

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**

2026

DIRECTION

Vega de Terron > 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

3 Nights Madrid

DAY

1

MADRID, SPAIN

Arrival in Spain's Vibrant Capital

Where history meets modern energy

Arrive in Madrid and check into your hotel. Spain's dynamic capital stretches before you—a cosmopolitan metropolis where broad avenues lead to grand museums, stately gardens give way to lively tapas bars, and centuries of history pulse through every plaza and cobblestone lane.

- Hotel check-in

DAY

2

MADRID, SPAIN

Palaces, Parks, and Madrid's Pulse

Art, epicurean delights, and urban elegance

Enjoy a guided tour of Madrid, Spain's capital since the Golden Age and now its largest city. Known for historic districts, world-class art, and epicurean pleasures, Madrid unfolds as a cosmopolitan metropolis with vibrant nightlife and timeless charm. Discover the elaborate Royal Palace, stroll through Buen Retiro Park's leafy paths, and take in landmarks like Puerta del Sol, the bustling Mercado de San Miguel, and Plaza Mayor. Art lovers can marvel at treasures in the Prado Museum and Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, where Spanish masters have left their indelible mark.

- City tour

DAY

3

MADRID, SPAIN

Toledo's Medieval Splendor

Where three faiths shaped a city of art

Journey to the walled city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Spain's ancient capital. This treasure trove of artistic riches once inspired El Greco, the Spanish Renaissance master who found endless muse in its winding streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. Your guided tour reveals the Cathedral of Toledo, one of the world's greatest Gothic structures, and the Synagogue Santa María la Blanca in the Jewish Quarter—both testaments to a city where Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures intertwined to create something extraordinary.

- Toledo excursion

DAY

4

MADRID, SPAIN

Salamanca's Golden Stones to River's Edge

Academic glory and the journey to your ship

Depart Madrid for Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the heart of Spain's Castilla y León region, where honey-hued sandstone glows under the Castilian sun. Your guided tour takes you through historic university buildings that have educated scholars for centuries, the majestic Salamanca Cathedral, and the uniquely adorned House of Shells with its façade of carved scallops. Afterward, transfer to Vega de Terrón, where your river ship awaits on the Douro, ready to carry you deeper into the Iberian Peninsula's storied landscapes.

- Transfer to Salamanca
- Full-day excursion
- Transfer to Vega Terrón
- Embarkation

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

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN

Board your river ship for your Flavors of Portugal & Spain cruise

Full Day

- Embarkation

DAY

2

BARCA D'ALVA, PORTUGAL

Hilltop villages and sweeping views

Full Day

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

- Castelo Rodrigo Tour with Tasting of Regional Fare
- Castelo Rodrigo Hike with Tasting of Regional Fare

DAY

3

PINHÃO, PORTUGAL

Vineyards, music, and tradition

Full Day

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 De Avedesda Lunch
- Local Quinta Wine Tasting

DAY

4

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Pilgrimage and local flavors

Full Day

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

- Mateus Palace and Gardens Excursion
- Lamego Tour
- Holy Staircase Hike

DAY

5

RÉGUA, PORTUGAL

Scenic Cruising

Full Day

Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Douro from Régua to Entre-Os-Rios.

This will be followed by a traditional "home-cooked" meal at a local quinta.

CHOOSE FROM

- Scenic Cruising
- Lunch at Local Quinta

DAY

6

ENTRE-OS-RIOS, PORTUGAL

Scenic Cruising and Port Wine Traditions

Full Day

Sail into Porto with a morning of river views before savoring the city's iconic cuisine and an afternoon tasting of Portugal's famed Port wine

Enjoy a morning of scenic cruising on your way to Porto. The second largest city in Portugal, this coastal destination is home to iconic historic landmarks, impressive cuisine, and, of course – Port wine. In the afternoon, enjoy a tasting of Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine and sample its rich flavors. (B,L,D)

CHOOSE FROM

- Scenic Cruising
- Port Wine Tasting

DAY

7

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Historic Porto and an Evening Scenic Cruise

Full Day

Discover Porto's UNESCO-listed landmarks on a guided tour or active hike, then enjoy the city's illuminated riverside beauty as you sail into the evening

Join a guided tour of Porto's historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll see the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; the main square, ringed with shops and cafes; and the São Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. For the more active adventure, join a hike in Porto and explore the old harbor quarter, passing through the medieval streets of Porto. When the sun sets, enjoy the illuminated landscapes of Porto on a scenic cruise aboard your ship. (B,L,D)

CHOOSE FROM

- "City of Bridges" Tour
- Porto Hike
- Porto Illuminations cruise

DAY

8

PORTO, PORTUGAL

Your journey comes to an end in Porto as you prepare for your homeward flight.

Full Day

- Return flight home

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 Lisbon

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

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Knights, cloisters, and the road to Lisbon

From medieval devotion to the capital's embrace

After disembarking your ship, journey through the gentle folds of the Portuguese countryside by motorcoach. Stop in Tomar, where the castle walls of the Knights Templar enfold the magnificent Convent of Christ—a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating to the 12th century. Step inside to discover breathtaking frescoes and intricate azulejos, those iconic blue-painted tiles that tell stories in ceramic and glaze. Afterward, continue westward to Lisbon, where your hotel awaits and the capital's warm embrace begins.

- Disembarkation
- Motorcoach transfer to Lisbon
- Tomar Castle visit
- Hotel Check In

DAY

2

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.

- Royal Sintra excursion with Pena Palace visit

DAY

3

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.

- 'City of Seven Hills' tour

DAY

4

Bid farewell to your journey and prepare for your flight home

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- Return flight home

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