



RIVER CRUISE

## DOURO DELIGHTS WITH LISBON AND MADRID

2025

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14 days / 13 nights River Cruise



Lisbon to Madrid

### ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



### LISBON TO MADRID

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DAY 1

#### Arrive Lisbon

Olá and welcome to Portugal. Once you've arrived in Lisbon, you'll be taken to your hotel to settle in. Our welcome reception this evening is the perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers.



**Stay:** Three Nights, Lisbon, Four Seasons Hotel Ritz

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#### DAY 2

### Lisbon

Set off to see the sites of Lisbon by riding the city's iconic tramcars and visiting the Old Town. Pay a visit to the World Heritage-listed Jerónimos Monastery, a symbol of Portugal's power and wealth during the Age of Discovery. Built in 1502 by King Manuel I, the monastery commemorates Vasco da Gama's voyage to India. Tonight, join your fellow travellers to share a special dinner.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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#### DAY 3

### Lisbon, Sintra

As soon as you get your first glimpse of Serra de Sintra, prepare to gasp. Mountains roll from each direction and every peak is as memorable as the last. Visit King Ferdinand II's ingenious Park and National Palace of Pena before enjoying free time to explore Sintra. Take the chance to have lunch at your leisure, then soak up the sea breeze as you return to Lisbon via the coastal route. Since it's your final night here, you might like to try one of the local restaurants for dinner.

**Daily:** • Breakfast

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#### DAY 4

### Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto, Embark Ship

Travel through Portugal's countryside, then discover the medieval city of Coimbra, home to the country's oldest and most famous university. Board your river ship and settle in with a welcome dinner. As you embark on an illuminations cruise around Porto, your river ship has the best vantage point to take in the city's iconic sights.

**Stay:** Seven Nights, MS Estrela

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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#### DAY 5



## Porto

The choice is yours when it comes to the sightseeing activities on offer today. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a Signature Experience tonight.

### **Freedom of Choice — Porto Exploration**

Explore Porto's 16th-century Old Town and take a scenic cable car ride, savouring panoramic views of the city below. Then, indulge in a tasting of the city's famous port wines and sample the rich flavours of the region.

### **Freedom of Choice — Cooking Demonstration**

Porto is famous for its delectable cuisine, and you can discover its culinary heart with a visit to a traditional restaurant for a cooking demonstration.

### **Freedom of Choice — Active Walking Tour of Porto**

Set out on an active walking tour of Porto through the medieval streets and the old harbour quarter of Ribeira. Stroll through cobbled streets and discover neighbourhoods of colourful 18th-century houses and quaint eateries.

### **Signature Experience — Palácio da Bolsa**

Head to the Palácio da Bolsa for a guided tour, followed by a cocktail reception and traditional fado performance in the Arabian Hall.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Signature Experience:

These all-inclusive, once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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## DAY 6

### **Porto, Entre-os-Rios**

Set sail this morning through the Douro Valley on your way to Entre-os-Rios. On arrival, choose your sightseeing activity.

### **Freedom of Choice – Guimarães Tour**

Explore the historic city of Guimarães with a tour of its well-preserved buildings and attractions. Admire the medieval architecture in the city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



### Freedom of Choice – Winery Tour and Tasting

Visit Quinta da Aveleda, a family business that has been producing wine in the Vinho Verde wine region since the 1870s. Explore the gardens and round off the day with a sampling of wine and cheese.

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#### DAY 7

### Régua

Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising to Régua. Once you've arrived, visit the Douro Museum, which provides an incredible insight into the culture of the Douro Valley wine region.

### Signature Experience – Lunch at Quinta da Pacheca

Visit Quinta da Pacheca for a traditional lunch and tasting with views over the Douro River and Régua. Situated in the village of Cambres in the Lamego municipality, the prestigious estate dates back to the 16th century and features 75 hectares of vineyards.

Signature Experience:

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#### DAY 8

### Régua, Pinhão

After enjoying the sightseeing experience of your choice, relax on board your ship as you cruise to Pinhão.

### Freedom of Choice – Lamego Tour

Set among hills adorned with vineyards in the Alto Douro region, Lamego is a charming city. On a guided tour, visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies and sample a local specialty, Bola de Lamego.

### Freedom of Choice – Visit Palácio de Mateus

Embark on a trip to Palácio de Mateus, located near the city of Vila Real. Portuguese architect Nicolau Nasoni played a pivotal role in the palace's construction in the 18th century. The palace is also well known for being featured on the bottle labels of Mateus Rosé wine.



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DAY 9

## Pinhão

Visit Pinhão Railway Station, known as one of the most beautiful railway stations in Portugal. Built in the 19th century, its tiled walls depict the production of port. Venture to a local quinta, then be treated to a captain's farewell dinner in the evening.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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DAY 10

## Barca d'Alva, Vega de Terron

On a tour of the town of Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, you'll stop to visit the castle ruins. Return to the ship, where you'll savour a delectable dinner. During your final night on board, your thoughts drift ahead to Spain as you cruise to your next exciting destination.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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DAY 11

## Vega de Terron, Disembark Ship, Salamanca, Madrid

Disembark your ship and say goodbye to life on board. Travel to the ancient city of Salamanca for a 🏰 tour. You'll see the University of Salamanca and the House of Shells before continuing to your hotel in Madrid. Tonight is yours to spend as you please.

**Stay:** Three Nights, Madrid, Petsana Plaza Mayor

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch

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DAY 12

## Madrid



Today, you'll enjoy the chance to tour Spain's vibrant capital, including visits to the Royal Palace and Plaza Mayor. This evening, savour a farewell dinner.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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DAY 13

## Madrid

Choose how you want to spend your time in Madrid today.

### Freedom of Choice – Madrid Food Tour

Learn all about the traditional sights, smells and flavours of delectable Spanish cuisine on a culinary tour of the capital's best food spots.

### Freedom of Choice – Museo del Prado

Admire beautiful displays of art at the  
Museo del Prado

. Relish the museum's collection of artwork from iconic Italian and Flemish artists, such as Velázquez, Goya, Raphael, Rubens and Bosch.

### Freedom of Choice – Santiago Bernabéu Stadium

If you're a sports fan, you're sure to enjoy a visit to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the second largest stadium in Spain and home to the Real Madrid Football Club.

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**Daily:** • Breakfast

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DAY 14

## Depart Madrid

It's time to say goodbye to Spain as you are transferred from your hotel to the airport.

**Daily:** • Breakfast

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