HOSTED COSTA DEL SOL
LONGSTAYS VACATION & MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

A classic favourite! This completely hosted vacation starts when you arrive in Barcelona. Embark on a seven night NCL cruise, sailing from Barcelona and calling upon Provence, Florence, Civitavecchia, Naples and Majorca. Discover the architectural beauty of this historic city with an artistic tour, a visit to the Sagrada Familia plus a tour to Montserrat. Then fly to Malaga and stay 14 nights in Costa del Sol in your gorgeous hotel located right on the seafront promenade with breakfast and dinner included daily. Just a short walk from Puerto Marina relax in a magnificent fully renovated suite where you can explore the gorgeous beaches and local culture.

INCLUDES:

- **Costa Del Sol:** 14 nights at the Hotel Sol House Aloha Costa del Sol with two meals daily
- four full-day excursions to Granada, Cordoba, Gilbraltar and Nerja with lunch
- two half-day excursions to Malaga with tapas dinner and Flamenco show and Mijas with dinner
- **NCL Cruise:** seven nights onboard *Norwegian Spirit* with meals onboard
- **Barcelona:** three nights at the H10 Casanova hotel with breakfast, welcome dinner, half-day artistic tour, and half-day Montserrat tour with lunch
- all transfers and gratuities
- Merit Tour Host

$5,995* p.p.
24 nights
Departs Toronto
March 4, 2017

*Prices are in CDN$ per person, double occupancy, Hotel Sol House Costa del Sol with half board meal plan, 7 night NCL cruise based on inside stateroom category IC, including meals onboard plus transfers. Additional: Tax and Port Fees $895. Single supplement: $1,900. Upgrade to outside stateroom category OB or similar $250. Upgrade to balcony stateroom category BA or similar add $550. Subject to availability. Gratuities will be included and prepaid onboard NCL Cruise.
Day 1 | March 04, 2017 | DEPART FROM TORONTO – BARCELONA, SPAIN (VIA PARIS)

Board your overnight flight (KLM 692) departs Toronto at 18:20 p.m. arrives Amsterdam at 7:15 a.m. on Mar 05. Connecting with flight (KLM 1671) departs Amsterdam at 10:20 a.m. arrives Barcelona at 12:30 p.m.

Day 2 | March 05, 2017 | ARRIVAL IN BARCELONA (B)

Upon arrival in Barcelona, meet your local representative and transfer to the pier to board your seven night NCL cruise onboard Norwegian Spirit which sails at 6:00 p.m.

Norwegian Spirit: This isn’t just another cruise ship. Wherever you turn on the Norwegian Spirit you’ll discover something new! While onboard make a trip to the Tivoli Pool, soak in one of the four outdoor hot tubs and with 11 restaurants and nine exciting bars and lounges, the Maharaja’s Casino, and the Roman Spa & Fitness center at your fingertips, you’re ready to have a vacation of a lifetime! And with NCL’s Freestyle Cruising, your choices are endless. Norwegian Spirit’ accommodations give you whatever you need to vacation your way. There’s something for everyone including spacious suites and nearly 600 ocean view staterooms - most with private balconies for an enjoyable cruise experience.

Below is information on your cruise itinerary and ports of call you will be visiting. Shore excursions are not included. Prepaid gratuities are included.

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Day 9 | March 12, 2017 | BARCELONA ARTISTIC TOUR (D)

Disembark by 9:00 a.m. and meet your local guide that will take you on an artistic tour of Barcelona including a visit to Sagrada Familia before heading to your hotel for check in at H10 Casanova Hotel. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at Restaurant Can Cortada.

Accommodations: H10 Casanova Hotel. Hotel address: Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 559, 08011 Barcelona, Spain Tel: +349 3396-4800.

This modern boutique hotel is situated 500m from Plaza Catalunya, one of Barcelona’s main squares, and 800m from the bustling stalls and cafés of Las Ramblas. All guestrooms are air conditioned and have modern decor and furnishings and include televisions, minibars, high-speed Internet ports and wireless Internet (surcharge), safes and direct-dial telephones.

Day 10 | March 13, 2017 | BARCELONA (B, L)

FULL DAY MONTserrat Tour - Please be ready for a 9 a.m departure from your hotel. After driving through picturesque little villages you will arrive at the incomparable setting of the mountain of Montserrat, which rises majestically to 4,051 feet (1,235 meters). Next visit the Royal Basilica of Montserrat, which holds the famous 12th century Romanesque carving of Virgen Moreneta, the Black Virgin. The Royal Basilica has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Spain for hundreds of years. On some days the children's choir sings in the monastery at midday and so you may be fortunate enough to catch one of their delightful performances. Afterwards enjoy a wine tasting, with 3 samples of local wines explained by a Sommelier, followed by a delicious lunch at restaurant Montserrat with beverages. After the lunch return to your hotel in Barcelona.

Day 11 | March 14, 2017 | BARCELONA (B)

Today enjoy your entire day at leisure in Barcelona free for shopping or exploring.

Day 12 | March 15, 2017 | BARCELONA — MALAGA (B, D)

After breakfast please check out and be ready for your transfer to the airport for your domestic flight from Barcelona to Malaga. Upon arrival in Malaga, meet your local representative and transfer to the Sol House Aloha in Costa del Sol for check in. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening with your group.


The Sol House Aloha Costa del Sol is situated right on the seafront promenade and near Puerto Marina close to restaurants, bars and
markets within walking distance, with breakfast and dinner included daily. Fully renovated one bedroom suites feature a double bed or 2 twin beds with a modern loft style design. All rooms have been recently redecorated and include two flat-screen TVs, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, safe, and a full bathroom with rain shower or bathtub. Enjoy the gorgeous pool area with sunbeds overlooking the sea.

**Day 12-25 | Mar 15-28, 2017 | COSTA DEL SOL (B, D)**
Enjoy the amenities at your resort, take a stroll on the beach, go shopping or just soak up the atmosphere. You have 6 cultural tours included in your vacation to really understand the local culture. Your tour host will be available for suggestions on local excursions.

**FULL DAY GRANADA TOUR (L)** - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for an 8 a.m. departure. Discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Alhambra on this fascinating tour. You’ll explore beyond the beautiful Moorish architecture to learn the history of one of the most visited attractions in the world. Your visit begins in the Alhambra, whose construction began in the 11th century on the red hill known as Assabika which overlooks Granada.

The Alcazaba fortress was the first structure to be built, followed by the Royal Palace and Residence of members of the court. You will visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra, including the Alcazaba fortress, the Serrallo, the Patio of los Arrayanes (Myrtle Courtyard), the Hall of la Barca, the Salon of the Embajadores (Ambassadors Hall), the Patio de los Leones (Lions Courtyard), the Hall of the Abencerrajes, the Royal Baths. Your tour then continues to the Palace of Charles V and the Generalife Gardens. Found next to the Alhambra, these gardens were a place of leisure and recreation for the Moorish kings of Granada and from here you can enjoy wonderful views across the city. You’ll enjoy lunch at Restaurant H. Carmen and then have some free time to explore Granada on your own before returning back to your hotel.

**EXCURSION TO MIJAS WITH DINNER (D)** - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for a 4 p.m. departure. This afternoon, you will visit Mijas, situated on the edge of the mountains surrounded by pine trees and facing the Mediterranean sea, 8 km from Fuengirola and the Coast and 428m above sea level. Mijas is a village full of history and culture that still conserves the image of a traditional Andalusian village. Mijas is called the “Essence of Andalusia” where all the flavour of the popular architecture combines in its white houses with the barred windows full of flowers and its narrow streets. There are many places to visit by foot: The shrine of the “Virgen de la Peña”, Parish Church, the Bullring, the auditorium and the “Carromato (wagon) de Max”, a museum of miniatures. There are alternatives to walking such as the Mijas Burro Taxis (donkies) where for an extra cost you can be carried in the traditional method through the narrow streets. After the visit you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and return back to your hotel.

**FULL DAY GIBRALTAL TOUR (L)** - Please be ready in the lobby for a 9 a.m. departure. On this tour visit Gibralter, a British Colony since 1713 is often described as the shopping centre of the Western Mediterranean with a large range of shops offering a vast selection of goods and where you will see the most spectacular sights on the Rock.

**ST. MICHAEL’S CAVE.** Situated at a height of approximately 300m above sea level, this is one of Europe’s most dramatic natural grottoes, a remarkable example of natural architecture. The cave consists of an upper Hall connected with five passages with drops of between 12m and 45m to a smaller Hall decorated by stalactites and stalagmites.

**THE APE’S DEN.** The Apes are tail-less monkeys properly known as Barbary Macaques. Roaming freely along the upper rock, these endearing creatures will enchant you with their antics. They are perhaps the best known of Gibraltar’s attractions.

We will stop for lunch at Restaurant le Square café and will have free time to explore before returning back to your hotel.

**FULL DAY EXCURSION TO CORDOBA (L)** - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for an 8:30 a.m. departure. On this tour you will visit one of the most emblematic buildings of Islamic Art, the Aljama Mosque. It is a fascinating building which offers surprising light and colour effects as well as beautiful doors and nearly a thousand columns. The Cathedral of Gothic, Baroque and Plateresque elements was built inside in the 16th Century. The panoramic tour shows the Roman Bridge displaying the restoration work performed by the Muslims. The “Juderia” (Jewish Quarter), with its Synagogue, situated near “La Aljama” district. After lunch at restaurant Bandolero, you will have free time for shopping the local handicrafts, before returning to Costa del Sol.

**HALF DAY EXCURSION TO MALAGA WITH TAPAS DINNER AND FLAMENCO SHOW (D)** - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for a 3 p.m. departure. This afternoon, you will tour the city of Malaga, described once by de Nobel Price winner Vicente Alexandre, as the City of Paradise. Starting with the “Alcazaba” (Citadel) and the ancient Roman Theatre located nearby the house where Picasso was born. “The Gibralfaro” an old Arab Fortress offers fantastic views over the city and the Mediterranean and the Cathedral is one of the best examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture. The interior, with its high and wide naves is noteworthy for its chapels, choir-stalls and paintings by Cano, Morales and Coello. Enjoy a tapas dinner at a local restaurant and then you will attend a live performance of a fabulous Flamenco Show at a local “Tablao” and return back to your hotel in Costa del Sol.

**FULL DAY EXCURSION TO NERJA & FRIGILIANA (L)** - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for a 9 a.m departure. In the Eastern Coast of Malaga Province, Frigiliana shines with mosaic paved streets and immaculate white houses. This beautiful village maintains a Morisco-Mudejar centre which has received numerous awards for its excellent state of conservation. Taste the local sweet wine and enjoy free time for strolling around.

A few kilometres from Frigiliana, you will find Nerja, a village that still retains much of the character of its Moorish past. The historic centre was constructed around 1487 of which the Balcon de Europa (Balcony of Europe) is part. Formerly a XI Century Castle, it is now a viewing point above the sea. To the side of the Balcon is the XVII Century El Salvador Church constructed in Baroque-Mudejar style. You will also visit the magnificent prehistoric Caves known as the “Underground Cathedral” a unique example of natural architecture, with stalactites and stalagmites that were formed over millions of years. A delicious lunch will be served at Restaurant Servillano.

**Day 26 | March 29, 2017 | MALAGA — TORONTO (VIA PARIS) (B)**
Please check out and have your luggage ready in the lobby by 6 a.m. for your transfer to the airport. Air France Flight 5057 departs Malaga at 9:45 a.m. Arrives Paris Charles de Gaulle at 12:20 p.m. Connecting with Air France Flight 356 departs Paris Charles de Gaulle at 1:55 p.m. arrives Toronto at 4:10 p.m.

**END OF SERVICES.**
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(c) Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations;
(d) Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
(e) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
(f) Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
(g) Personal injuries or death;
(h) Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING
All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS
Merit reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
A deposit of $750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Deposit requirements for some tours may vary. You will be advised of such cases at time of booking.

LIABILITY
Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit’s responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times.

Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)
Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS
The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited.

There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services.

Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY
While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

(A) 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
(B) 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
(C) 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES
We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE
Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a $50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION
All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller’s return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger’s responsibility to obtain at the passenger’s expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION
Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT
Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.