SIP, SAIL & CELEBRATE WITH HCR! – DUORO RIVER CRUISE, 8/21/2027



LUXURIOUS **7nt RIVER CRUISE** on AMA WATERWAYS

"Flavors of Portugal & Spain"

Join your HCR friends & neighbors for a Luxurious River Cruise!

Sail the AmaVida from Porto to Vega de Terron thru the beautiful **Duoro River Valley, an UNESCO World Heritage Site! – August 21, 2027**

Special $2000/Room DISCOUNT Through June 30 Only!

PLUS Additional 5% Discount – PLUS $599 Airfare Special!

Priced **from $4269pp All-Inclusive**!

THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE RIVER CRUISE GROUP PKG INCLUDES:

- **COMPLIMENTARY TOURS** in Every Port of Call!...Multiple daily escorted tour options including **four fantastic Winery Tours & Tastings!...***Choose Gentle to Active levels.*
- **DRINK PACKAGE INCLUDED**: **Unlimited, hand-selected local Wines**, **premium** beer, soft drinks, coffee and tea with meals…**PLUS Complimentary Cocktails, Beer & Wine** during Happy Hour nightly!
- **Locally-sourced Cuisine & Fine Wines in multiple dining venues onboard…** Fresh-caught fish, steak and seafood selections, fresh baked breads and delicious deserts; all Paired with locally inspired meals! Special Features include a Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, Captain's Cocktail, Protuguese Dinner, and Gala Dinner!
- **LUXURIOUS Onboard Experience:** Fine Wine Bar, Afternoon Tea Service, marble bathrooms, multi-jet showers, generous closets, bathrobes and slippers provided, bottled water, and first-run Movies on demand in stateroom. Plus Complimentary high-speed WiFi. Enjoy the elegant Panoramic Lounge with bar, piano and dance floor, Sun Deck and Heated Pool with swim-up bar, fitness room, massages and spa!
- **REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY:** Local bands, Piano concerts, Dancing!

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ONE OF THE MOST BREATHTAKING RIVERS IN THE WORLD, the Duoro River is an UNESCO site and has strict rules to protect the environment…all river cruises must sail during the day…So you'll enjoy spectacular Scenic Daytime Cruising! -- **Views of castles, churches, and sprawling vineyards**! The Duoro River is probably the most scenic river experience!

- **REDUCED AIRFARE SPECIAL…**Flat Rate $**599pp for RT AIr** including most Transfers.
- **Optional: 3-Nt Pre-cruise Tour of Lisbon $1170p** including hotel, daily tours, transfers (*or $1620 Single room).* Includes daily sightseeing, lux hotel, transfers.
- **Optional 3-Nt Post-cruise Tour of MADRID** with your cruise director for $**1200pp** double occ. (*or $1860 for Single rooms). Otherwise you will need to book 1-Nts hotel in Madrid after your cruise as you cannot get to the Madrid airport in time to fly home same day.*
- **Small Group: limited to 50 passengers** on this sailing, so space will go quickly… Due to the small size of the Duoro River, this Ama ship is significantly smaller than most river cruise ships.

Sail the spectacular Duoro River in luxury…From Porto, the beautiful "City of Bridges" and gateway to the Douro River Valley, an UNESCO World Heritage Site… with rambling vineyards, delightful wineries, and charming quintas clinging to the steep sides of the river.
…August is a beautiful time to sail the Duoro River—Enjoy Temperatures of 70's-80s!

ON SALE! **GROUP DISCOUNT: $1000pp Off for a limited time only*…**
Plus an ***EXTRA 5% OFF*** *Included in Rates below,* ***from Great Rates Travel!***

DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES

- $**4269pp** Cat E **River-View** room, 161 sqfeet.
- $**4648pp** Category D **River-View** Midship, 161 sq feet.
- $**6548p** Cat B **Outside Balcony room**; 215 sqft … ***Less Military & Past Guest Discounts!***
- $**6833p** Cat A **Midship Balcony room**; 215 sqft
- $**8258** Cat S **Large Suite w/French and Outside Balconies**, Spacious 323 sq ft with sitting area, double sinks and beds facing the river!

***This Special Discount of $1000pp is avail thru June 30 only, *OR* CHOOSE $250pp OFF AND A FREE LAND TOUR Pre or Post!!...Your Choice!**
***ROUNDTRIP AIR on Special from $599pp** from all major airports through 6/30!
+ Past Guests of Ama Waterways receive *additional* $100pp discount.
+ Active/Retired Military get an *additional* $250pp discount with ID.
--DEPOSIT is $400pp ($200 is refundable till final payment deadline). Plus $350pp deposit for the airfare special (AirPlus offer ends 40 days after booking cruise). **--Balance Due 5/15/*2027*.**
--All-Inclusive Rates INCLUDE $280pp Port Charges & Taxes and are based on double occ.
…The **extra 5% discount** will vary after adding Military & Past Guest discounts.
--**Solo occupancy** rooms require +**50**% **Single Supplement** (100% addl for cat A, AA+ and Suites), not including the port charges and taxes.

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YOUR DAILY ITINERARY…



SAIL FROM PORTO, PORTUGAL: 7-NT RIVER CRUISE, 8/21/2027

Palaces, rambling vineyards and charming native farms cling to the steep sides of the Douro River Valley, creating an incomparable backdrop to one of Europe's most unspoiled regions and to Port country — **The world's oldest emarcated wine region**." **Savor the flavors of Spain and Portugal wines from historic wineries** and soak up the genuine beauty of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes…Marvel at the many UNESCO designated sites in this region!

Day 1, PORTO EMBARKATION: Board your river ship for your ***Flavors of Portugal & Spain*** cruise! cruise! When the sun sets, enjoy the **illuminated landscapes of Porto** on a **scenic cruise** aboard your ship. ***(ALL MEALS INCLUDED DAILY)***



Day 2, PORTO…

Join a guided tour of **Porto's historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.** You'll see the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; the main square, ringed with shops and cafes; and the São Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. For the more active adventure, join a hike in Porto and explore the old harbor quarter, passing through the **medieval streets** of Porto. In the afternoon, you'll also **enjoy a tasting of Port**, Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine. (B,L,D)

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Day 3, Entre-Os-Rios…

Translates to "between the rivers," and this small village is, quite appropriately, located at the confluence of the Tâmega and Douro rivers. For an authentic slice of Douro River life, **enjoy a traditional "home-cooked" meal at a local quinta.** (B,L,D)



Day 4, REGUA…

Discover the Baroque magic of **Mateus Palace and Gardens**. Inside, gaze at the beautiful 16th- to 18th-century furnishings that decorate the palace, as well as the distinctive paintings and a ceiling of intricately carved wood. Hear the tale of Mateus Rose Wine and spend some time exploring the palace's **magnificent gardens**, considered some of the most beautiful in Portugal. (B,L,D)

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Day 5, REGUA - PINHÃO…



Venture to the town of Lamego, where you'll see the "Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies" on a city tour or climb the "Holy Staircase," beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles, to the top on a guided hike. Whichever excursion you choose will conclude with a **tasting of local specialties** such as Bôlas de Lamego, bread filled with smoked ham; Presunto, a type of dry-cured ham; and Espumante, a **Portuguese sparkling wine**. Later in the day, cruise along the scenic Douro to Pinhão, where a **wine tasting will be waiting for you in a local quinta.** (B,L,D)



Day 6, PINHÃO…

Embark on a leisurely walk to the charming **Pinhão Railway Station**, a stunning train station along the Douro Line, one of the most iconic rail journeys in Portugal. The station's main building is revered for its 25 tile panels, all in shades of blue, that depict scenes from the Douro region. Afterward, enjoy an **exclusive lunch at Quinta de Avessada,** where you'll enjoy an authentic and traditional dining experience complete with entertainment. The warm, spirited hospitality of this family-run quinta is quite special as you will discover. Several family members play in a band, and while dining, they will entertain you. Quinta de Avessada is also a fascinating interactive museum commemorating the history and culture of wine in the Alto Douro region, so you'll **have fun discovering all the various stages of wine production as well as doing plenty of tasting**. (B,L,D)

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Day 7, PINHAO-BARCA D'ALVA, PORTUGAL…



Begin the day with a **scenic cruise through Pinhão** on the way to Barca d'Alva. Venture to Castelo Rodrigo, known as the "White Village" because of its almond trees. The site offers **spectacular views** of the surrounding area and as far away as Spain. Join a walking tour through its **medieval streets** and see the houses and establishments with 16th-century facades and Manueline-style windows. If you prefer a more active adventure there, you can hike to the town. At the end of both tours, enjoy a **tasting of local favorites**, such as almonds, cheese, bread and wine.



Day 8, VEGA DE TERRON—**Disembark**

the ship in Vega de Terrón, where you can board a motorcoach to Madrid with scenic sightseeing in Salamanca in route (an UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the center of Spain's Castilla y León region). You will have free time to explore on your own in Salamanca, followed by an escorted city tour that includes the New Cathedral and the uniquely adorned House of Shells. -- Then on to Madrid! (If you're not doing the post-cruise tour package in Madrid, this full-day transfer to Madrid will be $199pp and you will need to book a hotel in Madrid since there are *no flights leaving after our 5pm arrival in Madrid*. *(Nice Hotels from $200/Nt)*

…OR consider extending your visit with a 3-Nt tour of Madrid, w/airport transfers!

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…Amid a backdrop of Europe's most regal castles, historic ruins and vineyard-laced hills, you will enjoy tasting world-class wines sourced from the very spots you're traveling through!

…AMA Waterways is a top-rated river cruise line, popular for exceptional dining, fantastic excursions, and spacious, uncrowded ships (fewer guests than on other river cruises…and **the AmaVida is one of their SMALLEST Ships** yet, designed to fit on the narrow Duoro River. There are Only **51 Staterooms** on this small ship!

…The beautiful AmaVida river ship!…



OPTIONAL CRUISE ADD ONS:

- **$599pp Fixed-Rate Economy Airfare from all US Cities, incl most Airport Transfers**! (Upgrades available: Premium Economy for $**2499** or Business Class $**4499pp**)… These discounted AirPlus rates are only valid for 40 days after date of cruise deposit and are available **through June 30, 2026!**
- **$1170pp 3 Nights Accommodations and Tours Pre-Cruise in LISBON, including Transfers to/from ship, Breakfast daily, and beautiful city tours…Hosted by your Cruise Manager who will be with you the entire time.** One of Europe's most beautiful cities, **Lisbon** stretches across several hills along the Tagus River.
- **$1200pp 3 Nights Accommodations and Tours Post-Cruise in MADRID, hosted by your Cruise Manager.** You'll enjoy touring the very beautiful capital city city of Spain!
- **For those who do *not* take the post-cruise tour of Madrid,** Ama's cost is $**199pp** for transportation to the closest major airport (Madrid), including a guided tour in the UNESCO city of Salamanca on the way. You can choose to stay longer in Madrid on your own or fly home the next day. Madrid **Hotels are an additional $160-$210+/**night.
- **Staff Gratuities** can be prepaid, or pay directly onboard at your discretion.

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- AMA offers **Travel Protection** for 13% of trip cost. *Or* **our recommendation is Allianz' Annual travel insurance policies from** $**280pp** covering all your travel for a full year, domestic or foreign! We highly recommend you protect yourself & your trip!



… **Palaces, vineyards, historic places, unspoiled beauty and distinctive wines** are yours to be enjoyed as you **savor the flavors of Spain and Portugal.**
Visit **Castelo Rodrigo,** enjoy an immersive lunch at a quinta in **Pinhão**; see **Lamego**, one of Portugal's most important pilgrimage sites; and marvel at a centuries-old Portuguese monastery.
…Taste wines from the vineyards and discover the timeless traditions of Portuguese winemaking throughout your journey, before visiting some of Spain's glorious cities: the golden-hued city of Salamanca, the ancient walled city of Toledo, and cosmopolitan Madrid, renowned for its world-class museums, stately gardens and lively tapas bars!

Take advantage of the PRE and POST TOURS offered in LISBON and MADRID to experience more! …

--EXTEND YOUR TRIP with 3 days in Lisbon pre-cruise for $1170pp …

One of Europe's most beautiful cities, the cosmopolitan city of **Lisbon** provides the perfect start to your grand journey through Portugal and Spain. You'll marvel at the Old World architecture and stories from your tour guide about Lisbon's famed explorers and enjoy the "City of Seven Hills" tour and Tomar Castle! In Lisbon you'll visit the seaside town of Sintra, **one of the loveliest mountain villages in Portugal** and tour Pena Palace, a favorite summer **residence of the Portuguese royal family for more than 500 years**. Long an inspiration for artists and poets, Lord Byron once called it "the most delightful village in Europe." You'll also visit **Belém Tower**, a 4-story tower made of limestone, and the late Gothic **Jerónimos Monastery,** the burial place of many Portuguese kings and heroes. …**Sample typical Portuguese pastries, Pastéis de Belém, and visit Discoveries Monument,** built in honor of Portugal's greatest maritime explorers!

--EXTEND YOUR TRIP with 3 days in Madrid post-cruise for $1200pp …

After disembarkation in Vega de Terron, you'll visit Salamanca, an UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the center of Spain's Castilla y Leon region. In route to Madrid, you will have free time to explore before an escorted city tour that includes the New Cathedral and the unique adorned House of Shells. Then explore the vibrant capital of Spain on a Madrid city tour to all the top sights, incl the elaborate Royal Palace, Buen Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, Mercado de San Miguel, and Plaza Mayor. The next day you will journey to the walled city of Toledo, an UNESCO World Heritage site and the ancient capital of Spain. The city is a treasure trove of delights, with winding streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. You will visit the Cathedral of Toledo as well as the Synagogue Santa Maria La Blanca in the Jewish Quarter, with this optional tour of Madrid!

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Choose from these spacious staterooms, with sitting areas, marble bathrooms, plush bedding, bathrobes, TV with first run movies, more!

Cat D/E River View Room- 161 sq ft...



Cat A/B Balcony Room - 215 sq ft...



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Cat S Full Suite with Balcony - 323 sq ft...



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