

# PORTUGAL AND THE DOURO RIVER CRUISE

*Porto to Salamanca, Spain, and return*

**Including 2 Nights in Lisbon**



**ALL SHORE EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

**Seven nights accommodations aboard the *MS Douro Queen***

**11 DAYS • 23 MEALS**

**2017 Departure Date:**  
September 24

  
**MayflowerTours™**  
Life Enriching Experiences

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Monument to the Discoveries in Lisbon

## The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches and 9 breakfasts)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ International Cruise Director and Mayflower Tours expert staff onboard, plus English-speaking guides for shore excursions
- ✓ Spend two nights in Lisbon, Portugal before the cruise
- ✓ Stop in Fátima and included sightseeing in Coimbra en-route
- ✓ Visit to the oldest university of Portugal in Coimbra
- ✓ Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of the Monument to the Discoveries, Belem Tower, Guimarães, Porto and Salamanca, Spain
- ✓ Experience the Douro River aboard the exclusively chartered river vessel the *MS Douro Queen* on a seven-night cruise
- ✓ After boarding, unpack just once in your comfortable river view stateroom
- ✓ All shore excursions included with English-speaking guides
- ✓ All meals included while on the river cruise featuring local and international specialties served at one leisurely seating
- ✓ All onboard dinners are served with complimentary local wines
- ✓ Evening events and Insights onboard
- ✓ Spacious public areas, Sun Deck with swimming pool, lounge with bar and dance floor
- ✓ Complimentary WiFi on the ship (public areas only)
- ✓ Enhanced tour experience with the use of individual audio headphones
- ✓ \$55 in Mayflower Money

## Local Insights

- ✓ Dinner at a 13th-century monastery
- ✓ Three wine tastings at local venues
- ✓ Dinner at a working vineyard estate
- ✓ Lunch of local specialties and Flamenco show while ashore in Spain
- ✓ Culinary demonstration onboard by the ship's chef
- ✓ Portuguese folklore and Fado show onboard
- ✓ Onboard dinner of barbecued Portuguese specialties

## DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal.

## DAY TWO – Lisbon, Portugal

Upon arrival you'll be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore this city that launched the great 'Age of Discovery.' This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (Dinner)

## DAY THREE – Discover Lisbon

After breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour. Visit Jerónimos Monastery – a masterpiece of Manuelino architecture. See the intricately carved statues on the 'Monument to the Discoveries' paying homage to the explorers from the Golden Age of Discovery. Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, still regally stands guard over the waterfront. Enjoy the remainder of the day to shop, dine and experience Lisbon on your own. (Breakfast)

## DAY FOUR – Fátima / Coimbra / Ship embarkation

This morning, depart Lisbon for Porto, the embarkation point for your cruise. Enroute, visit Fátima, home to one of the most important Catholic shrines. The city's fame originates from the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in the nearby fields. Continue on to Coimbra and visit the amazing library of its famous university. Upon arrival at the port of Vila Nova de Gaia in the late afternoon, the *MS Douro Queen*, home for the next seven nights, awaits your embarkation. The ship remains in port overnight as you enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner onboard.

(Breakfast) (Dinner onboard)

## DAY FIVE – Régua / Pinhão

Enjoy the first morning onboard sailing through the picturesque Douro River Valley. Best known for its fortified Port wines, this valley is one of the world's oldest defined wine regions. This afternoon, visit the magnificent 18th-century manor house depicted on Mateus Rosé wine bottles. Stroll the amazing grounds, from the beautiful reflection pool at the entrance to the manicured gardens in back. A local guide will escort you through the rooms of the historic Château, one of the best examples of baroque architecture in Portugal. At the end of the tour, return to the ship in Pinhão. A festive treat awaits ashore this evening with a visit to Quinta Avessada, a family-owned working vineyard estate, where you learn about the making of Muscatel wine. Highlights of the evening will be the wine tasting, dinner and local entertainment at the estate.

(Breakfast and lunch onboard) (Dinner)

## DAY SIX – Pinhão / Castelo Rodrigo

Fresh air and beautiful scenery greet you this morning as you sail along the river. On the afternoon's excursion, travel back in history to the medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo. Travel via coach through a scenic landscape of olive and almond trees be-



Feel the rhythm of the city in the Plaza Mayor, Salamanca, Spain

fore arriving at the stone archway entrance to the walled village. An inside visit to the well-preserved Church of Our Lady of Rocamador showcases relics of the period. See the ruins of the castle and clock tower as well as the former prison house, medieval well and pillory as you stroll through the cobblestone lanes. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

### DAY SEVEN – Salamanca, Spain

Today's excursion travels through rolling hills, past small villages and hilltop towns to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour of one of the most important university cities in Spain, you'll see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university, the 12th-century Romanesque church of San Martin and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city, and cultural immersion ensues with a lunch of deliciously authentic cuisine and a Flamenco show in a local restaurant. After spending the day in Spain, return to the ship in Portugal where a dinner of barbeque Portuguese specialties awaits. (Breakfast and dinner onboard) (lunch)

### DAY EIGHT – Régua and Lamego

Enjoy the morning onboard leisurely sailing along the Douro through landscapes of terraced vineyards and small towns. An afternoon excursion to the countryside visits the wine chateau Quinta do Seixo. Learn about the wine-making process of Port wine before sampling the vintage from the tasting room offering spectacular views of the river valley and vineyards below. This is sure to be a life-enriching experience! Touring continues in



Tile work adorns the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies



Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, and one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. You have the opportunity to walk down the iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white 'azulejos' tiles. Special entertainment is presented onboard this evening with a local folklore and Fado show.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

### DAY NINE – Régua and Entre-os-Rios

Following a morning at leisure in Régua, enjoy a final day of cruising along the Douro as scenic landscapes unfold around every bend. This evening, in Entre-os-Rios, an off-ship adventure awaits with a visit to the 13th-century Benedictine Alpendurada Monastery for our included dinner. Your guides lead you through the hallways and small chambers as they explain about the art and architecture of the monastery. Enjoy a welcome drink before arriving at the dining room where our dinner is served in this atmospheric venue. (Breakfast and lunch onboard)

(Dinner)

### DAY TEN – Porto

Porto is one of the oldest European centers and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the included city tour, experience the beautiful views of the "French Riviera of Porto" on the drive along the coastal road of the Atlantic Ocean to the mouth of the Douro River. During a short walking tour, see the city's cathedral and São Bento train station with its elaborate interior tile mosaics. During a visit to a Port wine cave you can sample this local vintage during an included wine tasting. The final excursion visits Guimarões, one of the country's most important historical cities that had an important role in the formation of Portugal. The well-preserved city center has earned Guimarões a spot on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. On the included walking tour, see the Castelo de Guimarões, former palace of the Dukes of Bragança, quaint town squares and picturesque residential lanes as your guide walks you through this historic city. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

### DAY ELEVEN – Porto / USA

This morning, disembark the MS Douro Queen and bid a fond farewell to Portugal filled with memories of this remarkable river cruise. (Breakfast)

*Itinerary is subject to change.*

# PORTUGAL AND THE DOURO RIVER CRUISE

## MS Douro Queen

The *MS Douro Queen* is exclusively chartered for your river cruise holiday sailing with just 130 passengers, creating a casual yet sophisticated yacht-like atmosphere. You'll cruise the valley of the 'River of Gold,' enjoying the intimate setting of your ship – the *MS Douro Queen*.

Built: 2005 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 65 Length: 261 ft. Crew: 40

### Upper Deck Stateroom (160 sq. ft.)

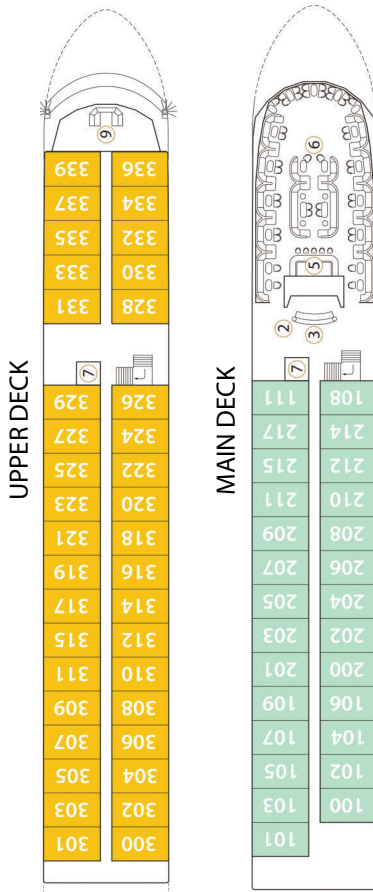
- ✓ All staterooms offer beds that can be configured either as two separate twin beds or as a single larger double bed, private balcony, private bathroom with shower, hair dryer, individually controlled air conditioning and heating, closet, vanity with seat, several drawers, 2 night tables, full length mirror, TV, safe

### Main Deck Stateroom (150 sq. ft.)

- ✓ Most staterooms offer beds that can be configured either as two separate twin beds or as a single larger double bed, panoramic window, private bathroom with shower, hair dryer, individually controlled air conditioning and heating, closet, vanity with seat, several drawers, 2 night tables, full length mirror, TV, safe

### Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- ✓ Reception
- ✓ Main Lounge with dance floor
- ✓ Main Bar
- ✓ Dining Room
- ✓ Sun Deck featuring deck chairs and a swimming pool
- ✓ Hospitality Desk
- ✓ Elevator
- ✓ Gift Shop
- ✓ Internet access in the reception and bar areas
- ✓ Voltage: 220V



Lounge



Dining room



Stateroom

### 2017 DEPART USA

		MAIN DECK*	UPPER DECK**
September 24	PER PERSON TWIN	\$3,899	\$4,199
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$2,529	\$2,729



Call for air rates and schedules from your city to Lisbon and from Porto, Portugal

All staterooms and suites are river view with private bathroom and shower, hair dryer, radio, television, safe, individually controlled heating and air conditioning.

\*Staterooms on this deck feature a panoramic window (does not open)

\*\*Staterooms on this deck feature a private balcony

## FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two and Three – Hotel Sana Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

Days Four through Ten – Aboard the *MS Douro Queen*



### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ENERGETIC

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more ..... Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure ..... 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.



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