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PORTUGAL RIVER CRUISE

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Portugal Douro River Cruise from Porto

Duration: 8 days

Departs: 2022 select dates

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin

Travel style: Escorted river cruise

Booking code: PRCG8M

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8 Days Portugal Douro River Cruise from Porto

About the holiday

Discover the allure of Portugal on this stunning river cruise that ticks all the boxes!

Sail the Douro River from Porto to the heart of Portugal's wine region, as well as UNESCO World Heritage-listed city of Salamanca, picturesque Pinhao, the medieval city of Guimaraes with its architectural treasures and Villa Nova de Gaia.

River cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit Europe's historic cities and charming villages as you sail the world's most beautiful waterways. Cruise aboard an intimate floating hotel, equipped with features and amenities to make your voyage comfortable and carefree.

Why you'll love this trip...

- See magnificent panoramic views of Douro River
- Dock at the historic town of Régua, in the heart of Portugal's famous wine region
- Visit Salamanca with its ancient sandstone buildings
- Stop at the picturesque town of Pinhao, surrounded by terraced vineyards
- Explore the medieval Guimarães Castle and Palace of the Dukes of Braganza
- All cabins are outside & meals are included on board the ship

Travel dates

2022 - select dates from July to November, see our website for departures.

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for rates on other cruise itineraries.

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Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 7 nights outside cabin aboard MS Douro Cruiser
- Cruise portering
- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director throughout cruise
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes for latest travel deals

Pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test - if required for international travel

Airport & cruise port transfers - can be pre-purchased on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours - a package can be pre-purchased

Drinks - you can pre-purchase a package for wine, beer and soft drinks with meals

Personal items, such as taxis, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for crew, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by river cruise company & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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You can also extend your holiday with a stay in Lisbon

River cruise features & amenities:

- Gala Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Late night snack
- Complimentary basic Wi-Fi access in public areas
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Non-smoking ship interior

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Sunday - Arrive in Porto, Cruise Embarkation

Arrive in Porto and make your own way to the port in Covelo. Embarkation begins at 3 PM. After arrival formalities, time to relax on board. Tonight, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a gala dinner, as it sets the mood for your lovely Douro river cruise.

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Monday - Cruise to Regua

Sail along the Douro, and arrive in Regua, a historic town in the heart of Portugal's most famous wine region, in early afternoon. Passengers joining the *optional* Quinta Do Vallado tour will disembark and visit a well-known vineyard and taste some of the finest wines of the region. If you choose to remain onboard the ship, continue sailing this afternoon and arrive to Pinhao in the late afternoon

Optional: Douro River Optional Shore Excursion Package - Visit Quinta Do Vallado

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3, Tuesday - Arrive in Pocinho

Continue your scenic cruise, admiring the region's beautiful landscapes of terraced vineyards and lush valleys. This afternoon, make a brief stop in Pocinho, where passengers may depart for the *optional* Feigueira Castelo Rodrigo tour. Visit the medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo, perched on a hilltop and surrounded by imposing walls. Stroll along the steep narrow cobblestone alleys and learn about its fascinating history. The ship sails this afternoon to Vega de Terrón for overnight

Optional: Douro River Optional Shore Excursion Package - Feigueira Castelo Rodrigo

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Wednesday - Explore Salamanca

Today, embark on a full day excursion to Salamanca, Spain which includes a traditional lunch.

Travel through the Spanish countryside to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View ancient sandstone buildings, Plaza Mayor, the Clergy, the University, the striking 12th-century Old Cathedral with its mysterious carvings, Casa de las Conchas, and the historic centre of the city. Afterward, return to the ship

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Thursday - Arrive in Pinhao

Spend time absorbing the beauty of the Douro River before docking at Pinhao. You may remain onboard the ship and continue cruising, or participate in the *optional* Avassada Farm with lunch. Arrive at the Avassada Farm where you will be treated to tasty appetizers and live music. Then, take a guided tour to the Enoteca Museum and learn about the methods used for making muscatel and port wine. Conclude the tour with a traditional lunch, where dishes are prepared in iron pots according to the old customs. This evening, arrive in Regua, where the ship docks for the night

Optional: Douro River Optional Shore Excursion Package - Avassada Farm with lunch

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Friday - Visit Guimarães Castle

This morning, the ship sails towards Entre-os Rios, a town located at the confluence of two rivers, the Douro and Pavia. Arrive in the afternoon and head to the medieval city of Guimarães, located in northern Portugal. Explore the city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its wealth of architectural treasures. Visit the Guimarães Castle where Alfonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal was born, and Palace of the Dukes of Braganza. Spend time at leisure before heading back. Continue sailing towards Porto. Tonight, the ship will dock at Villa Nova de Gaia

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Villa Nova de Gaia

Spend the day at leisure in Villa Nova de Gaia, located just a short distance from Porto. This afternoon, join the *optional* Cellar Tour in Porto with tasting. Discover the history of the renowned Burmester Cellars, overlooking the Douro River, offering views of Luiz I Bridge. Learn about the port wine production process and enjoy a unique wine tasting session with chocolates and an assortment of cheeses. In the late afternoon, sail for Covelo

Optional: Douro River Optional Shore Excursion Package - Cellar Tour in Porto with tasting

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Sunday - Depart Portugal

This morning, disembark and make your way to the airport for your departure flight. Disembarkation will end at 10 AM

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is therefore essential that travellers are flexible in this regard.

My Know before you book - High & low water levels

European river cruising has gained in popularity for very good reason. It's a relaxing and convenient way to experience Europe while enjoying the comfort of a deluxe ship. However, before making the decision to reserve your vacation, please be aware of potential conditions which may impact your cruise.

While most of the time river cruises operate exactly as planned, weather conditions may result in high or low water levels which impact a ship's itinerary and, on occasion, render a ship unable to sail at all. On very rare occasions, other events such as heavy fog, a damaged lock, or an incapacitated vessel blocking the river, may impact a sailing. These events typically occur with little or no notice.

In the event that a cruise is partially or completely impacted, the itinerary will be operated by deluxe motor coach, accompanied by a Tour Manager, with overnights in hotels. When the option exists, the operator will "swap ships" with another vessel sailing in the opposite direction, retaining the sailing experience. Crew, ship and cabin configuration may differ. The itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, considering the travel time and distances required, as well as meals.

While it is not possible to recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailings, the tour operator will endeavour to provide a comparable itinerary. These alternative services will be provided at no additional charge.

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3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
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