



Romance of the Douro River

featuring Lisbon,
Porto & the Alto
Douro Wine Region

Inspiring Moments

- Travel through the rolling hills of the Alto Douro Wine Region and visit a traditional *quinta*, a wine cellar, for a **port tasting**.
- Walk in the footsteps of Portuguese aristocracy at the grand **Mateus Palace**.
- Gaze in wonder at the renowned **University of Coimbra**.
- Delve into Portuguese history at **Guimarães**, the city considered to be the birthplace of Portugal.
- Explore **Porto's** enchanting alleyways and colorful neighborhoods.
- Appreciate the splendor of **Salamanca**, an elegant Spanish city.
- Follow the historic path of great explorers in centuries-old **Lisbon**.
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🌐
- Day 2** Arrive in Lisbon and transfer 🔄 to hotel
- Day 3** Lisbon
- Day 4** Lisbon
- Day 5** Óbidos | Coimbra | Porto | Embark ship
- Day 6** Porto
- Day 7** Porto | Peso da Régua
- Day 8** Vila Real | Barca d'Alva
- Day 9** Barca d'Alva | Salamanca
- Day 10** São João da Pesqueira | Pinhão
- Day 11** Lamego | Porto
- Day 12** Transfer 🔄 to Porto airport and depart for gateway city 🌐

Flights 🌐 and transfers 🔄 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- **3 nights** in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa.
 - **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Gil Eanes.

- Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

- Extensive Meal Program**
- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; all drinks included on board except Champagne and special wines and spirits.

- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
 - **Engaging excursions** and 🌐 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
 - 🌐 **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
 - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - **AHI Sustainability Promise** | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.

Above: Douro River Valley



A World of Discovery

Lisbon. Enjoy a panoramic drive along the Avenida de Liberdade, passing by the sprawling Rossio and Black Horse squares in the heart of the city. Next, delve into the history and lives of famous explorers. Visit the Monastery of the Hieronymites, commissioned by King D. Manuel I and admire the artistry of the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower, which celebrates the triumphs of Portugal's seafarers. Continue with a drive through the city's authentic Alfama neighborhood.

Óbidos. Visit Óbidos, a romantic medieval village enclosed within ancient walls. Follow narrow alleys bordered with traditional white houses, vivid tiles and potted geraniums.

Coimbra. Get to know the first Portuguese capital at the University of Coimbra, one of Europe's oldest universities. See the stunning Biblioteca Joanina, St. Michael's Chapel and a lavish ceremonial hall.

Vila Real. Discover the extravagant Mateus Palace, an 18th-century baroque palace. View the rooftop pinnacles, carved wooden ceilings and lavish halls before strolling through the gardens. Walk along the cobbled lanes of Vila Real and sample *cristas de galo*, a delectable local pastry.

Porto's Wine Road. Drive through the scenic Alto Douro Wine Region, known for its vineyards and bountiful olive and almond groves. Visit the town of São João da Pesqueira, nicknamed the "fishing ground," and stop at a *quinta*, a local winery, for a presentation and tasting of the sweet wine.

Lamego. Lamego is one of the country's prettiest towns and sits in the heart of the port-producing Douro Valley. Visit Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, a splendid baroque church overlooking the city. Leading to the church is a grand staircase with 686 steps, statues, obelisks and wonderful *azulejos*, Portugal's iconic blue-and-white tiles.

Cultural Performances. Delight in a variety of authentic performances throughout your journey, including a show by local dancers, an evening of folklore and a performance by a local "tuna" band, a group of university students who sing traditional serenades.

PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

Porto (Day 6)

- Porto City Tour & Port Wine Tasting
- Porto by Tram & Flavors of Porto

Porto (Day 7)

- Guimarães, The Cradle of Portugal
- Douro Walk & Port Tasting (Active)

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Barca d'Alva

- Salamanca City Tour
- Salamanca by Bike (Active)

Enrichment

- Contemporary Portugal
- Douro Wine Country

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Historic Center of Guimarães**, Portugal
2. **Historic Center of Oporto and Luiz I Bridge**, Portugal
3. **Alto Douro Wine Region**, Portugal
4. **Old City of Salamanca**, Spain
5. **University of Coimbra**, Portugal
6. **Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém in Lisbon**, Portugal

Electives | Go further afield

Fado Dinner. Savor a dinner of Portuguese cuisine and listen to soul-stirring *fado*, a traditional genre of music with melancholic guitar and vocal arrangements.

Sintra, Cascais & Estoril. Sintra is home to vivid architecture and the National Palace of Sintra with its iconic white chimneys. Take a guided tour of the well-preserved palace. After lunch, drive by Cabo de Roca and pretty Guincho Beach. Stop in Cascais for a picturesque walk, and pass through Estoril on your return to Lisbon.

(At an additional cost.)

Accommodations

MS Gil Eanes

66-cabin River Cruise Ship
Ship's registry: France

Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa | Lisbon, Portugal

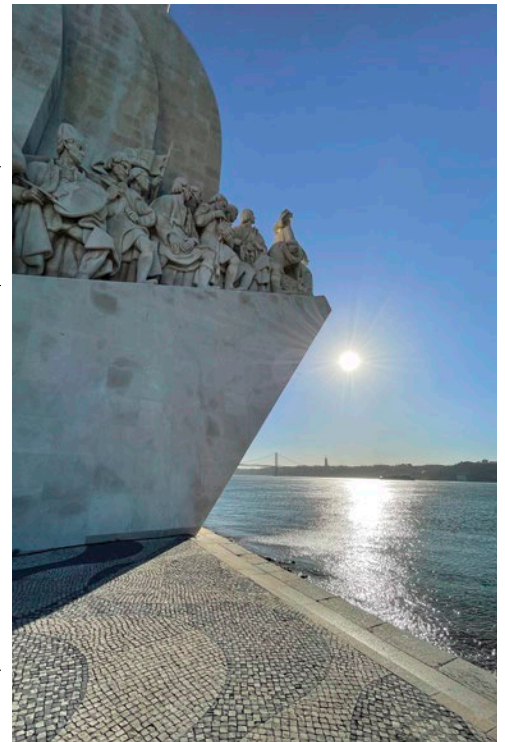


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