

DOURO WINE CRUISE



Rambling vineyards and charming native farms 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 world's oldest demarcated wine region. Sail roundtrip from Porto, the beautiful "City of Bridges"; visit Regua, the 'capital' of the Douro Valley; and marvel at Salamanca, the UNESCO-designated "Golden City." Taste wines from historic wineries and soak up the genuine beauty of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes.

Join us aboard this unique Wine Cruise. You will have the choice to join special tours that are designed to bring Portugal's rich wine heritage to life and, what's more, a dedicated wine expert will be on board to lead tastings and suggest pairings with our award-winning cuisine. Whether you are a wine novice or a self-described oenophile with your own wine cellar, we invite you to indulge in this cruise through Portugal's most celebrated wine regions. This thrilling wine-themed sailing provides a unique and delicious dimension to an already enticing itinerary—with enhanced epicurean experiences included in the price of the cruise. You'll be treated to one of the world's most perfect trifectas: travel, wine and elegant cuisine.



DATE: SATURDAYS

2022: AUG 06, 13 | NOV 05

2023: JUL 01, 29 | NOV 04

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: PORTO, PORTUGAL

DISSEMBARK: PORTO, PORTUGAL

SHIP: AMA DOURO

FROM: \$3,599 + Port Charges

COUNTRIES VISITED: PORTUGAL, SPAIN

RIVERS: DOURO

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - EMBARKATION – PORTO, PORTUGAL

Embark your cruise in Porto. Gather on board tonight and meet your fellow passengers. (D)



DAY 2 - RÉGUA

Begin your day with a tour of the 18th-century Palacio Anadia, or Palace of the Counts, known for its beautiful interior and Baroque style. Inside the house, you'll see intricate panels of blue and white tiles throughout the rooms and a striking vaulted ceiling that retell the history behind the palace. (B,L,D)



DAY 3 - RÉGUA

Travel to picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Portugal, where you'll go to the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). The shrine

features a staircase of nearly 700 steps, beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles, which the more active adventurer will want to climb on a guided hike. Concluding both tours, you will have the opportunity to sample local traditional specialties, such as bôlas de Lamego, bread filled with smoked ham; presunto, a type of dry-cured ham; and Espumante, a Portuguese sparkling wine. You'll then go to the formal Episcopal Palace Museum. Later in the day, savor the flavors of Portugal's renowned fortified wine, vinho do porto, made exclusively in the Douro Valley. Head to a local quinta for your authentic Port-wine tasting experience and enjoy the sweet nectar of this fascinating region. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 - VEGA TERRÓN, SPAIN

Drive to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built of golden sandstone, Salamanca is known as a "living museum," and you will have an opportunity to step back in time to the Middle Ages during your escorted tour, which includes the city's elegant university buildings, the New Cathedral, the intriguingly decorated House of Shells and Plaza Mayor. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – BARCA d'ALVA - PINHÃO, PORTUGAL

Spend time soaking up the beauty of the Douro River as you cruise to Barca d'Alva, where you will visit Castelo Rodrigo, a small fortified village perched high on a hilltop with centuries-old walls, steep narrow streets and fantastic views. You can also opt to hike up to the village should you wish a more active exploration. While here, taste some delicious locally grown produce. Be treated to an exclusive dinner at Quinta da Avesada, where you'll enjoy an authentic and traditional dining experience complete with

entertainment. Quinta da Avesada is also a fascinating interactive museum commemorating the history and culture of wine in the Alto Douro region, so you'll have fun discovering all the various stages of wine production as well as doing plenty of tasting. (B,L,D)



DAY 6 - ENTRE-OS-RIOS

Entre-os-Rios translates to “between the rivers,” and this small village is, quite appropriately, located at the confluence of the Tâmega and Douro rivers. This tranquil village offers an authentic slice of Douro River life. In the afternoon, indulge in a traditional Portuguese lunch with your fellow travelers in Entre-os-Rios at a local quinta – a country estate – for a truly authentic culinary experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 - PORTO

The colorful city of Porto blends the best of old and new, which you can discover on an escorted tour of the historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; and the São Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of Port, Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine. If you prefer to get more active, you can go on a guided hike and then enjoy a Port wine tasting. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore all of Porto's charms on your own. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - PORTO – DISEMBARKATION

Your cruise comes to an end as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)



SPECIAL WINE CRUISES

Premier Vineyards and Cellar Tours

One of the most delightful aspects of our Wine Cruises is visiting Europe's unique vineyards and wineries. Whether you're strolling through France's 14th-century Château de Montaigne or visiting Austria's historic and majestic Burg Clam, you'll taste history every step of the way among storied vines.

Authentic Encounters

Connect with artisans and vintners within the same fields in which their ancestors toiled. Learn how best to pair decadent chocolate with wine; discover how olives transform into the Mediterranean's prized nectar, olive oil; or be tempted by Austria's famed Wachau Valley apricots.

Food and Wine Pairing – A Unique Art

Indulge in wine perfectly chosen to meld with the food on your plate and on your palate at an unforgettable dinner designed to heighten the relationship between the two. Rosemary-crusted lamb? A clear match for Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Oysters on the half shell? Try a Loire white.

Your Wine Host

Our Wine Hosts are professional winery owners, winemakers, wine instructors and certified sommeliers from renowned North American wineries. These enthusiastic individuals lead you through wine tastings, interactive discussions, and a carefully curated food and wine pairing dinner, as well as accompany you on select excursions ashore. Guided by their passion and expertise, you'll delight in discovering the differences between New-World and Old-World wines.

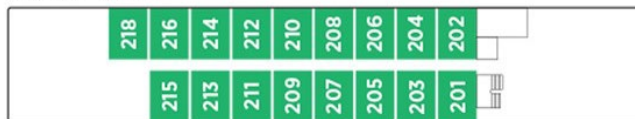


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Porto Deck



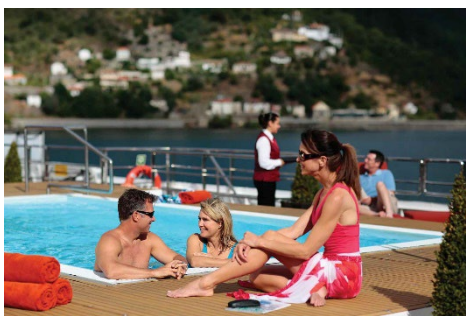
Lisbon Deck



Douro Deck



2022	AUG 6, 13	NOV 5	Category Upgrade	D	B	A	SUITE
BASE FARE - Cat E	\$4,099	\$3,599	Supplement - ADD	\$299	\$1,699	\$1,999	\$3,599
2023	JUL 01, 29	Nov 4					
BASE FARE - Cat E	\$4,099	\$3,599					
SAVINGS RATE	\$3,599	-					
Plus Port Charges - \$210							



Reservations & Information

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