



Join Collins Tours on this exciting exclusive journey to Spain, the Azores Islands in Portugal, and the Canary Islands just off Africa's Moroccan coast. Enjoy a pre-cruise, 2-night stay in Lisbon, Portugal, a unique city known for its seafood and relaxed pace of life. From this vibrant capital city, we head north for a one-night stay in the lively city of Porto with its historic centre designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. We then spend a night in historic Coimbra, home to the oldest university in Portugal before heading back to Lisbon to embark on a 11-day cruise aboard the Norwegian Star visiting Portugal's Azores, two of Spain's Canary Islands, two ports in Morocco, and one more on mainland Spain as we make

our way back to Lisbon! Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed and enjoyable escape where all you have to do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy!

*-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO*

## **Day 1 – Sunday, October 26 – Home - Overnight Flight to Lisbon, Portugal**

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local area airport for your assigned flight connecting with your overnight Air Canada flight to Lisbon from Toronto Pearson International Airport where you will meet your tour manager.  
**NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is an additional cost and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight and oversized bags. Carry-on luggage is free, your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted and typical weight is maximum 22lbs per carry-on bag.**
- Visit [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.
- Be sure to have your valid passport for Customs & Immigration which you will clear in your destination, Lisbon, and not in Toronto.

## **Day 2 – Monday, October 27 – Lisbon, Portugal 5-Star Altis Avenida Hotel (B, Welcome Reception)**

- Welcome to Portugal! Please proceed to clear passport control, head to the baggage claim area to collect your luggage where you will meet your Tour Manager.
- Your deluxe private motor coach will be there to meet us and take us to our beautiful home for the next 2 nights: the 5-star Altis Avenida Hotel in the heart of Lisbon's historic centre, close to all major attractions!
- Lunch is on your own today. There are many restaurants and cafes all around the hotel.
- Tonight, enjoy an exclusive Collins Tours Welcome Reception with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers. Enjoy wine, beer, and hot and cold appetizers while we toast to the natural beauty around us! **(included)**
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own.



### Day 3 – Tuesday, October 28 – Lisbon, Portugal (B, Welcome Group D)

- A delicious buffet breakfast is included at our hotel.
- After breakfast, enjoy a 4-hour guided city tour, featuring: Alfama neighborhood, Sao Jorge Castle, Tower of Belem, Tower of the Discoverers, Praca do Comercio & city history.
- After the tour, you are welcome to enjoy Lisbon, “The City Of Seven Hills.”
- Tonight meet your tour manager and fellow travelers for a deluxe Welcome Group Dinner at a nearby restaurant **(including wine or beer)**.

### Day 4 – Wednesday, October 29 – Lisbon – 5-Star Pestana Porto A Brasileira, Porto, Portugal (B)

- Enjoy another delicious buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in time for our departure. Your Tour Manager handles group hotel check-out, part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- Meet your fellow passengers in the lobby to board our motor coach for our drive to Portugal’s second largest city, Porto.
- Today we will experience a 6-hour tour through the stunning Douro River Valley where we will sample some of the port wines **(included)**. The views along these terraced, hill-hugging vineyards are completely unique. The Douro Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and presents what is sure to be a highlight of our tour.
- After our wonderful tour, we will check into the new and luxurious 5-star downtown Pestana Porto - A Brasileira hotel, our home for the night. Your tour manager will check you in and assist the hotel with luggage handling.
- Spend the late afternoon your way and explore this beautiful Portuguese city. Are you brave enough to try Porto’s most famous comfort food? If you’re up to the challenge, try the francesinha – a sandwich layered with cured meats, roast meats, cheese, bread, and eggs drenched in a tomato and beer sauce!
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own.



### Day 5 – Thursday, October 30 – Porto – 5-Star Quinta das Lágrimas, Coimbra, Portugal (B, D)

- Enjoy another delicious buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in time for our departure. Your Tour Manager handles group hotel check out.
- Today we will head to historic Coimbra, home of the oldest university in Portugal.
- Later this afternoon we arrive at the magnificent 5-star Quinta das Lágrimas: a retreat of peace and tranquility set within an 18th century palace surrounded by 12 acres of lush gardens! Your tour manager will check you in and assist the hotel with luggage handling.
- Join your tour manager and fellow friends this evening for another exciting group dinner with wine or beer included! The remainder of the evening is on your own.

### Day 6 – Friday, October 31 – Coimbra – Lisbon, Portugal – Embark on Norwegian Star (B, L, D)

- This morning, enjoy the buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in time for our departure.
- Once we arrive at the pier, your luggage will be taken by NCL ship staff and delivered to your cabin. All part of our signature group tour experience. We expect to be on board the ship to allow time for lunch.
- All aboard the Norwegian Star for your 10-Night cruise! Board and enjoy lunch after you have completed your embarkation. Please note cabins will not be ready until closer to 3:00pm or slightly after. Once on



board the ship you are free to enjoy complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as part of your Beverage Package.

- Make yourself at home on this beautiful Norwegian Cruise Line vessel, the Star. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the ship. Get ready for what surely will be the trip of a lifetime with Collins Tours! This exclusive tour is only offered by Collins Tours and no other operator!
- Refer to ship's daily activity itinerary for entertainment/dining options during your first night aboard the Star.
- Our cruise sets sail at 7:00pm!

### Day 7 – Saturday, November 1 – At Sea (B, L, Cocktail Reception, Group D)

- Refer to ship itinerary. Perhaps a trip to the spa to relax? Enjoy the many entertainment options available on the Norwegian Star.
- Join your tour manager and group friends this evening for a cocktail reception followed by a delicious group dinner in one of the ship's main dining rooms **(Included)**!

### Day 8 – Sunday, November 2 – Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal (B, L, D) \*Optional Excursion

- After another amazing NCL breakfast, welcome to Ponta Delgada, Azores!
- Today, we are in Ponta Delgada from 12:30pm – 8:15pm.
- As the heart of tourism of the Azores, Ponta Delgada offers much to see and do along with a mild climate and lush vegetation.
- Please join Collins Tours for an optional excursion on a 4.5-hour guided tour of this magnificent city! We will explore the impressive churches and majestic white houses that stand as a constant reminder of the city's illustrious past. **(Price TBA)**.
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.
- Tonight, our ship continues the adventure and tomorrow we wake up in Horta!



### Day 9 – Monday, November 3 – Horta, Azores, Portugal (B, L, D)

- After another amazing breakfast, welcome to our second city in the Azores, Horta!
- Today, we are in Horta from 6:00am – 2:00pm.
- Tucked away in the Azores islands, Horta is a popular stop for boats crossing the Atlantic. It's easy to see why, there's something for everyone here. If you're looking for an outdoor adventure full of greenery, cliffs and volcanos, visit the Vulcão dos Capelinhos, where an eruption in the 1950s actually extended the island and buried a lighthouse in ash.
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.

### Day 10 – Tuesday, November 4 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- It is another day in free-style cruising heaven, so live like the Norwegians... smile bigger, explore further, and relax longer! Enjoy the amenities of your ship only an elevator ride away!
- Join your tour manager and group friends this evening for a delicious group dinner in one of the ship's main dining rooms **(Included)**!

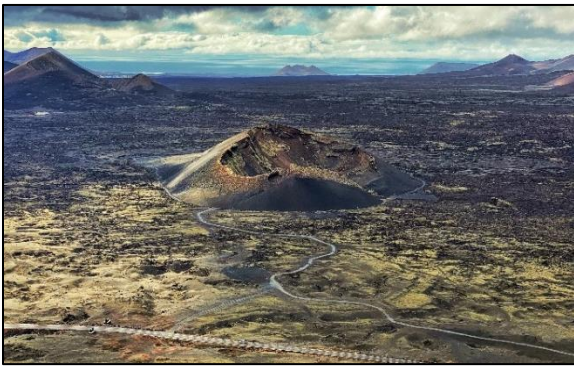
### Day 11 – Wednesday, November 5 – Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain (B, L, D) \*Optional Excursion

- After another amazing NCL breakfast, welcome to Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Canary Islands!
- Today, we are in Santa Cruz de Tenerife from 2:15pm – 10:00pm.

- This port is located nearly 1,300 km from mainland Spain and 210 km from Northern Africa. Historically considered a link between the four continents of Africa, North America, South America, and Europe; this city was named as one of the top five places to live in the world.
- Please join Collins Tours for an optional excursion on a 4.5-hour guided tour of this magnificent island featuring Santa Cruz, views of El Teide and much more! We will explore the city's wide avenues filled with beautiful examples of modernist architecture, many squares, and exotic landscaped areas **(Price TBA)**.
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.
- Tonight, our ship continues the adventure and tomorrow we wake up in Arrecife!



## Day 12 – Thursday, November 6 – Arrecife, Lanzarote, Canary Islands (B, L, Group D) \*Optional Excursion



- Today, we are in Arrecife, Canary Islands, from 8:00am – 5:00pm.
- Arrecife means "reef" in Spanish and this city is renowned for its abundance of reefs and islets along its coast.
- Please join Collins Tours for an optional excursion on a 4.5-hour guided tour of the southern part of the island of Lanzarote including views of Timanfaya National Park **(Price TBA)**.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers this evening for another group dinner in one of the ship's main dining rooms **(Included)**
- Our ship sets sail this evening for Agadir, Morocco.

## Day 13 – Friday, November 7 – Agadir, Morocco (B, L, D) \*Optional Excursion

- Welcome to the African continent! Today we are in Agadir, Morocco from 7:00am – 4:00pm
- After an earthquake hit in 1960, the city had to almost rebuild itself completely. Now, it's a beach vacation destination for the whole country.
- Please join Collins Tours for an optional 4.5-hour excursion in this picturesque Moroccan city **(Price and Details TBA)**
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.

## Day 14 – Saturday, November 8 – Casablanca, Morocco (B, L, Group D) \*Optional Excursion



- Today, we are in Casablanca, Morocco from 9:00am – 5:30pm
- The urban landscape of this famed city clearly demonstrates the contrasts between the old French colonial legacy in its downtown Moresque architecture, a blend of Moorish style and European art deco.
- Please join Collins Tours for an optional excursion on a 4.5-hour guided tour of Casablanca. Learn about the history and cultural hallmarks of one of North Africa's most economically important cities. We will be visiting the modernist landmark of the Hassan II Mosque, the 3rd largest mosque in the world **(Price TBA)**.
- Tonight meet your fellow friends and tour manager for a group dinner together! After dinner the rest of the evening is on your own. **(Included)**

## Day 15 – Sunday, November 9 – Seville (Cádiz), Spain (B, L, Farewell Group D)

### \*Optional Excursion

- Welcome to mainland Spain! Today, we are in Cadiz from 6:30am – 3:00pm
- Join Collins Tours for another optional 5-hour private tour of Seville’s city highlights with a local guide. We will visit Plaza de España, an architectural masterpiece built for the 1929 Ibero - American Exposition. We will wander the halls of the Moorish Alcazar in the heart of the historic centre and marvel at the Seville Cathedral – the third largest church in the world. We will learn about the city’s past through its friendly and colourful pedestrian thoroughfares. **(Pricing TBA)**
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow passengers this evening for our farewell group dinner. We will discuss our wonderful memories together, plan our next journey and plan for our return home to Canada.



## Day 16 – Monday, November 10 – Disembark Lisbon, Portugal (B)

- This morning, we disembark in Lisbon after a triumphant sailing through the Azores, the Canary Islands, Africa and Spain!
- After disembarkation, convene with your fellow travelers for a private transfer to the Lisbon airport where we begin the trek home to our Canadian home cities.
- Meals will be served on the aircraft.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in Spain and Portugal is the **Euro**; and the **Moroccan Dirham** is used in Morocco. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet may cause similar outcomes or delays.  
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- REMEMBER, your tour manager handles: hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
- **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**
  - Collins Tours tour manager - from \$7 -\$9 per person, per day
  - Bus driver \$4 -\$5 per person per day
  - Private city tour guides- \$2 per person, per day

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