

# 12 Days Fascination of Douro River Cruising with Lisbon

Portugal & Spain Dreamscapes: Explore River of Gold

# Trip Code: TP12FD

Escorted Tour

🔄 7 Nights 4 Star Cruise

- 📮 3 Nights Hotel in Lisbon
- 🔞 23 Meals
- 🚍 Coach, Cruise
  - Shore Excursion Tours

# WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Embark on a 12-day, 4-star cruise journey like no other, delving into the "Fascination of Douro River Cruising" starting in vibrant Porto. Experience the allure of the Douro Valley, indulge in the flavors of Portugal and Spain, and bask in the excitement of this extraordinary voyage.

- Enjoy a luxurious 4-star cruise experience with spacious cabins boasting large picture windows
- 🗸 Indulge in endless wine and complimentary Wi-Fi
- ✓ Marvel at the breathtaking panoramic vistas of the Douro River.
- Embark on a Porto tour, taking in sights such as the Cathedral, the renowned S. Bento Train Station, and the impressive Stock Exchange.
- Marvel at the 18th-century Mateus Palace in Regua, a blend of granite and Baroque design
- Visit Salamanca with its ancient sandstone buildings, a UNESCO World Heritage City
- $\checkmark$  Visit a renowned vineyard, savoring the famous Porto wine.
- 🗸 Discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary in Lamego.
- Extend your stay in Lisbon, seeing the Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery.



Day 1: North America - Porto Day 2: Porto Day 3: Porto – Regua Day 4: Regua- Vega de Terron Day 5: Barca D'Alva - Salamanca Day 6: Barca D'Alva - Ferradosa – Pinhao Day 6: Barca D'Alva - Ferradosa – Pinhao Day 7: Pinhao – Porto Day 8: Porto Day 8: Porto Day 9: Porto Day 10: Lisbon Day 11: Lisbon Day 12: Lisbon - North America





# For 2025-Aug-03 Departure

## Day 1 North America - Porto

Depart for Porto.

# **Day 2 Porto**

Upon arrival, transfer to port for embarkation. After comfortably settling into vour cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. In the evening, we'll set out on an excursion by coach for both packages to see Porto by night. You will love the old, preserved districts of this city of immense character, classed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Porto is not only a city rich in vestiges from a glorious past, but also the young-spirited, warm capital city of a region marked by its winemaking as well as its closeness to the ocean. During the tour of the historic center, your guide will schedule a stop at the Sao Bento railway station to look at its magnificent azulejos. Return to ship and overnight onboard. Meals: Dinner

# Day 3 Porto - Regua

Depart from Villa Nova de Gaia Quay, facing Porto and the Dom Luis I Bridge. Porto, Portugal's second-largest city, features a blend of grey facades, red tiles, and unique architectural gems along the Douro River. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will explore The Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Building), including the Tribunal Room, Golden Room, and Moorish Revival-style Arab Room. Next, see the Igreja de São Francisco (Church of Saint Francis), also known as the "Golden Church." After crossing the Dom Luis I Bridge back to Villa Nova de Gaia, we'll tour a wine cellar before returning to the boat. As the afternoon sun casts a golden glow, we'll sail through the stunning Douro Valley. Enjoy an evening of dancing or leisure time in Regua tonight. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 4 Regua - Vega de Terron

Depart from Regua to Vila Real, known for its palaces and religious architecture. Enjoy a panoramic city tour and taste the local pastry, Cristas de Galo. Visit the 18th-century Mateus Palace, featuring a unique blend of granite and Baroque elements and a picturesque garden with a 115-foot cedar tunnel. Return to the ship in Regua. Overnight onboard.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 5 Barca D'alva - Salamanca

Depart by coach to Salamanca, where you'll meet your guides. Since 1988, Salamanca's Old Town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the cathedral, showcasing a blend of late Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque styles. Then, explore one of the world's oldest universities, founded in 1218, known as "Escuelas Mayores." Its gate features the famous design of a frog atop a skull, symbolizing the punishment of lust. Enjoy lunch and free time to explore the city on your own. Return to the ship in Vega de Teron for an evening of entertainment. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 6 Barca D'Alva - Ferradosa -Pinhao

Depart from Ferradosa for an excursion along the Porto wine route, exploring vineyards stretching over 100 km along the Douro River to the Spanish border. Visit the small towns of San Salvador do Mundo and Sao Joao da Pesqueira in the Rio Torto valley. In Sao Joao da Pesqueira, explore the arcaded main square, the chapel, and white houses with balconies. Visit a quinta (wine cellar) to taste the famous Porto wine. Return to the ship in Pinhao.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 7 Pinhao - Porto

Depart from Regua to Lamego for a guided tour of the city center. Lamego, a charming episcopal and commercial town, is home to the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios Sanctuary. This 18th-century church features a striking white façade and a Baroque staircase with 686 steps ending in a rocaille-style shrine adorned with azulejos. Construction began on February 14, 1750, resulting in a massive temple that offers breathtaking views of the surrounding misty mountains. Return to the ship in Regua. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 8 Porto**

This morning, enjoy time at leisure in Porto. We'll leave by coach from Porto for Guimarães. With our guide, we'll begin the tour of this university town on foot to discover its historical treasures. We'll get the chance to discover the Nossa Senhora de Oliveira Church (outdoors), the most important religious building in the city. The medieval heart of Guimarães is a labvrinth of lanes and picturesque plazas framed by 14th-century buildings. We'll continue on to the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, a medieval estate and former residence of the first Dukes of Braganza with striking architecture. Return on board in Porto. Enjoy an evening of traditional folk entertainment. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# **Day 9 Porto**

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembark. Then transfer to Lisbon. The city tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. Then transfer to the hotel in Lisbon. **Meals:** Breakfast

# Day 10 Lisbon

Enjoy your free time in Lisbon. Indulge in the delights of Lisbon at your own pace during your leisure time. Explore the city's historic neighborhoods, each brimming with its own unique charm. Lisbon offers a myriad of cultural experiences, from its vibrant street art to its bustling markets, ensuring that your free time here is filled with unforgettable moments. **Meals:** Breakfast

#### Day 11 Lisbon

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# Day 12 Lisbon - North America

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. **Meals:** Breakfast



# For 2025-Aug-10 & Nov-18 Departure

#### **Dav 1 North America - Porto**

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#### **Day 2 Porto**

Upon arrival, transfer to port for embarkation. Boarding in the afternoon at Douro Marina. After arrival formalities, time to relax on board. In the evening, presentation of the crew and welcome dinner. Evening stopover in the locality. Dinner and overnight on board. Meals: Dinner

### Day 3 Porto - Pinhão

In the early morning, we will leave Porto in the direction of Pinhao. Take advantage of the sailing hours to admire the wonderful views of the Douro Valley. In the afternoon, we will arrive in Pinhao, a town considered to be the center of the Douro Denomination of Origin Region and it is here that many of the Port wine producing estates are located. Tonight enjoy an Avessada Farm Dinner. Overnight on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 4 Pinhão - Pocinho - Vega Terron

Today, we dock in Pocinho, a small village in northern Portugal known for the Douro Line railway, which runs close to the river. In the afternoon, we arrive at the Vega de Terrón wharf, where the Águeda River meets the Duero. This historic wharf, now used for tourism, is in La Fregeneda in Salamanca's Arribes del Duero Natural Park. In the evening, enjoy a guided walking tour in Castelo Rodrigo. Dinner and overnight on board in Vega de Terrón.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 5 Vega Terron - Barca de Alva

Today we arrive in Barca d'Alva, located within the Duero Internacional Natural Park

with its impressive gorges of the Duero and Áqueda rivers that serve as a natural border between Spain and Portugal. Enjoy an excursion in the Salamaca Region. Overnight stopover in the town. Diiner and Overnight on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 6 Pinhão - Regua

In the morning, enjoy the stunning views of the Douro Valley while sailing. At noon, we make a brief stop in Pinhao before set sail again to Régua, where the Royal General Agricultural Company of the Douro Vineyards was founded, creating the world's first wine region with a denomination of origin. The terraced vineyards offer beautiful panoramas, especially from viewpoints like San Leonardo in Galafura and San António do Loureiro. Today we will have a guided tour to Lamego & Sao Joao Tarouca. Dinner and overnight on board in the village.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 7 Regua - Porto

Early in the morning we leave Regua for Porto, excited about what the journey has in store for us. After a journey full of enchanting landscapes, we will arrive at our destination just after lunch. Once in Porto, we will have the whole afternoon free to explore its charms. From its fascinating architecture to its picturesque cobbled streets, every corner promises to delight us with its beauty and history. We can stroll along the Douro River, visit emblematic vineyards or simply enjoy the lively atmosphere of its squares. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 8 Porto

Porto is a real joy for the eyes, a city that is able to conquer from the first moment thanks to its slopes, its decadent houses, but with a

magical atmosphere and especially thanks to the Ribeira district, from where you can admire an incredible view and the boats passing under the Ponte Dom Luis I, an iron construction made by a close collaborator of Gustave Eiffel. Enjoy a Porto city tour today. Overnight stopover in the city. Dinner and overnight on board.

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\*Please be advised the shore excursions are subject to change based on the cruiseline's arrangements.

# **2025 Departure Dates**

Departure Date	Lower Deck Standard Cabin		Middle Deck Deluxe Cabin		Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin	
	Cruise + Land	Cruise + Land + Air	Cruise + Land	Cruise + Land + Air	Cruise + Land	Cruise + Land + Air
Aug-03	\$3,999	\$5,099	\$4,499	\$5,599	\$4,599	\$5,699
Aug-10	/	/	\$4,099	\$5,199	\$4,899	\$5,999

#### **Price Notes**

- Single room supplement fee for Standard cabin and hotel room: from \$1,599
- Single room supplement fee for Deluxe cabin and hotel room: from \$2,499
- Add on airfare from other cities: Calgary, Edmonton from \$500; Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300.
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please check with our website: **tripoppo.com** for the updated informat

# RIVER CRUISES 4 Star MS Vasco de Gama

# For 2025-Aug-03 Departure

A Deluxe ship designed for discerning travelers, featuring modern safety and navigation facilities for an unforgettable vacation. All exterior cabins (approx. 11-12 m<sup>2</sup>) are tastefully decorated with a shower/WC, hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe, and heating/air conditioning. Most cabins on the upper deck have panoramic windows, while those on the middle and main decks feature large windows. The sun deck includes a swimming pool, loungers, and a shaded area, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the views.



# **Package Includes**

- Flights Toronto Porto, Lisbon Toronto. (Air+Cruise+Land Package only)
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in the selected cabin of 8 Days 7 Nights 4 Star Deluxe Cruise Porto -Salamanca - Porto
- Lisbon post-cruise 3 nights with sightseeing tour
- All transfers (Except Airport transfer for Land + Cruise only package)
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

#### For 2025-Aug-03 Departure:

- Unlimited drinks at the bar/ with meals
- Unlimited Free Wi-Fi onboard

# Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees (if apply)
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: EUR €185/per guest (includes basic tips on board, shore excursion guide, driver, etc.)
- Optional Checked Baggage Fee \$180/bag
- Extra drinks on board
- Personal expenses of any kind
- Wi-Fi (Except 2025-Aug-03 Departure)
- Port tax EUR €78
- "Cruise + Land" price does not include airfare and airport transfers



Deluxe Cabins with Sliding Windows



Standard Cabins with Large Windows



Lounge



# Sun Deck

# 4 Star MS Douro Cruiser

### For 2025-Aug-10 & Nov-18 Departure

All cabins are outer cabins. Those on the upper deck have an accessible balcony. All main deck cabins have large panorama fixed windows. All cabins are have an approximate size of 15 m2 (including balcony area with upper deck cabins) and are equipped with shower/WC, air-conditioning system that can be regulated separately, hair dryer (if available), safe and TV.



Deluxe Cabins with Balcony



Standard Cabins with Large Windows



Restaurant



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