

# TRANS-ATLANTIC CRUISE TO SPAIN

*Norwegian Epic* from Florida to Barcelona

April 5, 2018 - 21 Days



a world to experience



**Fares Per Person:** based on double/twin

**\$5970** Inside Category ID

**\$6425** Balcony Category BA/BB

**\$6760** Mini-suite Category MA



> Please add 0.1% GST.

> Other categories and single fares available.

> **Early Bookers:** \$250 discount on first 12 seats; \$125 on next 8

> **Experience Points:** Earn 115 points from this tour.

Redeem **115 points** if you book by **January 3**.

## \* PORTS OF CALL \*

**BERMUDA (Great Britain)**

**MADEIRA (Portugal)**

**CADIZ (Spain)**

**GIBRALTAR (Great Britain)**

**MALAGA (Spain)**

**BARCELONA (Spain)**

### Includes

- Transportation to Kelowna airport
- Flight from Kelowna to Orlando
- Current air transport taxes & security fees
- 5 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- Transfer from Orlando airport to hotel
- Kennedy Space Center
- Transfer from hotel to cruise terminal
- 15 days and nights on *Norwegian Epic*
- Cruise gratuities, port charges and cruise taxes
- Ultimate beverage package on ship
- Fees for 5 specialty restaurants on ship
- Locally-guided tour in Bermuda
- Locally-guided tour in Funchal, Madeira
- Locally-guided tour to Seville with Cathedral, Murillo Gardens and Royal Alcazar
- Locally-guided Gibraltar tour with St. Michael Cave, monkey refuge and Gran Asedio Tunnels
- Locally-guided tour to Granada and Alhambra
- Alhambra general admission with Generalife Gardens, Alcazaba, and Charles V Palace
- Transfer from Barcelona port to hotel
- Locally-guided tour of Barcelona
- Admissions to Pueblo Espanol, Sagrada Familia, Picasso Museum, and Casa Mila
- Transfer from hotel to Barcelona airport
- Flight from Barcelona to Vancouver
- Transportation from Vancouver to home cities
- Knowledgeable tour director throughout cruise
- Luggage handling at hotels and ship
- **52 meals:** 20 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 16 dinners

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## *Norwegian Epic*

*Norwegian Epic* was launched in 2010 and had a multi-million dollar refurbishment in fall 2015. The ship is Norwegian Cruise Line's second largest and carries 4,100 passengers. She is the world's 11th largest cruise ship, with a length of 330 metres and gross tonnage of 155,873. She has 15 public decks and 16 elevators. Facilities include the Epic Theatre for live entertainment, 20 bars and lounges, duty-free shops, beauty shop, library, games room, internet access, fitness centre, and spa. The Aqua Park on deck 15 has 2 pools, 6 hot tubs, 2 climbing and rappelling walls, and 3 waterslides including the 3-deck Epic Plunge. For other recreation, there is a casino, two 3-lane bowling alleys, Splash Golf (a combination of mini-golf with water features), and adult-only club. There is extravagant musical entertainment in the Cavern Club honouring The Beatles, two musicals in the Epic Theatre, currently *Burn the Floor* and *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, and lounges. The Headliner Comedy Club and Wii movie theatre round out the entertainment.

The *Epic* offers 21 places to eat. The complimentary dining rooms include Taste, Manhattan, O'Sheehan's Pub, Shanghai's, Spice H20, Great Outdoors, and Garden Café buffet. Six specialty restaurants such as Cagney's Steakhouse, Le Bistro, Moderno, La Cucina, Teppanyaki, and Wasabi Sushi have different themes and gourmet menus. Your tour fare includes the extra fee for five dinners in these specialty restaurants. You can also dine in the privacy of your stateroom by ordering from the room service menu 24 hours a day (\$8 charge may apply). You can enjoy a different venue for each of your 15 dinners on board. You may wish to reserve in advance, or just show up when you are ready.

Staterooms have TV, music, telephone, and bathroom with toilet, sink, and shower or bathtub. The *Epic* was one of the first ships built with no outside staterooms (window only), reflecting the huge popularity nowadays of rooms with private balconies; you can also book insides, mini-suites, or the exclusive Haven suites. There are also a limited number of tiny cabins for one person (about 100 square feet) with a common living area and no single supplement; please contact our office if interested. Every day on board has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, trivia, and fitness classes.

## **Cruise Notes**

**Many relaxing days at sea and six ports:** This cruise features 9 days at sea and 5 ports, plus the port of disembarkation, Barcelona. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, many relaxing days at sea, good books or movies, and shipboard activities or entertainment. The ports are: Bermuda and Madeira in the Atlantic Ocean, Cadiz on the south coast of Spain near Seville, Gibraltar at the entrance to the Mediterranean, Malaga where we take a tour to the fabulous Alhambra Palace, and Barcelona where we stay 2 nights before flying home.

**Shore excursions included:** On many cruises, shore excursions are a significant additional expense during your holiday. On this cruise, a shore excursion is included at every port. Bermuda, Madeira, and Gibraltar are half-day tours and the tours from Malaga to the Alhambra and Cadiz to Seville are full days with lunch included.

**Importance of booking early:** Norwegian has confirmed a block of staterooms for this tour and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing. However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship fills and this has happened on several recent cruises. We had to turn away disappointed customers, even though we had seats available on the connecting motorcoach. *Norwegian Epic* is a popular ship due to its many recreation and entertainment facilities aboard. Such a large ship is well-suited to a Trans-Atlantic crossing, so it is likely to sell out long before sailing. **Please book early.**

**Ultimate Beverage Package included:** Order your favourite drink such as wine, beer, cocktail, mixed drink, or soft drink, and relax with friends in a lounge, on deck, in a dining room, or in your stateroom. It's all included and complimentary, even the gratuity. The maximum value per drink is \$15. Please note that specialty coffees or teas and bottled water are not part of this beverage package.

**5 Specialty Restaurants included:** Make a reservation to have dinner in Cagney's Steakhouse, Le Bistro (French), Moderno (Brazilian), La Cucina (Italian), Teppanyaki (Asian), or Wasabi Sushi and savour fabulous menus and cuisine. Normally there is a charge of \$25 to \$30 at each (plus gratuities), or some have a la carte pricing, so the first 5 restaurants you select are complimentary. Use this in conjunction with your beverage package and even your wine, beer and cocktails are included. You can reserve online up to 3 months before sailing or after you board the ship.

## Itinerary

### Thursday, April 5:

Transfers are provided to Kelowna airport and we fly on Westjet via Toronto to **Orlando**. After meeting our coach, we drive to Homewood Suites near Cape Canaveral for a two-night stay.

### Friday, April 6:

*Meals: B*

We tour the **Kennedy Space Centre** at Cape Canaveral. Since 1968, the US space program has operated from here including the Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle missions. The Visitor Complex has a variety of exhibits, artifacts, displays and attractions on the history and future of human and robotic spaceflight. A driving tour of the KSC includes launch pads and the landmark Vehicle Assembly Building.

### Saturday, April 7:

*Meals: B,L,D*

We board the **Norwegian Epic** at noon and enjoy an embarkation buffet lunch. The afternoon is free time to explore the ship and get settled into your stateroom. We sail out of Port Canaveral at 5 pm with a festive "Farewell to Florida" deck party. After a sumptuous dinner, enjoy a lively stage show in the theatre.

### Sunday, April 8:

*Meals: B,L,D*

### Monday, April 9:

*Meals: B,L,D*

During these two days, we sail east across the Atlantic Ocean.

### Tuesday, April 10:

*Meals: B,L,D*

The Epic arrives in **Bermuda** at 8 am and departs at 6 pm. Bermuda is a British Overseas Territory consisting of 181 islands and about 103 km of coastline. Main Island is the largest where the capital, Hamilton, is located. The first person known to have reached Bermuda was the Spanish sea captain Juan de Bermúdez in 1503, after whom the islands are named. A four-hour tour is included with local guides and features a walking tour of **St. George's**, the oldest town on the islands, with a visit to the World Heritage Centre and a film. Back in Hamilton, we go to Queen Elizabeth Park for a town crier greeting. The afternoon is free time to explore Hamilton on your own. Lunch is included if you are back on the ship.

### Wednesday, April 11:

*Meals: B,L,D*

### Thursday, April 12:

*Meals: B,L,D*

### Friday, April 13:

*Meals: B,L,D*

### Saturday, April 14:

*Meals: B,L,D*

### Sunday, April 15:

*Meals: B,L,D*

Although we are cruising in the open Atlantic, the **Norwegian Epic** is remarkably smooth because it

is a huge ship and it is equipped with excellent stabilizers using the newest technology. There is always some interesting activity scheduled and the daily ship's newsletter keeps you informed, whether you want a stage show, music in a lounge, movie, bingo game or a walk around deck. The ship's library has an extensive collection of novels and non-fiction. There are board games in several rooms, and some bridge groups usually form. The front office has a great variety of movies that you can borrow to play on your stateroom DVD. The culinary experiences on board are amazing since you can choose from 21 places to eat.

### Monday, April 16:

*Meals: B,L,D*

Land is in sight as we arrive in **Madeira** at 8 am and have a day to step ashore in the capital of **Funchal**. Madeira is a Portuguese archipelago of three main volcanic islands, located about 1,000 km west of Portugal and governed as an autonomous region of Portugal. Madeira was claimed by Portuguese sailors in the service of Prince Henry the Navigator in 1419 and settled soon after. A four-hour tour is included which visits the typical fishing village of Camara de Lobos with its enchanting harbour. Then we travel up through Madeira's famous vineyards to **Cabo Girao**, a cliff which rises 580 metres from the ocean and has a glass skywalk to enhance the view. Other viewpoints are at Pico dos Barcelos, Pico da Torre, and Eira do Serrado. We also visit the hamlet of Monte and its church. The afternoon is free time to explore Funchal on your own. Lunch is included if you are back on the ship.

### Tuesday, April 17:

*Meals: B,L,D*

This is our last day crossing the Atlantic before we reach Spain.

### Wednesday, April 18:

*Meals: B,L,D*

We arrive in Cadiz on the south coast of Spain. Welcome to Europe! We drive 1½ hours inland to **Seville**. Our guided tour includes a visit to the massive **Seville Cathedral**, world's largest Gothic structure with its notable La Giralda Tower and the tomb of Christopher Columbus. Other sights are **Alcazar**, the palace built by King Pedro in the 1360s, the pools and fountains of Maria Luisa Park, Plaza de Espana, and the Gold Tower. We stroll along the narrow lanes of the charming Santa Cruz Quarter. Lunch is included in Seville before driving back to the ship which leaves at 8 pm.

**Thursday, April 19:***Meals: B,L,D*

Early this morning, the landmark of **Gibraltar Rock** lies ahead and we dock from 8 am to 5 pm. A local tour is included in the morning visiting the highlights of Gibraltar. We drive its narrow winding roads, viewing buildings perched on the steep sides of the Rock and the colony of Barbary apes. Gibraltar Rock marks the entrance to the Mediterranean (it is only 20 km across to Morocco) and it rises 425 metres from the ocean. This strategic fortress has been in British hands since 1704. There are 30,000 people squeezed into just six square km. The tour includes a drive around the Rock with stops at St. Michael Cave, monkey's refuge, and the Tunnels of Gran Asedio. After departure, we cruise through one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, the **Strait of Gibraltar**.

**Friday, April 20:***Meals: B,L,D*

The *Epic* docks at **Malaga** on Spain's Costa del Sol at 8 am. Today's tour travels to Grenada, settled in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, capital of the Moors until the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and centre of Spanish exploration and colonization for two centuries. We tour the awe-inspiring **Alhambra Palace**, one of the world's most beautiful Moorish structures, constructed in the mid-14<sup>th</sup> century. Included is the original fortress of the Alcazaba, Charles V's Palace, the ornately carved Court of Lions, and spectacular **Generalife Water Gardens**.

**Saturday, April 21:***Meals: B,L,D*

Our last day at sea, cruising off Spain's east coast.

**Sunday, April 22:***Meals: B*

We arrive in **Barcelona** this morning and bid farewell to *Norwegian Epic*. Our morning tour with a local guide introduces us to the city's diversity and is highlighted by visits to the Cathedral and the Columbus Monument. We stroll down Las Ramblas and enjoy the ambiance of this lively city. One of Barcelona's architectural themes is the work of **Antoni Gaudi** and we see several examples such as Güell Park, Lleó Morera and the famous Sagrada Familia, his extraordinary unfinished church. We also visit the **Picasso Museum**, one of only three museums dedicated to the works of Picasso. Part of the afternoon is leisure time. We stay two nights at the **Hotel Palace Barcelona**, built in 1918 by Cesar Ritz, founder of Ritz Hotels. It is still one of the finest hotels in Barcelona a century later, and has a 5-star rating with a terrific location.

**Monday, April 23:***Meals: B,D*

The tour of Barcelona continues with a splendid view of the harbour from Monjuic Hill and a visit to **Pueblo Español** (Spanish Village), a gathering of the many building styles found throughout Spain. We also visit **Casa Mila**, a home designed by Gaudi which reflects his peculiar architectural genius. Part of the afternoon is free time. A farewell dinner is included where we can reminisce about our trans-Atlantic journey.

**Tuesday, April 24:***Meals: B*

We fly from Barcelona to Vancouver and stay at the Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver Airport.

**Wednesday, April 25:***Meals: B,L*

We drive home on the Coquihalla.

**Tour Policies**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due January 3, 2018.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$250 discount on first 12 seats and \$125 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 3.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to November 15, 2017, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From November 16, 2017, to January 3, 2018, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From January 4 to February 2, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From February 3 to March 2, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After March 2, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes, Euro and US\$ exchange rates and surcharges from the airlines, cruise line and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. Due to the historic nature of cities visited on the sightseeing tours, there could be some extensive walking with frequent rest stops and cobblestone streets are common. You can opt out of these tours if they are too strenuous for you. There can be longer walks in the airports while travelling to Orlando and returning from Barcelona; request a cart or wheelchair in advance if this could be an issue for you. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

**e-points:** This tour earns 115 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until January 3.

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