



13 days / 12 nights

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTUGAL WITH DOURO CRUISES

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Day 1 – Lisboa

- Arrival at Lisboa International Airport and private transfer from the Airport to 4* hotel and check-in.
- Rest of the day free at leisure to get used to the time zone.
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – Lisboa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Half day regular tour to visit Lisbon, including the Belém area, where you can see the Jerónimos Monastery, the Belem Tower, the Discoveries Monument, and the original neighborhood that the famous “Pastel de Belém”, traditional pastry of Lisbon, comes from.
- Return to the hotel and free time to explore the Avenida da Liberdade, there you can find world-famous stores, or if you prefer stroll through the city center and see the traditional commerce or go to one of the city's Museums, or simply sit on one of the city's many terraces and enjoy the great weather (which hopefully is sunny).
- In the evening, we suggest, transfer to a restaurant in Alfama for dinner and Fado and Folk show.
- Overnight at the hotel

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Day 3 – Lisboa/ Sintra/Cabo da Roca/Cascais/Estoril/Lisboa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- We suggest, a full-day tour to Sintra and surrounding area. Visit to the National Palace of Sintra that was summer residence of the Portuguese Kings and one of the most important of Portugal's history. Free time for shopping and to taste the famous sweets of the region, such as the famous "travesseiros" and "queijadas". Lunch at a local restaurant (not included).
- In the afternoon, we will drive through the natural wonders of Sintra Natural Park, passing by several impressive palaces until we stop at the Roca Cape cliffs – the westernmost point of Continental Europe. Finally, enjoy a leisurely walk along the bay at the glamorous town of Cascais. After the visit, drive along the coast to Lisbon passing by Estoril and the Casino, both linked to the spinning stories of the Second World War, as they were the meeting point of refugees coming from Europe, having even lived in the Hotel the famous Ian Fleming the creator of James Bond.
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 – Lisboa/Coimbra/Porto

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and departure to Coimbra.
- Arrival in Coimbra and panoramic tour in this city that was the first capital of Portugal and there you can visit one of the oldest Universities in the World, founded in the fourteenth century. Continue the visit to the region of Mealhada for a typical lunch, we suggest, you taste the famous "Leitão Assado à Bairrada" (roast piglet) one of the icons of Portuguese gastronomy.
- After lunch continue to Porto, arrive to the Cruise Port. Welcome and farewell reception with the captain.
- Overnight on board.

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Day	Port	Arrival	Departure	Places you can visit - <u>Optional Tours</u>
Thursday	Porto			Embarkation from 17h00 to 19h00
Friday	Porto - Caldas de Aregos	19h00	14h30	Tour of Porto with a wine taste experience.
Saturday	Caldas de Aregos - Pinhão	11h00	07h00	Walk around pretty Pinhão and visit the famous railway station decorated with blue and white ceramic. Visit to a traditional Quinta (wine estate) with lunch.
Sunday	Pinhão - Barca D'Alva/Veg a Terrón	14h00	08h00	Excursion to Castelo Rodrigo, one of the historic Portuguese parishes with its historic-steeped castle ruin. Full day excursion to Spanish university city of Salamanca it its impressive cathedral and Plaza Mayor (including lunch).
Monday	Barca D'Alva/Veg a Terrón - Pocinho	20h00	18h00	
Tuesday	Pocinho - Régua	14h30	07h00	Excursion to the pilgrimage town of Lamego with its impressive open staircase and Gothic Cathedral.
Wednesd ay	Régua - Porto	14h00	07h00	Excursion to the Cradle of Portugal, Guimarães Or visit to Braga, the country's modern and vibrant religious center.
Thursday	Porto			Disembarkation at 09h00

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The tour item in **bold** is included in the cruise fare.

» Excursion package, is recommended to be booked in advance for a guaranteed place. On board they are subject to availability.

- Excursion can only be booked on board. Bookings are subject to availability and weather conditions on the day of excursion.
- Cruise full board

All-inclusive (Comprehensive breakfast buffet with coffee/tea and juices; Comprehensive lunch buffet; 4 course dinner served at the table; Coffee/tea after lunch and dinner; Festive gala; Welcome and farewell reception with the captain; Table reservations on board)

Day 11 – Porto

- Disembarkation from the cruise and transfer to a 4* hotel and check-in.
- In the afternoon, enjoy a regular half day tour to visit Porto.
- Porto is known as the “Invicta”. Visit the Historic center a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Ribeira area, near the River, the Cathedral of Porto and the Clérigos Tower the ex-libris of the city, visit the Aliados Avenue, the Stock Exchange Palace and other famous places of Porto.
- To end the tour in the best way possible, visit an old Port Wine Cellar with a wine tasting.
- Overnight in Porto.

Day 11 – Porto/ Aveiro/Porto

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today, enjoy a regular half day tour to visit Aveiro.
- A beautiful city crossed by a network of canals through which moliceiros (local boats) navigate. Here enjoy time to walk through the centre of the city and see a number of buildings in Art Nouveau style that are worth seeing. Take the opportunity to taste the regional sweets made with eggs and sugar - the “ovos moles” (soft eggs) that are sold in wooden barrels or wrapped in a crusty wafer in different shapes.

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- Return to Porto and overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 – Porto/Barcelos/Viana do Castelo/Ponte de Lima/Porto

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Departure to Barcelos. Crossing the old bridge over the River Cávado, we enter one of the most emblematic places of Minho folk art, Barcelos. Of all the pieces produced here, the colorful “Galo de Barcelos” is the most representative, not forgetting the music bands and the figures depicting habits and customs of the region.
- In the afternoon, we keep exploring until we reach the mouth of the Minho River, one of the most beautiful landscape of the Iberian Peninsula, and stop in Viana do Castelo with a lot of traditions to celebrate Portugal, visit the Sacred Heart of Jesus Diocesan Shrine, a beautiful monument on the hill of Santa Luzia and the historic centre. Don't leave the town before you taste the famous “Bolas de Berlim” (traditional pastry) at Casa Natário and if you have the chance buy the famous embroidery and goldsmithing of this city.
- Continuing to Ponte de Lima, located in the heart of Minho it is well known for the green wines, which are unique. Here explore the city centre and, we suggest, a visit to the Adegas Cooperativas de Ponte de Lima with wine tasting.
- Return to Porto and overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 – Porto

- Breakfast in the hotel and check-out.
- Transfer from the hotel to Porto International Airport and departure on chosen flight.

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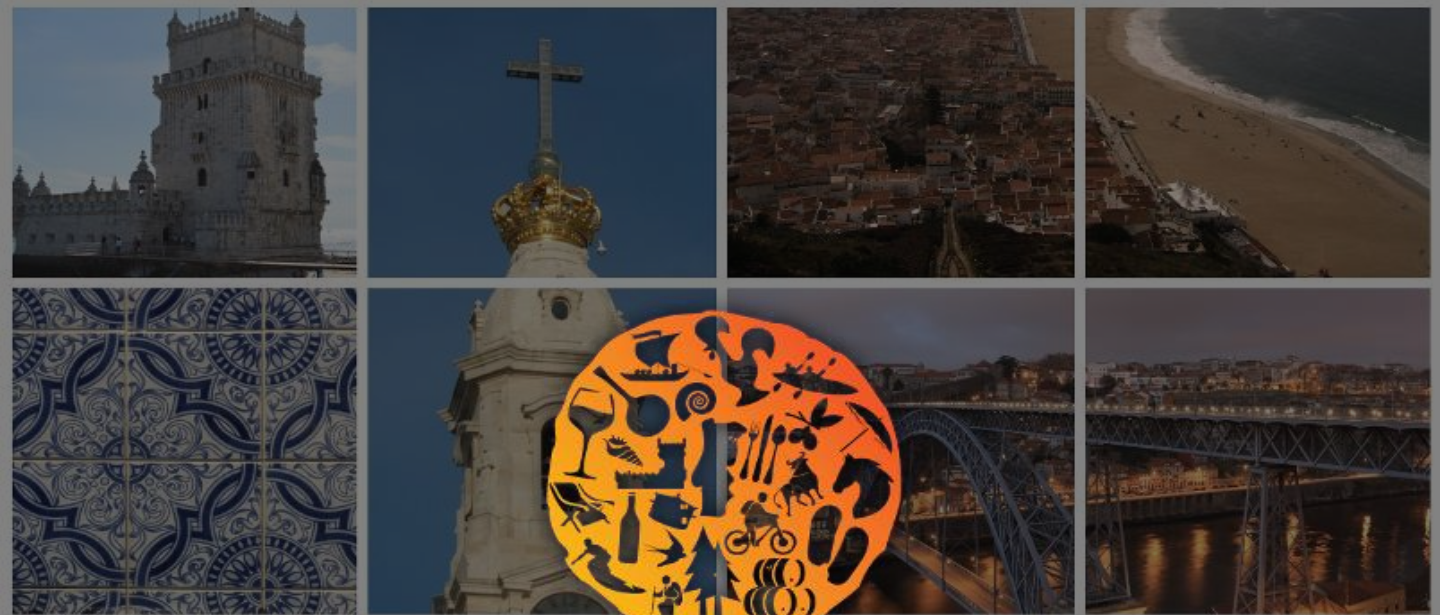
GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Due to covid safety measures by the local authorities, some restrictions to activities/capacities may be in place at the time of the trip and prices may have to be reviewed.
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