

DOURO RIVER CRUISE

ONBOARD AMADOURO | INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS IN PORTO



AMAWATERWAYS™

INCLUDES MOST MEALS!

9 NIGHTS

VISITS TO

Porto | Regua | Barca D'Alva | Vega de Teron | Pinhao | Porto | Braga | Guimarães

Discover the genuine beauty of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes while cruising in comfort and luxury aboard this all-inclusive river cruise.

Cruise from Porto for seven nights and savour the sights along the Douro River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide past rambling vineyards and charming native farms; visit Portugese quintas, picturesque pilgrimage sites, and the golden-hued city of Salamanca; taste wines from historic wineries, and sample mouth-watering local cuisine.

With fewer than 102 passengers onboard, you will experience unparalleled service, as well as intimate access to the small ports dotting the edges of the Douro. When not exploring off-ship, relax in your elegantly appointed stateroom, take in the breathtaking views from the sundeck, or enjoy the gourmet cuisine for which AmaWaterways is renowned.

Conclude your journey with two nights in beautiful Porto, including excursions to Guimarães and Braga.

DEPARTS

Mar. 28, 2020

Albufeira, Algarve **\$5,350* p.p.**

INCLUDES

- All transfers
- AmaWaterways cruise: seven night sailing onboard Amadouro in an outside stateroom
- All meals onboard, featuring gourmet regional cuisine
- Free-flowing wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner, plus daily cocktail hours
- Free WiFi onboard
- Shore excursions and gratuities
- Merit Travel Tour Host
- **PORTO:**
 - Two nights 4-star accommodation with breakfast and dinner included
 - Full-day excursion to Guimarães and Braga, with lunch included

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Day 1 Mar. 28, 2020 | ALGARVE - PORTO (D)

Depart your hotel in the Algarve and transfer to the train station. Board your train from Albufeira to Porto. On arrival, transfer from the train station to pier.

Welcome onboard the ship at 5:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Tonight we'll enjoy dinner and remain in port overnight.

Day 2 Mar. 29, 2020 | PORTO - REGUA (B, L, D)

Cruise to Régua where you can visit the Baroque-style Palacio de Mateus and its gardens, located in the lovely Trás-os-Montes region. Inside the palace, you'll see interesting furnishings, paintings and a ceiling of intricately carved wood. The gardens here are considered some of the most beautiful in Portugal.

Day 3 Mar. 30, 2020 | REGUA - BARCA D'ALVA (B, L, D)

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.

Day 4 Mar. 31, 2020 | VEGA DE TERON (B, D)

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. You can also enjoy a traditional flamenco show in Salamanca.

Day 5 Apr. 1, 2020 | PINHAO (B, L, D)

Be treated to an exclusive lunch 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. Later in the day, enjoy a tasting of the region's famed Port wine.

Day 6 Apr. 2, 2020 | REGUA (B, L, D)

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 hike. Concluding both tours, you will have the opportunity to sample local traditional specialties, and Espumante, a Portuguese sparkling wine. You'll then go to the formal Episcopal Palace Museum. Later, enjoy a special Portuguese dinner at a local quinta.

Day 7 Apr. 3, 2020 | PORTO (B, L, D)

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.

Day 8 Apr. 4, 2020 | DISEMBARKATION IN PORTO (B, D)

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Transfer from the pier to your hotel in Porto. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening. Accommodation: Hotel Vila Gale Porto or similar (two nights)

Day 9 Apr. 5, 2020 | PORTO - BRAGA & GUIMARAES (B,L,D)

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion to uncover the charm of Portugal's two oldest cities. You'll get the chance to visit the medieval village of Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the Roman city of Braga, you'll visit the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus and see the city's historic cathedral. Lunch is included. Return back to your hotel in Porto in the afternoon. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

Day 10 Apr. 6, 2020 | DEPART PORTO (B)

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport.

