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EUROPE RIVER CRUISING 2023

Discover exhilarating Portugal and Spain on a premium cruise along the Douro River. Glide through a landscape brimming with vineyards and dotted with historic villages, as you enjoy great food, wine and service.

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DOURO DISCOVERY

8 DAYS FROM \$3,895* PP TWIN SHARE

- Seven nights on a premium river ship, the MS Douro Serenity
- Services of a Travelmarvel Cruise Director and local guides
- 19 meals - 7 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L) and 7 dinners (D)
- Onboard water stations, plus tea and coffee, soft drink, beer and local wine during lunch and dinner on your cruise
- Explore 11 towns, villages and cities
- Transfers, port charges and tipping
- Enjoy a sunset cruise in Porto
- Explore the beautiful Gardens and Palace of Mateus
- Make a trip to Castelo Rodrigo, a tiny hilltop village that overlooks both Spain and Portugal
- Visit one of Portugal's most important pilgrimage places, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, in Lamego

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Marvel at the scenery of the Douro Valley

Douro Discovery Porto Return 8 Days

Cruise through a captivating world of terraced vineyards, villages lost in time, and cities filled with the joy of life. Your premium Travelmarvel river cruise on the Douro is a passport to an immersion in the seductive rhythms of Portugal and Spain. Discover charming quintas, lose yourself in the passionate flamenco, and savour the food and wine for which this region is famous.

Day 1. Arrive Porto, Vila Nova de Gaia, Embark Ship Fly into Porto, a perfect introduction to sunny Portugal. Be met at the airport and transferred to your river ship, the MS Douro Serenity. Tonight meet your fellow travellers and Travelmarvel Cruise Director at a Welcome Reception as you take in the sights along the Douro River on a sunset cruise. **Seven Nights:** aboard your river ship, the MS Douro Serenity. **D**

Day 2. Régua, Mateus Palace, Pinhão Begin cruising along the spectacular Douro River. Flowing from the northern reaches of Spain, through Portugal and into the Atlantic, this river is bordered by countless vineyards. As you cruise this morning, you'll take part in a Portuguese language

lesson, during which you'll learn some essential phrases of this beautiful language. Disembark in Régua and join an excursion by coach to the Gardens and Palace of Mateus. Discover for yourself the connection between this beautiful 18th-century palace and the famous Mateus Rose wine. Afterwards, travel by coach to Pinhão. Here, you'll enjoy a dinner of traditional Portuguese dishes and dessert at a picturesque quinta. **BLD**

Day 3. Vega de Terrón, Castelo Rodrigo Cruise across the border into Vega de Terrón in Spain. Enjoy some time at leisure before joining an excursion to Castelo Rodrigo. This tiny village sits atop a hill overlooking both Spain and Portugal, and features a number of well-preserved ruins, an impressive castle and a magnificent stone statue of Santiago Matamoros. **BLD**

Day 4. Salamanca, Barca d'Alva Today you'll disembark and board a coach to set off for the Spanish city of Salamanca. This gorgeous city is arguably one of the most beautiful in Spain, and boasts sunlit sandstone buildings along with a majestic city square and an ancient university. Here you'll enjoy a flamenco show and lunch. Be entranced by captivating flamenco dancers

as they astound you with their flashing feet in a fiery performance. Return by coach back over the border to Barca d'Alva, the last Portuguese village along the Douro, where your ship awaits. Back on board, enjoy a traditional Portuguese BBQ dinner. **BLD**

Day 5. Régua, Lamego Enjoy a Portuguese cooking demonstration on board as your ship cruises past Pinhão to Régua. On arrival, head to a local quinta, which boasts outstanding views over the Douro Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a tasting of port wine, Portugal's most famous tippie. Afterwards, board a coach and take a scenic drive past swathes of expansive vineyards. You'll visit the picturesque village of Lamego and the elaborately decorated baroque cathedral, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies. While in Lamego, visit one of Portugal's best museums. You may also like to sample one of the town's famous specialties, Bola de Lamego, a delicious smoked ham roll. **BLD**

Day 6. Régua, Entre-os-Rios This morning, enjoy free time to explore Régua — you may like to wander along the riverfront, or venture into the lovely Old Town. Afterwards, continue on to the

riverside town of Entre-os-Rios. On arrival, enjoy free time to explore this gorgeous, vibrant town as you please. Tonight, be treated to an energetic performance of traditional Portuguese folk music back on board at a special Captain's Dinner. **BLD**

Day 7. Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto Cruise back to Vila Nova de Gaia. On arrival, join a fascinating tour of nearby Porto, which sits just across the river. You'll be led past a collection of the city's most famous attractions, and visit a local port winery for a tour and tasting. This afternoon, there's ample time for you to step back out to explore Porto at leisure. You may like to visit a Portuguese boutique to buy authentic, local souvenirs. Or perhaps take a stroll through the city's old-fashioned Bolhão food market. Alternatively, you might choose to take an optional excursion to the World Heritage-listed city of Guimarães. This evening back on board your ship, enjoy a final Farewell Dinner with your new-found friends. **BD**

Day 8. Disembark Ship, Depart Porto Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

Travel on Your Terms

- Freedom to change your plans
- Lower deposits
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