



SECRETS OF THE **DOURO & LISBON**



SMALL GROUP | EMERALD NOVA
SEP 27 - OCT 8, 2027 | 12 DAYS | 24 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: NICK & PAM CANNON

Colourful Porto along the Douro River

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 25 MEMBERS

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Portugal
- 7 night cruise in an outside cabin on Emerald Nova
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Lisbon as indicated or similar
- Day trip to colourful Sintra, Cabo da Roca and the charming coastal town of Cascais
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- Baggage handling at the hotel and shipside
- All meals on board, with a selection of wines, beer, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- Welcome cocktail and 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 leaders and/or cruise director

Journey Leaders

Pam and Nick Cannon are experienced travellers with a deep love for exploration and connecting with others. They've journeyed through the United Kingdom, Africa, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Russia, China, and Iran, and have guided groups to destinations like Panama, Alaska, South Africa, Europe, and South America. What they enjoy most is travelling alongside Craig Travellers—making lasting friendships, experiencing diverse cultures, and visiting both ancient and modern sites. For them, travel is not only about discovery but also about perspective—each journey offers a fresh perspective on both the world and home. With their warmth, insight, and enthusiasm, Pam and Nick create meaningful travel experiences that invite you to see the world and feel grateful for the place we call home.



Emerald Cruises • Emerald Nova

The brand new Emerald Nova will debut in 2027 and is crafted to explore the Douro River. Like other Emerald Star-Ships, the Emerald Nova features spacious and well-appointed staterooms, most of which include balconies.

All staterooms will feature complimentary Wi-Fi as well as in-room safes, flat-screen TVs with infotainment, on-demand content, and an umbrella.

The Nova will also feature a Sun Deck offering unimpeded panoramic views with lounge chairs and a swimming pool, as well as a fitness centre and spa. The Bar & Lounge is a relaxing way to spend an evening and make new friends.

Dining in an Emerald Star-Ship is a delight with sophisticated cuisine drawing on the best of the region with gourmet and al fresco options to complement the free-flowing local wines, beer, and soft drinks at meals. The Nova will carry a maximum of 112 passengers in 56 staterooms/suites.



SEP 27, Monday **DEPART CANADA**
Group members from across Canada fly to Portugal.

SEP 28, Tuesday **ARRIVE PORTO / EMBARKATION**
We arrive in sunny Portugal to begin our discovery of Porto. On our private tour, we stop at the 18th-century Batalha Palace, Clérigos Church and tower, the bustling Santa Catarina Street, and the Liberdade Square. We will also have the chance to stop for a drink at a historic Art Nouveau cafe, once a popular meeting place for artists. After embarkation, a welcome dinner on board marks the beginning of our adventure. **Emerald Nova** (7 nights) D

SEP 29, Wednesday **PORTO / PINHAO**
Our journey takes us into the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where viticulture has defined the landscape for two millennia. We sail past steep, terraced vineyards and sleepy villages that characterize this wine-growing region. A highlight of the day is seeing Carrapateiro, the deepest lock in Europe. On board, we join an expert chef to learn the history behind Pastéis de Nata, Portugal's iconic custard tarts. We have the opportunity to participate in the demonstration and sample these fresh treats while we continue our relaxing cruise toward Pinhão. BLD

SEP 30, Thursday **PINHAO / VEGA DE TERRON**
Pinhão is a charming village framed by stunning estates and hiking trails perfect for soaking up the local life. Today offers a choice of how to explore this viticultural paradise. You may visit Quinta do Têdo, an eco-friendly 18th-century estate situated where the Douro and Têdo rivers meet, to sample their organic Port wine and learn about their traditional production methods. For those seeking a more active morning, you might choose to glide along the Pinhão River by kayak. Alternatively, join a guided trek through the local vineyards, offering panoramic views of the river valley before a Port tasting. We spend the rest of the day relaxing on board as we sail toward the Spanish border. BLD

OCT 1, Friday **SALAMANCA, SPAIN**
Founded in Roman times, Salamanca's heart is its UNESCO-listed Old Quarter, a district shaped by Romans, Carthaginians, and Moors. We set out on a walking tour to explore the arcades of Plaza Mayor and the Casa de las Conchas, famously adorned with more than 300 shells. We also visit the University of Salamanca, one of Europe's oldest, dating back to 1218. To complete our immersion into Spanish academic life, we enjoy a performance by a 'Tuna' band. This 13th-century tradition features students singing folk songs to fund their tuition. BD

OCT 2, Saturday **POCINHO / REGUA**
We arrive in Pocinho, a small village near the Spanish border. Our morning takes us to Castelo Rodrigo, a small fortified village perched on a hilltop. We will walk through its narrow medieval streets, admire the 16th-century walls, and sample local products during some free time in this historic setting. Back on board for lunch, we continue our cruise down the scenic Douro Valley while diving into the world of Port with a cocktail lesson. BLD

OCT 3, Sunday **REGUA**
We wake in Régua, a bustling town that has served as a vital trading hub since the 18th century. Today we visit the Baroque village of Lamego, where we find the picturesque Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies. You can choose to



Tour Salamanca, Spain



Lisbon's historic streets



Savour the flavours of Spain and Portugal



The stunning port of Porto, Portugal

admire its elegant gardens or descend its famous 686-step zigzagging staircase, decorated with intricate tiled friezes and small chapels. Local traditions take centre stage this afternoon during a rural lunch at a famous wine estate, or quinta, complete with regional entertainment. Once back on board, we learn the history of azulejos, the colourful painted tiles found throughout Portugal, and create our own souvenir. We arrive in Porto and remain docked overnight, offering a chance to explore the vibrant city after dark. BLD

OCT 4, Monday **PORTO**
 Porto is world-renowned for its Port wine exports and its eclectic blend of modern and ancient architecture. A guided coach tour will take us through the bustling waterfront and iconic bridges. Highlights include the coastal fortifications of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. For a more active experience, you may choose a walking tour through the city's Old Town, including the old iron bridge, the Porto Cathedral, and the São Bento railway station. We wrap up our day with an evening cruise to see the skyline from the water and toast to our final night onboard. BLD

OCT 5, Tuesday **PORTO / LISBON**
 We disembark our ship and begin our land journey south to Lisbon. En route, we stop in the historic town of Coimbra to visit the UNESCO-listed university and the city centre.
H10 Duque de Loulé Boutique Hotel (3 nights) B

OCT 6, Wednesday **LISBON**
 We explore the "city of seven hills" with a visit to the historic Rossio Square and the winding alleys of Alfama, Lisbon's old quarter. After admiring the 12th-century Lisbon Cathedral and the panoramic views from Miradouro da Senhora do Monte, we head to Belém to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Jerónimos Monastery and the iconic Belém Tower. Our tour concludes at the Monument to the Discoveries, a grand tribute to Portugal's influential age of maritime exploration. The rest of our day is at leisure. BD

OCT 7, Thursday **SINTRA**
 We enjoy a scenic coastal drive past cliffside beaches and 17th-century fortresses. After visiting Estoril, a former WWII spy hub, we continue to the luxurious seaside retreat of Cascais. We then stand at Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe, before exploring the lush, historic centre of Sintra. You will have time to browse quaint pastry and handicraft shops before our return to Lisbon. Tonight, we enjoy our farewell dinner. BD

OCT 8, Friday **LISBON / CANADA**
 Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to the airport and catch our flights bound for Canada. B

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Important travel information regarding the ETIAS authorization: Starting in late 2026, Canadian citizens travelling to Europe will need to complete an online application for the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). This is not a visa but a pre-travel screening for visa-exempt visitors entering the Schengen Area. The authorization costs about €20 and is each traveller's responsibility. For details and to apply, visit the official ETIAS website well before departure.

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

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise / Tour Only (Join Ship / Leave Hotel).....	\$8,935
Toronto	\$10,445
Montreal / Ottawa	\$10,595
Halifax / St. John's	\$10,685
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$10,645
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$10,775
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$10,695

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 double occupancy of Cat F Riverview Twin on the Riviera Deck. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan for more information on available staterooms. 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. Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective April 2026 and are subject to change. Cruise to be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers. *Pricing may be affected by current promotions; please inquire.*

Upgrade Your Cabin

<i>Category/Description/Deck</i>	<i>Per Person</i>
E Riverview (Riviera - Window).....	\$285
D Riverview (Riviera - Window).....	\$465
C Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,435
B Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,595
R Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,635
A Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,765
P Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,925
SA Owners Suite (Horizon)	\$2,935
RA Riverview Suite (Horizon).....	\$3,755

Insurance is not included but is highly recommended, contact our staff to receive a quote. Check our website for the most current information, and for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due on November 18, 2026

Deposit is \$750 per person

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

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