberto.

Day 5 Valletta June 06



Valletta (or Il-Belt) is the tiny capital of the Mediterranean island nation of Malta. The walled city was established in the 1500s on a peninsula by the Knights of St. John, a Roman Catholic order. It's known for museums, palaces and grand churches. Baroque landmarks include St. John's Co-Cathedral, whose opulent interior is home to the Caravaggio masterpiece "The Beheading of Saint John."

We will take a 90-minute boat cruise that shares the highlights of Valletta's two natural harbors and ten creeks. Includes informative commentary about the region from its history to the present. After this there will be a short guided tour of the city.

Day 9 Santorini June 10



Santorini is one of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean Sea. It was devastated by a volcanic eruption in the 16th century BC, forever shaping its rugged landscape. The whitewashed, cubiform houses of its 2 principal towns, Fira and Oia, cling to cliffs above an underwater caldera (crater). They overlook the sea, small islands to the west and beaches made up of black, red and white lava pebbles.

We will take you up the mountain either on Donkey or lift and have a tour around the island before a little free time and you can make your way back to the ship at your leisure.

Day 12 Split June 12



Split, the second largest city in Croatia, is a mix of modern life and ancient history. With ruins dating back to the Roman Empire, a bustling waterfront, and fresh seafood served daily at many of the restaurants in town, Split is well worth a visit.

History will come alive for you during this full day tour of Split and the surrounding area. Explore the ancient city of Salona, walk through medieval streets in Trogir, see Diocletian's Palace in Split and visit Klis Fortress, one of the filming locations of the popular TV series Game of Thrones.

HOTEL UPGRADES: TBA

		Double/Twin	Single
Cascais – Real Villa Italia	Grand Double Room	0	0
	Suite	500	1000
Cardona Castle			
	Standard Double or Twin	0	0
	Duplex Room	70	140
	Suite	170	340
Celebrity Cruise	Oceanview	0 pp	0 pp
	Balcony	1150 pp	2180 pp
	Suite	5700 pp	11000 pp

Note you can save substantially if you would like an inside cabin



CASTELLO DAL PAZZO

Whats Included: \$ 3250 Singles add \$ 890

- * 7 Nights Lake Maggiore , 1 night Rome.
- * Venice to Lake Maggiore Rail Transfer.
- * Lake Maggiore to Rome Rail Transfer.
- * Ferry rides on Lake Como
- * All Breakfasts, dinners.
- * Wine tasting tour to Domaso by ferry.
- * Welcome & Farewell drinks.
- * Bridge Tutorials

Castello Dal Pozzo is a historic property consisting of 3 buildings near the shores of Lake Maggiore. It offers an outdoor pool with sun terrace, free parking and luxurious rooms featuring antique décor combined with modern comforts.

When we depart our cruise we will catch the spectacular scenic train trip to Como. The views of the island of Isola Comancina are amazing. We will spend a week here relaxing, exploring, eating and a little bridge before travelling by train back to Rome for 1 night prior to our flight home.

