

**PORTUGAL****DOURO EXPERIENCE RIVER CRUISE** (TOUR CODE: 13781)**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Porto

TRAVEL PERIODS

13 November 2024

EXPERIENCE

Cruising

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Experience a 7-night roundtrip Douro river cruise from Porto, where you'll delve into the breathtaking Douro Valley region and intimately connect with the essence of Portugal aboard the A-ROSA ALVA.

Highlights

- Stay aboard **A-ROSA ALVA** and savour the beauty of the Douro on an unforgettable **7-night river cruise**.
- The **Douro River** in Portugal, known as the "River of Gold," weave through terraced vineyards, creating a breathtaking backdrop for Port wine production.
- **Pinhão** is a popular stop for those exploring the region, offering a glimpse into Portugal's rich winemaking heritage and providing a tranquil setting for visitors to enjoy the beauty of the Douro River.
- The town of **Régua** is a hub for wine enthusiasts, offering opportunities to visit quintas (wine estates), sample regional wines, and explore the *Douro Museum* to delve into the history of winemaking in the region

Embark on an enchanting 7-night roundtrip Douro cruise departing from Porto aboard the A-ROSA ALVA.

What comes to mind when you think of Portugal? Perhaps the striking cliffs, the rich taste of port wine, or the soulful melodies of fado? All of it is true. Step aboard our A-ROSA ALVA and immerse yourself in the allure of the Douro, peering directly into the heart of Portugal. Porto serves as both the starting and ending point for our voyages along the Douro, providing ample opportunities to wander through the charming old town, take in panoramic views from Portugal's tallest church tower, or savor one of the 365 Bacalhau dishes, Portugal's beloved dried fish specialties.

On Board A-ROSA:

- Spacious sun deck with relaxed atmosphere
- Heated outdoor pool
- Putting green

- Outdoor restaurant on the aft deck
- Panorama Lounge with bar and dance floor
- Casual dress code



INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights in an outside cabin "S" on board A-ROSA ALVA
- Bathroom amenities and bathrobe in the cabin
- Free use of the on-board facilities such as sauna and fitness room
- FullboardPlus: extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets, additional embarkation snack and tea and coffee hour.
- High-quality drinks included throughout the day: tea, coffee and coffee specialities, soft drinks, beers, sparkling wine and a selection of wines, cocktails and long drinks
- On-board entertainment

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Porto

Your adventure begins in Porto. A city that was once a dream of granite - in Porto, you will encounter new and exhilarating perspectives at every turn. Explore the dazzling azulejo facades adorning church walls and townhouses, just a few of the notable landmarks in Portugal's second-largest city. The old town, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exudes pure poetry.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSAALVA**.

Lunch, Dinner

Day **2**

Porto Régua Pinhão

From Porto, depart at 7:00 am and arrive in **Régua**.

Régua, the largest city in this wine-growing valley, is situated on the banks of the Douro River. It is a remarkably beautiful place, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. The town has played a vital role in the production and marketing of port wine since the 18th century, when it was transported by sailing boat. Departure from the port is scheduled for around 2:00 pm.

Approximately at 05:00 pm, reach **Pinhão**. This charming town is located in the renowned port wine region, an area where the Douro River and its surrounding landscape are exceptionally picturesque. It is surrounded by captivating vineyards and quintas, which produce the wine. From Pinhão, you can visit these quintas and enjoy tours and wine tasting.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Pinhão Vega Terrón

Depart from Pinhão at 01:00pm to Vega Terron approximately at 07:00 PM.

In **Vega Terrón**, the Agueda river joins the Douro river. Both rivers form the natural border between Portugal and Spain.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Vega Terron

Vega Terron, nestled along the scenic Douro River, offers a serene escape in Portugal, where vineyards dot the landscape and river cruises unveil the beauty of this picturesque destination.

From here, an Optional trip to the Spanish city of Salamanca (not included) can be taken. With its new cathedral, old town, and famous university, the city has a very special charm.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Barca d'Alva Pinhão

Good morning, Barca d'Alva!

Commence your day amidst the scenic beauty of **Parque Natural do Douro**. In times gone by, the Linha do Douro trains made a daily stop here, linking Porto and Salamanca. Surprisingly, the station still stands today, a testament to its historical significance. As you embark on your Douro cruise, make a pause in **Pocinho**, a charming town that now marks the end of the "*Linha do Douro*" railway. Both the railway station and the bridge spanning the Douro River are recognized as listed monuments, preserving their cultural and architectural heritage.

Continue to **Pinhão**, sheduled arrival at 06:30pm.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Pinhão Bitetos

Depart at 07:00 AM from Pinhão, reach Régua and spend a few hours here. régua is the largest city on the banks of the

Douro in this wine-growing valley. It is such a beautiful place that the Alto Douro region has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. The town played a fundamental role in the production and marketing of port wine – which was transported away by sailing boat – as early as the 18th century.

Continue for Bitetos.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Bitetos Cais da Lixa Porto

Departing at 07:00am from **Bitetos** and reach **Cais da Lixa** where you have few hours to relax before continuing to Porto.

Arrive at approx. 10:30am in **Porto** and enjoy the rest of the day exploring the beautiful city. Alternatively, you can let the Douro River welcome you with open arms as you soak up the ship's delightful atmosphere on the sun deck. Make the most of this wonderful opportunity to savour the remaining hours of your delightful river cruise in Portugal and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSAALVA**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Porto

Today, your eventful 7-night Douro cruise comes to an end.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portuguese

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- Please be aware that this river cruise also offers **weekly departures**. Kindly contact our team to inquire about the pricing details.
- *Please note that this product is not part of our flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our team will advise of the exact booking conditions at the time of booking.*
- No seating or dress code; last but not least, free table times ensure a relaxed atmosphere among the guests.