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Package price starting from

**\$3,799** CAD  
Cruise + Land Tour







**\$4,799** CAD  
Cruise + Land + Air Package

12 Days

# Fascination of Douro River Cruising with Lisbon

Portugal & Spain Dreamscapes: Explore River of Gold

**Trip Code:** TP12FD

-  7 Nights 4 Star Cruise & 3 Nights Lisbon 4 Star Hotel
-  23 Meals  Small to Medium Group
-  Escorted Tour  Coach, Cruise
-  7 Shore Excursion Tours

## ♥ WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Embark on a 12-day, 4-star cruise journey like no other, delving into the "Fascination of Douro River Cruising" starting in vibrant Porto. Experience the allure of the Douro Valley, indulge in the flavors of Portugal and Spain, and bask in the excitement of this extraordinary voyage.

- ✓ Enjoy a luxurious 4-star cruise experience with spacious cabins boasting large picture windows
- ✓ Indulge in endless wine and complimentary Wi-Fi
- ✓ Marvel at the breathtaking panoramic vistas of the Douro River.
- ✓ Embark on a Porto tour, taking in sights such as the Cathedral, the renowned S. Bento Train Station, and the impressive Stock Exchange.
- ✓ Marvel at the 18th-century Mateus Palace in Regua, a blend of granite and Baroque design
- ✓ Visit Salamanca with its ancient sandstone buildings, a UNESCO World Heritage City
- ✓ Visit a renowned vineyard, savoring the famous Porto wine.
- ✓ Discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary in Lamego.
- ✓ Extend your stay in Lisbon, seeing the Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery.



- Day 1: Canada - Porto**
- Day 2: Porto Embarkation**
- Day 3: Porto - Regua**
- Day 4: Regua- Vila Real**
- Day 5: Barca D'Alva - Salamanca**
- Day 6: Barca D'Alva - Ferradosa - Pinhao**
- Day 7: Pinhao - Porto**
- Day 8: Porto**
- Day 9: Porto Disembarkation**
- Day 10: Lisbon**
- Day 11: Lisbon**
- Day 12: Lisbon - North America**



## Day 1 North America - Lisbon

Depart for Lisbon from Canada.

## Day 2 Lisbon - Porto

Transfer to port after arrival. Embarkation starts at 5 PM. For early or late arrival guests, we will help you to request early embarkation or boxed dinner.

After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. In the evening, we'll set out on an excursion by coach for both packages to see Porto by night. You will love the old, preserved districts of this city of immense character, classed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Porto is not only a city rich in vestiges from a glorious past, but also the young-spirited, warm capital city of a region marked by its winemaking as well as its closeness to the ocean. During the tour of the historic center, your guide will schedule a stop at the Sao Bento railway station to look at its magnificent azulejos. Return on board by coach.

Meals: Dinner

## Day 3 Porto - Regua

Departure by coach from the Villa Nova de Gaia Quay, facing Porto from across the Douro river and the famous Dom Luis I Bridge. Porto, the second largest city in Portugal, stands out from the steep banks of the Douro river with its mixture of grey facades and red tiles interspersed with unusual architectural masterpieces. Its historical center was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996. We'll discover The Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange

Building), built in 1834 by the city's Commercial Association. It has remained their headquarters to this day. After climbing up the beautiful granite and marble stairway, we'll visit the former Tribunal Room, the Golden Room and the Arab Room, decorated in the exotic Moorish Revival style. Afterwards, we'll visit the Igreja de São Francisco (Church of Saint Francis), also known as the "Golden Church". We'll cross the Dom Luis I Bridge again back to Villa Nova de Gaia for the visit of a wine cellar. We'll return on board by coach. As the afternoon sun bathes the landscape in a golden glow, we'll set sail through the breathtaking Douro Valley, a region renowned for its picturesque vistas. Enjoy an evening of dancing or time at leisure in Regua tonight.

## Day 4 Regua - Vila Real

Depart from Regua and journey to Vila Real, known for its aristocratic palaces and diverse religious architecture. Enjoy a panoramic city tour by coach, followed by a tasting of the local pastry, Cristas de Galo.

Next, explore the enchanting Mateus Palace, an 18th-century marvel with a unique blend of granite and Baroque elements. Marvel at the picturesque garden with box hedges and a spectacular 115-foot cedar tunnel. We'll then return to our ship in Regua, concluding this captivating day of discovery. As the sun sets, prepare for an enchanting evening filled with the passionate rhythms and vibrant energy of Flamenco entertainment, making for a truly memorable night under the stars.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5 Barca D'alva - Salamanca

Departure by coach towards Salamanca where you'll meet up with your guides. Since 1988, the Old Town of Salamanca has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll visit the cathedral whose successive extensions created a mixture of styles going from late Gothic to Baroque, including Renaissance. Afterwards, we'll visit one of the world's oldest Universities which first opened in 1218. Also known as "Escuelas Mayores", the University building has a sumptuous gate adorned with the city's most famous design: a frog atop a skull - symbolic of the sin of lust being punished after death. You'll enjoy lunch and be free to discover the city on your own. Return on board in Vega de Teron. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

## Day 6 Barca D'Alva - Ferradosa - Pinhao

Today departure from Ferradosa for our excursion along the Porto wine route. We'll discover this incredible vineyard extending over 100 km along the Douro river all the way to the Spanish border. We'll visit San Salvador do Mundo and Sao Joao da Pesqueira, two small towns set among the vineyards in the Rio Torto valley. In Sao Joao da Pesqueira, you will have the opportunity to explore the arcaded main square, the chapel and the white houses with their balconies. You will visit a quinta (wine cellar) to taste the famous Porto\*. We'll return on board in Pinhao.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7 Pinhao – Porto

Departure by coach from Regua to Lamego for a guided tour of the city center by coach and on foot. Lamego is a charming episcopal and commercial town where you'll get to discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios Sanctuary. This 18th century church stands out with its white façade dominating a baroque staircase with 686 steps ending in a shrine built in the rocaille style and adorned with azulejos. The first stone was laid on February 14th, 1750 and gave way to the construction of a massive temple overlooking the city and providing a breathtaking view over the misty mountains of the surrounding landscape. Return on board in Regua.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 8 Porto

This morning, enjoy time at leisure in Porto. We'll leave by coach from Porto for Guimarães. With our guide, we'll begin the tour of this university town on foot to discover its historical treasures. We'll get the chance to discover the Nossa Senhora de Oliveira Church (outdoors), the most important religious building in the city. The medieval heart of Guimarães is a labyrinth of lanes and picturesque plazas framed by 14th-century buildings. We'll continue on to the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, a medieval estate and former residence of the first Dukes of Braganza with striking architecture. Return on board in Porto. Enjoy an evening of traditional folk entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## 2024 Departure Dates

| Departure Date | Main Deck Standard Cabin |                     | Middle Deck Deluxe Cabin |                     | Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|                | Cruise + Land            | Cruise + Land + Air | Cruise + Land            | Cruise + Land + Air |                         |
| 28 Apr*        | \$3,799                  | \$4,799             | \$4,299                  | \$5,299             | +\$100 per person       |
| 05 May         | \$4,099                  | \$5,199             | \$4,599                  | \$5,699             |                         |
| 08 Sep         | \$4,099                  | \$5,199             | \$4,599                  | \$5,699             |                         |
| 29 SEP         | \$4,099                  | \$5,199             | \$4,599                  | \$5,699             |                         |

\*The April departure features the 4-star cruise, Infante Don Henrique.

## Day 9 Porto Disembarkation

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Then transfer to Lisbon. The city tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. Then transfer to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 10 Lisbon

Enjoy your free time in Lisbon. Indulge in the delights of Lisbon at your own pace during your leisure time. Explore the city's historic neighborhoods, each brimming with its own unique charm. Lisbon offers a myriad of cultural experiences, from its vibrant street art to its bustling markets, ensuring that your free time here is filled with unforgettable moments.

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 11 Lisbon

Enjoy your free time in Lisbon.

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 12 Lisbon – North America

Disembark in the morning and transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast

## Upgrade

## Package Includes

- International airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes are all included.
- Accommodation in the standard cabin of 8 Days 7 Nights 4 Star Deluxe Cruise (Deluxe Cabin available at additional cost)
- 23 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners. Three meals per day on cruise full board, three meals per day on cruise
- Welcome and farewell captain's cocktails; Welcome and farewell captain's dinner with a special menu;
- 7 Excursion programs detailed in the itinerary
- Lisbon 3 nights hotel
- Lisbon city tour
- Arrival and departure transfers are included in the package price

## Package Does Not Include

- Personal spending
- Port tax EUR78
- Insurance
- Wifi is available on-board, notably in the bar/lounge/reception area.
- Internet log-in passwords can be purchased at the reception, including instructions on how to connect.
- Prepaid Gratuities: EUR185 including tips on board, shore excursion guide, driver etc.)
- Minibar
- Visa fees

## Price Notes

- Single room supplement fee for Standard cabin and hotel room: \$1,599
- Single room supplement fee for Deluxe cabin and hotel room: \$1,899
- Add on airfare from other cities: Calgary, Edmonton from \$500; Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$400; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300.
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.



# 4 Star MS Vasco de Gama

Complete renovation - 2014 | Length - 75 m. |

Passenger capacity - 138 pax.

A comfortable Deluxe ship that will meet the expectations of even the most demanding traveler. The ship has all modern means for safe navigation and facilities that will make your vacation unforgettable.

All cabins (approx. 11 - 12 m<sup>2</sup>) are exterior, comfortable and tastefully decorated and have shower/WC, hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe, individually controlled heating/air conditioning. The majority of cabins are located on the upper deck and have large panoramic windows. Those on the middle and main decks have large windows. The decoration is stylish and its atmosphere, both elegant and friendly, and in perfect harmony with its surroundings.

A swimming pool and comfortable sun loungers are provided on the sun deck, with a large shaded area, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.



Year Renovated : 2014  
 Guest capacity : 138  
 Number of cabins : 71  
 Width : 11.40  
 Length : 75

Number of crew members : 25  
 Number of decks : 3  
 River vessel  
 Elevators  
 Cabins outside



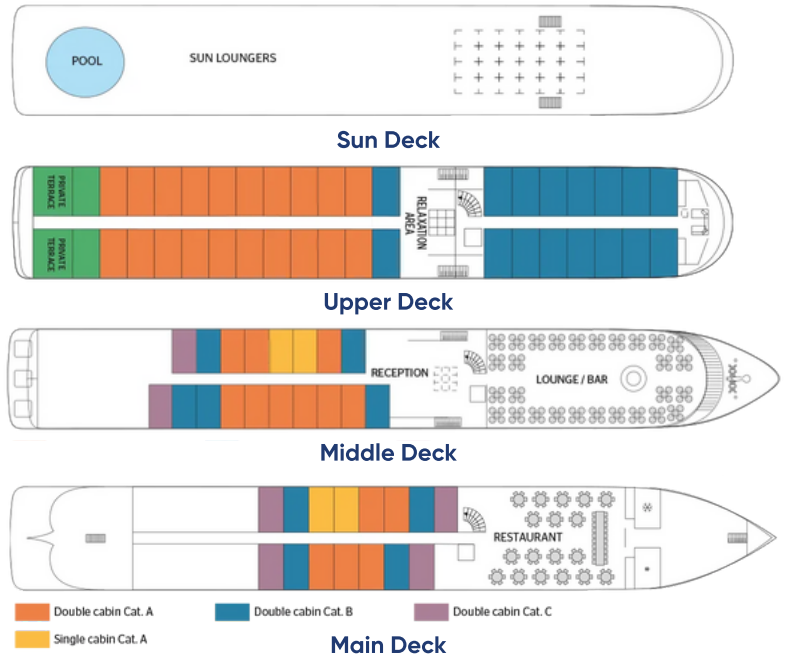
**Dining**



**Lounge**



**Sun Deck**



## Amenities in the cabin

- TV
- Telephone (for internal calls only)
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Hair dryer
- Selection of bath products
- Towels



**Deluxe Cabins with Sliding Windows**

2 adjustable twin beds - 12 m<sup>2</sup>



**Standard Cabins with Large Windows**

2 adjustable twin beds - 12 m<sup>2</sup>