

# **AUTUMN HARVEST**

#### Porto, the Douro Valley (Portugal), Salamanca (Spain) and Lisbon (Portugal)

October  $10^{th} - 20^{th}$ , 2025



Begin your journey with a personalized pick-up at Porto Airport by a private driver who will guide you through some of the most captivating areas around the city.

Arrive in the unexpected hidden gem town of Porto. A very walkable city, we will explore various historic Porto sites, including the Livrario Lello, one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world.





Our next stop is **Matosinhos,** a city famed for its rich maritime heritage and worldclass seafood. Stroll along its scenic harbor and watch fishermen bring in their daily catch. Known as a culinary hotspot, Matosinhos offers the perfect opportunity to indulge in authentic Portuguese dishes in one of its many renowned restaurants. Next, venture to **Leca da Palmeira**, a charming coastal town that combines tradition with modern appeal. Marvel at the iconic Piscinas de Mares, saltwater pools designed by famed architect Alvaro Siza Vieira, blending harmoniously with the natural coastline. This area also boasts beautiful sandy beaches and a peaceful



promenade, ideal for a leisurely walk. Leca da Palmeira's serene atmosphere and cultural richness make it a favorite among locals seeking relaxation away from the bustle of the city.



Finally, explore the elegant district of **Foz do Douro**, where the Douro River meets the Atlantic Ocean. Known for its picturesque waterfront and upscale vibe, Foz is a perfect mix of historic charm and contemporary allure. Wander through its chic streets, admire the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Sao Joao da Foz Fortress, or relax at one of its

stylish cafes with a stunning ocean view. Your private driver ensures a seamless and flexible experience returning to Porto, where you will begin the cruise portion of this wonderful journey.



Cruise of 8 Days/7 Nights

From Portugal to Spain: Porto, the Douro Valley Portugal & Salamanca Spain.

Porto-Regua-Vega De Terron-Barca D'Alva-Ferradosa-Pinhao-Porto

Climb aboard an unforgettable cruise through the magnificent Douro Valley, where each port of call promises captivating adventure and enriching discoveries. Get ready for breathtaking scenery, history-laden locations, and unique experiences in this emblematic region. You will begin your cruise journey in the lively city of Porto, which oozes an exceptional charm and captivating atmosphere. Next stop will be Regua, where you will dive into the region's history and wine making traditions. You will also cross the border into Spain, for an exciting trip to remarkable Salamanca. For wine connoisseurs, the Port Wine Route will be heaven on earth. You will wrap up your vacation with stops in Lamego, Guimaraes, and the charming village of Afuradadestinations packed with cultural heritage, gorgeous architecture and genuine friendliness.



# OCTOBER 10 PORTO

Passengers are welcome to board the ship at 5 pm. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we will introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. In the evening, we will set out on a **CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion by coach to see Porto by night.** 



#### **OCTOBER 11 PORTO - REGUA**

#### Excursions:

**CLASSIC:** Guided tour of Porto. We will leave for Porto's city center by coach. Our first stop will be a tour of St. Francis Church. A stone's throw from the Douro riverbank, it is among the most symbolic buildings in Porto. We will then head over to see the inside of Bolsa Palace-also known as the Stock Exchange Palace-a magnificent, neoclassical mansion in the heart of the historic downtown. The next stop will be an Azulejo tile workshop. This tour is a unique occasion to discover the age-long art form.

**DISCOVERY:** Touring Porto via tram and visiting the tram museum followed by a tasting of some of the local specialties in the old city. In the afternoon, we will cruise through the Douro Valley with its fabulous landscapes. Enjoy an evening of dancing or time at leisure in Regua tonight.



#### **OCTOBER 12 REGUA – VEGA DE TERRON**

Join us on a **CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion: the Casa de Mateus and the Douro Museum.** We will leave on foot for the Douro Museum to learn about the passionate history and wine-making heritage in the region, an experience combining traditional and modern approaches. We will continue by coach for Mateus Palace, a beautiful 18<sup>th</sup>-centruy manor in Vila Real. This baroque-style manor belonged to the same family until a foundation was set up to preserve it in 1970. The dramatic splendor and details of the complex offer a unique visual relationship between geometry and space. Enjoy a stroll through the magnificent tree-and hedge-lined gardens, which include a romantic Mexican-cedar topiary tunnel. After, we will return to the ship in Pinhao by coach.

In the afternoon, the cruise continues to the heart of the most famous vineyards in Porto to Vega de Terron.

We will arrive in the evening. Enjoy an evening of Flamenco entertainment.



# OCTOBER 13 VEGA DE TERRON – Salamanca-BARCA D'ALVA

Join us for the excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC**: Salamanca. This town of dazzling beauty houses some extraordinary Roman, Arabic, and Christian architectural treasures. **DISCOVERY**: Salamanca tapas tour.

We will return on board in Barca d'Alva. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.



# October 14 BARCA D'ALVA – FERRADOSA – PINHAO

This morning will be spent cruising. Join us on a **CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion: Pinhao and tasting of port wine.** Tonight is our gala dinner and evening.



# **OCTOBER 15 PINHAO-PORTO**

Join us on a **CLASSIC/DISCOVERY** excursion: Guided tour of Lamego. This afternoon will be spent cruising. Enjoy an evening of Fado-themed entertainment.



# **OCTOBER 16 PORTO**

This morning, enjoy time at leisure in Porto. In the afternoon, join us for the excursions proposed: **CLASSIC**: **Discover Guimaraes DISCOVERY**: **Quaint Afurada** Enjoy an evening of traditional folk entertainment



# **OCTOBER 17 DISEMBARKATION**

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9 am

# This cruise offer includes:

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day – onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) – double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom – assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess – welcome cocktail – gala dinner – onboard entertainment- excursions mentioned in the package selected – Flamenco, Fado and traditional folk entertainment – travel assistance and repatriation insurance – all port fees.

# This offer does not include:

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers – cancellation and baggage insurance, trip cancelation insurance – personal expenses.

# THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine Gala dinner and evening Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

#### **ON TO LISBON**

#### OCTOBER 17 FATIMA-OBIDOS-LISBON

**Transfer**: Private transfer from Porto to Lisbon with stops in Fatima & Obidos. Beginning your journey from Porto toward the vibrant city of Lisbon, your route will include a significant stop in Fatima, a renowned pilgrimage site with deep religious significance. This revered sanctuary attracts pilgrims from around the world. Take time to explore the grounds visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary and absorb the tranquil atmosphere that permeates this sacred site. Visit: Fátima



About halfway through the drive, you will make another stop in the charming walled city of Obidos. The historic center here offers a labyrinth of narrow cobblestoned streets and flower bedecked, whitewashed houses, livened up with dashes of vivid yellow and blue paint.

Historically, Obidos was recaptured from the Moors and presented to the Queen of Portugal on her wedding day-not once, but a long-lasting tradition that began with Queen Urraca in 1214 and continued until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. You will have time to enjoy a self-guided tour around the village including its stunning centuries-old castle.

Hotel in Lisbon – Covent Square Hotel

Visit: Óbidos



#### **OCTOBER 18 LISBON-BELEM-LISBON**

Your day begins with a hotel pickup in Lisbon, where a private driver will take you to the historic district of Belem. Spend the next four hours exploring iconic sites like the stunning Jeronimos Monastery, the Belem Tower, and the Monument to the Discoveries. Your private driver and the guide will ensure a seamless journey, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in Belem's rich history and riverside scenery. Returning to Lisbon, immerse yourself in the storied alleys and captivating sights of Lisbon's historic center during an exclusive 3-hour private walking tour with your guide. Traverse centuries of history as you wander through iconic landmarks, ancient quarters, and charming streets. Conclude with a visit to the intimate Lisbon Winery for a personalized tasting of Portugal's finest wines, paired with artisanal cheeses and local delicacies – a perfect cultural and culinary finale to your journey through the city.



#### **OCTOBER 19 LISBON-SINTRA-CASAIS-LISBON**



Today's itinerary embarks on an enchanting 8-hour journey from Lisbon, where diverse architecture and stunning landscapes promise a day of unforgettable experiences. Begin in Sintra, a mystical town where nature and human artistry harmonize beautifully, and wander its lush paths surrounded by extraordinary flora. The highlight of Sintra is the iconic National Palace of Pena, a masterpiece of Romanticism and the legacy of King Ferdinand II, whose vibrant colors and hidden corners evoke a fairytale atmosphere. With skip-the-line tickets and a private guide at your side, you will explore the palace and its surrounding park, an idyllic and often misty landscape that inspires awe.

Your journey continues through the scenic Sintra Natural Park with a stop at the majestic Roca Cape Cliffs, the westernmost point of Europe, before ending with a coastal drive to the charming town of Cascais. This captivating route offers breathtaking views and picturesque scenery, and the day concludes with a return to Lisbon, enriched by this unique exploration.

Days End: Farewell Dinner: Immerse yourself in the Portuguese Culture in Cervejaria Trindade inside the most ancient brewery in Portugal

#### **OCTOBER 20 - Depart**