CROISIEUROPE DOURO RIVER CRUISE
ONBOARD MS FERANO DE MAGALHAES

ADD A CROISI DOURO CRUISE TO YOUR PORTUGAL VACATION!

Discover the Douro Valley in northern Portugal, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Extending from the city of Porto to the eastern border, this is where Port wine production abounds and the stunning landscapes, sculpted by the Douro, are highlights not to be missed. Marvel at the breathtaking scenery on a seven-night cruise onboard CroisiEurope’s MS Ferano de Magalhaes. Cruise from Porto, Portugal to the Douro Valley and Salamanca, Spain. Discover Porto, a city between vineyards and the ocean, Braga, known as the "Rome of Portugal", Vila Real and the Gardens of Solar de Mateus, Salamanca and its architectural treasures, the Porto wine trails as well as Lamego, an episcopal city. Package also includes two nights at Hotel Mundial in Lisbon and transfer to Porto.

HIGHLIGHTS: Porto, a city between vineyards and ocean Braga, the "Rome of Portugal" Vila Real and the gardens of Solar de Mateus Salamanca, a dazzling beauty. The Porto wine trail and Lamego, an episcopal city.

FACILITIES: lounge-bar with a dance floor | bar | dining room | large sundeck with deckchairs | gift shop | lift | wifi on board | central heating | 220V electricity | air-conditioning | radar | radiophone

INCLUDES:

- two nights accommodation at Hotel Mundial in Lisbon with breakfast and seven nights CroisiEurope Douro cruise onboard MS Ferano de Magalhaes
- transfer from Lisbon to Porto on day 3 and transfer from Porto at the end of the cruise on day 10 to Porto airport or train station
- unlimited complimentary onboard beverages, including beer, fine wine, spirits, mineral bottled water, soft drinks specialty coffees and tea. All meals onboard the cruise with superb French cuisine
- Farewell Gala dinner
- complimentary Samsung Galaxy Tablet for guests’ use
- shore excursions with wireless audio system
- Captain welcome cocktail reception
- entertainment: on board professional entertainment & crew team show
- all port fees and prepaid gratuities

$2,695* p.p.
9 nights
Departs Porto
March 29, 2017

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*Price is in CDN$ per person, double occupancy, based on lower deck stateroom. Additional: Upgrade to middle deck stateroom $265. Upgrade to upper deck stateroom $320. Single Supplement $1,090. Subject to availability.
Day 1 | March 29, 2017 | LISBON
Today your entire day is at leisure in Lisbon to explore this fascinating city.


Day 2 | March 30, 2017 | LISBON (B)
Free day.

Day 3 | March 31, 2017 | LISBON — PORTO (B, D)
Check out of your hotel and transfer to Porto to board your cruise. Welcome on board from 5 p.m. Settle into your cabin and enjoy a presentation from the crew followed by a welcome cocktail served in the lounge and dinner on board. In the evening, enjoy an excursion by coach to explore Porto by night.

Day 4 | April 1, 2017 | PORTO (B, L, D)
After a buffet breakfast on board, we will set off to explore Porto on an optional guided tour. One of the oldest cities in Europe, whose historic centre is classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO: unspoilt old quarters, a maze of winding narrow streets, arcaded houses, superb churches… But above all, Porto is famous for its Port wine. Among the wine properties that extend as far as the eye can see along the Douro in Vila Nova de Gaia, you will visit a famous cellar where this exceptional wine slowly ages in the greatest secrecy. Tasting of the “precious nectar”. Back on board for lunch, followed by a free afternoon to discover Porto at your own pace, or ask to be transferred downtown by rabello. Return on board for dinner and a fado evening.

Day 5 | April 2, 2017 | PORTO — REGUA (B, L, D)
Buffet breakfast on board. Enjoy an excursion to Braga, nicknamed the “Rome of Portugal” because of its religious architecture of very high quality. In the meantime, the boat will move to Leverinho. We will board there and have lunch. We will then enjoy the fabulous landscapes while we cruise to Regua. We will go through the lock in Carrapatelo, the highest in Europe at 36 m. Arrival in Regua around 8 p.m. Dinner on board followed by a dinner-dance or enjoy a free stroll through Regua by night.
Day 6 | April 3, 2017 | REGUA — VEGA DE TERON (B, L, D)
After breakfast on board, depart for the excursion to Vila Réal, a town in which the religious architecture is very varied. A little further down, you will get the chance to take a beautiful walk in the gardens of Solar de Mateus. During this time, the ship will sail to Pinhao where you will embark and enjoy lunch onboard. You will then continue sailing into the heart of the vineyards of Porto, past magnificent hillsides covered in trellised vines planted in terraces up to 700 m plunging majestically down towards the river. You will go through the locks in Valeira and Pocinho to reach Vega de Teron during the evening. Dinner followed by a flamenco evening on board.

Day 7 | April 4, 2017 | BARCA D'ALVA (B, L, D)
Buffet breakfast on board. Depart for the excursion to Salamanca, awarded World Heritage status by UNESCO. This town of dazzling beauty houses some extraordinary Romanesque, Arab and Christian architectural treasures. Lunch in Salamanca. Back to the boat in Barca d’Alva. Dinner and evening entertainment on board.

Day 8 | April 5, 2017 | BARCA D'ALVA — FERRADOSA — PINHAO (B, L, D)
Buffet breakfast on board. Depart early in the morning and sail through the locks in Pocinho and Valeira. Lunch onboard. Stop in Ferradosa around 2 p.m. for the “wines of Porto” excursion. You will follow the road through the vineyards and stop at a belvedere in the heart of the vines. You will then take part in a tasting of the wines of Porto in a quinta. Back on board in Pinhao around 6 p.m. You will also be able to explore the old station in Pinhao at your own pace, with its splendid “azulejos” (typical Portuguese tiles). Dinner and gala evening on board.

Day 9 | April 6, 2017 | PINHAO — PORTO (B, L, D)
Buffet breakfast on board. Depart from Pinhao by coach for the guided tour of Lamego. You will discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios sanctuary and the cathedral. Back on board in Regua. Lunch onboard the cruise. An afternoon’s sailing, passing through a number of large locks. Arrival in Porto at the end of the evening. Dinner and traditional evening on board.

Day 10 | April 7, 2017 | PORTO (B)
Buffet breakfast on board, and disembark.

END OF SERVICES.
RESPONSIBILITY

Merit Travel Group Inc. doing business as Merit Travel, acts solely as agents for the Travel Service Suppliers such as hoteliers, airlines, ground service operators, bus operators, etc. who are providing their facilities as described in this brochure. We do our best to select such suppliers but exercise no control over them and cannot be held responsible for the failure of these suppliers to carry out any obligations. Any and all bookings made with these suppliers by us, for you, are subject to the terms and conditions of each and every such supplier. Supplier liability may also be limited by law, tariffs, or conditions set forth in their documentation, tickets, etc. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merit and its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents and other representatives are not responsible for any and all claims for losses, damages (whether direct, indirect, special, punitive, or other consequential damages, lost profits or opportunities) delays, illness, injuries, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, or anxiety (whether based in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, and even if Merit and the Travel Service Suppliers have been advised of the possibility of damages to such party or any other party) arising from:

(a) Fault or negligence or omissions on the part of the said travel service suppliers;
(b) Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;
(c) Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations
(d) Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
(e) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
(f) Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
(g) Personal injuries or death;
(h) Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

LIABILITY

Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit’s responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times. Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited.

There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services. Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

(A) 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
(B) 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
(C) 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a $50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller’s return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger’s responsibility to obtain at the passenger’s expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.