

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Flavors of Portugal & Spain

Seven nights run from Porto to Vega de Terrón, crossing the Portuguese-Spanish border as the Douro becomes the Spanish Duero. Vineyard-covered hillsides, medieval castles and the cultural riches of both nations line the way, port by port, culminating in Salamanca, one of Spain's most magnificent UNESCO-listed cities.



YEAR

2027

DIRECTION

Porto > Vega de Terron

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

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

The last day of the pre-cruise land package is also the first day of the cruise. Guests will check out of the hotel and transfer to embark on their ship that same day.

Cruise Days

DAY

1

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Sail the Douro

Sunset cruises and riverside charm

Board your ship and let the Douro River welcome you, with Porto's illuminated waterfront casting a warm glow over the start of your journey.

- Embarkation
- Porto Illuminations cruise

DAY

2

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Historic streets and port traditions

Explore, taste, and wander

Meander through Porto's historic quarter, savor the flavors of world-famous Port, and discover the city's rich history and vibrant street life, all framed by its iconic tiled architecture.

CHOOSE FROM

- "City of Bridges" Tour
- Porto Hike
- Port Wine Tasting

DAY

3

ENTRE-OS-RIOS, PORTUGAL

Riverside life and local hospitality

Authentic experiences along the Douro

Experience the gentle rhythm of village life at Entre-os-Rios, where the confluence of rivers and a traditional home-cooked meal offer a warm, welcoming glimpse of Douro culture.

- Lunch at Local Quinta

DAY

4

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Baroque elegance and garden splendor

Discover timeless beauty in Mateus Palace

Step into the refined world of Mateus Palace, where grand interiors and meticulously landscaped gardens invite you to savor the artistry and elegance of northern Portugal.

- Mateus Palace and Gardens Excursion

DAY

5

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Explore sacred stairways and culinary delights

Climb the tiled steps of Lamego's sanctuary or stroll its charming streets, then continue along the scenic Douro to Pinhão, enjoying local wines and traditional specialties along the way.

CHOOSE FROM

- Lamego City Tour
- Holy Staircase Hike

DAY

6

PINHÃO, PORTUGAL

Uncover Portugal's winemaking traditions

Discover Pinhão's historic train station and enjoy an interactive family-run quinta, where centuries-old winemaking traditions and lively music create an unforgettable cultural feast.

CHOOSE FROM

- Pinhão Train Station Hike
- Quinta Da Roêda Lunch
- Local Quinta Wine Tasting

DAY

7

BARCA D'ALVA, PORTUGAL

Explore medieval streets and local flavors

Cruise to Barca d'Alva and explore the "White Village" of Castelo Rodrigo, wandering its medieval streets, soaking in the almond-scented air, and sampling regional delicacies.

CHOOSE FROM

- Scenic Cruising
- Castelo Rodrigo Tour with Tasting of Regional Fare

DAY

8

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN

Bid farewell to the Douro and prepare for your journey home

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- Disembarkation

OPTIONAL LAND PACKAGE

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

Only one post-cruise land package may be selected.

Post-Cruise

3 Nights Madrid

The first day of the post-cruise land package is also the last day of the cruise. Guests will disembark their ship and transfer to the hotel that same day.

DAY

1

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN

Golden city to Spanish capital

Salamanca's medieval charm and Madrid's modern spirit

Begin your journey through Spain in Salamanca, where honey-hued sandstone buildings glow under the Castilian sun. Explore the university city's rich heritage—from its grand cathedrals to the shell-adorned façades—before continuing on to Madrid. As you settle into Spain's dynamic capital, the grandeur of the past meets the pulse of the present.

- Disembarkation
- Salamanca Excursion
- Transfer to Madrid
- Hotel check-in

DAY

2

MADRID, SPAIN

A city of majesty and motion

Palaces, plazas, and the vibrant rhythm of daily life

Step into the energy of Madrid, where elegance and vitality coexist in perfect harmony. Marvel at the opulent Royal Palace, stroll the leafy paths of Buen Retiro Park, and feel the heartbeat of the city in the lively plazas and bustling markets that define Spain's cosmopolitan soul.

- City tour

DAY

3

MADRID, SPAIN

The city of three cultures

A living tapestry of faith, art, and history

Journey to Toledo, a walled masterpiece perched above the Tagus River. Once the crossroads of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim civilizations, its cobbled streets whisper stories of unity and creativity. Admire the towering cathedral, step into centuries-old synagogues, and experience a city where every stone holds a piece of Spain's spiritual heart.

- Toledo excursion

DAY

4

MADRID, SPAIN

Bid farewell to your journey and prepare for your flight home

Return flight home

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