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Day 1 – Porto

- Arrival at Porto International Airport and private transfer from Airport to Porto to 4* hotel and check-in.
- Rest of the day free at leisure to get used to the time zone.
- In the evening, we suggest, a Portuguese traditional dinner. Pick up at the hotel and transfer to Herança Magna for a nice dinner made of a typical meal accompanied by great Portuguese wine, while at the same time you can enjoy a Fado and Folklore show. The perfect way to start your trip and learn about Portuguese traditions.
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – Porto

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today, 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.
- Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to relax or do some shopping. For this we suggest Rua Santa Catarina, a great place to shop, full of brand-named stores and local commerce.
- Overnight in Porto.

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Day 3 – Porto

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Rooms need to be available at 11h00 however you may store your luggage at the hotel until the transfer pick-up time, at 15h30.
- Free time to enjoy Porto on your own.
- Transfer from the hotel to the Cruise terminal.
- Welcome and farewell reception with the captain.
- Overnight on board.

Day 3 to 10 – Douro Cruises

Cruise Schedule

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/Vega 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).

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Monday	Barca D’Alva/Vega Terrón - Pocinho	20h00	18h00	
Tuesday	Pocinho - Régua	14h30	07h00	Excursion to the pilgrimage town of Lamego with its impressive open staircase and Gothic Cathedral.

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)

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Day 10 – Porto

- Disembarkation from the cruise and transfer to a 4* hotel and check-in.
- Rest of the day free at leisure.
- Overnight at the hotel.

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.
- Return to Porto and overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 – 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.

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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.
- HighSun declines any responsibility if any of the activities is not able to be executed, due to weather conditions or any other reasons beyond its control.
- HighSun does not authorize the sale or marketing of ideas and / or concepts already carried out or presented as proposed, with risk of legal penalties.

SAFETY

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