

# Portugal, Spain, & the Douro River Valley

LISBON TO PORTO, 11 DAYS

## Portugal, Spain, & the Douro River Valley River Cruise Package Includes:

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the intimate *Douro Queen*
- 3 nights at the deluxe Tiara Park Atlantic Hotel (or similar) in Lisbon with breakfast
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine with dinner during your cruise
- 8 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- 2 dinners and 2 lunches onshore featuring traditional cuisine in unique settings
- Captain's Farewell Dinner
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "The Magical Douro River Valley"
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **3,399** per person,  
From **3,399** cruise only



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Porto, Portugal



Port wine demonstration



Lisbon, Portugal

## Travel Europe's most unspoiled UNESCO World Heritage river valley through Portugal and Spain

The Douro River, rising in Spain and reaching the Atlantic Ocean in Porto, has created the spectacular Douro River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rambling vineyards and charming native farms called *quintas* cling to the steep sides of the Douro River Valley, creating an incomparable backdrop to one of Europe's most unspoiled regions and to Port country—the oldest demarcated wine region in the world.

Explore the seven hills of cosmopolitan Lisbon, uncovering a treasure trove of old world architecture. Visit Coimbra, the "Birthplace of Kings;" Porto, the beautiful "City of Bridges" with its UNESCO World Heritage-designated Medieval city center; and Salamanca, Spain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Taste plenty of wonderful local wines from village vineyards, including Port wine, the region's sweet fortified wine. Feast on a traditional meal at the Alpendurada Monastery; enjoy an authentic Spanish-style lunch complete with a flamenco show; and dine at the Vintage House Hotel, a magnificent 18th-century wine *quinta* overlooking the Douro River. All along the way, uncover a land of genuine beauty and breathtaking charm, and meet warm-hearted, friendly people with welcoming open arms.

**Who will enjoy this cruise:** This is a hidden gem

for those seeking an unspoiled river valley with lovely vistas, storied towns, and lively cities. True wine connoisseurs and food aficionados will enjoy indulging in the region's celebrated Port wine and local cuisine.



### Lisbon to Porto

Day	Port	Day	Port
Days 1–3	Lisbon	Day 8	Vega de Terrón ( Salamanca, Spain), Barca d'Alva
Day 4	Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto (embark)	Day 9	Barca d'Alva (Castelo Rodrigo), Pinhão
Day 5	Porto, Bitetos	Day 10	Régua (Lamego), Porto
Day 6	Bitetos, Régua, Pinhão	Day 11	Porto (disembark), transfer to the airport
Day 7	Pinhão, Vega de Terrón (Spain)		

### Departure Dates:

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28

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## Day 1: Lisbon

Arrive at Lisbon's Portela Airport where you'll be transferred to the hotel.

## Day 2: Lisbon

**Featured Excursion:** Lisbon city tour

Your guided exploration of Lisbon takes you to the historic district of Belem and the Belem Tower, the traditional starting and ending point of the Portuguese voyages of discovery. You'll then visit the magnificent cloister of San Jeronimos, built in the early 16th century as a celebration of Portugal's territorial expansion and an expression of a unique national style. (BB)

## Day 3: Lisbon

Spend leisure time enjoying this cosmopolitan city often referred to as the "City of Seven Hills." Uncover a treasure trove of old world architecture, or simply relax in one of the many cafés in Lisbon's popular Rossio Square. (BB)

## Day 4: Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto

**Featured Excursion:** Coimbra tour with family-style lunch

In the morning, you'll head north through the picturesque countryside to Porto. En route, you'll stop in Portugal's third largest city, Coimbra, birthplace of six of Portugal's kings and home to one of the oldest universities in Europe. Within the university is the Biblioteca Joanina, a gem of a library with books that date back to the 12th century. After your library visit, you'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant before continuing on to the ship docked in Porto. (BB, L, D)

## Day 5: Porto, Bitetos

**Featured Excursions:** Porto city tour and dinner at the Alpendurada Monastery

Traipse through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Medieval city center of charming Porto. Later, sail to Bitetos where you'll indulge in a country-style dinner at the former 14th-century Benedictine Monastery of Alpendurada. (BB, L, D)

## Day 6: Bitetos, Régua, Pinhão


**Featured Excursion:** Mateus Palace and Gardens  
Cruise from Bitetos to Régua. Visit the impressive Baroque Mateus Palace and Gardens, with one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. (BB, L, D)

## Day 7: Pinhão, Vega de Terrón (Spain)

**Featured Excursion:** Winetasting at a local *quinta*  
Pinhão is the epicenter of the Port winemaking area. Visit a *quinta* (vineyard) where you'll learn the history of, and sample, the country's most celebrated beverage. Later in the day, cruise from Pinhão to Vega de Terrón. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

## Day 8: Vega de Terrón (Salamanca), Barca d'Alva

**Featured Excursion:** Full-day Salamanca tour with traditional Spanish lunch and flamenco show  
From Vega de Terrón, on the Spanish border, travel overland to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage city. Visit the historic university before having an authentic lunch with a flamenco show at a local restaurant. Enjoy free time in this magical city. (BB, L, D)

 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Museum Visit

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

**BB** = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

**L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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## Day 9: Barca d'Alva (Castelo Rodrigo), Pinhão

**Featured Excursions:** Castelo Rodrigo tour and dinner at the Vintage House hotel. Visit the picturesque Medieval walled 12th-century city of Castelo Rodrigo. In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner complete with wine at the Vintage House hotel, a magnificent converted 18th-century wine *quinta* overlooking the Douro River. (BB, L, D)

## Day 10: Régua (Lamego), Porto

**Featured Excursion:** Lamego city tour. Tour the old Episcopal city of Lamego with its impressive 18th-century pilgrimage church, Nossa Senhora dos Remedios, and visit the local museum (BB, L, D)

**Day 11:** Depart Porto. Disembark the ship and transfer to Porto Airport for your flight home.

## Extend your vacation with this exciting pre-optional extension



**Spain** – Start your vacation off with a trip to some of Spain's most beautiful and memorable cities.

**Day 1: Madrid** – Transfer from Madrid Airport to your hotel.

**Day 2: Madrid** – City tour of Madrid.

**Day 3: Madrid/Toledo/Granada** – Travel to Toledo for a city tour, and visit hilltop Granada with views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Day 4: Granada/Costa del Sol (Estepona)** – Tour Alhambra Palace, then travel to the resort city of Estepona on the Costa del Sol.

**Day 5: Costa del Sol (Estepona)/Gibraltar/Seville** – See the Rock of Gibraltar, then journey through the sherry wine region of Jerez to Seville.

**Day 6: Seville** – Seville city tour.

**Day 7: Seville/Lisbon** – Travel through the center of Spain, with its many castles, to Lisbon.

**Day 8: Lisbon** – Lisbon city tour.

**Day 9: Lisbon** – Transfer to Porto for embarkation.

## Included in your 9-day stay:

- First class hotel accommodations – **Madrid:** Rafael Atocha; **Granada:** Gran Luna; **Costa del Sol:** Melia Marbella Dinamar; **Seville:** Zenit; **Lisbon:** NH Parque de Lisboa (or similar)
- 8 buffet breakfasts
- 3 three-course dinners in hotels
- Farewell dinner with wine in Lisbon
- Sightseeing with many special excursions
- English-speaking guides
- Touring by air-conditioned luxury motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director throughout your trip
- All transfers

**Only NZ\$2,669 per person** (single supplement NZ\$645)

Note: Extension is offered on all cruise only departures between April 29 and October 14, 2010 that begin in Porto.

## Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$1,000 per couple** (NZ\$500 per person) off cruise rates.

**-OR-**

## Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **November 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$500 per couple** (NZ\$250 per person) off cruise rates.

## Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 18	NZ\$3,399	Douro Queen
Mar 25	NZ\$3,550	Douro Queen
Apr 1	NZ\$3,799	Douro Queen
Apr 8	NZ\$3,950	Douro Queen
Apr 15	NZ\$4,125	Douro Queen
Apr 22	NZ\$4,275	Douro Queen
Apr 29	NZ\$4,925	Douro Queen
May 6, 13	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
May 20, 27	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
Jun 3, 10	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
Jun 17, 24	NZ\$4,775	Douro Queen
Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NZ\$4,775	Douro Queen
Aug 19	NZ\$4,775	Douro Queen
Aug 26	NZ\$5,099	Douro Queen
Sep 2, 9	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
Sep 16, 23, 30	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
Oct 7	NZ\$5,175	Douro Queen
Oct 14	NZ\$4,850	Douro Queen
Oct 21	NZ\$4,775	Douro Queen
Oct 28	NZ\$4,125	Douro Queen

- Port charges: NZ\$159. - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 3, Main Deck.  
 - A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.  
 - Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 2	NZ\$399	See Deck Plan on page 126
Category 1	NZ\$799	