Portugal
& The Douro River Cruise

July 21 - 31, 2027
11 Days | 10 Nights

From: $5,715 pp/double
$10,001 pp/single
Emerald Stateroom

A symbol of Portugal's growth, the Douro River has long been the nation's lifeline. Spend two nights in Lisbon, exploring the city's iconic sights. On the way to Porto, visit Fátima and Coimbra. Cruise through Portugal's enchanting countryside along the dramatic Douro. Terraced vineyards line the banks, historic landmarks dot the hills, and charming towns await discovery. From Spain's walled Salamanca to Portugal's baroque Lamego, experience a fresh perspective of Europe as you journey along one of its most scenic rivers.

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Itinerary

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Day 1 – Depart the USA - Board your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

Day 2 – Welcome to Lisbon - After arriving in Lisbon the day is yours to relax or begin exploring. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and the start of your adventure.

Day 3 – Discover Lisbon - Set out on a guided tour of Lisbon's most iconic sights, including the Monument to the Discoveries, Belém Tower, and Jerónimos Monastery. This afternoon is free to shop, sample local cuisine, or soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant city at your own pace.

Day 4 – Lisbon to Porto via Fátima & Coimbra - Travel north through Portugal, stopping in Fátima, one of the world's most important Catholic pilgrimage sites, and Coimbra, home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Continue on to Porto and board your Emerald Star-Ship and settle in for a seven-night Douro River cruise.

Day 5 – Scenic Sailing to Pinhão
Enjoy a day of cruising through the breathtaking Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its terraced vineyards, sleepy villages, and spectacular scenery. Arrive in the charming village of Pinhão, beautifully set along a bend in the river. Tonight, celebrate with a welcome reception and dinner onboard.

Day 6 – Vineyards of the Douro Valley - Visit Quinta do Tedo, a beautiful 18th-century wine estate overlooking the Douro Valley. Learn about the region's centuries-old winemaking traditions and enjoy a tasting of its local wines. Later, continue sailing to Vega de Terrón, your gateway to Spain.

Day 7 – Salamanca, Spain - Today brings an excursion to Salamanca, one of Spain's most beautiful and historic cities. On a guided walking tour, admire the ornate university buildings, the famous House of Shells, and grand Plaza Mayor. Enjoy free time to explore before returning to your ship in Portugal.

Day 8 – Medieval Castelo Rodrigo - Arrive in Pocinho and travel to the medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo, where cobbled lanes, ancient walls, and sweeping countryside views offer a glimpse into Portugal's past. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon cruising through more of the Douro's stunning landscapes on the way to Régua.

Day 9 – Lamego & a Quintessential Douro Experience - Journey to the hilltop town of Lamego to visit the magnificent Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, famous for its grand staircase and beautiful blue-and-white tilework. Later, savor a traditional lunch at Quinta da Pacheca, one of the Douro Valley's most celebrated wine estates, before returning to the ship for an evening of local entertainment.

Day 10 – Porto - Your cruise comes full circle as you return to Porto, a city of colorful riverside buildings, historic landmarks, and old-world charm. Enjoy a tour of the city's highlights, then spend the remainder of the day exploring, shopping, or simply soaking in the atmosphere at your leisure.

Day 11 – Return to the USA - Disembark your ship and transfer to the airport for your flight home, filled with memories of Portugal's historic cities, scenic vineyards, and the unforgettable beauty of the Douro River.

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