



# SECRETS OF THE **DOURO & LISBON**



**SMALL GROUP**

**MAY 8 - 19, 2026 | 12 DAYS | 22 MEALS**

**JOURNEY LEADER: BRIAN GALLIGAN**

**EMERALD CRUISES | EMERALD RADIANCE**



We are very pleased to once again offer this exciting itinerary to the Douro River and the great maritime city of Lisbon. This unique itinerary will delight river cruisers and those who love to explore the Old World. We begin our cruise in Porto for seven nights of discovery on the mighty Douro River, a major waterway of the Iberian Peninsula. The banks of the Douro are peppered with villages and vineyards that are uniquely Portuguese. We also take the time to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain, a gem of beauty and history, boasting the world's third oldest University. Our journey is capped off with a visit to Lisbon, the city where most of the Portuguese expeditions in the Age of Discovery began. We will spend three days here with many opportunities to explore its rich heritage as well as a visit to the mountain town of Sintra.

### SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

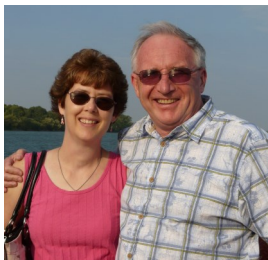
LIMITED TO ONLY 20 MEMBERS

#### Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Portugal with Air Transat
- 7 night cruise in an outside cabin on Emerald Radiance
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Lisbon as indicated or similar
- Day trip to colourful Sintra
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- Baggage handling at the hotel and shipside
- All meals during the cruise plus quality European wines with lunch and dinner
- Welcome cocktail, welcome dinner and Captain's gala dinner
- Shore excursions included in each port of call
- Knowledgeable local guides
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value when booking air-inclusive
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director

#### Journey Leaders

**Brian Galligan** is a seasoned Journey Leader and retired Anglican priest who had a successful international career in biomedical sciences before his ordination. He developed a passion for travel in his early years while living in the UK and has since visited numerous countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, and New Zealand. His wife, **Karen**, a retired teacher, shares his extensive travel experience. Together, they have led tours for Craig Travel for over a decade, always eager to embark on new adventures with both new and familiar faces.



#### Emerald Cruises • Emerald Radiance

The spectacular Emerald Radiance debuted in 2017, and was specifically crafted to explore the Douro River. Like other Emerald Star class ships the Radiance features spacious and well appointed staterooms, most of which include balconies. Riverview Staterooms (fixed window) are 153-160 sq. ft., Panorama Balcony Staterooms are 160-180 sq. ft. while spacious Suites are 285-300 sq. ft. Suites feature sitting area with chairs, and all staterooms feature complimentary internet access and Wi-Fi as well as in-room safes, flat-screen TVs with infotainment and on demand content, and an umbrella.

The Radiance also features a Sun Deck offering unimpeded panoramic views with lounge chairs and a swimming pool, as well as a fitness centre, and spa. The Horizon Bar & Lounge with a bar and a piano is a relaxing way to spend an evening and make new friends. Dining is a delight with sophisticated cuisine drawing on the best of the region with gourmet and al fresco options to compliment the free-flowing local wines, beer and soft drinks at meals.

The Radiance carries a maximum of 112 passengers in 56 staterooms/suites. There is a crew of 37 onboard.





**MAY 8, Friday** **DEPART CANADA**  
Group members from across Canada fly to Lisbon.

**MAY 9, Saturday** **PORTO, PORTUGAL**  
This morning we arrive in sunny Portugal and transfer to our ship, moored on the Douro. Relax on board and explore our ship with the balance of the day at leisure. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner on board.  
**Embark Emerald Radiance** (7 nights) D

**MAY 10, Sunday** **PORTO / PINHAO**  
Enjoy a leisurely day on board as we cruise up the Douro. The UNESCO World Heritage Listed Douro Valley boasts two millennia of wine producing history that has very literally shaped the surrounding landscape. Small villages and rolling hills are peppered with sun-drenched vineyards. While on board enrich your experience with a Portuguese cooking demonstration. BLD

**MAY 11, Monday** **PINHAO / VEGA DE TERRON**  
Our day begins with a visit to Quinta do Têdo vineyard in the heart of the Douro Valley. This 18th century estate grows organic produce with traditional methods. Alternatively you may take a guided walk through local vineyards or embark on a kayak excursion along the river. This afternoon we sail onwards to our next port. BLD

**MAY 12, Tuesday** **SALAMANCA, SPAIN**  
This morning, we depart for a full-day tour to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site often described as a "living museum." Built from golden sandstone, the city offers a glimpse into the Middle Ages. Our walking tour includes the grand Plaza Mayor, the Casa de las Conchas (House of Shells), known for its exterior decorated with more than 300 carved shells, and one of Europe's oldest universities, founded in 1218. You'll also have time to enjoy lunch on your own and try some local flavours. BD

**MAY 13, Wednesday** **POCINHO / REGUA**  
From our docking location in Pocinho we travel to the charming medieval town of Castelo Rodrigo. Our tour will take in the history of the village fortress through centuries of conflict and political intrigue. Back on board for lunch while we cruise and enjoy a special Port wine cocktail lesson. BLD

**MAY 14, Thursday** **REGUA**  
Today's excursion takes us to the ancient and picturesque village of Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Portugal, the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). The shrine features a staircase of nearly 700 steps, beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles. For lunch we stop at Quinta da Pacheca, one of the finest estates on the Douro. Back on board enjoy a Mosaic tile painting lesson. BLD

**MAY 15, Friday** **PORTO**  
Today we are back in the vibrant city of Porto at the mouth of the Douro river. Famous for its export of Port wines, it's easy to imagine how British merchant ships would have once clustered together in the medieval harbour, waiting to take their produce across the water. Our city tour will touch on the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. Those willing can join a walking tour through town to get closer to the vibrant daily lives of the locals. BLD



*Tour Salamanca, Spain*



*Belem Tower, Lisbon*



*"Pastéis de Nata" Portuguese custard tarts*



*Enjoy the beautiful views of the Douro River Valley*



**MAY 16, Saturday** **PORTO / LISBON**

All too soon we disembark our ship and begin our land journey south along the Atlantic coast to the capital, making a stop in the coastal city of Nazare on the way.

**Hotel TBA (3 nights)** B

**MAY 17, Sunday** **LISBON**

This afternoon, we'll take a guided tour of Lisbon, the capital, where limestone cobbled streets are lined with terracotta-roofed houses and open onto breezy sea views. We'll visit the UNESCO-listed Jerónimos Monastery, a striking example of Manueline architecture, and stop at the Discoveries Monument, which features figures from Portugal's Age of Discovery. B

**MAY 18, Monday** **SINTRA**

Enjoy an excursion to Serra de Sintra, one of the most delightful mountain villages in Portugal. Visit the National Palace of Sintra, also called the Town Palace, noted for its stately rooms, beautiful tiles and examples of period furniture and enjoy some free time in the town. B

**MAY 19, Tuesday** **LISBON / CANADA**

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to the airport and catch our flight(s) bound for Canada and home. B



*Enjoy gorgeous views along the Douro River*

**Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person**

Cruise / Tour Only (Join Ship / Leave Hotel).....	\$7,295
Toronto .....	\$8,815
Montreal / Ottawa .....	\$8,935
Halifax / St. John's .....	\$8,995
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay .....	\$9,015
Regina / Saskatoon .....	\$9,125
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$9,065
Victoria.....	\$9,125

Cruise/Tour only price is based on joining at the ship in Porto and leaving at the hotel in Lisbon. Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat F Riverview Twin on Riviera Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details. **Pricing may be affected by current promotions; please inquire.**

**Supplement to upgrade to higher category:**

Category/Description/Deck	Per Person
F Riverview (Riviera - Window) .....	Included
E Riverview (Riviera - Window) .....	\$120
D Riverview (Riviera - Window).....	\$340
C Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$510
B Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$900
R Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$1,220
A Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$1,600
P Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$1,760
SA Owners Suite (Horizon) .....	\$2,430
RA Riverview Suite (Horizon).....	\$2,950

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan for more information on available staterooms. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective May 2025 and are subject to change. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Cruise to be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due on July 3, 2025**

**Deposit is \$700 per person**

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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**CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging:** Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.