

PORTUGAL RIVER CRUISE & LISBON



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Portugal Douro River Cruise with Lisbon Stay

Duration: 10 days

Departs: 2023

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 2 nights hotel

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with city stay

Booking code: PRCG10M

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10 Days Portugal Douro River Cruise with Lisbon

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. As you travel to Lisbon, stop in the Medieval town of Obidos that's encircled by fortified walls. Then enjoy a two-night stay to explore the capital city and its iconic monuments.

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
- Tour the Douro Museum, and learn about the wine making industry of the area
- Discover the medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo, perched on a hilltop and surrounded by imposing walls
- Visit Salamanca with its ancient sandstone buildings, a UNESCO World Heritage City
- Embark on a tour of Porto and view the Cathedral, S. Bento Train Station, famous for its azulejos tiles, and the Stock Exchange
- View the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, a monument to Portugal's Age of Discovery

Travel dates

2023 - select dates from May 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.



Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 9 nights accommodation
 - 7 nights outside cabin aboard MS Douro Cruiser
 - 2 nights Lisbon 4-star hotel
- Cruise portage
- 21 meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 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

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

Personal items, such as drinks, 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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River cruise features & amenities:

- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Lounge serving premium spirits (charges apply)
- Non-smoking ship interior

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Arrive in Porto, Cruise Embarkation

Arrive in Porto and make your way to the port, just outside of the city in Leverinho. Embarkation begins at 2 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, Wednesday - Sail to Regua, Douro Museum

This morning, sail along the Douro towards Regua. This historic town in the heart of Portugal's most famous wine region, has been the centre of port wine industry for centuries. After a light lunch, disembark and visit the Douro Museum, housed in a restored former wine warehouse, learn about the wine making industry of the area. Stroll through the exhibits providing information on the history of the Douro region, including the geography, climate and people. Transfer by coach to the ship in Pinhao, or participate in the *optional* tour of Quinta do Tedo, a renowned wine estate. Visit the vineyard and learn about Porto and red wine production, aging, and bottling. The ship docks overnight in Pinhao

Optional: Quinta do Tedo

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Castelo Rodrigo

This morning sail towards Pocinho. After lunch, disembark in Pocinho and transfer to the medieval village of Figueira Castelo Rodrigoperched on a hilltop and surrounded by imposing walls. Stroll along the steep narrow cobblestone alleys and learn about its fascinating history. You may also choose to stay onboard and enjoy cruising.

Rejoin the ship late this afternoon in Vega de Terrón, where it overnights

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Friday - Explore Salamanca

Today, the ship docks in Vega de Terrón. After an early breakfast, embark on a full day excursion to Salamanca, Spain.

Travel through the Spanish countryside to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the prestigious university, founded in the early 1200s. View ancient sandstone buildings, Plaza Mayor, the Clergy, the striking 12th-century old Cathedral with its mysterious carvings, Casa de las Conchas, and the historic centre of the city. Spend free time for lunch on your own, before transferring to the ship

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Cruise to Regua

Continue your scenic cruise, admiring the region's beautiful landscapes of terraced vineyards and lush valleys. This afternoon, make a brief stop in Pinhao, where passengers may depart for the *optional* Mateus Palace and dinner at Quinta da Avesada. Embark on a tour of Mateus Palace, located in the city of Vila Real. Explore the beautiful Baroque palace with its elaborate carved ceilings and stroll through the manicured gardens. Afterward, savour dinner at Quinta da Avesada. The ship continues sailing to Regua, where it remains docked for the night. Re-join the ship later in the evening

Optional: Mateus Palace and dinner at Quinta da Avesada

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Sail to Porto & City Tour

Spend the morning at leisure, taking in the beautiful scenery. In the afternoon, enjoy the views of Porto as the ship enters the city. Disembark & transfer for a city tour of Porto. Take a panoramic drive to the city centre to Clerigos Tower, next to the former Jewish Quarter. Then, embark on a walking tour. View Porto Cathedral, Bento Train Station, famous for its azulejos tiles, the Stock Exchange, and the medieval S. Francisco Church. The tour ends at Ribeira Quarter with free time to shop for souvenirs. Afterward head back to the ship

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Porto

Spend the morning at leisure in Porto. After lunch, the ship departs Porto and sails back to the port of Leirihno. Remain in town and use the shuttle service to join the ship later in the afternoon, or join the *optional* Medieval city of Guimarães. 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

Optional: Medieval City of Guimarães

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Tuesday - Obidos en route to Lisbon

Today, head south towards Lisbon. Along the way, stop at the medieval town of Obidos, encircled by fortified walls for lunch on your own. Spend free time to explore the town with its many Gothic and Renaissance churches, before continuing to Lisbon. Arrive in the afternoon and check into your hotel. Tonight, attend the *optional* Fado Dinner. While dining, listen to the popular performances of local songs accompanied by guitar playing Portuguese melodies. Enjoy dinner with wine before a brief drive through the illuminated city

Optional: Fado Dinner

Overnight: Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Wednesday - Lisbon City Tour

Begin the tour of Lisbon with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy panoramic views over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, a monument to Portugal's Age of Discovery and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the balance of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Thursday - Depart Portugal

It's time to check out of your hotel in the morning and make your way to the airport for your departure flight

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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