

CRUISE & TOUR: DISCOVER PORTUGAL & SPAIN

20 Days | *Madrid to Porto*



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2 Countries



UNESCO

Embrace the passion and culture of Spain & Portugal on this immersive journey by all-inclusive river cruise and small group land tour.

From the awe-inspiring collections of Madrid's Prado Museum to the beautiful National Palace of Queluz in Portugal, your land tour of Iberia will leave its mark. Savor the region's culinary delights with curated experiences, from Michelin-starred dining and market tastings to a hands-on cooking class, blending tradition with modern flair. In Granada, explore the Alhambra Palace's water gardens with a local expert. Wander through Seville's whitewashed alleys, then enjoy a private flamenco performance in an 18th-century mansion. When your journey by land concludes, it's time to board your cruise of the Douro River Valley. Sail past the steeply terraced hillsides, quaint villages, and acres of ripe vineyards that make up the UNESCO-designated landscape, heading ashore to visit charming quintas and meet the winemakers who operate them.

This day-to-day schedule is subject to change. Your official Schedule at a Glance will be delivered with your cruise e-documents 21-30 days prior to embarkation.

ITINERARY & EXCURSIONS

DAY 1 MADRID

Arrive at Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to the Gran Melia Felix.

Tonight, toast the start of your journey with your fellow guests at our Welcome Dinner.

Note: For Arrival, Departure and Transfer details, please visit [Uniworld.com/transfers](https://uniworld.com/transfers). For Port Location details, please visit [Uniworld.com/ports](https://uniworld.com/ports).

DAY 2 MADRID

The riches of Madrid are yours to uncover, beginning with a stroll among the city's historic sites with your Local Expert. Personalize your day by joining an art historian at the Prado Museum or choosing to join a walking tour of the old town.

Included excursions designed to enhance your journey

Madrid Sightseeing Tour

Explore the iconic sites of Madrid with a Local Expert. Admire the statue of Madrid's own author Cervantes watching over the plaza before viewing the Cibeles Fountain.

Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Prado Museum

The Prado Museum houses the world's richest and most comprehensive collection of Spanish paintings by artists such as Bosch, Titian, and El Greco.

Old Madrid Walking Tour

With your Travel Concierge by your side to point out all the most fascinating sites, wander the maze-like streets of historic Madrid to admire centuries of mingling architectural styles.

DAY 3 MADRID, BARCELONA

Barcelona's captivating architecture is yours to discover. Pay a visit to Gaudí's imaginative Sagrada Família, where mosaic spires pierce the sky like a giant crown and serve as symbol of Barcelona. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

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Barcelona City Tour with Sagrada Familia

With a Local Expert, embark on a stroll through the whimsical streets of Barcelona. You'll arrive at the amazing Sagrada Família. Once inside, look up at the detailed wonders of his famous architectural masterpiece.

DAY 4 BARCELONA

Stroll through the colorful mosaics and playful designs of Park Güell with a Local Expert, uncovering Gaudí's unique vision. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore more of Barcelona at your own pace.

Included excursions designed to enhance your journey

Barcelona Park Güell Visit

Uncover more of Barcelona's whimsical sites on a stroll through Park Güell on Carmel Hill with a Local Expert. Walk along its leafy paths, down the dramatic Dragon Stairway, and through Gaudí's Greek Theater designed for open-air shows.

DAY 5 BARCELONA, VALENCIA

Follow the golden Costa Dorada through olive and orange groves along the Mediterranean coast. Stop for lunch to savor a creative Mediterranean menu made from fresh seasonal produce at Vicent Guimera's Michelin-starred L'Antic Molí before arriving in Valencia. Explore this vibrant city, rich in history, with your Travel Concierge.

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Valencia Orientation

See the ultra-modern Center of Arts and Sciences and the huge gates of the old town, Torres de Serranos and Torres de Quart.

Michelin-Starred Lunch at L'Antic Moli

Indulge at the Michelin-starred L'Antic Moli. Savor a lunch that embraces contemporary, gourmet cuisine and follows the rhythms of the seasons from locally sourced ingredients. Vicent Guimerà was awarded a Michelin Green Star for his commitment to zero-mile ingredients and sustainability.

DAY 6 VALENCIA, GRANADA

Travel to colorful Granada to live the good life. Join a Local Expert to experience the exquisite Alhambra Palace, a sprawling arabesque complex built by the Moors in the 13th century. Later, check into your own decadent stay—a renovated 19th-century palace centrally located in Granada.

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Alhambra Palace Visit

First admire the hilltop fortress that has watched over Granada before stepping inside its elegant grounds. As you stroll through the ornate buildings decorated with intricate Islamic designs and tilework, exotic gardens, tranquil pools, and statue- and fountain-filled patios, imagine the royal life of the Kings of Granada.

DAY 7 GRANADA, CÓRDOBA, SEVILLE

Step back in time at Córdoba's Old Roman Bridge and great Mosque-Cathedral, strolling beneath delicate arches and pillars. Exquisite structures continue at the magnificent Mezquita, one of the greatest works of Islamic architecture. After arriving in Seville, dine at an elegant restaurant in town.

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See the Roman Bridge in Córdoba

See the 2,000-year-old Roman Bridge with your Local Expert and you'll have time to spend exploring the labyrinthine old Jewish Quarter.

Córdoba Mezquita Visit

Explore the amazing Mezquita, walking through its forest of horseshoe-shaped arches and pillars to the Christian cathedral within, led by your Local Expert.

DAY 8 SEVILLE

Discover the rich Andalusian culture of Seville, from its orange-scented streets to lively plazas. Personalize your day by visiting the Fine Arts Museum to admire treasured masterpieces or choosing to explore the magnificent Seville Cathedral. Later, embrace the spirit of flamenco on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a private dance lesson at the Cristina Heeren Foundation.

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Discover Flamenco at the Cristina Heeren Foundation

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences

Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a TreadRight Foundation grant recipient dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco. Meet the students, learn a few traditional steps, then witness their passion come to life in an intimate, emotive performance that celebrates Spain's rich cultural heritage.

This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports Global Goal 4: Quality Education.

Our [MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences](#) support sustainable tourism, offering our guests opportunities to directly impact the communities we explore in a positive way.

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Seville Cathedral Visit

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Marvel at the intricate details with a Local Expert and see the tomb of Columbus.

Seville Fine Arts Museum Visit

Visit the Fine Arts Museum exhibiting masterpieces of Sevillian Baroque and Spanish artists such as Murillo or Velázquez.

DAY 9 SEVILLE

After enjoying a relaxed start to your morning, immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and scents of Andalusia with a morning market visit to Mercado de Abastos, where your cooking experience awaits. Learn the secrets to Spain's popular dishes and dine on your creations.

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Seville Cooking Class with Lunch

Discover the varied flavors of Andalusia during a market tour and Spanish cooking experience. Learn the culinary secrets to some of Spain's most popular dishes and enjoy your own creations for lunch.

DAY 10 SEVILLE, ÉVORA

Greet Portugal in the charming hilltop town of Serpa. Over lunch, you're treated to a stirring performance of Cante Alentejano. With a song in your heart, continue to Évora and check into your elegant hotel.

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Serpa Lunch with Private Singing Performance

 MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences

Enjoy lunch accompanied by a private singing performance of Cante Alentejano. This traditional polyphonic singing style has been recognized as intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports Global Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.

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DAY 11 ÉVORA, LISBON

Discover the charming, historic town of Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Bask in Évora's flavors at Herdade da Calada winery where you'll explore the estate, learn about their winemaking process, and have the privilege to sip on a selection of their tantalizing local wines. Later, enjoy a delicious dinner of Portuguese specialties.

Included excursions designed to enhance your journey

Évora Wine Tasting

Explore a local winery to learn about their processes and enjoy a delicious tasting of wines that are well-known to the Portuguese but largely undiscovered further afield.

Évora City Tour

Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert. Discover the fascinating Chapel of Bones constructed by Franciscan monks in 16th century.

DAY 12 LISBON

Begin your day at Lisbon's Monument to the Discoveries and the waterfront Belém Tower, two enduring symbols of Portugal's Age of Exploration. Visit the National Coach Museum to admire one of the world's finest collections of ceremonial carriages, before marveling at the intricate design of the Queluz Palace. This evening, dine in style at Cervejaria Liberdade.

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Visit to the National Palace of Queluz

Enjoy entry to the National Palace of Queluz, which served as the official royal residence during the 18th century. Marvel at the Baroque palace's intricate architectural details as you discover the rich history of kings and queens past.

Visit Lisbon's Coach Museum

Step into a world of regal splendor at the Lisbon Coach Museum, home to one of the most extraordinary collections of royal carriages in the world. Marvel at exquisitely preserved horse-drawn vehicles, each a masterpiece of artistry, power, and prestige. Set within a striking modern building, this unrivaled collection offers a fascinating glimpse into the grandeur of Portugal's aristocratic past.

Lisbon Belém Quarter Visit

With your Local Expert, visit the Belém Quarter, see the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower.

DAY 13 LISBON, PORTO (EMBARK)

Transfer to Porto, where your Floating Boutique Hotel™ awaits. As you settle into your new home for the week, we'll begin our cruise of the spectacular Douro River Valley.



DAY 14 PORTO, ENTRE-OS-RIOS

Portugal's second city (after Lisbon), Porto gave its name to the nation's most famous export, Port wine, and to the nation itself. Today, choose to explore Portugal on foot or by panoramic drive. *In the evening, a special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.*



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Porto Panoramic Tour

Of course it is the longtime hub of the Port wine trade, but Porto is also much more. Take in the UNESCO-designated, 19th-century Stock Exchange Palace, seeing its famous Moorish Revival-style Arab Room, during your panoramic tour. Get a feel for this vibrant town, which is simultaneously profoundly urban and moodily romantic. Colorful multistory townhouses sheathe the hills that climb precipitously from the Douro estuary, medieval alleys snake through UNESCO-designated neighborhoods enclosed by 14th-century walls—which were erected on Roman foundations—and baroque church towers crown the hilltops. The river itself cuts through the city on its way to the ocean, marked by a series of iconic bridges along the way. It meets its final destination at Foz do Douro, a district whose name translates to "Mouth of the Douro." Our tour will take us all the way here, where you can admire the *passeio alegre* with its promenade inspired by French architecture, see the Castelo do Queijo that juts out over the Atlantic, and drive down Boavista Avenue.

Do as the Locals Do: Porto Walking Tour

Depart by coach for Mosteiro da Serra do Pilar, where we will begin our long walk around town. Cross the upper level of the Ponte Dom Luis, Porto's eye-catching bridge, and arrive at the Cathedral "Sé." From there, we'll walk to the São Bento Station to see its famous *azulejos* murals, which portray the city's rich history. After that, head up the hill to Santa Catarina Street, a bustling shopping region full of beautiful cafes, shops, and historical landmarks. To fuel our jaunt around Porto, we'll stop at the Bolhão Market for a taste of an important local treat and one of the city's biggest industries: canned fish. Finally, we'll make our way to the Clérigos Quarter on the way back to the ship through Ribeira.

DAY 15 ENTRE-OS-RIOS, RÉGUA

Get a crash course on the history of Port during your visit to the Douro Museum. Later, discover the wonders of a special town right in the gateway of the Douro Valley, Lamego. This evening, enjoy a Night Out with dinner at a local quinta.



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Douro Museum

The Douro Valley is the oldest demarcated wine-growing district in Europe. Why? What makes Port the wine it is? Learn about the region's unique geology and winemaking history—Romans planted vines in this region 2,000 years ago—at the Douro Museum. Exhibits laid out in buildings that were once home to Port winemaker Real Companhia Velha let you see how the process of making Port evolved over the centuries: You'll find the tools of the trade and even a rabelo (a boat that carried wine from the vineyards to Porto) on display. An interactive map shows where the *quintas* are and how the region developed; and by sniffing vials of concentrated fragrance, you can learn to identify the many aromas that a good Port exhibits. It's fun and informative—plus you can sample some regional Douro wine.

Lamego Walking Tour with Tasting

Lamego is known for a beautiful sanctuary dedicated to our Lady of "Remédios," planted on top of one of the city hills and reachable by a gorgeous staircase with 686 steps. During this experience, you'll discover the importance of Lamego's heritage to the valley. This is a very important area for the production of delicious sparkling wines and cold cuts, which you'll be able to taste in the cozy and regionally typical atmosphere of a place called *Presunteca*, or the "Ham Library".

Nights Out: Dinner at a Local Quinta

Travel up winding roads with spectacular views—and breath-stealing drop-offs—for a traditional dinner bursting with regional flavors. Your hosts: the owners of a local *quinta*, a Portuguese analogue for the French "chateau" or English "estate."

DAY 16 POCINHO, VEGA DE TERRÓN

Go medieval today at Castelo Rodrigo, both the name of a hilltop castle as well as the village that surrounds it. The view from the top is incredible and the village is a charming place to ramble, relax and replenish. Alternatively, lace up your hiking boots and unleash your inner Indiana Jones with an up-close gander at some prehistoric carvings at an archaeological park.



Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Castelo Rodrigo

Ride through wonderfully scenic countryside—the region is noted for its honey, which derives its flavor from the fields of wild lavender and the almond groves you'll pass—to Castelo Rodrigo, the name of both a castle and the village it shelters. The castle ruins stand high atop Marofa Mountain, telling the tale of border strife and Portugal's struggle for independence in a single structure. Construction on the citadel began in 1209 under the auspices of the king of Leon, but

it became part of Portugal within a century—though its local lords sided with Spanish rulers from time to time over the next four centuries. That’s why the palace adjoining the castle lies in ruins: Outraged citizens destroyed it after its lord sided with Castile. Take in the amazing view from the ancient stone walls, then step down through the tiny cobbled lanes of the village, passing the old pillory, the Manueline church, and the town’s market square. It’s not all history, of course. You’ll also get to sample delicious local treats, such as honey, almonds, olive oil and cheeses, and a newly restored tea-house invites you to relax over a cup of tea or a cool drink.

Archaeological Park of the Côa Valley

Ready for an expedition worthy of Indiana Jones? Today’s your chance. In the 1990s, scouting for a proposed dam project on the Côa River revealed an astonishing collection of prehistoric carvings, among them horses, deer and aurochs that span eons. The oldest images etched into the schist walls around the river date to approximately 22,000 to 20,000 BC, with younger carvings ranging from the Epipaleolithic, Neolithic and Bronze ages to the 17th century—images that represent human interaction with the natural world for more than 30,000 years. Learn about this amazing area and see the original rock art for yourself when you visit the Côa Valley with your knowledgeable guide. It will be an illuminating adventure. Note: Exploring these sites will require sturdy hiking footwear and considerable physical fitness: You’ll take a four-wheel drive down dirt roads and hike into rocky and hard-to-access locations.

DAY 17 VEGA DE TERRÓN (SALAMANCA), BARCA D’ALVA

Today, you can visit the historic university town of Salamanca—the “Golden City”—famous for its sand-colored buildings and abundance of churches. Feel the centuries fall away as your ship winds its way through the pristine, dramatic UNESCO-protected landscapes of the Douro River Valley.



Included excursions designed to enhance your journey

Salamanca - The Golden City and Spain's Oldest University

Called the “Golden City” for its tawny sandstone buildings, Salamanca boasts a dozen beautiful and historic churches, including two cathedrals: the new one, built in the early 16th century, and the Old Cathedral, which dates to the 12th century and can only be entered from the New Cathedral. Walk with your guide through Plaza Mayor, lined with wonderful baroque buildings, to the university, which was founded by Alfonso IX in 1218. The ornate plateresque façade is stunning, and the interior rooms you see are equally beautiful. You’ll have time to browse through the shops on Rua Mayor or enjoy a bite to eat on your own before we drive back to the ship. Your guide can recommend some excellent places to dine, whether you’re looking for a typical tapas lunch or want to stroll the stalls of Salamanca’s food hall (one of Spain’s best).

DAY 18 BARCA D’ALVA, PINHÃO, RÉGUA

Today is all about wine, which has been cultivated in the Douro River Valley since ancient Roman times. Partake in a choice of excursions including a tasting at a prestigious Port wine estate or a vineyard hike with a wine tasting at a local quinta.



Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Local Quinta Guided Tour with Tasting

As you journey through the hills to a local quinta, a prestigious Port wine estate and the oldest in the Douro River Valley, you will see a unique landscape that has been shaped by wine growers for two millennia. The stone terraces curving around the steep slopes hold soil that is largely the creation of human intervention: People have laboriously broken up the native silver schist stone over the centuries and turned it into usable sandy earth; it's called "anthroposoil." The process of producing Port wine is a fascinating blend of tradition and modernity; the steepness of the slopes requires that grape vines be tended almost entirely by hand, but the wine itself is made using the most modern techniques. You'll tour the estate to see its stainless steel and oak vats, Boutique Winery, and the historic wine presses, before proceeding to the terrace for a Port tasting with a view over the river.

Let's Go: Vineyard Hike and Wine Tasting at a Local Quinta

Although many Port wine estates are owned by international corporations nowadays, the tradition of the family-owned estate remains strong. Start this expedition in pretty Pinhão, heading up into the hills to a family-owned quinta, where you can get a firsthand look at how the vineyards are tended and grapes harvested. Although some 80 varieties of grapes are approved for the creation of Port, six grape varieties dominate. Discover which ones are grown here and learn why.

DAY 19 RÉGUA, PORTO (GUIMARÃES)

Explore Guimarães, the town where Portugal was born. Its well-preserved architecture and stylish young residents make it a pleasure to visit.

In the evening, a special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.



Included excursions designed to enhance your journey

Guimarães City Tour

DAY 20 PORTO (DISEMBARK)

If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Porto Airport for your flight home.



Featured Excursions do not require booking. Excursions that are listed as "Choose between..." must be booked onboard however there is no additional cost. Please refer to the excursion details below to view purchasing options for our Masterpiece Collection excursions where applicable. *Note: The itineraries presented are subject to modification due to water levels, closures because of public holidays or other uncontrollable factors. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but changes may still be necessary throughout the cruise. This day-to-day schedule is subject to change. Your final day-to-day schedule will be provided onboard on the first day of your cruise.*

WHAT'S INCLUDED



DINING

All meals during your cruise, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

Daily breakfast during your land tour, with additional meals included on select days and at least one acclaimed dining experience

19 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 12 dinners

Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions during your cruise

Unlimited beverages during your cruise including fine wine, beer, spirits, specialty coffee and tea, soft drinks, and mineral water



EXCURSIONS

17 days of included experiences

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio-headset system

Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks during your cruise



ACCOMMODATIONS

2-night stay in Madrid at the Hotel Fénix Gran Meliá (or similar)

2-night stay in Barcelona at the Hotel Ohla Barcelona (or similar)

1-night stay in Valencia at the Hospes Palau de la Mar (or similar)

1-night stay in Granada at the Hospes Palacio de los Patos (or similar)

3-night stay in Seville at the Hotel Colón Gran Meliá (or similar)

1-night stay in Évora at the Convento do Espinheiro, Historic Hotel & Spa (or similar)

2-night stay in Lisbon at the Pousada de Lisboa (or similar)

7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom onboard the *S.S. São Gabriel*

Lavishly appointed riverview staterooms and suites on the cruise ship have handcrafted Savoir® Beds of England, custom cotton sateen sheets and European duvets, and a menu of pillow options

Free Wi-Fi during the cruise, at hotels, and on select coaches



EXPERIENCES

2 countries: Portugal & Spain

10 UNESCO World Heritage sites

Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager during the cruise

Services of a Luxury Gold Travel Concierge during the land tour. From securing exclusive reservations to expertly guiding you through each destination, your Travel Concierge ensures every aspect of your trip is tailored to your tastes and preferences

Unparalleled comfort aboard "Business Class" coaches for your land tour. Custom fitted with fewer seats per vehicle, these coaches afford ample legroom, reclining seats, and panoramic windows for enjoying the impressive views

In-room portage included at all hotels

Gratuities for onboard personnel (ship staff, crew, Cruise Manager) are included during the cruise

Hotel taxes, portage and tips, as well as tips for included dining experiences

Captivating onboard local entertainment and enrichment opportunities