

2026 SEASON

VIDA PORTUGAL: VINEYARDS & VILLAGES ALONG THE DOURO

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Like a blue ribbon threading through the green Douro Valley, the River Douro carries you through some of Portugal’s most legendary landscapes. Meaning “River of Gold,” the Douro River lives up to its name by revealing priceless gems along sloping vineyards and sleepy villages where rugged landscapes have been tamed for centuries to produce a bounty of wines and cuisine. Welcome aboard the newest addition to our award-winning fleet of Suite Ships®  Avalon AlegriaSM to be swept away by Douro’s timeless treasures and traditions, family farms

and fevered Fado music, and mouth-watering culinary creations in the world's oldest demarcated wine region.

Embark on your Suite Ship® in the city of Porto. Take a guided tour to Braga and Guimarães or start exploring the city joining a guided sightseeing. Enjoy a guided tour in the charming town of Lamego or meet the owner of one of the oldest farms in the Douro Valley to sample the proud traditions of olive oil and wine. Enjoy a wine tasting in a local quinta or join a kayak adventure on the Douro River. Visit Freixo de Espada à Cinta, a cozy village with narrow streets, flowered houses, and grand Gothic Manueline windows or choose a full-day experience in Spain with a guided sightseeing excursion to Salamanca. Discover the process of painting an azulejos (traditional Portuguese tile) following the guide of a professional painter.

Your Douro River cruise returns to Porto to soak in the scenic mysteries of this city's Historical Centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These and countless other treasures await you on the River of Gold in Portugal's dazzling Douro Valley.

CRUISE OVERVIEW

🚩 COUNTRIES

Portugal
Spain

8

DAYS

2

COUNTRIES

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY



1 PORTO, PORTUGAL (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Portugal. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Porto must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Porto is free to explore at your leisure.

This evening a scenic sailing will show you Porto from a different perspective.

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PORTO

 Dinner

2 PORTO-PORTO ANTIGO. EXCURSION BRAGA AND GUIMARÃES

Portuguese Panoramas



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided sightseeing tour of Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue your experience with a ride to the riverside city of Matosinhos and up Avenida da Boavista to admire some of the modern charms of Porto – from ancient avenues to avant-garde graffiti street art, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enter a world of Celtic history and the reign of Cesar Augustus where five roads diverged to form an empire with a full-day guided tour of Braga. Marvel at the magnificent castle and San Miguel church in Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage Site*.



Later, feel the passion of Portugal's soulful and stirring Fado music during a visit with local musicians on board.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PORTO ANTIGO

*On March, second half of September, October & November departures this excursion will be offered on day 7 and replaced by bike tour or Porto wine tasting

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

3 PESO DA RÉGUA

Pastoral Pleasures of Portugal



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Experience life on one of the oldest farms in the Douro Valley with a personal tour by the owner of the house, including a wine tasting, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a wine painting class with the guidance of a resident artist for a unique and new experience to portray an image linked to the culture of wine through an innovative process, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided walking tour of the charming town of Lamego. Enjoy a taste of the local bola de Lamego with sparkling wine and stroll past iconic landmarks like the majestic Lamego Cathedral.

Enjoy a short sailing to Pinhão.

Enjoy a peaceful stroll through the quaint riverside town of Pinhão or consider joining an optional excursion to learn about the Douro Valley's "liquid gold" at a traditional olive-oil mill.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PINHÃO

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner



While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Liquid Gold Discovery: Unveiling the Secrets of Olive Oil

Visit a traditional olive-oil farm and villa with tasting above the Douro River.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$



Dinner & Traditions in the Douro Valley

Please the palate with traditional fare served with timeless stories of life on a Douro Valley farmhouse.

3h 10m

Price Range: \$\$\$



A Farm-to-Jar Culinary Douro Experience

Experience the Douro with a hands-on culinary adventure. First, pick fresh ingredients at a local farm, then join our chef to turn your harvest into mouthwatering preserves and...

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$\$



4 POCINHO

Kayaks and Quintas in the Douro Valley

Enjoy a relaxing cruise to Pocinho for a day in the Terra Quente region.





DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Workshop conducted by a professional painter to discover the process of painting azulejos (traditional Portuguese tile).



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover the Douro River by kayak on a guided adventure through Portugal's stunning valley. Enjoy breathtaking views and unforgettable moments*, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Experience the charm of the Douro region with a visit to a historic vineyard estate. Enjoy a tasting of exquisite red, white, and port wines while soaking in stunning views and uncovering the rich heritage of this renowned winemaking region.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join us for an onboard workshop to learn Portuguese language and culture. Discover essential words, charming stories, and clever tricks that bring this centuries-old language to life in an interactive and memorable way.

This evening, enjoy an onboard Flamenco show with local artists.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BARCA D'ALVA

*On March, April, second half of September, October & November a bike tour will be offered to replace this excursion.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

5 BARCA D'ALVA. EXCURSION TO SALAMANCA

The Reign in Spain



**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Join our guide for a guided tour this morning to of one of the most remote villages of the country, Freixo de Espada à Cinta village in the Douro International Natural Park, home to majestic birds of prey, OR:

Enjoy a guided tour to the historical village of Castelo Rodrigo, which, from the top of a hill, dominates the plateau that stretches from Spain in the east to the deep valley of the Douro in the north. Stroll through its medieval streets and discover the small details that give it colour, such as the Hebrew inscriptions and crosses carved on the doorposts and voussoirs, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Get a taste of Spain with a full-day excursion to Salamanca. This Spanish city will take your breath away with its stunning streets and squares, featuring a feast for the eyes with Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, and "Plateresque" architecture.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN FERRADOSA

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

6 FERRADOSA-LEVERINHO

Mountains and Moving Music

This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing through the Douro River.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Enjoy an onboard pastry demonstration.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Join us to visit a wine-producing property, and taste the freshness and lightness of our iconic Vinho Verde wine, considered one of the world's unique white wines, OR:





CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided visit to Casa de Mateus, iconic symbol of the well-known "Mateus Rosé" wine and enjoy a tasting of locally produced wine.

This evening, enjoy an onboard live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LEVERINHO

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

7 PORTO*

Ancient Charm Meets Avant-Garde



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy the wharfs of the Douro River and the coastal magnificence of Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia, on a guided bike tour, OR;



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a guided visit to one of the many Port wine cellars, where a guide will accompany you through the cellar's facilities, explaining where the grapes are harvested and how the wines are made. At the end of your explorations, taste some of the wines, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided sightseeing tour of Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue your experience with a ride to the riverside city of Matosinhos and up Avenida da Boavista to admire some of the modern charms of Porto – from ancient avenues to avant-garde graffiti street art.

This afternoon, you may choose to join in a guided optional excursion such as a visit to family-owned factory to witness the Portuguese art of cork and barrel production or a culinary tour experience. Perhaps simply spend time strolling through Porto's cobblestone lanes, lovely shops, and tempting tapas bars this afternoon before experiencing the energy of Porto's buzzing nightlife.



OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PORTO

*On March, second half of September, October & November the Porto sightseeing excursion, the bike tour and the Porto wine tasting will be offered on day 2. The full-day excursion to Braga and Guimarães originally planned for day 2 will be offered on this day. As an alternative, enjoy a sailing morning and free time in the afternoon in Porto.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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Canals, Culture, and Traditions of Aveiro

Explore the traditions and natural beauty of Aveiro on a canal cruise.

4h 45m

Price Range: \$\$



The Ancient Art of Corks & Barrels

Visit a family-owned cork factory to discover Porto's ancient cork and cooperage history.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



Bites & Highlights of Porto

Indulge your palate with local mouth-watering tastes of Porto amidst amazing stories, beautiful scenery, and timeless traditions.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



8 PORTO (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.
- On March, second half of September, October and November departures the program on day 2 and day 7 will be slightly revised due to nautical restrictions.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Porto



Hilton Porto Gaia
Rua da Serpa Pinto 124





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Superior First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

Housed in a former port warehouse, this beautiful property is steeped in history and enjoys a privileged location in the historic center of Vila Nova de Gaia, close to the Gaia Cable Car and Port Wine Cellars, with the Famous Dom Luis bridge just 1 km away. Offering contemporary comfort and sophisticated design, this 194-room hotel has spacious guest rooms equipped with modern amenities such as Free Wi-Fi internet...

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Pool
- Hot Tub

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Mosquito Net
- In-Room Safe
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning





Boeira Garden Porto Gaia, Curio Collection By Hilton

Rua Teixeira Lopes 114



WiFi



First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

Centrally located and surrounded by gardens of Quinta da Boeir, the hotel offers 124 air-conditioned rooms, fully furnished with a flat-screen TV with cable channels, desk and safe. The hotel's Raizes restaurant serves authentic Portuguese cuisine and a selection of regional and international wines. The beautiful and relaxing spa comprises five treatment rooms, a thermal bath, sauna, steam room, fitness center, an outdoor pool, and an indo...

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Pool
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- In-Room Safe
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries



- Air Conditioning

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