



SECRETS OF THE **DOURO & LISBON**



SMALL GROUP | EMERALD RADIANCE
MAY 28 - JUNE 8, 2027 | 12 DAYS | 24 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: BRIAN & DEB TILSON

Enjoy the beautiful views of the Douro River Valley

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 Radiance
- 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, 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 leaders and/or cruise director

Journey Leaders

Deb and Brian Tilson joined the Craig Travel team in 2017. Their enthusiasm for travel has taken them to 17 countries, every province in Canada, one territory, and all 50 U.S. states. They divide their time between family in northwest B.C. and southern Ontario. Brian is a skilled photographer and is always happy to help with any photography questions along the way. Deb and Brian are avid hikers and enthusiastic pickleball players. They look forward to sharing their love of travel with you.



Emerald Cruises • Emerald Radiance

The spectacular Emerald Radiance debuted in 2017, and was specifically crafted to explore the Douro River. Like other Emerald Star-Ships, the Emerald 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 complement 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 28, Friday **DEPART CANADA**
Group members from across Canada fly to Portugal.

MAY 29, Saturday **ARRIVE PORTO / EMBARKATION**
This morning, we arrive early in sunny Portugal and begin our exploration. After meeting our guide, we set out on a city tour. Following some free time, we transfer to our ship, moored on the Douro. Spend the rest of the day at leisure as you relax on board and explore the ship. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner on board.
Emerald Radiance (7 nights) D

MAY 30, 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 31, Monday **PINHAO / VEGA DE TERRON**
Our day begins with a visit to Quinta do Tedo in the heart of the Douro Valley. This 18th-century estate produces organic wines using traditional methods. Enjoy a tasting of their Port, or opt for a guided walk through the surrounding vineyards or a kayak excursion along the river. BLD

JUN 1, 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 adorned 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

JUN 2, Wednesday **POCINHO / REGUA**
From our docking location in Pocinho, we travel to the charming medieval town of Castelo Rodrigo. Our tour explores the history of this village fortress, shaped by centuries of conflict and political intrigue. Return on board for lunch, then enjoy a special Port wine cocktail lesson. BLD

JUN 3, 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 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

JUN 4, 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 wine, it’s easy to imagine British merchant ships once clustered in the medieval harbour, waiting to carry their cargo across the water. Our city tour includes the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. Those who wish can join a walking tour through the city for a closer look at local life. BLD



Tour Salamanca, Spain



Lisbon's historic streets



Savour the flavours of Spain and Portugal



The stunning port of Porto, Portugal

JUN 5, Saturday PORTO / LISBON

All too soon, we disembark our ship and begin our land journey south to the capital. En route, we stop in the historic university town of Coimbra. **Lumen Hotel** (3 nights) B

JUN 6, 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 and Belém Tower, and stop at the Discoveries Monument, which features figures from Portugal's Age of Discovery. BD

JUN 7, Monday SINTRA

Enjoy an excursion to Serra de Sintra, one of the most delightful mountain regions in Portugal. Visit Quinta da Regaleira, an enigmatic estate known for its eclectic architecture and lush gardens. Continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe, before visiting the charming coastal town of Cascais. Back in Lisbon, we enjoy our farewell dinner. BD

JUN 8, 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

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The timeless azulejos of Portugal

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).....	\$8,735
Toronto	\$10,245
Montreal / Ottawa	\$10,395
Halifax / St. John's	\$10,485
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$10,445
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$10,575
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$10,495

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)	\$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

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 March 2026 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 22, 2026
Deposit is \$750 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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