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# Luxury Douro Cruise: 4-Night Itinerary to Spain Border

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# Overview

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Embark on an exclusive trip through the Douro aboard the Spirit of Chartwell, a luxurious hotel ship internationally recognized for having transported Queen Elizabeth II on the River Thames. Enjoy unique and authentic moments while sailing through the serene waters of the Douro, immersing yourself in the different traditions and regional culture. As leaders in river cruises in Portugal, we guarantee excellent personalized service to the ship's 30 passengers, offering moments of pure relaxation and authentic gastronomic experiences, in addition to stunning landscapes and the rich history of the Douro.

Get ready to explore this unique destination in a truly exclusive and unforgettable way aboard the Spirit of Chartwell. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the luxury, comfort and beauty that come together to offer an incomparable experience when discovering the charm of the Douro.

# Your Itinerary

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## DAY 1

### PORTO

- **Location:** Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)
- **Activities:**
  - **6:00 PM:** Embarkation begins at the Vila Nova de Gaia quay.
  - Ship departs for a short cruise to the Ribeira do Porto area (or remains docked depending on river conditions).
  - Welcome Cocktail served on board.
  - **Dinner:** Served on board.
  - **Overnight:** Docked at Ribeira do Porto or Gaia, offering iconic views of the city lights.

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## DAY 2

### PINHAO / RÉGUA

Your day begins aboard the elegant vessel as it glides upstream towards Régua, the morning sun painting the landscape in golden hues. Savor a sumptuous breakfast against the backdrop of the Douro River's scenic vistas, followed by an exclusive culinary demonstration led by the onboard chef, where the rich aromas of local ingredients dance in the air.

As you arrive in Régua, disembark to explore the opulent Mateus Palace, its Baroque architecture framed by the lush, manicured gardens that whisper tales of history.





#### DAY 3

## BARCA D'ALVA

Awake to the gentle sway of the luxury vessel as it glides through the tranquil waters of the Douro, the morning sun casting a golden hue upon the dramatic landscape. Savor a decadent breakfast on board, the aroma of freshly baked pastries mingling with the crisp air, as you venture toward the Spanish border, each moment steeped in serenity and elegance.

Upon arrival in Barca d'Alva, immerse yourself in the rich history of the medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo, where the flavors of local delicacies—succulent almonds, artisanal cheese, and golden honey—dance upon your palate.

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#### DAY 4

## RÉGUA

As dawn breaks, you embark on a serene return journey downstream towards Régua, savoring a sumptuous breakfast onboard, where the aroma of freshly baked pastries mingles with the gentle sound of the river's flow. The day unfolds with a delightful lunch, exquisitely prepared to showcase the local flavors, setting the stage for your afternoon adventure.

Upon arrival in Régua, you explore the enchanting city of Lamego, renowned for its breathtaking sanctuary, Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, where a majestic baroque staircase of 686 steps invites you to ascend.





DAY 5

## PORTO

Your journey begins with the gentle embrace of the morning sun as you sail from Régua, gliding along the majestic Douro River, the landscape unfolding like a living tapestry of terraced vineyards and quaint villages. Onboard, the air is filled with the enticing aromas of a sumptuous brunch, each bite a celebration of local flavors, perfectly paired with the region's exquisite wines, as the soft sounds of laughter and clinking glasses accompany the serene rhythm of the waves.

As you arrive at the picturesque quay of Vila Nova de Gaia, the golden light dances upon the water, inviting you to disembark and explore this enchanting realm.

# Tips & Travel Guide

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## SERVICES AND AMENITIES

- Sun Deck
- Activities and Entertainment
- WiFi
- Cooking Show with renowned chefs
- Meals on board
- Tours and guided visits highlighted in the program
- Video on Demand
- Meals outside the ship highlighted in the program

# Departure Dates & Rates

| DEPARTURE DATE | CLASS / CABIN       | SINGLE | DOUBLE (PP) |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| Jul 13, 2026   | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |
| Jul 27, 2026   | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |
| Aug 3, 2026    | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |
| Aug 10, 2026   | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |
|                | Royal Suite         | €1,450 | €1,190      |
| Aug 24, 2026   | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |
| Nov 2, 2026    | Standard Twin Cabin | €1,250 | €990        |

Rates shown in Euro (EUR). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.



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# Terms & Conditions

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## Booking Conditions

- **Deposit:** 20% of total price required at booking
- **Final Payment:** Due 30 days before departure
- **Confirmation:** Booking confirmed upon deposit receipt

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing. Charges apply:

- More than 15 days before departure: 75% charge
- Less than 14 days to the departure: 100% charge

## Important Terms

- Travel insurance: not specified
- All cancellation costs are subject to additional charges incurred with transport, hotel accommodation, meals and drinks, contracted services and other non-refundable charges related to the reservation made by the passenger. These additional costs will be charged to the passenger, in addition to the normal cancellation charges.

*Source: Cruzeirois Douro official terms*



# Ready to Book Your Journey?

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