

Lisbon & Secrets of the Douro



Tour Name: Lisbon & Secrets of the Douro

Tour Code: EPDL

Days: 11

Day 1
Wed, 06 Sep

Lisbon

Spread across a rolling landscape that overlooks the Rio Tejo, Lisbon has captivated visitors for centuries. The amazing vistas reveal the city in all its lavish beauty, including Roman ruins, white-domed cathedrals and sun-kissed cafés.

You will be transferred from the airport to your hotel, included is a three-night stay in Lisbon

Day 2
Thu, 07 Sep

Lisbon (B)

Today, you can enjoy an exciting tour of Lisbon's city centre and experience the sight of yellow trams travelling swiftly through tree-lined boulevards.

Enjoy a visit to Jerónimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site and one of the most prominent examples of late Gothic Manueline architecture in Portugal.

Included Excursion

A guided tour of Lisbon

Day 3
Fri, 08 Sep

Lisbon (B)
The cobbled alleyways and ancient ruins of Lisbon are yours to explore at leisure today, perhaps stopping to learn about Lisbon's long and storied history and the Pombaline architecture that took hold following the Great Lisbon Earthquake. Your tour director will be available to help you plan your day.
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Excursion to Sintra (extra expense)

Day 4
Sat, 09 Sep

Lisbon – Porto (B,D)
Today, travel north along the Atlantic coast and stop in the enchanting town of Nazaré, home to some of the largest waves in Europe. When you arrive in Porto, board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner on board.

Day 5
Sun, 10 Sep

Porto – Pinhão (B,L,D)
Relax on board today and enjoy a full day of sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Douro Valley. This fascinating area is celebrated because it builds on two millennia of wine producing history, where viticulture has shaped the surrounding landscape and small, sleepy villages are peppered with dozens of sun-drenched vineyards.
Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and cocktail reception.
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Portuguese cooking demonstration on board

Day 6
Mon, 11 Sep

Pinhão – Vega de Terrón (B,L,D)
Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful Quinta do Tedo vineyard in the heart of Portugal's Douro Valley, nestled on the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers. This 18th-century estate is environmentally sound, creating organic produce by using traditional viticulture methods.
Alternatively, enjoy a guided walk through local vineyards, stopping along the way to admire your surroundings. Or, embark on a kayak excursion along the river, taking in the impressive views from the heart of the Douro Valley.
This afternoon, enjoy sailing to Vega de Terrón, perhaps relaxing on the Sun Deck
EmeraldACTIVE
Kayak experience in Pinhão
EmeraldACTIVE
Guided active walk through the vineyards
Included Excursion
Visit to Quinta do Tedo with tasting

Day 7
Tue, 12 Sep

Vega de Terrón – Salamanca (B,D)
Founded in Roman times, the ancient city of Salamanca and its UNESCO World Heritage-listed old quarter have an illustrious past, having been held by the Carthaginians, Romans and Moors.
Travel to the beautiful golden city for a walking tour, starting with the postcard-worthy galleries and arcades that adorn Plaza Mayor. You'll also have the opportunity to see Casa de las Conchas, a building that has been lovingly decorated with more than 300 shells.
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Tuna music band
Included Excursion
Guided tour of Salamanca
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Castelo Rodrigo tour (extra expense)

Day 8
Wed, 13 Sep

Pocinho – Régua (B,L,D)

This morning, you'll arrive in Pocinho where you'll have the opportunity to visit the Côa Valley Museum. Later, return to your ship for lunch and soak up your idyllic surrounds, enjoying a Port wine cocktail lesson on boards as you sail towards Régua. This evening, a rural dinner at a wine estate is certain to be one of the highlights of your trip.

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Port wine cocktail lesson on board

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Rural dinner at Quinta da Pacheca

Included Excursion

Visit to the Côa Valley Museum

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Archaeological tour by 4x4 at the C?a Valley Museum (extra expense)

Day 9
Thu, 14 Sep

Régua (B,L,D)

Today, on an included excursion, you will visit the marvellous Baroque village of Lamego, stopping to see the picturesque Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, a structure that stands gracefully over the town

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Mosaic tile painting lesson on board

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Walk down the steps of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Lamego

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Visit to Mateus Manor House (extra expense)

Day 10
Fri, 15 Sep

Porto (B,L,D)

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto is a fascinating eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. Famous for its export of Port wines, it's easy to imagine how British merchant ships would have once clustered together in the medieval harbour, waiting to take their produce across the water.

Your included tour of the coastal city will touch on the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo, a building whose pentagonal façades overlook the ocean. This evening, enjoy a charming evening cruise that will shine a different light on Porto's skyline.

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Evening cruise through Porto

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Guided active walk in Porto

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Porto

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Visit to Quinta da Aveleda (extra expense)

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Guided bike tour to the Atlantic (extra expense)

Day 11
Sat, 16 Sep

Porto (B)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests, taking memories of sun-drenched vineyards with you.

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