



Come join the Clear Lake Area Ski Club

Portugal and Douro River Cruise

TSC Fall Expedition Sept 25 – Oct 5, 2019

Estimated Ground Package \$4,785 # *



11 day package includes:

- 2 nights, 1 day in Lisbon
- Day trip to Fátima and Coimbra then on to Porto
- 6 days/7 nights Roundtrip cruise from Porto on MS Emerald Radiance, cabin on Vista deck (type B)
- Cruise goes to Porto, Pinhão, Salamanca, Pocinho, Régua, Lamego and back to Porto
- All daily excursions
- 23 meals (9 B, 6 L, 8 D) including one at a vineyard
- House beer and wine for meals on the ship
- All ground transfers (if you book air with tour operator)
- Most tips/gratuities



FREE AIR if you sign up and pay a \$425 non-refundable deposit before Sept 28, 2018. If you sign up between Sept 29, 2018 – mid May 2019, then air is \$675.

Payment Schedule

	Ground/Free Air	Ground+Air
Sept mtg	\$ 825	\$ 825
Jan mtg	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400
Feb mtg	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400
Mar mtg	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400
Apr WW	\$ 360	\$ 435

Come see (and taste 😊) where Port wine is made.



White

Tawny

Ruby

A small number of cabin upgrades are available at extra cost, as well as cheaper cabins on the bottom deck, contact trip leaders for details. Single supplement in Vista B \$3,379.

Make checks payable to CLASC, mail to CLASC at P.O Box 58623, Houston TX 77258

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*Prices are estimates for CLASC members only, based on double occupancy, do not include baggage fees or insurance, and are subject to change.

Itinerary

DAY 1 – Depart the USA

DAY 2 – Lisbon, Portugal

Upon arrival, you will be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Lisbon. This evening, join your fellow travelers for an included dinner. Meal: D

DAY 3 – Discover Lisbon

After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. See Jerónimos Monastery, ‘Monument to the Discoveries,’ and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a free afternoon in Lisbon. Meal: B

DAY 4 – Fátima / Coimbra

Bus to the ship in Porto. Along the way visit Fátima, home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. Continue to Coimbra and its famous university before arriving in Porto to embark the MS Emerald Radiance, your home for the next seven nights. Meals: B, D

DAY 5 – Porto / Pinhão

Sail through the twists and turns of the Douro Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area is populated by quaint villages and typical communities with vineyards and small farms. This afternoon, the ship arrives in the village of Pinhão, perfectly situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hills that produce some of the world’s best Port wine. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6 – Pinhão / Vega de Terron

Visit a beautiful quinta vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro. Learn about wine production and its importance to the culture and economy. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terron, gateway to Spain. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7 – Salamanca, Spain

Today’s excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university, the 12th century Romanesque church of San Martin and the house of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. You’ll have free time to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8 – Pocinho

Arrive in Pocinho for a morning excursion to the Coa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction of a nearby dam. Return to the ship for lunch and relax on deck as the ship sails through idyllic surroundings on the way to Régua. This evening, enjoy an off-ship dinner at a traditional vineyard estate. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9 – Régua

After arriving in Régua, journey to the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies -one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. See the Sanctuary perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686 step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white ‘azulejos’ tiles. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10 – Porto

Having traversed the Douro River, the ship returns to Porto – a city with an eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. An included tour highlights the sights from historic landmarks to the scenic beauty. And it wouldn’t be complete without a visit to a wine cave for a tour and tasting of Port wine. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11 – Porto / USA

This morning, disembark the MS Emerald Radiance and bid a fond farewell to Portugal, filled with memories of this remarkable cruise along the ‘river of gold.’ Meal: B

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