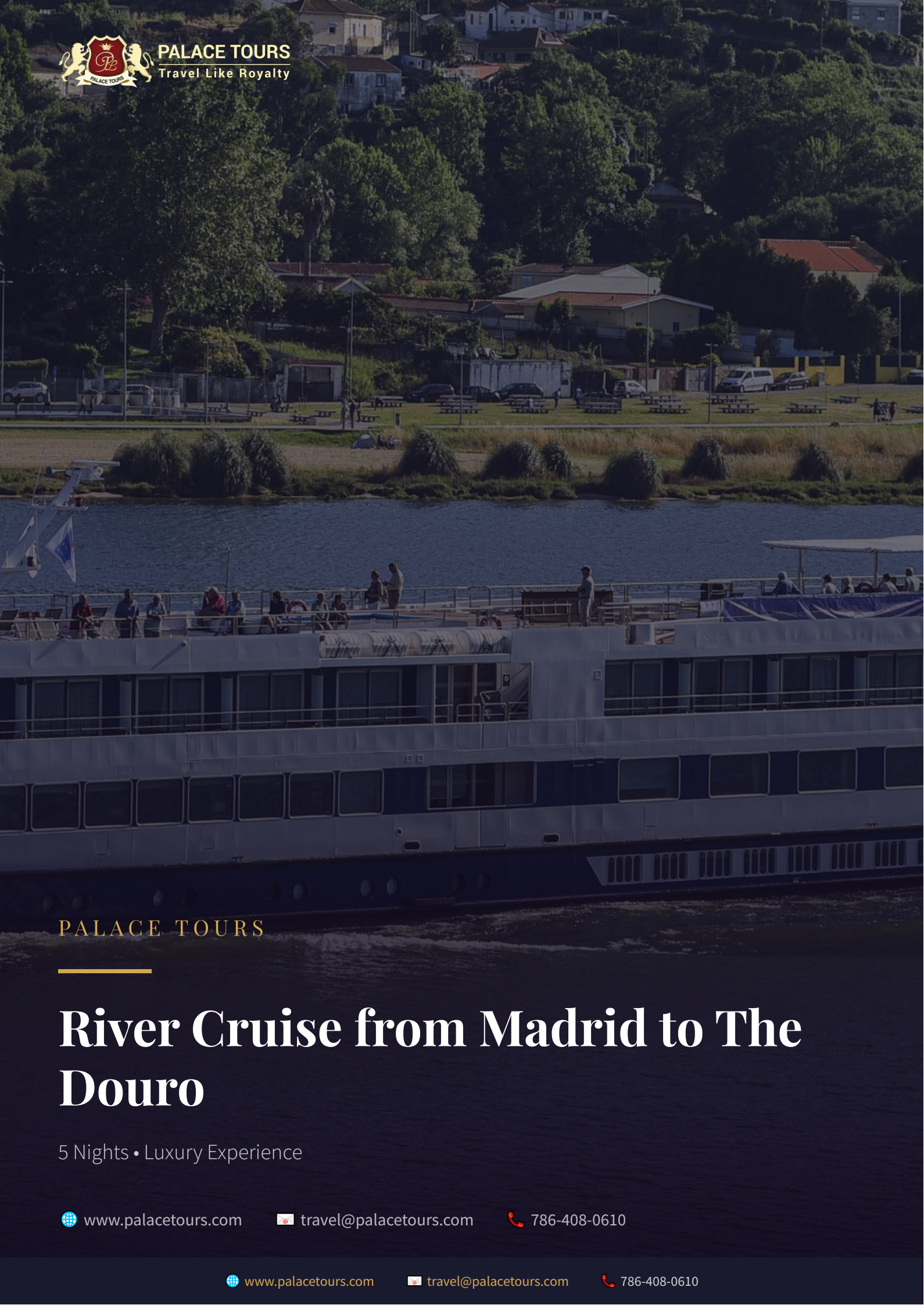




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Overview

The Douro River rises in Spain's Picos de Urbi6n and flows westward into the Atlantic Ocean at Porto, Portugal. Along its journey, it has sculpted the spectacular Douro Valley—a UNESCO World Heritage site. Terraced vineyards and charming traditional estates, known as *quintas*, blanket the steep slopes, creating an enchanting landscape in one of Europe's most unspoiled regions. This valley is also home to the world's oldest demarcated wine region, the birthplace of the renowned Port wine.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

MADRID TO THE DOURO – GOLDEN STONE & SPANISH BORDERS

Embarkation from 16:00 at the Vega de Terrón pier. After arrival formalities, time to relax on board. In the evening, crew introduction and welcome dinner. Overnight stay in the town. Dinner and night on board.

Optional: group transfer from Madrid with a stop in Salamanca for free time and lunch (not included).

DAY 2

MEDIEVAL SECRETS OF BARCA D'ALVA & CASTELO RODRIGO

Full board on board. Morning of navigation. Enjoy the spectacular views offered by the Douro River.

Régua, known as the capital of Douro wine, is an essential destination for those wishing to explore the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The town is set in an impressive natural amphitheater formed by steep slate slopes with terraced vineyards carved into the rock, making it the ideal starting point to discover the oldest demarcated wine region in the world, regulated since 1756. Overnight stay in the town.

Optional: excursion to Casa Mateus and the Douro Museum (subject to minimum group).

DAY 3

PINHÃO PARADISE – HEART OF THE ALTO DOURO WINE REGION

Full board on board. Morning of navigation. After lunch, arrival in Oporto. A true delight for the eyes, the city captivates from the very first moment with its hills, charmingly decaying houses, and magical atmosphere—especially the Ribeira district, from where you can enjoy incredible views and watch boats pass under the Dom Luís I Bridge, an iron construction by a close collaborator of Gustave Eiffel.

Discover the vibrant city of Oporto with its historic center, the Ribeira, and its iconic Port wine cellars. Panoramic tour of Oporto (minimum group 10 pax). Overnight stay in the town.

DAY 4

ROYAL RÉGUA & THE BAROQUE SPLENDOR OF LAMEGO

Full board on board. Morning of navigation. We will arrive in Pinhão early in the afternoon. This town is considered the heart of the Douro Denomination of Origin region, and many of the Port wine estates are located here, some of which offer accommodation as rural tourism.

Also noteworthy is the railway station building, built in the late 19th century, with interiors entirely covered in tile panels. Visit to a traditional Quinta with wine tasting (minimum group 10 pax). Overnight stay in the town. Night on board.

DAY 5

ARRIVAL IN PORTO – BRIDGES, CELLARS & ATLANTIC BREEZE

Full board on board. We will stay in Pinhão until midday. Afternoon of navigation to admire the wonderful views offered by the Douro Valley. In the evening, Captain's dinner.

DAY 6

FAREWELL TO PORTO – MEMORIES OF THE RIVER OF GOLD

Disembarkation after breakfast.

End of our services.

Transfer and other options available for our guests interested in traveling to Santiago de Compostela or Lisbon

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