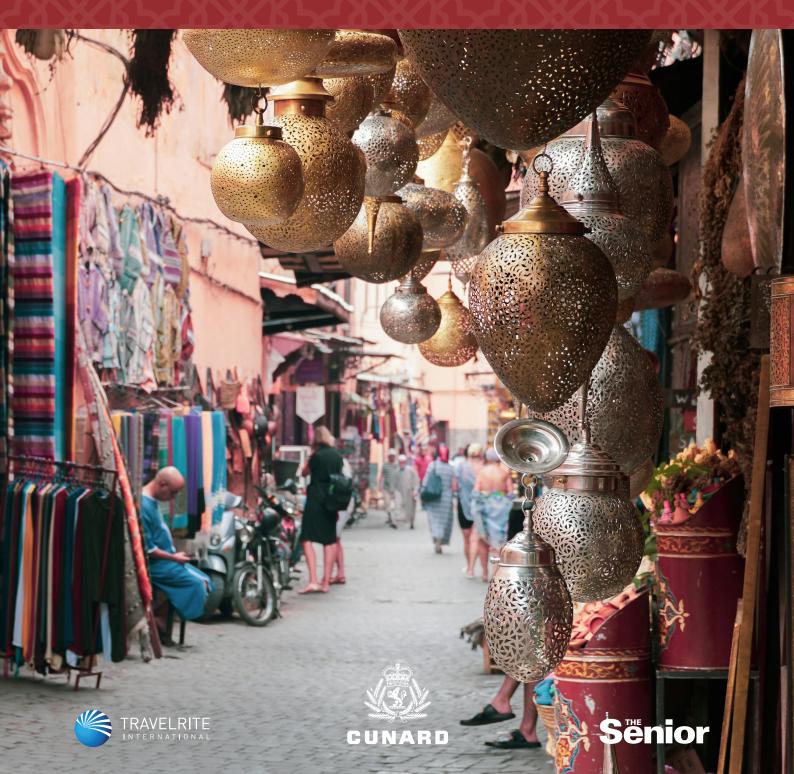
The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International invites you to join us aboard **Queen Victoria** for the 2025

# Spain and Morocco

ESCORTED CRUISE

2 - 19 May, 2025

London, Seville, Granada, Palma de Mallorca, Rome, Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez



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# **Itinerary**

# **DAY 1** Friday 2 May, 2025

#### Departure

Today we depart Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth on our overnight flight to London.

#### DAY 2 Saturday 3 May, 2025

#### London IIK

Today we arrive at London's Heathrow Airport. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred in to the city. We will have an overview sightseeing tour of the city before we transfer to our hotel. We will see Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral and more.

# **DAY 3** Sunday 4 May, 2025

# Embarkation

Mid-morning we will depart London and be transferred to Southampton to board Queen Victoria for our voyage to Spain. Southampton served as Britain's historic ocean liner gateway for the British Empire and the intense North Atlantic passenger trade to the U.S. and Canada.

# DAY 4 Monday 5 May, 2025

# At Sea

A day at sea to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship. This evening we will enjoy a Welcome Drinks Party to celebrate the start of our wonderful cruise.

# DAY 5 Tuesday 6 May, 2025

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A day at sea to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship. You may like to watch a movie or enjoy a little pampering or a massage in the Day Spa. This afternoon join fellow group members for a fun game of Bingo.

# DAY 6 Wednesday 7 May, 2025

# Cadiz/Seville, Spain

This morning we drive through the spectacular Andalusian countryside to Seville the capital of Andalucia. Seville is famous for flamenco dancing, bullfighting and its myriad cafés and tapas bars. During our sightseeing tour, we visit the city's two most important monuments, the cathedral and the



Alcazar palace, famous for its beautiful tiles. We will have time to look around Seville's most historic district, the famous Santa Cruz quarter. We return to Cadiz and our ship, late afternoon.

# DAY 7 Thursday 8 May, 2025

# Malaga/Granada, Spain

This morning we will visit the famous Alhambra Palace of Granada, which is a castle, a fortress, a royal palace and also a town. We will enjoy a guided tour, learning of the origin and transformation over the centuries of this fantastic Nasdrid Palace. We will also take our time to smell the roses and visit Generalife, 'the garden of the architect'. Located adjacent to Alhambra, on the hill Cerro del Sol. These series of gardens are both striking and beautiful. We return to Malaga late afternoon.

# **DAY 8** Friday 9 May, 2025

# At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship. You may like to enjoy afternoon tea in the Queens Room or attend an interesting lecture. This morning join fellow group members for a fun game of Trivia. You will be divided into teams with prizes for the winners!



# DAY 9 Saturday 10 May, 2025 Palma de Mallorca, Majorca

Today we sail into the resort city and capital of the Spanish Island of Mallorca. Palma was in fact named after the Roman city of Palmaria. The roman city still exists, a metre or two beneath the ground, inhabitants of houses near the cathedral are still discovering Roman remains. We enjoy a sightseeing tour of Palma with a photo stop at the historic Gothic fortress of Bellver Castle. See the Gothic Quarter and visit the Gothic Cathedral, built in 1230 on the foundations of an ancient mosque.

# **DAY 10** Sunday 11 May, 2025

At Sea

A day at sea to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship.

# DAY 11 Monday 12 May, 2025 Disembark/Casablanca, Morocco

On arrival in Rome this morning, we disembark the ship. We will have a sightseeing tour of Rome before we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Casablanca, Morocco. Morocco is a gateway to Africa and a country full of diversity. You'll find impressive mountain ranges, ancient cities and sweeping deserts. Upon arrival in Casablanca, we transfer to our hotel.

# Queen Victoria

The Queen Victoria is sleek and contemporary with the most advanced technological features and luxurious appointments. The Queen Victoria continues the heritage of cruising of the 1930s and the great Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth 2 and Queen Mary 2. The great traditions of fine service, food and entertainment continue better than ever. Enjoy the facilities of the gourmet restaurants, swimming pools, the casino, theatres, the cinema, computer and internet access, the Health and Spa Club, seven bars and much more. Take part in the multitude of daily activities that include numerous lectures on an array of topics, the regular musical performances, ship sports and much more. A voyage on Queen Victoria is an experience to be savoured and remembered!



# Clothing on board Queen Victoria

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. Nights at sea are classified as formal for dress purposes and nights in port are classified as informal. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required in the main restaurants. On informal nights, a jacket and tie is required for gentlemen and equivalent for ladies. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

# Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone, the Travelrite International tour manager will be there to guide you. There will be group activities almost every day.

# The advantages of the Queen Victoria cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will dine with the group on our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.

# **DAY 12** Tuesday 13 May, 2025

# Marrakech, Morocco

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Casablanca, including the famous Hassan II Mosque. Built on an outcrop jutting over the ocean, the mosque is a showcase of the very best Moroccan artisanship. More than 6,000 craftsmen joined forces to build this beautiful mosque back in 1993 and it's one of the few mosques in Morocco that tourists are allowed to enter. We will also see Ricks Café, which was designed to recreate the bar made famous by Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in the movie classic 'Casablanca'. We then transfer 3 hours to Marrakech our base for the next three nights.

# DAY 13 Wednesday 14 May, 2025

#### Marrakech

Located to the north of the foothills of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains, Marrakech is a city steeped in ancient artistry that continues to thrive, kept alive by the craftspeople of the sougs and the art and design scene of the Ville Nouvelle. Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Marrakech, with a local guide. We will see the Koutoubia Mosque, the largest mosque in Morocco, before working our way through the bustling sougs of the Old Medina to Jemaa el Fna, a square full of fortune tellers, musicians and food stalls. In the afternoon will visit Le Jardin Secret, a traditional garden. Once owned by a powerful local chef, this historic riad is one of the most beautiful in Marrakech and combines exotic and traditional Islamic gardens.



# **DAY 14** Thursday 15 May, 2025

# Marrakech

This morning we continue our sightseeing tour of Marrakech. We first visit the Palace of Bahia, built in the 19th century, the palace is spread over eight hectares and is one of Morocco's architectural masterpieces. The palace consists of approximately 150 decorated pieces of moucharabiehs, marble, carvings and paintings surrounded by refreshing green courtyards. We continue to the Saadian Tombs, located near the Kasbah Mosque. Dating back to Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur of the Saadi Dynasty in the 16th century, the tombs were abandoned for centuries until their rediscovery in 1917. The most famous room within the mausoleum is the Chamber of the 12 Pillars, made from imported Italian Carrara marble and pure gold. The afternoon is free for individual exploration.



# **DAY 15** Friday 16 May, 2025

# Fez, Morocco

Today we travel to Fez. Along the way, we stop in the Imperial City of Meknes. Founded in the 11th century, Meknes was once the capital of Morocco under the reign of Sultan Moulay Ismail. During his reign, Ismail turned Meknes into an impressive city, surrounded by high walls with great doors. The Spanish-Moorish style is still evident within the city today. We enjoy a sightseeing tour including Heri Es Souani, the king's immense granaries and stables, and the heart of the medina, Place El Hedim, the large square facing the huge gate of Bab El Mansour. Upon conclusion of our tour, we continue to our hotel in Fez.

# **DAY 16** Saturday 17 May, 2025

Fez

The oldest of Morocco's Imperial Cities, Fez is the cultural heart of the country. Founded during the 8th century, today Fez largely consists of two old medina quarters and the modern urban area of Ville Nouvelle. Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city, including the World Heritage listed medina. Believed to be one of the largest urban pedestrian zones, the medina is made up of winding alleyways full of market stalls and craftsmen. We'll also visit the famous tannery and its dye pits, which produce world-class leather. We then see The Royal Palace of Fez with its beautiful golden doors and also the Bab Boujloud (Blue Gate), the original 12th-century entrance to the medieval medina. We will enjoy an included farewell dinner this evening.

# **DAY 17** Sunday 18 May, 2025

Departure

This morning we check out of our hotel and are transferred to Casablanca Airport, for our flights back to Australia.

# **DAY 18** Monday 19 May, 2025

Australia

Group members arrive in Australia and the tour concludes.



# Included in The Senior's Spain & Morocco Cruise:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to London and return from Casablanca
- Economy-class air travel from Rome to Casablanca
- Travel on Queen Victoria in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Queen Victoria
- 1 night's accommodation in London including breakfast
- 1 night's accommodation in Casablanca including breakfast
- 3 nights' accommodation in Marrakech including breakfasts
- 2 nights' accommodation in Fez including breakfasts
- Sightseeing tours in London, Seville, Granada, Palma de Mallorca, Rome, Casablanca, Marrakech, Meknes and Fez
- Farewell Dinner in Fez
- Fully escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Transfers to and from Queen Victoria
- Air and cruise taxes
- Private on-board activities including a drinks party, Trivia and Bingo

# Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin/Description		Deck	Twin-share Fare PP	Single Fare
IE	Inside Stateroom	4,5,6,8	\$ 7,990	\$ 9,990
ID	Inside Stateroom	5,6,7	\$ 8,190	\$ 10,490
FB	Ocean View (Obstructed)	4	\$ 8,490	\$ 10,790
EC	Ocean View Stateroom	1	\$ 8,590	\$ 10,990
EB	Ocean View Stateroom	1	\$ 8,690	\$ 11,090
BE	Balcony Stateroon	4,5,6,7,8	\$ 9,190	\$ 11,790
BD	Balcony Stateroon	5,6,7	\$ 9,290	\$ 11,990
BB	Balcony Stateroon	5,6,7,8	\$ 9,490	\$ 12,290
P1	Suite	7,8	\$ 11,490	\$ 16,290
Q4	Suite	7	\$ 12,390	\$ 17,990
Included port and handling charges Included gratuities Included air taxes as at 1 March 2024			\$ 280 \$ 200 \$ 290	\$ 490 \$ 200 \$ 200

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

# Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship







Extending: You can stay on in Europe for minimal additional airfare cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

# General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005817 078) is the tour organiser. The Queen Victoria is operated by Cunard Line and the fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Cunard Line website www.cunard.com.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The passenger must also complete the Cunard Line online cruise personaliser. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa, Master-card and Amex cards.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to DepartureCancellation FeeOver 90 daysloss of deposit90 - 61 days50% of full fare60 days or less100% of full fareNon-appearance/no written notice:100% of full fare

**REFUNDS:** The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**BAGGAGE:** Passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person to:

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