



Enticing Douro River Cruise

Rambling vineyards and charming native farms cling to the steep sides of the Douro River Valley, creating an incomparable backdrop to one of Europe's most unspoiled regions and to Port country— the world's oldest demarcated wine region.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

10 days/9 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Embarkation - Porto, Portugal

Board your ship in Porto today to begin your Enticing Douro river cruise. Meals: (D)

Add in a few days pre-cruise in either Lisbon or Porto, to explore these beautiful cities and adjust from jet lag. Ask us for details.

Day 2: Porto - Entre-os-Rios

The colorful city of Porto blends the best of old and new, which you can discover on an escorted tour of the historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; and the São Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of Port, Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine. If you prefer to get more active, you can go on a guided hike and then enjoy a Port wine tasting. In the evening, indulge in a traditional Portuguese dinner with your fellow travelers in Entre-Os-Rios at a local quinta - a country estate - for a truly authentic culinary experience. Meals: (B,L,D)

Day 3: Regua - Pinhao

Travel to picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Portugal, where you'll go to the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). The shrine features a staircase of nearly 700 steps, beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles, which the more active adventurer will want to climb on a guided hike. Concluding both tours, you will have the opportunity to sample local traditional specialties, such as bôlas de Lamego, bread filled with smoked ham; presunto, a type of dry-cured ham; and Espumante, a Portuguese sparkling wine. You'll then go to the formal Episcopal Palace Museum. Later in the day, savor the flavors of Portugal's renowned fortified wine, vinho do porto, made exclusively in the Douro Valley. Head to a local quinta for your authentic Port-wine tasting experience and enjoy the sweet nectar of this fascinating region. Meals: (B,L,D)

Day 4: Barca D'Alva

Spend time soaking up the beauty of the Douro River as you cruise to Barca d'Alva, where you will visit Castelo Rodrigo, a small fortified village perched high on a hilltop with centuries-old walls, steep narrow streets and fantastic views. You can also opt to hike up to the village should you wish a more active exploration. While here, taste some delicious locally grown produce. Meals: (B,L,D)

Day 5: Vega de Terron, Spain - Salamanca

Drive to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built of golden sandstone, Salamanca is known as a "living museum," and you will have an opportunity to step back in time to the Middle Ages during your escorted tour, which includes the city's elegant university buildings, the New Cathedral, the intriguingly decorated House of Shells and Plaza Mayor. You can also enjoy a traditional flamenco show and lunch in Salamanca. Meals: (B,L,D)



Day 6: Pinhao - Regua

Be treated to an exclusive lunch at Quinta da Avessada, where you'll enjoy an authentic and traditional dining experience complete with entertainment. Quinta da Avessada is also a fascinating interactive museum commemorating the history and culture of wine in the Alto Douro region, so you'll have fun discovering all the various stages of wine production as well as doing plenty of tasting. Meals: (B,L,D)

Day 7: Regua - Porto

Visit the Baroque-style Palacio de Mateus and its gardens. Inside the house, you'll see interesting furnishings, paintings and a ceiling of intricately carved wood. The gardens here are considered some of the most beautiful in Portugal. Watch the beautiful scenery go by on your way to Porto and enjoy a free afternoon to explore all its charms on your own. Meals: (B,L,D)

Day 8: Disembark in Porto, Portugal

After breakfast you'll say farewell to your ship and crew and disembark in Porto. Make your own way to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in this fascinating city. Meals: (B)

Meal codes: (B)=breakfast; (L)=lunch; (D)=dinner

Details

Trip Code:

009340 - W18

INCLUDED

- 7 nights of luxury onboard accommodation, outside stateroom (most with balconies)
- Cruise Manager during cruise and land programs
- All onboard dining in a variety of venues with regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- Welcome Cocktail Party, Welcome Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner; unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice at breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge
- Immersive tours in each destination including guided hikes, special interest tours with knowledgeable guides
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NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Porto
- Gratuities to ship staff and guides
- Optional tours
- Travel extensions added on to cruise program
- Passport and Visa fees, vaccinations as required
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

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