

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Enticing Douro

A roundtrip from Porto along Portugal's dramatic Douro, this 7-night itinerary winds through a UNESCO-listed landscape of terraced vineyards, whitewashed quintas and hilltop villages. Porto's tiled azulejo facades and Port wine cellars bookend a journey through one of Europe's most scenic wine regions.

**YEAR**

2028

DIRECTION

Roundtrip Porto

DURATION

7 nights

RIVERS

Douro

COUNTRIES

Portugal, Spain

OPTIONAL LAND PACKAGE

Pre-cruise land packages are optional and may be added to a reservation at an additional cost.

Only one pre-cruise land package may be selected.

Pre-Cruise Option 1

2 Nights Porto

DAY

1

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Welcome to Porto

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or begin exploring the character and charm of this historic Portuguese city.

DAY

2

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Porto & the World of Wine

Discover Porto's rich cultural heritage and enduring connection to winemaking. Visit the World of Wine Museum, where immersive exhibits showcase the history, traditions and global influence of wine and the region's celebrated wine culture.

DAY

3

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Transfer to Your Journey

Check out of your hotel and continue to the next stage of your travels.

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Pre-Cruise Option 2

3 Nights Lisbon

DAY

1

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Gateway to the golden city

Where old-world charm meets coastal light

Welcome to Lisbon, a city of sunlit hills and sea breezes, where terracotta rooftops and azulejo tiles shimmer along the Tagus River. Settle into your hotel and let the rhythm of fado and the scent of ocean air begin to weave their spell.

- Hotel check-in

DAY

2

LISBON, PORTUGAL

A journey through Lisbon

Maritime dreams and monuments of a golden age

Trace the path of Portugal's explorers through the heart of Lisbon. From the ornate splendor of Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery to the Discoveries Monument along the riverfront, the city reveals its proud seafaring past. Indulge in a warm Pastel de Belém—a taste of tradition as timeless as the voyage itself. (B)

- 'City of Seven Hills' tour

DAY

3

LISBON, PORTUGAL

The fairytale hills of Sintra

Palaces, poetry, and the romance of the Portuguese countryside

Venture into the misty peaks of Sintra, where royal palaces and lush forests create a dreamscape of beauty and myth. Wander through Pena Palace, its colorful turrets rising from the hills like something from a storybook, and feel the same enchantment that once inspired poets and kings alike. (B)

- Royal Sintra excursion with Pena Palace visit

Sunset cruises and riverside charm

Depart Lisbon for the historic town of Tomar, where the Convent of Christ stands as a masterpiece of centuries-old devotion and design. Then continue north to Porto, where the Douro River shimmers beneath bridges and tiled façades. As evening falls, embark your ship and watch the city glow as your voyage through Portugal begins. (D)

- Transfer via motorcoach to Porto
- Embarkation
- Porto Illuminations cruise

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Cruise Days

DAY

1

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Sail the Douro

Step aboard your ship and set sail on the tranquil Douro, letting the gentle river breeze and the warm glow of Porto's historic waterfront welcome you to a journey of discovery.

Afternoon

- Embarkation

Evening

- Porto Illuminations Cruise

As dusk settles over the Douro, your ship glides beneath bridges strung with light, their reflections rippling across the dark water. Porto's rooftops and church spires glow gold against the night sky, turning an evening cruise into the city's most memorable show.

DAY

2

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Pilgrimage and local flavors

Explore Lamego's sanctuary and winding staircases, then delight in traditional Portuguese specialties at a local quinta, savoring the flavors and culture of this sun-drenched region.

Afternoon

CHOOSE FROM

- Lamego Tour and Local Specialties

Lamego combines one of Portugal's most recognizable pilgrimage sites with some of the region's best-loved flavors. Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, perched high above the town, before enjoying local specialties including bôlas de Lamego, Portuguese sparkling wine and traditional sausages.

- Holy Staircase Hike and Local Specialties

Every one of the 686 tiled steps toward the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies opens a wider view over Lamego. Catch your breath at a local presunteca with bolas de Lamego, a glass of Espumante, and traditional smoked sausages.

Evening

- Dinner at a Local Quinta

Your table tonight is set at a local quinta, a country estate where traditional Portuguese dishes arrive family-style. Shared with fellow travelers, this dinner captures the warmth and flavor of true Douro hospitality.

DAY

3

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN

Hilltop villages and panoramic views

Soak in the gentle rhythms of riverside life before ascending to Castelo Rodrigo, a hilltop village where centuries-old streets and sweeping views capture the essence of rustic Portugal.

Afternoon

CHOOSE FROM

- Castelo Rodrigo Tour with Tasting of Regional Fare

Known as the White Village for its almond trees, Castelo Rodrigo crowns an isolated hill with views stretching into Spain. You'll walk its narrow medieval streets past 16th-century facades, then taste local almonds, bread, cheese and wine.

- Castelo Rodrigo Hike with Tasting of Regional Fare

The ascent to Castelo Rodrigo rewards every step with sweeping views over this medieval hilltop town. Once you reach the top, rest with a tasting of local almonds, bread, cheese and wine, earned honestly after the morning's climb.

DAY

4

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN

Crossroads of history

Journey to Salamanca and wander its sunlit squares and sandstone streets, where historic university buildings, ornate plazas, and medieval whispers invite you to step back in time.

Full Day

- Salamanca Excursion

Salamanca's sandstone buildings have earned it the nickname the Golden City, glowing warm since 220 B.C. On this full-day experience, you'll walk from the arcaded Plaza Mayor to the New Cathedral, tracing one of Renaissance Europe's most beautiful cities.

DAY

5

PINHÃO, PORTUGAL

Vineyards and riverside serenity

Glide through the heart of the Douro Valley to Pinhão, where terraced vineyards and centuries-old wine estates offer private tastings and an intimate glimpse into Portugal's winemaking traditions.

Afternoon

- Local Quinta Wine Tasting

Vinho do Porto is made only in the Douro Valley, and a local quinta is where you'll get to know it best. Settle in for an authentic Port-wine tasting and savor the sweet character of this storied region.

Evening

- **Quinta de Roêda Dinner**

Centuries-old vineyards and terraced hillsides surround Quinta da Roeda, one of the Douro Valley's most storied estates. After the scenic drive up, you'll move from a wine tasting into a family-style dinner filled with regional delicacies.

DAY

6

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Tranquil villages and baroque elegance

Explore the elegant Palacio de Mateus, where exquisite gardens and ornate interiors offer a quiet glimpse into Portugal's baroque heritage.

Morning

- **Mateus Palace & Gardens Excursion**

Inside Mateus Palace, carved wood ceilings and 16th to 18th century furnishings frame the story of Mateus Rose Wine. Once the tale is told, you're free to roam the estate's gardens, admiring precise topiary work and the cool shade of its cedar tunnel.

DAY

7

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Vibrant cityscapes and port traditions

Discover Porto's historic quarter, taste the world-famous Port wine, and experience the city's illuminated waterfront as day melts into the golden hues of evening along the Douro.

Morning

CHOOSE FROM

- **"City of Bridges" Tour**

Steep streets, blue-and-white tilework and river views define Porto's historic center. A guided tour includes Porto Cathedral, São Bento Station and Bolhão Market before a cable car ride above Vila Nova de Gaia.

- **Porto Hike**

From the Dom Luís I Bridge to São Bento Station, this active walking tour explores Porto beyond its riverfront. Along the way, you'll visit Bolhão Market and the area surrounding the Clérigos Tower before a cable car ride from Vila Nova de Gaia.

Afternoon

CHOOSE FROM

- **Port Wine Cellar Visit**

Discover the heritage of Port wine in Vila Nova de Gaia with a guided cellar visit. Explore historic aging lodges, learn the art of Port production, and enjoy tastings while taking in stunning views of Porto and the Douro River.

- **Transportation into the Heart of Porto**

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DAY

8

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Bid farewell to the Douro and prepare for your journey home

Morning

- Disembarkation

OPTIONAL LAND PACKAGE

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Post-Cruise

3 Nights Santiago De Compostela

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DAY

1

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Arrive in Santiago de Compostela

Start your journey in Santiago de Compostela

Disembark the ship and board your motorcoach for your transfer to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Along the way, stop in Combarro, a charming fishing village with narrow alleys and a beautiful historic quarter that is along the storied Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. Take a scenic drive along the Ría de Pontevedra through Sanxenxo. Once you arrive in Santiago de Compostela, check into your hotel for the night. (B)

- Disembarkation
- Hotel check-in

DAY

2

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Explore popular landmarks

Discover Camino de Santiago and popular landmarks

Accompanied by your local guide, explore the historic quarter of this world-famous UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin your day with a visit to the crown jewel of Santiago de Compostela, located at the end of the historic 500-mile Camino de Santiago: its Cathedral, known as the burial site of James the Apostle, who was one of 12 apostles chosen by Jesus Christ. The cathedral is the largest Romanesque church in Spain and one of the largest in Europe. During your tour you will see the impressive archways of its central nave, beautifully carved statues and the gilded main altar lined with cherubs. You will also see such popular landmarks as the bustling Food Market, a true feast for the senses filled with fresh local produce and Galician specialties. Enjoy free time to savor lunch in the lively market surroundings before departing for Alameda Park and spending the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

- "UNESCO Pilgrimage City" tour with Cathedral visit

DAY

3

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Explore the city's history

Explore A Coruña and the Tower of Hercules

Today, venture to A Coruña, nestled on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. During your tour of this picturesque destination, see the legendary Tower of Hercules, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest working Roman lighthouse in the world, which dates back to the 1st century AD. Afterward, head to the charming Old Town, where you will have free time to explore and enjoy lunch at your leisure. Following lunch, be treated to a short guided walk before returning to Santiago de Compostela. (B)

- A Coruña & Tower of Hercules excursion

DAY

4

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Farewell to Santiago de Compostela

Onward journeys from Galicia

Check out of your hotel and bid Santiago de Compostela farewell as you prepare for your next adventure.

- Return flight home

Please note: itineraries can change. Your final documents will have the most current schedule.