



Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid

Cruise along the “river of gold” in the heart of one of the world’s oldest and most beautiful wine regions, enjoying timeless traditions. Visit white-painted quinta estates for wine tastings and discover cultural treasures in Lisbon & Madrid, from art and architecture to tapas and fado.

12 DAYS FROM
Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

Pinhão, Portugal

Uniquely Tauck

- Savor the cuisine of renowned Portuguese chef Rui Paula at his celebrated restaurant DOC
- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive private welcome dinner at Lisbon’s Palacio de Queluz, a royal residence
- Take a hike through lush vineyards en route to Pinhão, gateway to *quintas* of the Douro Valley
- Excursion choices include Arouca Geopark to walk the world’s largest pedestrian suspension bridge

DAY 1

Arrive Lisbon

Tour begins: 6:00 PM. A transfer is included from Lisbon International Airport or Lisbon Oriente or Santa Apolonia train stations to your hotel, Intercontinental Lisbon. Join us for a royal welcome dinner at the lovely 18th-century Palácio de Queluz. **Meals D**

DAY 2

Explore Lisbon or visit Sintra & Cascais

You have a choice of sightseeing excursions today. Explore Portugal's capital city on a locally guided tour to view landmarks such as Eduardo VII Park, the Monument to the Discoveries and Jerónimos Monastery. Or, drive to Sintra to visit its National Palace, and continue to the seaside town of Cascais for lunch as you please. Spend the rest of the day exploring Lisbon on your own. **Meals B**

DAY 3

Coimbra / arrive Porto and embark

Drive to Coimbra this morning, Portugal's medieval capital for more than a century. A walking tour along the tiered cobbled lanes of this hilltop city brings you to its esteemed university, founded in 1537, where its caped students evoke images of Harry Potter's Hogwarts School. Learn about student life, past and present, and university traditions still in play today. Continue to Porto, where your ship is docked on the Douro river awaiting your arrival. **Meals BD**

DAY 4

Pleasures of Porto

Culturally rich and historically charming, Porto is a diverse and delightful city, revealing a fascinating portrait of art and architecture, wine and food, and stunning waterfront views. Explore the city by land, river and air on locally guided sightseeing excursions. Or, head out on a tour with a local expert who shares insights about Porto's historic wine trade, with a tasting at a port wine cellar in Gaia. Enjoy dinner and local entertainment onboard. **Meals BLD**

DAY 5

Guimarães, Vinho Verde, or Arouca Geopark

Drive to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Guimarães this morning, the birthplace of Portugal, renowned for its well-preserved medieval buildings and national monuments. Explore the historic heart of the city on a locally guided walking tour before a tasting tour and lunch at a terraced *quinta* (vineyard) in the Vinho Verde region, where they specialize in "green wines" uniquely produced here. Alternatively, drive to Arouca for a very active excursion at Arouca Geopark to hike the largest pedestrian suspension bridge in the world. **Meals BLD**

Voyage at a glance

■ 7 Cruise Days

Lisbon to Madrid

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Lisbon
Intercontinental Lisbon
- 2 Lisbon or Sintra / Cascais
- 3 Coimbra / Embark Porto
- 4 Porto
- 5 Guimarães or Arouca
- 6 Peso da Régua
- 7 Pinhão
- 8 Pocinho
- 9 Barca d'Alva
- 10 Disembark ship
The Westin Palace, Madrid
- 11 Madrid
- 12 Depart Madrid

Map Detail



■ DAY 6

A rendezvous in Peso da Régua

Its historic role in the production of port wine is written on the landscapes you'll see today when you step off the boat in Peso da Régua. Visit a local *quinta* for a guided vineyard walk and cocktail making session to learn how to make port cocktails. Or, join us for an active bicycle ride on the Tamega Eco-Track through Vinho Verde country, a great option for experienced cyclists. Cruise to Folgosa this afternoon where dinner entices with a special culinary experience at DOC ("Degustar Ousar Comunicar," translated to "Taste, Dare, Communicate"), savoring gourmet cuisine by Portuguese chef Rui Paula, with Douro's famous wines. **Meals BLD**

■ DAY 7

Picturesque Pinhão

Enjoy a choice of shore excursions today. Choose a locally guided and active hike through the vineyards from the village of Provesende down to Pinhão or explore Pinhão on an orientation walk, before discovering its treasures on your own. Return to the riverboat for dinner. **Meals BLD**

■ DAY 8

A legacy of wine making

Today you'll cruise through landscapes steeped in 2,000 years of history, enjoying a leisurely day along the Douro river that takes you through the heart of port wine country. Disembark in Pocinho for a choice of excursions that includes a tour, presentation and tasting at a wine estate in a local village. Your included activities in Pocinho rotate between this afternoon and tomorrow morning, with an opportunity to experience them all. Join us for the Chef's Signature dinner onboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

■ DAY 9

Rock art in Côa Valley

20,000 years ago prehistoric man called the nearby Côa Valley home, leaving evidence of their residence – art – on rocks in the Côa Valley. Your visit to the Côa Museum includes an opportunity to learn more about the history of the valley and its ancient sites; return to the riverboat as your cruise takes you from Portugal to Spain. **Meals BLD**

Exploring Madrid

On a two-night stay in the heart of Madrid you'll glean insights when you explore landmark sites with local guides, including the 18th-century Royal Palace of Madrid (official residence of the royal family) and Museo del Prado. Spain's capital city is known for its plazas and grand boulevards, and on a city orientation tour you'll view iconic architecture such as Plaza de Cibeles (right) and Cybele Palace, symbols of the city.

DAY 10

Historic Salamanca & on to Madrid

Disembark the ship this morning and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Salamanca for a guided walking tour of its ancient heart, viewing the "living room of Salamanca," the elegant arcaded Plaza Mayor, its stunning 12th-century Romanesque Cathedral, and its esteemed 800-year-old university, one of the oldest in the world. Enjoy free time for lunch and to explore before continuing to Madrid for a two-night stay. You can sample neighborhood tapas bars right outside your hotel. **Meals B**

DAY 11

Madrid's Royal Palace & the Prado

This morning, visit Madrid's 18th-century Royal Palace. It was home to a succession of Spanish kings, from Charles III to Alfonso XIII, and today is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family in name only. Accompanied by a local guide, your visit to this 2,000+ room jeweled palace, takes you on a journey through history and time-honored splendor as you view rooms and salons overflowing with art treasures and antiques. The palace is gilded, floor to ceiling, with fine fabrics, magnificent mosaics, crystal chandeliers and more. Highlights may include the Reception Room, the State Apartments, and the Throne Room. After free time to explore Madrid as you please, visit Museo del Prado, one of the world's premier art museums with over 4,000 works of art masterpieces – including works by iconic Spanish artists Goya and Velázquez – many of them acquired by kings through the ages. Join us tonight for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

DAY 12

Journey Home

Tour ends: 8:00 AM, Madrid. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Westin Palace, Madrid to Madrid-Barajas Airport, or Atocha or Chamartin train stations. Allow three-and-a-half hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

■ Indicates Cruise Day

2026 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS LISBON MS ANDORINHA

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
TBD					

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2026 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

26 meals (11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$4,146.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Go to tauck.com for Madrid to Lisbon day-by-day details; east and west itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



New discoveries... spend two nights in the heart of Madrid and explore past and present; in Gaia, you'll experience the complex taste of port wine on a visit to a wine cellar; and a reception and dinner at Palacio de Queluz reveals old-world grandeur.



ms Andorinha

Purpose-built by our long-time partner Scylla for cruising to historic quintas and villages along the golden Douro River with Tauck, you'll find that *ms Andorinha* – named for a little swallow that serves as a symbol of home, family, love and loyalty in Portugal – more than lives up to its name. *ms Andorinha* debuted in 2021, offering spacious accommodations for just 84 guests with twelve 300-sq.-ft. Tauck Suites and more 225-sq.-ft. cabins, maximizing the onboard experience in every way. Aboard the riverboat, amenities include a small pool atop the Sun Deck as well as an outdoor bar and restaurant where you'll have a spectacular vantage point for the Douro's lush landscapes (many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites). Experience the Douro aboard a riverboat that is truly inspired by the destination.

Ship Specifications

Built: 2020

Registry: Swiss

Length: 263 ft. / 80 m.

Width: 38 ft. / 11.45 m.

Draft: 5 ft. / 1.5 m.

Maximum Number of guests: 84

No. of Guest Cabins: 42

Crew Members: 36

Number of Decks: 3 plus a Sun Deck

Air Conditioning: Yes
(European standard AC)

Elevator: Yes

Internet: WiFi available, service levels may vary



Dining in the Compass Rose is memorable, and the cuisine often features regional specialties.



The Panorama Lounge is aptly named with its large, expansive windows and comfortable seating.

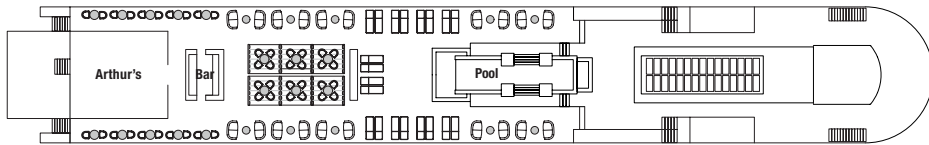


Category 5 cabins (300 sq. ft.) feature a pull-out sleeper sofa, floor to ceiling windows and French balconies.



An infinity-style heated swimming pool on the Sun Deck is the perfect place to unwind.

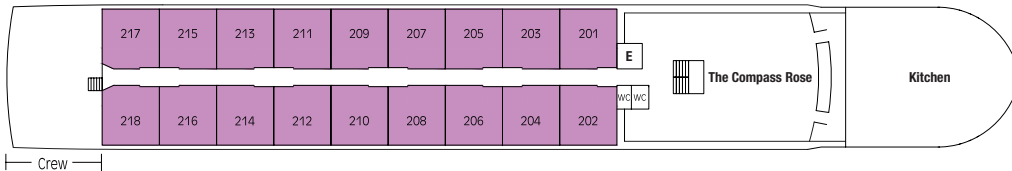
Sun Deck



Diamond Deck



Ruby Deck



Emerald Deck



Deck Plans

- **Category 1**
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 2**
(200 sq. ft.)
- **Category 3**
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 4**
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 5***
(300 sq. ft.)
(three-guest capacity suites with a pull-out sleeping couch)

E = Elevator
R = Reception Desk
T = Tack Desk