

PALACE TOURS

Charming Douro River Cruise: 7-Night Porto Round-Trip

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

The Charming Douro is an 8-day / 7-night round-trip cruise from Porto aboard the MS Douro Cruiser, the fullest sailing of Portugal's Douro — the world's oldest demarcated wine region and a UNESCO World Heritage site. From Porto the ship sails deep into the terraced wine country, calling at Régua, Pinhão, Pocinho, Barca d'Alva and Vega de Terrón on the Spanish border, with optional excursions to Salamanca and the hilltop village of Castelo Rodrigo. All-inclusive on board, with a panoramic tour of Porto and quinta wine tastings included.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

PORTO

Board the MS Douro Cruiser at Douro Marina from 3:00 PM. After the embarkation formalities, relax on board. In the evening, meet the crew during a welcome presentation, followed by a welcome dinner. The ship remains overnight in the area.

DAY 2

RÉGUA

Enjoy a leisurely morning sailing along the Douro, taking in the breathtaking terraced vineyards of the Douro Valley. Around midday, arrive in Régua, heart of the Douro wine region, where the world's first officially designated wine region was established in 1756.In the afternoon continue to Pinhão, the centre of the Douro wine region and home to many historic quintas. See the beautiful Pinhão railway station, famous for its blue-and-white tile panels. Optional: evening visit to a traditional quinta in Avessada, including dinner.





DAY 3

POCINHO

This morning, arrive in Pocinho, a small village and former terminus of the historic Douro railway line. In the afternoon, reach Vega de Terrón near the Spanish border, where the Águeda River meets the Douro within the spectacular Arribes del Duero Natural Park.Optional: excursion to the historic hilltop village of Castelo Rodrigo.

DAY 4

BARCA D'ALVA



Arrive in Barca d'Alva, on the Portuguese-Spanish border. For over a century this was an important railway link between Porto and Salamanca; today the surrounding Douro International Natural Park is known for its dramatic scenery, where the Douro and Águeda Rivers form the natural border between Portugal and Spain.Optional: full-day excursion to Salamanca, Spain, including lunch — discover the historic centre, lively plazas and prestigious university.



DAY 5

RÉGUA

Enjoy a relaxing morning sailing back through the Douro Valley. Around midday, stop in Pinhão to explore the region's renowned wine culture.Included: visit Quinta do Tedo and the Douro Museum to learn more about the history and traditions of the Douro wine region. In the early afternoon continue to Régua, where the ship remains overnight.

DAY 6

RÉGUA



Depart early from Régua and begin the scenic journey toward Porto, enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the Douro Valley downstream. Arrive at Douro Marina shortly after lunch; the afternoon is free to explore Porto — stroll along the river, visit a port wine cellar, or simply enjoy the atmosphere of this beautiful city.



DAY 7

DOURO MARINA

Spend the morning at Douro Marina, gateway to the Douro and northern Portugal. Later, discover Porto — colourful historic buildings, cobblestone streets and spectacular views of the Douro, especially in the Ribeira district, with the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge.Included: panoramic tour of Porto (minimum 10 participants), taking in the historic centre, the Ribeira district and the city's famous port wine cellars.

DAY 8

PORTO

After breakfast, disembark the ship at Douro Marina. Your Douro River cruise comes to an end.



DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Mar 31, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	**€2,638**	**€1,759**
	Category C – Main Deck	**€2,954**	**€1,969**
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	**€3,988**	**€2,279**
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	**€4,531**	**€2,589**
Apr 28, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	**€2,744**	**€1,829**
	Category C – Main Deck	**€3,058**	**€2,039**
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	**€4,111**	**€2,349**
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	**€4,653**	**€2,659**
May 12, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	**€2,744**	**€1,829**
	Category C – Main Deck	**€3,058**	**€2,039**
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	**€4,111**	**€2,349**
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	**€4,653**	**€2,659**
Jun 9, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	**€2,744**	**€1,829**
	Category C – Main Deck	**€3,058**	**€2,039**
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	**€4,111**	**€2,349**
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Jun 23, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	**€2,744**	**€1,829**
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Aug 18, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	€2,744	€1,829
	Category C – Main Deck	€3,058	€2,039
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	€4,111	€2,349
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Sep 1, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	€2,744	€1,829
	Category C – Main Deck	€3,058	€2,039
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	€4,111	€2,349
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	€4,653	€2,659
Sep 8, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	€2,744	€1,829
	Category C – Main Deck	€3,058	€2,039
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	€4,111	€2,349
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	€4,653	€2,659
Oct 20, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	€2,638	€1,759
	Category C – Main Deck	€2,954	€1,969
	Category B – Upper Deck (Aft) balcony	€3,988	€2,279
	Category A – Upper Deck balcony	€4,531	€2,589
Nov 3, 2027	Category D – Main Deck (Aft)	€2,638	€1,759
	Category C – Main Deck	€2,954	€1,969

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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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COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Charming Douro River Cruise and where does it start and finish?

> The Charming Douro is an 8-day / 7-night round-trip cruise that begins and ends in Porto. You board the MS Douro Cruiser at Douro Marina from 3:00 PM on Day 1 and disembark in Porto after breakfast on the final morning, so there is no one-way transfer to arrange at the end.

Which ports does the Charming Douro cruise visit along the Douro River?

> From Porto the ship sails upriver to Regua and Pinhao, then on to Pocinho, Vega de Terron near the Spanish border and Barca d'Alva, before returning downstream to Porto. It is one of the fullest sailings of the navigable Douro, reaching right to the Portuguese-Spanish frontier.

Why is the Douro Valley such a special place to cruise?

> The Douro Valley is the world's oldest demarcated vineyard region, officially established at Regua in 1756, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The river winds between steep terraced hillsides and historic quintas, and cruising lets you see the terraces from the water rather than from winding mountain roads.

What is the MS Douro Cruiser like?

> The MS Douro Cruiser is a 4-star superior river ship, 78 m long with a beam of 11.4 m, carrying up to 130 passengers. Built in 2005 and refurbished in 2024, she has a panoramic restaurant, a lounge with bar, a sun terrace with loungers, an outdoor pool, a souvenir shop and an elevator.

What cabin categories are available on the Charming Douro cruise?

> There are four categories, all exterior and about 15 square metres:
- Category D - Main Deck (Aft), panorama window (base fare)
- Category C - Main Deck, panorama window
- Category B - Upper Deck (Aft), step-out balcony
- Category A - Upper Deck, step-out balcony

What is the difference between a Main Deck and an Upper Deck cabin on the MS Douro Cruiser?

> Main Deck cabins (Categories C and D) have a large fixed panorama window. Upper Deck cabins (Categories A and B) have a step-out balcony with a table and chairs, so you can sit outside as the terraced valley passes. All cabins have shower/WC, adjustable air-conditioning, hairdryer, safe and TV.

How much does the Charming Douro River Cruise cost?

> Fares are quoted in euros per person sharing a cabin and vary by departure date and cabin category, with Category D as the lead fare. The exact fare for each departure is shown in the departure list on this page, so you can compare dates and categories side by side before booking.

Which meals are included on the Douro cruise?

> Full-board dining runs from dinner on embarkation day to breakfast on disembarkation day: a breakfast buffet, a three-course lunch and a four-course dinner, plus evening snacks in the lounge. There is also a special Welcome Dinner and a Captain's Gala Dinner, with Captain's Welcome and Farewell receptions.

Is there a beverage package included on the Charming Douro cruise?

> Yes. An all-inclusive beverage package is served daily from 9:30 AM to 11:00 PM, covering house beverages by the glass, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea. Specialty coffees, premium beverages and spirits are not part of the package and are charged on board, as is the minibar.

Which excursions are included in the fare?

> The included excursion package, guided in English, covers a panoramic city tour of Porto and a visit with tasting at a traditional Douro quinta. English-speaking guides and a cruise manager accompany the included touring, and the package operates with a minimum of two passengers.

What optional excursions can I add on the Douro cruise?

> An optional package (English, minimum 10 passengers) includes an excursion to the hilltop village of Castelo Rodrigo, a day trip to Salamanca in Spain with lunch, and an evening visit to Quinta da Avessada with dinner. These are booked and paid separately from the cruise fare.

Can I visit Salamanca in Spain on the Charming Douro cruise?

> Yes, as an optional excursion. The ship reaches the Spanish border at Vega de Terron and Barca d'Alva, which for over a century was the rail link between Porto and Salamanca. The Salamanca excursion includes lunch and runs with a minimum of 10 participants.

What is special about Pinhao on this itinerary?

> Pinhao is the heart of the Douro region and home to many historic quintas. Its small railway station is famous for its blue-and-white azulejo tile panels showing scenes of valley life. The optional evening visit to Quinta da Avessada with dinner also takes place on the Pinhao day.

What is not included in the Charming Douro cruise fare?

> Not included are international flights, individual transfers, travel insurance, optional excursions, drinks outside the package, the minibar, gratuities (EUR 100 per person per cruise), a fuel surcharge (EUR 65 per person) and Portuguese VAT of 6%. Your travel specialist will show these clearly on your quote.

What other services are included on board the MS Douro Cruiser?

> The fare includes daily housekeeping, Wi-Fi, daily bottled water, luggage handling on board and a laundry service of up to 6 pieces per person. An English-speaking cruise manager looks after the programme throughout the week.

How much deposit is needed to book the Douro cruise, and when is the balance due?

> A deposit of 25% of the cruise fare secures your cabin. The remaining balance is due 65 days before departure. If you book within 65 days of sailing, full payment is required at the time of booking.

Are there child fares on the Charming Douro cruise?

> Child pricing is set in two bands based on age at departure: from 0 up to 5 years, and from 5 up to 12 years. Children share a cabin with adults, and our travel specialists will confirm the child fare and cabin configuration for your chosen date.

Can I travel solo on the Charming Douro cruise?

> Yes. Single occupancy of a cabin is available at a single fare, which is higher than the per-person sharing rate. Contact us with your preferred date and category and we will confirm the single fare and availability.

When does the Charming Douro cruise sail?

> Departures currently on sale run from 31 March 2027 to 3 November 2027, covering spring blossom, the warm summer months and the autumn harvest season when the terraces turn gold. All available dates are listed on this page.

How do I ask a question or book the Charming Douro River Cruise?

> The departure list on this page is bookable directly. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply.

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