

Life Onboard

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Navigate, the
onboard app
that does it all

All-day activities

See all the ways you can stay entertained onboard, from minigolf and quizzes during the day to West End-style productions and live music after dark.

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Welcome onboard

And welcome to *Life Onboard*.

This handy guide's full of facts to help you get the most out of your time onboard and ashore. Inside, you'll find need-to-know cabin information, like how the minibar works and what's on our TV channels. We've included loads of details about our bar line-up, entertainment and shore excursions, too.

And that's not all. Head to page 6 to see all of our latest news. Plus, we tell you all about Navigate, our digital hub for onboard booking and touch-screen services - you'll also need to use Navigate to complete your safety drill, MyMuster, before we sail.

If you need anything at all while you're onboard, our Reception team are available around the clock - it's all part of the exceptional service that we're famous for. If you've been sailing with us for years, you'll know our home-from-home atmosphere is all thanks to our amazing crew.

Onboard for the first time? Well, you'll soon feel like part of the Marella Cruises family. So, if there's anything we can do to make your stay even more enjoyable, please pop along to Reception or dial 5555 from your cabin phone.

Happy sailing.



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The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and National Travel Health Network and Centre have up-to-date advice on staying safe and healthy abroad.

For the latest travel advice from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office including security and local laws, plus passport and visa information check gov.uk/travelaware and follow [@FCDOTravelGovUK](https://twitter.com/FCDOTravelGovUK) and [Facebook.com/FCDOTravel](https://facebook.com/FCDOTravel).

See tui.co.uk/destinations/info/travel-aware and tui.aco.uk/destinations/info/travel-with-confidence for travel advice from TUI.

See travelhealthpro.org.uk for current travel health news.

The advice can change, so check regularly for updates.

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Day-to-night entertainment

Find out what's on, from sunrise to sunset. Quizzes, game shows, minigolf, dance classes and craft sessions are just a taste of our entertainment line-up.



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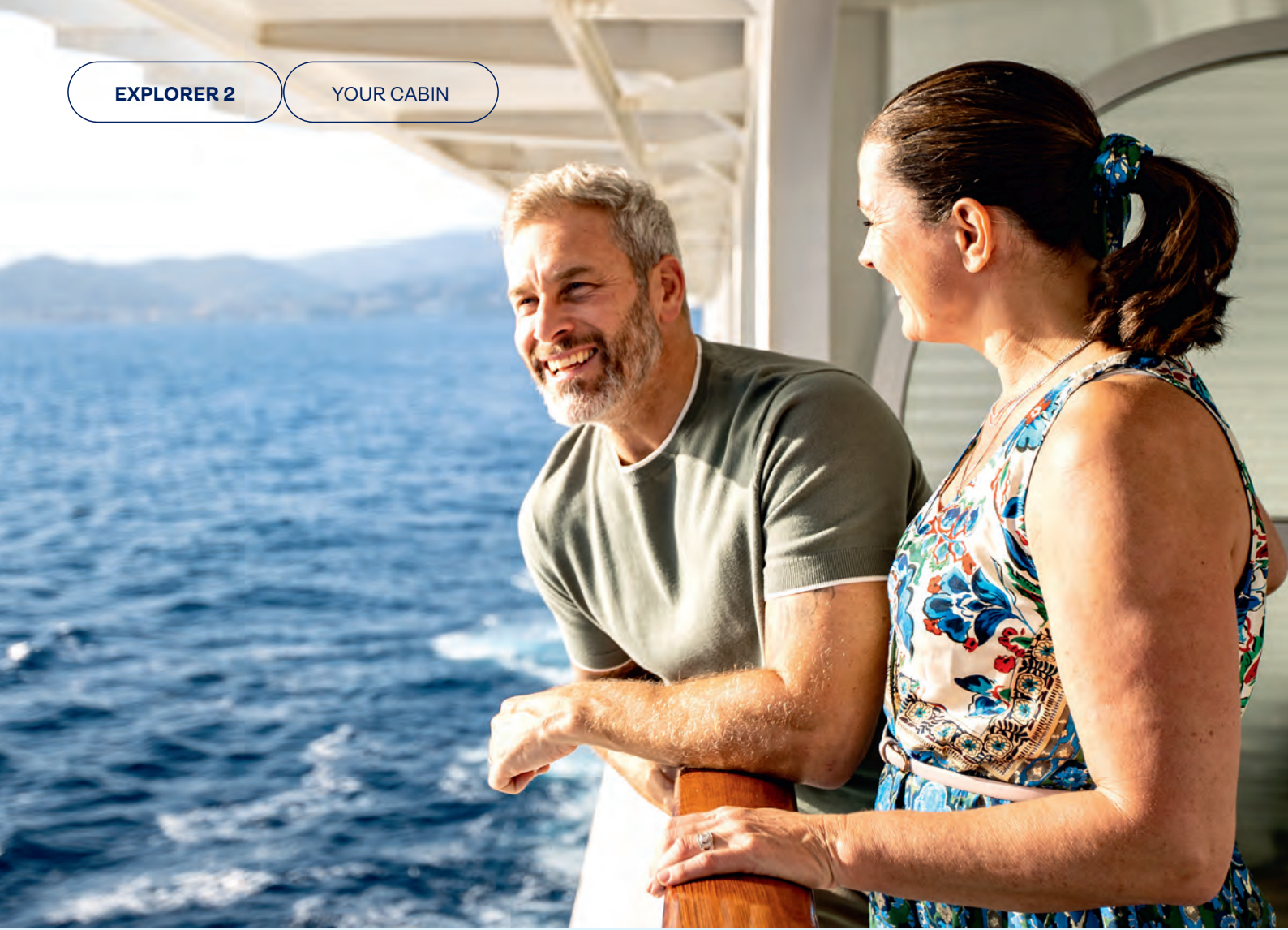
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What to do ashore

See more of the world on one of our shore excursions. We've got everything from boat trips in St Lucia to Italian city tours.



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A complete guide to your cabin

Getting to know the ins and outs of your cabin is all part of the fun of cruising. Here's a breakdown of everything you need to know about your home on the high seas...

First-time cruisers

If you've never cruised with us before, here's some need-to-know info that'll get you up to speed...

Cruise news

A copy of Cruise News is delivered to your cabin every evening, and a digital version's available on the Navigate app daily. It's a great way to find out what's happening the following day, with everything from port information and a weather forecast to a rundown of the onboard entertainment schedule.

Cruise card

Your cruise card - which doubles up as your cabin key - is used for getting on and off the ship, and for making onboard purchases. You'll also find your muster station printed on it - you need to go here to complete our emergency safety drill. You will be asked to present your card at the bar - even when ordering a drink that's included in your package - but don't worry, this is just for stock control. If you order a chargeable item that costs £50 or more, you'll be asked to sign a receipt.

Gangway protocol

You'll need your cruise card to get on and off the ship. Some ports might also require your passport, but we'll inform you if this is the case in Cruise News and the morning announcement. Just so you know, you won't be able to get off the ship until we've got port authority clearance, so we ask you only make your way to the gangway once we've made the announcement that you're free to head ashore.

Solo travellers

Our Guest Experience Co-ordinators organise events and get-togethers for all our solo travellers. You'll find details about what's on offer in your welcome letter. Cruise News has all the information about what events are going on each day, too.

Dress to impress

Once a week, we host a dress to impress night, where you can throw on your classiest costume for a night of luxury. During the event, you can enjoy a glass of fizz while the Captain introduces himself and his senior team. Keep an eye on Cruise News for more details.



Cabin lowdown

Telephone

If you want to call ashore from your cabin's phone, please ask Reception for more info. Calls are charged to your onboard account per minute, as soon as the call's answered - this includes answerphone messages.

Directory

Reception Desk: 5555
Room Service: 7300
Emergency: 999

Mobile phones

Depending on your provider, your mobile phone should work in port and while you're at sea. Just a heads-up, though, international roaming rates apply in port and prices are set by your operator.

Here's a breakdown of everything else you need to know about using your phone...

- To call the UK from your mobile phone, just drop the first 0 from the area code and replace it with 0044.
- You may be charged extra to use your regular call, text and data allowances when travelling in the EU and the European Economic Area, depending on your provider. When you're at sea, however, your phone will connect to the ship's system, which charges different rates.
- Our ship's system kicks in automatically once we lose the land-based signal. When this happens, you'll be connected to the maritime network provider Telenor, and this will be displayed on your phone.
- Calls made at sea are slightly more expensive than your normal roaming charges. For example, a call will cost around £1.50 to £2 a minute, depending on your network.
- All charges will appear on your normal mobile phone bill.

Safes

Every cabin on the ship comes with a safe where you can store all your valuables. They're free to use throughout your cruise.

Cruise card

When it's time for you to check out of your cabin, please remember to take your card with you - you'll need it to leave the ship for the final time.

Services

Reception

Reception's open 24/7 and getting in touch is easy - you can either visit them on Deck 5, or dial 5555 on your cabin's telephone.



Internet - Wi-Fi

If you fancy browsing the web while you're at sea, just connect to the ship's Wi-Fi. Speak to our Reception team to find out more about the Wi-Fi packages available, or head to the 'Internet' section on Navigate.

Housekeeping

Your Cabin Steward is there to make sure your cabin is spick and span. They'll visit twice a day to make the beds and tidy up, so if there's anything you need, just let them know. If you're happy to re-use your towels to help save water, please hang them up. If you'd rather have fresh ones, please leave them on the floor - that lets us know you want them replaced.

Laundry service

If you need any washing or ironing doing while onboard, our laundry team offer this service for a fee. There are several options available - details can be found on the information slips in your cabin.

Minibar

If you fancy something to eat or drink while in your cabin, you can use our onboard app, Navigate, to order chargeable snacks and drinks whenever you want.

How to order

1. Open the Navigate app
2. Click 'My Cabin'
3. Click 'Mini Bar Order Form'
4. Choose the drinks and snacks you want
5. These will then be delivered to your cabin during the next turn-down service.

Report a problem

If you have any issues with your cabin during your cruise, you can use Navigate to report them. On the app, click on 'My Cabin' and use the 'Report a Problem' section to let us know what's wrong and we'll sort the issue as soon as possible. You can track the status of your reported problem through the app, as well.

Room service menu

Fancy eating in the comfort of your cabin?



Scan the QR code and click Room Service to see what's on offer.

TV directory

Here's a list of things that are available on your cabin's TV...

Safety Video
Bridge Camera
BBC News
Cruise Director TV
Destination Services
Finishing touches
Spa TV
Sky News
Sky Sports News
BBC HD
Map
Prime One
Movies Then
Movies Now



If there's anything else you'd like to know about your cabin, your Cabin Steward is happy to answer any questions. Alternatively, someone at Reception will be able to help.

What's new

– Keep up to date with the latest news from Marella Cruises...

Onto Tropical Isles

We're excited to be returning to La Romana, in the Dominican Republic for winter 2025 – Marella Discovery will be setting off from here to sail the new Tropical Isles itinerary.

This new itinerary also welcomes some brand-new ports. Say hello to Isla Catalina – a tropical island just off the coast of the Dominican Republic that's famous for its wildlife, scuba diving and charming coastal towns.

You'll also drop anchor in Ponce. This Puerto Rican city is nicknamed the 'Pearl of the South' thanks to its neoclassical buildings, and it's renowned for its museums, too.



A new quest awaits

There's a brand-new Breakout Challenge onboard Marella Discovery – The Siren's Spell. Captain Turley's stolen the Pearl of Titan and has control of the ocean, which could spell the end of the seven seas. The only way to win it back is to break the Siren's spell by completing a series of challenges and games within 60 minutes. It's suitable for anyone aged 8 and above, so the whole family can join in.

Treat yourself to an extra-special dish

Keep an eye out for our new 'Treat Yourself' dishes on some of our restaurants' menus. If you're celebrating a special occasion or fancy going all out, you can pay a little extra and order one of these new special dishes.



See behind the scenes

Have you already spotted us on your For You Page on TikTok? We've recently joined, and we're sharing behind-the-scenes snippets of our crew, facts about our ports, and some of our venues onboard.

You can find us at [@marellacruises](#), or, if you don't have TikTok, you can still keep up to date on Instagram and Facebook.



Our onboard service comes with the **Good Housekeeping Reader Recommended** stamp of approval.



Sailing behind the scenes

Have you seen our latest TV advert? The story follows a woman on her first solo cruise. She's nervous to go at first, but with a little push from her daughter, she sets off, develops friendships and has the time of her life. Curious about the creative process behind this heartwarming advert? We asked Senior Marketing Manager, Tori and Marketing Manager, Emma, for the behind-the-scenes lowdown...

This is quite a different advert to your previous ones – how did you come up with this idea?

Tori: We invested a lot of time into researching our customers, really digging into how they're represented in and reached by advertising, how they feel about it, what they enjoy doing and how they like to holiday. We then mapped those things into our objectives and looked for common ground. This is where the ideas started to take shape and became a story to tell.

How many days did it take to shoot the ad, and where was it shot?

Emma: If we're talking planning, it was months of logistics with tourist boards, island authorities and our production team. If we just focus on the shoot itself, it was six long days of early starts and late finishes. We spent three days in Barbados, as it's a port of call for this coming winter as well as a home port, a day in St Lucia, a day in St Kitts, and a day onboard Marella Voyager.

What's the main message you want people to take away from seeing this ad?

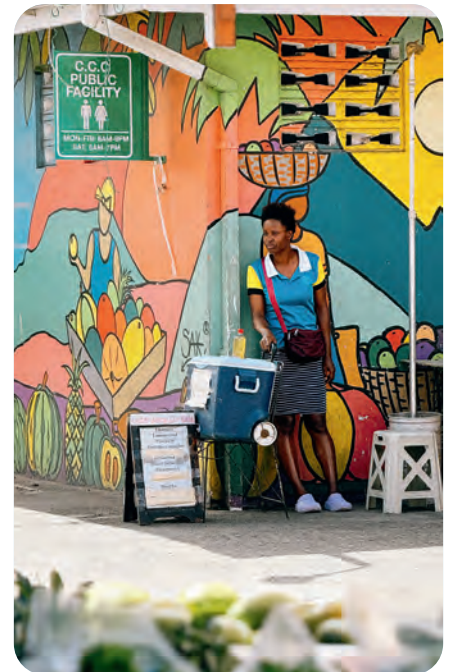
Tori: That a Marella cruise is an enriching, slow-travel holiday to multiple destinations. With one booking, you've sought out a life-affirming adventure filled with experiences that satisfy the soul.

📖 Interview: Chloe Brightwell



What was your favourite moment of the shoot?

Emma: There were so many, it's hard to strip it back to a single moment. The whole shoot was a reminder of how lucky we are to visit such amazing places as part of our work. But if you really press me to choose, I'd probably say filming the catamaran scene and then sailing back at sunset.



The shoot in numbers

- 1 ship
- 2 tropical rainstorms
- 3 hotels
- 3 boats
- 4 countries
- 5 actors
- 6 shoot days
- 7+ hours of footage shot
- 9 hours recce time
- 14 sunrises and sunsets
- 19 production crew
- 24+ hours travelling
- 40+ hours filming
- 6000 stills shot in total



Food for all moods

Whether you're after a quick snack in-between sunbathing, cutting-edge Asian cuisine, or a juicy steak, the onboard restaurants have all corners covered.

The Dining Club - Deck 5

At this fine dining restaurant, you'll be treated to experimental French cuisine. Plus, it plays host to The Great Musical Afternoon Tea - a weekly event which brings the West End to Marella Cruises, with musical-inspired dishes. This is one of the ship's speciality restaurants, so there's a charge to dine here - plus, we recommend you book in advance on Navigate, or on one of the kiosks. Also, there's a Smart dress code.

Kora La - Deck 6

You'll feel like you've switched continents when you dine at this Marella Cruises favourite. Oriental-style décor's paired with a pan-Asian menu that lines up everything from gyozas and dumplings to curries and bespoke dishes - all created for Marella Cruises by Master Chef Ian Pengelley. There's even a separate sushi menu. This is one of the ships speciality restaurants, so there's a charge to dine here - plus, we recommend you book in advance on Navigate, or by using one of the interactive kiosks that are dotted around the ship. The dress code here is Smart.

Latitude 53 & Vista - Decks 5 & 6

The main waiter service restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and three-course dinners. Dishes are international with a modern twist. On Deck 5, you'll find Vista, which transforms into a contemporary Italian after dark. Here, you can get regional Italian favourites made with authentic ingredients. There's a Casual dress code for breakfast and lunch, and Smart for dinner.



On The Menu

Chateaubriand for two, 16oz Black Angus fillet of beef, carved tableside with potatoes mousseline and baby vegetables with a Bearnaise or Bordelaise sauce. Please note menus are subject to change.



Beach Cove - Deck 11

Like the name suggests, this place has a beachy vibe. Light lunches are served here, and in the evening, you can choose from things like barbecue dishes and traditional Portuguese skewers. There's a Casual dress code during the day, which switches to Smart in the evening. During the evenings, there is a charge to dine here, and we recommend you book in advance on Navigate or on one of the kiosks.



Snack Shack - Deck 11

If there's any eatery that knows how to make you feel like you're on holiday, it's Snack Shack. This place is laid out like British-inspired beach huts. As such, you can look forward to grab 'n' go lunches, like sandwiches, burgers and salads. The Beachwear dress code applies here.

Scoops - Deck 11

For those with a sweet tooth, try Scoops. This vintage-looking parlour serves up dollops of homemade gelato and sorbet. There's a range of fancy flavours on offer, like gin and tonic and Oreo. And the seating's just as quirky - a collection of bike seats sit facing out to sea. A charge applies here, and it follows the Beachwear dress code.



The Market Place - Deck 11

You can watch the chefs whip up around-the-world dishes at this buffet restaurant. It's stocked with lots of different food stalls, hence its name, The Market Place. There are themed nights, too, like Chinese, Mexican and Mediterranean. And, at lunchtimes, you can finish your meal with ice-cream, which is part of your All Inclusive package. The Market Place follows our Casual dress code.



Nonna's - Deck 11

This laidback pizzeria lets you pick your favourite toppings and ingredients to create your very own pizza and pasta dishes. It's open for lunch and dinner, and there's a Casual dress code.

Surf & Turf Steakhouse - Deck 6

This place does what it says on the tin, specialising in all things meat. The menu stars various cuts of steak, including the Porterhouse for two. Or, you can create your own surf and turf with a selection of meats and seafood. This is one of the ship's speciality restaurants, so there's a charge to dine here - plus, we recommend you book in advance on Navigate, or on one of the kiosks. Also, there's a Smart dress code.

The dress code

The onboard dress code varies for each restaurant, but you can easily break it down into Beachwear, Casual and Smart.

The first is a come-as-you-are affair, so bikinis and trunks get the thumbs up, but please wear something on your feet for safety reasons.

Casual, meanwhile, speaks for itself - we're talking tops and shorts or a sundress. Then you've got Smart, which is when you'll need to dress up a little bit. You can wear shirts or polo-shirts, trousers or tailored shorts, skirts or dresses, smart trainers, shoes or sandals, but we ask that you leave sportswear, flip-flops and non-tailored shorts in your cabin. If you want to add a jacket or a tie, that's completely up to you, but our Dress to Impress nights give you the chance to get really suited and booted.



Sip at sea

Flutes - Deck 6

If you're after something bubbly, Flutes is the bar for you. You can sip glasses of Champagne* or Prosecco while listening to the sounds of a pianist. Plus, there are handy 'press for bubbles' buttons dotted around.

Aperitif - Deck 6

Thanks to its location, Aperitif is a great place to go before or after a meal at one of our speciality restaurants. Its drinks menu, meanwhile, features everything from Prosecco and spirits to cocktails and non-alcoholic options.



The Coffee Port - Deck 7

The Coffee Port is the place to head for your morning caffeine fix. It serves freshly brewed Lavazza coffee in a laidback setting. Meanwhile, cool-down drinks come courtesy of iced coffees. The drinks in The Coffee Port are part of the Premium All Inclusive package*.

The 19th Hole - Deck 7

This entire bar's inspired by the game of golf. It's fitted with a few state-of-the-art golf simulators, where you can challenge someone to a virtual round on some of the world's most famous courses. The cocktail menu's golf-inspired, as well, and some of the booths are styled like golf karts.



Squid & Anchor - Deck 7

With the full range of drinks, this venue's well-stocked for every occasion. And there are comfy sofas and armchairs to sink into. On the entertainment front, expect everything from live music and game shows to pub quizzes and karaoke.

Pool Bar - Deck 11

This sociable spot's snuggled next to the main pool on Deck 11, and serves a selection of drinks and snacks throughout the day.



All in

Good news - Marella Explorer 2 is All Inclusive as standard, which means most of your drinks are included. Here's what you get as standard...

- Selected draught and bottled beers and ciders
- Cocktails including Black Russians, Mai Tais and daiquiris
- Selected gins, vodkas, rums and tequilas
- Selected whisky and brandy
- Aperitifs, liqueurs, ports and sherries
- Wine and Prosecco by the glass
- Soft drinks and juices by the glass
- Hot drinks*

Go premium

For a little extra, you can upgrade to our Premium All Inclusive package. Then, you'll get all of the All Inclusive drinks above, as well as these extras...

- All Indigo Bar cocktails†, designed by Britain's Got Talent finalists, the Bar Wizards
- All Aperitif cocktails, such as chocolate espresso martini's and negronis
- Most drinks from The Coffee Port, which are made with premium Lavazza coffee
- Additional beers and ciders, such as Heineken and Strongbow, plus all of the guest beers on tap in the Squid & Anchor and Indigo Bar
- Premium gins, vodkas, rums and tequilas, including Bombay Sapphire, Flor de Cana Rum and Absolut Vodka
- More choice of whiskies, brandies and Cognacs, such as Cradenal Mendoza and Martel V.S

Just so you know, we may need to substitute these drinks for other brands from time to time. If you can't find your favourite drink, speak to a member of our bar team who will be happy to help.

*Hot drinks from The Coffee Port and premium cocktails are not included in the standard All Inclusive package. Room service and drinks from your minibar are excluded from the drinks package and are charged as listed, as is bottled water in your cabin. Snacks and cigarettes aren't included in the package. Drinks served between 02:00 and 10:00 will be charged to your account. Your drinks package is valid until you leave the ship at the end of your cruise. You can only order one drink per person at a time and you need to show your boarding/account card to the drinks server for every drink you order. Alcoholic drinks will only be served to guests aged 18 or over, or 21 and over on USA sailings. If you want to order a drink for another passenger who isn't part of your drinks package your account will be charged at the listed price. Please note refunds can only be given on the day you buy the drinks package.

†Sharer cocktails not included.



Pebbles Beach, Barbados



Time to unwind

Barbados is all about cocktails in coconuts and tasty Bajan bites.

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EXPLORER 2

ENTERTAINMENT



Day-to-night entertainment

When you're not exploring ashore, there's plenty to keep you busy onboard. You'll find the daily schedule in Cruise News or on the Navigate app. Here's a taste of what to expect.

Daytime

Whether you want to burn some energy, get creative or treat yourself to a bit of serious R&R, our daytime activity line-up's got things covered.

Get active

Challenge your friends or partner to a game of minigolf, join a dance class, or zip around our Running Track.

Quizzes

Join in with a spot of poolside trivia, or put your knowledge to the test during one of our interactive game shows.

Create and taste

Get crafty making your own keepsake at one of our Make Do sessions, or brush up on your culinary knowledge at a cookery demonstration.



Night-time

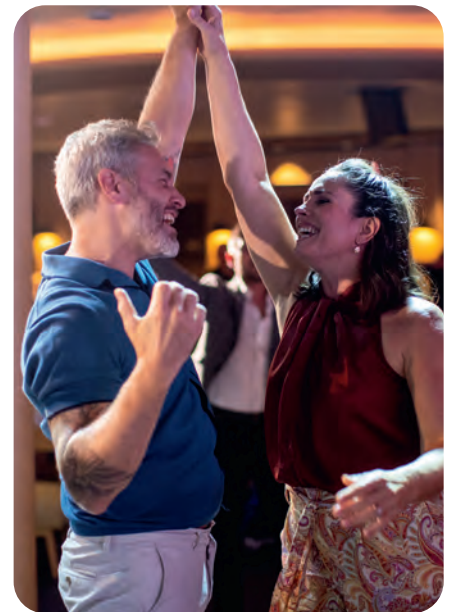
Come sunset, you can look forward to everything from live music and professional shows to open-air movies and pub quizzes.

Show time

The Broadway Show Lounge is the place to be for West End-style productions. There are two performances scheduled each night.

Music

If you fancy a dance, head to Indigo - it plays host to silent discos and themed nights. For something more low-key, head to Flutes to listen to the sounds of a pianist while you sip something bubbly.



Relax

Book yourself in for a massage or a treatment at the spa and beauty salon. Or, kick back on a sunlounger at The Veranda.



Something different

There are open-air movies on the cards some evenings, or, you can head to Squid & Anchor for a quiz and a spot of karaoke. And if you fancy a flutter, there's always the casino.

Welcome to The 19th Hole

Releasing your inner Tiger Woods just got super easy. Here's the lowdown on our clubhouse-inspired bar onboard Marella Explorer 2.



We've brought golf simulators to the open seas - there are two in The 19th Hole. Our dedicated Golf Hosts are on hand to help organise fun competitions and tournaments, so you can practise your swing while sailing. It doesn't matter what your ability - The 19th Hole's suitable for every kind of golfer. Pros, amateurs, solo travellers, groups and couples - everyone's welcome. And when you need to refuel, the bar's got a menu of golf-themed cocktails, like Faldo Fizz, Torrance Tripple and Seve's Slice. Just so you know, there's an entry fee to play on the simulators.

Simulator tournaments

Choose from this trio of virtual golf tournaments, including Crazy Golf and challenges for the pro players.

Marella Masters

This two-hour session is tailor-made for keen and experienced golfers. You can sign up in teams of up to four, or fly solo for the chance to tee off at a high standard.

Crazy Golf

Bank shots, tunnels and moving targets are par for the course with Crazy Golf. We run two payable sessions a week or you can try one of our Crazy Golf courses on Marella Explorer 2.

Nearest To Pin

This is a best-of-three swings tournament - and the winner gets a prize. There are two sessions a week.



For times and pricing details for all of our tournaments, visit the Navigate app or chat to one of our Golf Hosts.

Why should I visit The 19th Hole?

This bar's exclusive to Marella Explorer 2, so you won't find it onboard any other ship. Everyone's welcome, no matter how good you are at golf. Our simulators let you experience what it'd be like to play a round on a Professional Golfers' Association course. You get to use top-class golf clubs and equipment, including what was voted 2018's best driver club. And, of course, there are bespoke, themed cocktails to refresh with in between courses.

What are some of the golf simulator highlights?

Each simulator offers courses taken from across the world, so you've got lots of different challenges to choose from. The simulators also boast excellent accuracy - each one takes 22,000 photos of the ball per second. Experienced golfers have the added benefit of being able to challenge a professional. Plus, you can take on Marella Masters - a more challenging tournament.

What organised activities are there at The 19th Hole?

We offer three different tournaments, including Crazy Golf across three different courses, and Nearest the Pin. You can also take part in competing at the longest drive, as well as a hole-in-one challenge. Plus, our Golf Hosts are on hand to help you improve your skills.

Where can I find out more?

Our Golf Hosts are on hand daily to help you practise and answer any questions you might have. There's also the free onboard Navigate app - you can use this for making The 19th Hole bookings. Or, you can visit one of the kiosks around the ship.



Customise your cruise

Fancy surprising someone, or just want to treat yourself? There are plenty of ways you can do it – pick from the options below, or talk to our Guest Experience Co-ordinator or Reception and we'll do the rest.

Get your personal message in Cruise News

Surprise a loved one by having a personal message added to Cruise News. Speak to the Guest Experience Co-ordinator or Reception for more details.

Cut the cake

No celebration is complete without a cake. Your Guest Experience Co-ordinator can arrange for one to be presented to you after a meal in one of the restaurants.

Clink glasses in your cabin

You can have a bottle of sparkling wine, glasses and an ice bucket delivered to your cabin.

Say it with flowers

Brighten up your loved one's day by arranging for the delivery of a bouquet of flowers. This package is subject to availability.

Breakfast like an A-lister

Start your day the VIP way with a Champagne breakfast in bed. This includes a Continental breakfast selection, a bottle of Champagne, and chocolate-covered strawberries.

Push the boat out

The Push The Boat Out package takes breakfast in bed and steps it up a notch. As well as a Continental breakfast in your cabin, you'll get flowers and sparkling wine, a Cruise News announcement, a celebration cake, and dinner at an Officer's table.

Celebrate in style

The Celebrate in Style package raises the bar even higher. It includes a bottle of Champagne, flowers and chocolate-covered strawberries delivered to your cabin, a Continental breakfast in bed, a Cruise News announcement, a celebration cake, and a professional photo.

Go behind the scenes

The Behind the Scenes tour whisks you off for a sneak peek of a working cruise ship, including the Bridge. For more information, and to sign up for this in-depth tour, visit Reception – be quick, spaces are limited.



Tailor-made treatment

If you'd like to create your own celebration package, our Guest Experience Co-ordinator can arrange this for you. Look out for the Guest Experience Desk opening times in Cruise News.

Celebrate your vows

Whether you've celebrated your first or your 50th wedding anniversary, there's no better excuse than a cruise to reaffirm your love with a Celebration of Vows. There are three packages to choose from – Silver, Gold and Platinum. You'll get a service, conducted by the ship's captain or a senior officer. And we'll sort touches like a bouquet, a sparkling wine toast, a photo and a bottle of Champagne, too.



"We renewed our vows onboard and Lynn and Captain Richard were just amazing. We were made to feel very special – just great organisation. Thank you"
Sandra Dubeau

Sail away in style

When the ship sets sail, you can take in the vistas by signing up for a Sail Away in Style event. You'll be taken to an exclusive area, and treated to a glass of sparkling wine, canapés and the company of an officer or two. This experience is available in selected ports – see Reception for more details.

Tour the bridge

We'll take you right to the navigational heart of the ship with a tour of the Bridge. You can chat with the team, while soaking up the best views onboard.

What to do ashore

Our shore excursions let you jump feet-first into a new destination without having to organise anything yourself, taking the hassle out of memory-making.

With Marella Cruises, you can pick from loads of shore excursions led by our expert guides, to help you make the most of your precious time in port. Our teams test and review every single one of our tours, to make sure they're all top-notch. And we've teamed up with the best suppliers in each area to make sure things are ultra-reliable.

All you need to do now is pick a tour. We've got hundreds of top-quality shore excursions on our books, so you can take your pick from the crème de la crème. Have a look on Navigate for a full rundown, but remember that some of our trips have limited availability, so it's best to get in quick to secure your place.

Don't worry if any details of your cruise change at the last minute, or one of our tours gets held up – our team are always there to step in and sort things out.



General information

It's important that you know all the details of our tours, so make sure you take a look at the Cruise Shore Excursions Terms and Conditions on the TUI website. They'll give you the lowdown on everything from dress codes, tour itineraries and transport to cancellations and refund policies.

Port showcase

We know your holiday time is precious. That's why our Destination Services team has made it easier for you to access all your shore excursion information – with a Port Showcase. You can watch this informative film on your cabin's TV. Alternatively, you can read all about the ports you're going to visit during

your sailing in your digital copy of Cruise News – you can access it through Navigate.

Booking is easy

Beat the queues by sorting out your own excursions at one of our self-service kiosks around the ship. Alternatively, sign up for our tours by using the free onboard app, Navigate, or speaking to the team at the Destination Services desk.

If you pre-booked your shore excursions before your cruise, your tickets will be delivered straight to your cabin.



Top Tours



All of our shore excursions are available to book on the **Navigate app**.



Road Town, Tortola - Virgin Gorda

This trip whisks you away to Virgin Gorda. The island has a distinctive shape, which you'll see as you sail along the Sir Francis Drake Channel. You'll dock at Spanish Town and board an open-sided bus to the island's star attraction - The Baths. Here, you'll find a jumble of gigantic stones half-submerged in water, and you can watch the tide come in to form little sea pools. You can also wander down to Devil's Bay Beach - a hidden cove with white sands and devilish waves.



Slovenia - Ljubljana & Lake Bled

This tour has the best of both worlds - you'll see Slovenia's capital, and a top beauty spot. Ljubljana's hailed as the next Prague, with its thriving café culture and mishmash architecture. You can explore with a guide, or have some free time. Next, you'll head to Lake Bled, where postcard-worthy views are on tap - think mirror-like water surrounded by mountains and trees as far as the eye can see. Look out for a tiny island at the lake's centre - it's home to the iconic Church of the Assumption of Mary.

Heard about our e-bike tours?

If you really want to get to the heart of a place, book an e-bike tour. We now have a collection of electric bikes onboard Marella Explorer 2. They come with a pedal assist feature that you can use when needed, so you can take in the views with ease. At most ports, you can join an experienced guide and cycle your way around the best sights. The distance and difficulty of each tour varies, from relaxed rides over flat ground, to more challenging trips over hilly terrain. For more information, just speak to a member of the Destination Services team.



Pure pampering

There's nothing like a bit of pampering to help you get into the holiday spirit. Whether you want to relax those stiff muscles, get glowing skin or bouncy hair, our spa and salon treatments are just the tonic. We've picked out some of our favourites...

Best for...improving your energy BODY BLUEPRINT

Make sure you visit our fitness centre where you can try the **InBody570** - a machine that takes a peek at your body's cellular health, measuring everything from muscle mass to metabolism, inflammation, and fluid retention levels. Our team can give you advice to help you reach your fitness goals, too.

Best for...helping with pain ACUPUNCTURE

You don't have to feel ill to try this form of healing. While it's shown to help with back pain, inflammation, migraines and seasickness, acupuncture enhances relaxation, too. Our onboard acupuncturist also performs cupping to pull up tension from the body, which is then released by acupuncture.

Best for...windswept hair RED CARPET READY

Treat yourself to a glamorous look that's fit for the red carpet. Your hair will be nourished with a **Kérastase**® hair mask followed by a scalp massage and a blow dry. Finish with an **ELEMIS** Bright Eyes treatment and a Sun Glow bronzer application.



We've got a range of **ELEMIS** products available to buy, too, so you can recreate your spa experience at home.

Best for...youthful, glowing skin BIOTEC FIRM-A-LIFT

Give your face a fresh start with this skin-strengthening treatment. It combines massage with mild electro currents - AKA galvanic technology - to boost your skin. This safe and effective treatment leaves your face looking visibly lifted with greater contouring.

Best for...a brighter smile GO SMILE TEETH-WHITENING EXPERIENCE

If you want a smile like a Hollywood A-lister, try our advanced teeth-whitening treatment. It's a safe and effective way to achieve a brighter, whiter smile in a matter of minutes.

Best for...looking younger without your friends knowing MEDI-SPA

Try our new microneedling treatment for smoother, firmer and more toned skin. Or, pick one of our anti-wrinkle and lip filler treatments performed by our fully-qualified physician. Best of all, there's no downtime.

Keep an eye out for the daily Spa Specials in Cruise News or the Navigate app.



For more information, or to book a treatment, head to the spa reception, use the **Navigate app** or dial **4850** from the phone in your cabin.



BROAD STREET SHOPS



Bag a bargain

The Broad Street Shops are stocked with a huge range of products from the world's top brands. Plus, we can't be beaten on price - if you find a product cheaper ashore, we'll match the price. Here are our top picks of products to buy onboard...



Reasons to shop onboard

- Tax-free shopping
- Travel retail exclusives
- Interest-free credit available on purchases over £500
- Specialist knowledge
- One year worldwide guarantee
- After sales care
- Special events

- 01 RayBan Justin in black rubber & grey polarised lenses
£137 (RRP £161)
You save £24
- 02 Tag Heuer Ladies Aquaracer Professional 200
£1,958 (RRP £2,350)
You save £392
- 03 Paco Rabanne Phantom EDT 100ML
£78 (RRP £97)
You save £19
- 04 Swarovski Volta stud earrings in rose gold
£100 (RRP £119)
You save £19
- 05 ghd Platinum+ Straightener Black
£199 (RRP £239)
You save £40



Find the Broad Street Shops on **Deck 5**.



Capture your cruise memories

We know that no cruise is complete without some top-quality photos for you to look back on. That's where the onboard Photo Team and their Signature Photoshoot sessions come in. Here's the lowdown on what's on offer...

Signature photoshoot

Book an exclusive 30-minute photoshoot in either the private studio or at one of your favourite locations around the ship, starting from just £50. Photos are available in colour or black and white, and you'll be able to select your favourites during a laidback viewing with your photographer - if you decide you don't want any, that's fine, too. You can choose from digital copies, prints and framed photos - the latter will be shipped directly to your home.

Iris photography

Your eye is as unique as your fingerprint - and with our onboard iris photography, you can turn it into a work of art. Iris art is the latest technological innovation in the photography world, capturing the beauty of your eye with clarity and detail. Please ask our Photo Team for more information.



For more info, stop by **The Photo Gallery**.

Make things easy with Navigate

Ever wanted to book a slot at your favourite onboard restaurant without leaving your cabin or sunbed? Well, there's an app for that - it's called Navigate.



Our onboard app is like having your own personal cruise planner in the palm of your hand, and you can use it to manage lots of different aspects of your cruise. Let's take a look at what it can do...

Book your next cruise

If you're already dreaming of your next holiday on the high seas, you can book it onboard - just visit Destination Services to chat to one of our friendly team. They'll help you find something that's right up your street.

Reserve a table at a speciality restaurant

You can reserve a table at any of our speciality restaurants on the Navigate app or by using one of the kiosks dotted around the ship. You'll be able to view the menus in both places, too.

Order food and drink

We've reworked the way we do minibars. Instead of having a fridge with a selection of drinks in your cabin, you can pick what drink you fancy on the Navigate app, and we'll deliver it during the next turn-down service. There's a room service menu, too. Just so you know, these services are chargeable.

Book shore excursions

We've got dozens of top-class shore excursions for you to choose from, and you can browse and book any that take your fancy on the Navigate app. Just tap the 'Excursions' tab to see what's available.





Access Cruise News

Cruise News keeps you in the loop with daily updates. You can access it on the Navigate app, or check out the physical copy in your cabin. It's full of information about the day's activities, the opening hours for the ship's facilities and any daily offers.

Check your cruise account and bookings

All the information about your restaurant, spa and shore excursion bookings can be found in the 'My Account & Bookings' section on the Navigate app, so you can access it anytime.



For more information about Navigate and how to use it, visit Reception and one of our friendly crew will be able to walk you through the app.



Our onboard app - Navigate - is your one-stop-shop for everything cruise-related, and it's completely free to use. Follow these simple steps to get started...

- 01 Turn on your Wi-Fi and connect to **Explorer 2 Wi-Fi**
 - 02 Open your internet browser and type in '**navigate.tui**'. Or, scan the QR code.
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- 03 Enter your details into the relevant fields. You should now be connected to the Wi-Fi and ready to use Navigate.

Just so you know, you won't be charged for connecting to the ship's Wi-Fi whilst you're using the app.

EXPLORER 2

WHERE NEXT?

Sea you again soon

Wondering where to sail off to next? We've rounded up four of our favourite itineraries to give you a little dose of inspiration.



Caribbean Charms

This week-long cruise around the Caribbean starts and finishes in **La Romana** - home to some of the Dominican Republic's best beaches. And this trip's not just about sea and sand. There are plenty of city stops along the way, like the Dominican Republic's **Santo Domingo** - one of the Caribbean's oldest cities - and **Willemstad**, Curacao's colourful capital.

Sailing on Marella Discovery

December 2025 to February 2026



Adriatic Affair

You'll want your camera out at all times on this cruise, as you'll be dropping anchor near some pretty scenic sites. To name a few, there's **Dubrovnik**, which is famous for its historic walled city and Game of Thrones ties, and Italy's **Ravenna**, with its colourful mosaics and octagonal church. You'll also get to tick off Medieval towns, like **Kotor** in Montenegro and **Koper** in Slovenia.

Sailing on Marella Explorer 2

May to October 2026





Canarian Flavours

All eyes are on the Canary Islands on this cruise. You can sail from Tenerife's **Santa Cruz** - known for its full-of-life harbour and charming old town - or Gran Canaria's **Las Palmas** - where you've got historic buildings, trendy shops and gold-tinted sand. You'll also get a taste of Fuerteventura's beaches in **Puerto del Rosario** and Madeira's rugged, green landscape in **Funchal**.

Sailing on Marella Explorer 2 and Marella Voyager

November 2025 to March 2026



Treasures Of The Mediterranean

In seven days, you'll visit some of the Med's most loved spots. The cruise starts and ends in **Palma** and along the way you can visit Pompeii or drive down to the Amalfi Coast in **Naples**, take a detour to see the Colosseum in Rome from **Civitavecchia**, or see the best of Corsica with a stroll through **Ajaccio's** old town.

Sailing on Marella Explorer

May to October 2026



Save when you book onboard

Book your next cruise while you're still onboard, and we'll throw in a pre-booked cabin free of charge. Just pop to Destination Services, where our friendly team will be happy to help.

Sailing and sustainability

Ever wonder what we're doing to reduce the environmental impact of our sailings? Director of Operations, Adrian Hibbert, gives the lowdown.

TUI set some challenging sustainability goals in 2023. How does Marella Cruises fit into these?

Collectively, TUI's cruise lines are aiming to reduce their carbon emissions by 27.5% by 2030. We plan to achieve this through a combination of operational changes and investment in technology.

Can you tell us about some of those operational changes?

It's mostly about making small changes that all add up. For example, we've been adjusting our itineraries to make sure that, wherever possible, we sail at the most economical speed to minimise fuel consumption and emissions. We also try to avoid starting our engines until everyone's onboard and we have clearance to leave port.

And what about the investment in technology you mentioned?

You might notice some things being done while our ships are sailing - like swapping halogen lightbulbs for more eco-friendly LED alternatives. We've also been applying solar film to our larger windows - it helps keep the heat out, so we can turn down our air-conditioning.

Other projects need to be completed while our ships are out of the water for scheduled maintenance. We've recently replaced some of our chillers and air conditioning units, which will reduce our carbon emissions by 3 to 4%. There are other big projects in the pipeline, too, like installing propeller caps across the fleet which increases the efficiency of the ships propulsion system, reducing fuel consumption and therefore, emissions.





Water stations

By removing and swapping items for more sustainable alternatives, like wooden ice-cream spoons and paper straws, we've avoided using over nine million pieces of single-use plastic since 2019.

We've also installed water stations in most stairwells on the cabin decks. If they're not on your deck, they'll be one up or one down. The water is very safe to drink - it's filtered through our water plant onboard, and the fountains filter it a second time to give you the perfect glass of water.

You can fill the carafes from your cabin, a bottle from home, or you can buy a reusable bottle from Broad Street Shops.

Here's where you'll find them...

- 01 Decks 4, 8, 9 and 10: Forward and aft stairwells
- 02 Deck 5: Forward stairwell



Did you know all our ships have an Environmental Officer onboard?

They ensure we're complying with all local and national regulations, and educate the rest of the team on ways to be more environmentally friendly in all they do, from waste disposal to water treatment and management.



We welcomed our Sustainability Manager.

Say hello to Olivia, our new Sustainability Manager. She's worked in sustainability for 10 years and is passionate about driving change. She'll be implementing trials and actions onboard to help reduce our environmental impact, and we're excited to let you know the results in the near future.



How can you help us?

There are lots of small ways you can help us while onboard. Simple things like re-using your towels and turning the tap off when you're brushing your teeth are a great start, as we make a lot of our water onboard which requires energy.

Food-wise, be mindful of what you're putting on your plate - our buffets generate about 13% more food waste than our à la carte restaurants, so only take what you can eat. Plus, when you're finished with something, look out for our segregated bins to help us recycle. Also, while you're out exploring our destinations, you can support communities by shopping and dining locally.

EXPLORER 2

SAFETY

Safe and sound



Safety onboard

Taking care

Unlike a hotel, a ship moves around – sometimes unexpectedly – so you should take extra care when walking around the ship and its stairwells, and please use the handrails where you can. Please take extra care when in your bathrooms, as there's a large step and the floors could be slippery. Remember that doors, especially to the open decks, may be heavier than you're used to, and may have a raised lip to step over. Please keep clear of automatic doors and lift doors when they're moving. It's also important to never sit or stand on handrails.

Preventing fire

Please take particular care when using electrical appliances in your cabin, and do not leave items like mobile phones and laptops charging while you're not in your cabin, as this poses a fire risk. Remember 'straight off, straight away'.

Smoking

Onboard Marella Explorer 2, smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is only permitted in designated areas on the deck. This means you can't smoke anywhere inside the ship, including your cabin and balcony area.

Health and sanitation

We want you to have a happy and healthy cruise, so please wash your hands regularly and use the 'sanitise as you go' dispensers around the ship as often as possible. Please sanitise your hands every time you board the ship, when entering the restaurants and after you've used the bathroom.

Disposal of medical equipment

If you've got any special medical needs, like sharps boxes or medical bins, just let your Cabin Steward, Guest Experience Co-ordinator or Reception know as soon as possible, and we'll get everything sorted for you straight away. For the safety of our crew, please don't dispose of any medical needles in the general waste bins.

Water

The tap water is safe to drink, but – due to international safety standards – is chlorinated. We've popped water dispensers around the ship, so you can help yourself to H2O. Plus, you'll find a handy, refillable carafe in your cabin.

Seasickness

Most guests have no issues with seasickness on our ships, due to their hull design, avoidance of adverse weather, and use of stabilisers. But if you do experience seasickness, there are a number of ways you can treat your symptoms.

- Wristbands – available from the onboard shop
- Anti-seasickness tablets – available from Reception and the Medical Centre
- Anti-seasickness injection – available from the Medical Centre*

Emergency procedures

Safety information and muster station sign-ins

We've changed the way we do safety drills onboard our ships. Once you get onboard, you'll be able to access our onboard app, Navigate – you'll use this to keep track of everything. When you board the ship, you'll have to watch a mandatory pre-recorded video that tells you everything you need to know about where to find your life jackets, where your muster station is, and what to do if there's an emergency. You'll either watch the video on the Navigate app, or on the TV in your cabin. All guests need to watch the video. If you struggle to work the app, or have problems watching the video, our friendly crew will be on hand to help. Then, you'll need to visit your muster station. Your muster station's location is printed on your cruise card – we recommend having this on you at all times. You have to scan your cruise card in at your muster station during one of the allocated time slots – you'll find all this information on Navigate. Once you've scanned in and asked one of our crew any questions you might have, you're all set to kick back and relax.

Muster Stations and lifeboats

Your Muster Station is a safe location where you can gather in an emergency. This is also where you'll be directed to the lifeboats, if necessary. Check out the safety notice in your cabin to find out the location of your Muster Station.

Electronic mustering

Onboard Marella Explorer 2, we use an electronic mustering system. This means we can account for all guests rapidly and accurately during drills and emergencies. Please carry your cruise card with you at all times, and display your card when requested by guides and Muster Station personnel. You'll also need to ensure that you get your card scanned when you arrive at your Muster Station, which will register your attendance.

Your life jacket

Life jackets are stored in a marked location in your cabin and are also available at your Muster Station. Please take note of their location and try your life jacket on as directed.

The general emergency signal

In the unlikely event of an emergency, there'll be various signals and alarms. The general emergency signal is seven short blasts, followed by one long blast of the ship's whistle and internal alarm system. If you hear this signal, stay calm and follow these procedures...

If you are in your cabin, collect:

- Something warm to wear
 - Any prescribed medications
 - Your life jacket
- Then go straight to your Muster Station, and wait for instructions from the crew.

If you are not in your cabin:

- Go straight to your Muster Station, where you'll be given a life jacket.

If there's smoke in the corridor, stay as close to the floor as possible where the air is clearer and the lighting will be easier to see.

Safety notice

You'll find a safety notice on the back of, or near your cabin door, with vital information about your Muster Station number, the routes to reach it and how to wear your life jacket correctly. If you have any other questions, please ask Reception or your Cabin Steward.

*The Medical Centre is a chargeable service.

Ship facts

Explorer 2

1,814 passengers

907 cabins

14 decks

9 lifts

Cruising speed **19 knots**

246.5M long

32.2M beam width

72,458 GT tonnage

110 & 220V/AC domestic
electrical supply

Registry **Malta**

Joined the fleet in **2019**

Built for **Celebrity Cruises**

