



Flavors of Portugal & Spain

AMA Waterways European River Cruise

From Porto to Vega De Terron

Sailing Onboard the AMA Vida

July 19-28, 2020

\$4,799.00 per person based on double occupancy

Optional 3 Night Extension in Madrid Available



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Cruise From: Porto to Vega De Terron on the River Douro

Two iconic cities, Lisbon and Madrid, provide the perfect start and end to a grand journey through Portugal and Spain. Cosmopolitan Lisbon offers a treasure trove of Old World architecture and a wealth of stories about its famed explorers; and then there is the seaside town of Sintra, one of the loveliest mountain villages in Portugal and a favorite summer residence of the Portuguese royal family for more than 500 years. Set sail in Porto, the beautiful “City of Bridges” and gateway to the Douro River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with rambling vineyards and charming quintas, which cling to the steep sides of the river. Taste wines from these 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.

Countries Include: Portugal, Spain

Cruise Includes:

- Air From Chicago O’Hare
- Round-trip Airport Transfers
- Cruise Accommodations
- All Taxes & Port Fees

Not Included:

- Travel Protection Insurance
- Ship Gratuities & Excursions
- Airline Baggage & Seat Fees
- Items of Personal Nature



Portugal & Spain Itinerary

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Port of Call	Country
Tue	07/21/2020	03:00 PM	EMBARK	PORTO	PORTUGAL
Tue	07/21/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	PORTO	PORTUGAL
Wed	07/22/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	PORTO	PORTUGAL
Thu	07/23/2020	01:00 PM	DEPARTURE	PORTO	PORTUGAL
Thu	07/23/2020	05:30 PM	ARRIVAL	ENTRE-OS-RIOS	PORTUGAL
Thu	07/23/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	ENTRE-OS-RIOS	PORTUGAL
Fri	07/24/2020	09:00 AM	DEPARTURE	ENTRE-OS-RIOS	PORTUGAL
Fri	07/24/2020	01:00 PM	ARRIVAL	RÉGUA	PORTUGAL
Fri	07/24/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	RÉGUA	PORTUGAL
Sat	07/25/2020	02:00 PM	DEPARTURE	RÉGUA	PORTUGAL
Sat	07/25/2020	04:30 PM	ARRIVAL	PINHÃO	PORTUGAL
Sat	07/25/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	PINHÃO	PORTUGAL
Sun	07/26/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	PINHÃO	PORTUGAL
Mon	07/27/2020	07:00 AM	DEPARTURE	PINHÃO	PORTUGAL
Mon	07/27/2020	01:45 PM	ARRIVAL	BARCA D'ALVA	PORTUGAL
Mon	07/27/2020	03:30 PM	DEPARTURE	BARCA D'ALVA	PORTUGAL
Mon	07/27/2020	04:00 PM	ARRIVAL	VEGA TERRON	SPAIN
Mon	07/27/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	VEGA TERRON	SPAIN
Tue	07/28/2020	09:00 AM	DISEMBARK	VEGA TERRON	SPAIN





Detailed Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, July 19, 2020 - DEPART CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Depart Central Illinois for Chicago O'Hare Airport and board our overnight flight to the Lisbon Airport.

Day 2: Monday, July 20, 2020 - ARRIVE LISBON & HOTEL Arrive in Lisbon and check into your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to do as you like.

Day 3: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - LISBON-PORTO-EMBARKATION

This morning we will enjoy a high-speed train ride to Porto where we'll board the ship, AmaVida (D)

Day 4: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 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 Sao Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of port, Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine. For the more active adventure, join a hike to Porto and explore the old harbor quarter, passing through the medieval streets of Porto. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Thursday, July 23, 2020 - PORTO - ENTRE-OS-RIOS

After free time further exploring the colorful "City of Bridges", the ship will sail to Entre-Os-Rios, where you'll go to dinner at a local quinta to enjoy a traditional "home cooked" meal. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Friday, July 24, 2020 - REGUA

Venture to the town of Lamego, where you'll see the "Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies" on a city tour or climb the 686-step "Holy Staircase", beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles, to the top on a guided hike. Whichever excursion you choose you conclude with a tasting of local specialties such as Bolas de Lamego, bread filled with smoked ham; Presunto, a type of dry cured ham, and Espumante, a Portuguese sparkling wine. (B,L,D)



Cruising Itinerary Continued

Day 7: Saturday, July 25, 2020 - REGUA - PINHAO

Visit Mateus Palace and Gardens, where you can admire the elegant 16th-18th century furnishings and spend some time exploring the palace's magnificent gardens, which feature perfectly manicured topiary work and an impressive cedar tunnel. Late in the day, cruise along the scenic Douro to Pinhao, where a wine tasting will be waiting for you in a local quinta. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Sunday, July 26, 2020 - PINHAO

Embark on a leisurely walk to the charming Pinhao 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 Quintada 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. Later in the day, indulge in some free time to explore the town on your own. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Monday, July 27, 2020 - VEGA DE TERRON

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. At the end of the tour, enjoy a tasting of local favorites, such as almonds, cheese, bread and wine. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - DISEMBARKATION

Today we will disembark the ship and be transferred to the airport where we will fly back to O'Hare and be transferred back to Central Illinois.



Madrid Itinerary

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship in Vega De Terrón. For those that are not extending in Madrid you will board your flight home.

If you choose to purchase the optional extension you enjoy the scenery en route to Madrid, you'll first stop in Salamanca, a 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, followed by an escorted city tour that includes the New Cathedral and the uniquely adorned House of Shells. Later in the day, you'll check into your hotel in Madrid. (B,L)

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - CITY TOUR

Today is free to explore we recommend that you do a city tour to discover the vibrant capital of Spain on your city tour that takes in all the top sights, including the elaborate Royal Palace, Buen Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, Mercado de San Miguel and Plaza Mayor. (B)

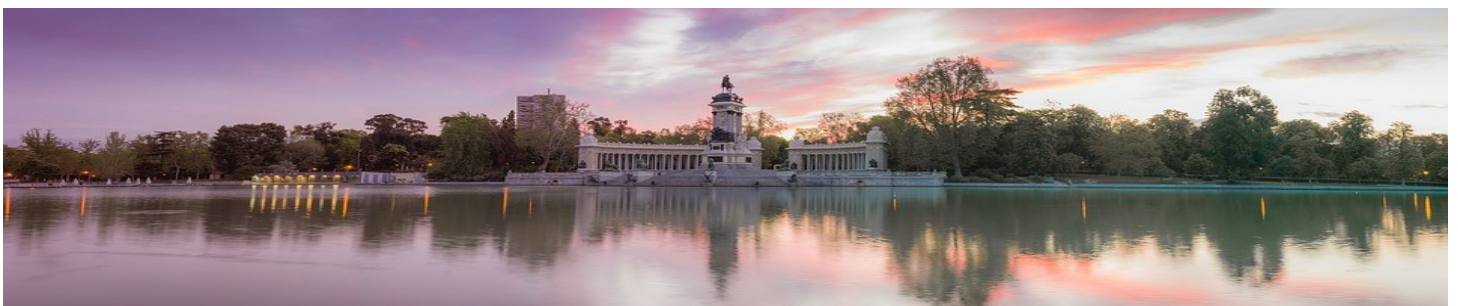
Thursday, July 30, 2020 - TOLEDO EXCURSION

Today is also free to do as you like. We recommend a journey to the walled city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the ancient capital of Spain. The city is a treasure trove of artistic riches with its winding streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. As part of your escorted tour, you will visit the Cathedral of Toledo as well as the Synagogue Santa María La Blanca in the Jewish Quarter. (B)

Friday, July 31, 2020 - RETURN FLIGHT HOME

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Cost: \$900.00 per person



Sailing on the AmaVida



Timeless elegance spills from the decks of the AmaVida. Rust and gold color schemes bring together the Douro's breathtaking sunsets and a sepia hue that conjures timeworn snapshots of the world's oldest demarcated wine region. Most staterooms feature balconies from which to enjoy views of terraced vineyards, as well as Entertainment-On-Demand, climate-controlled air conditioning and an in-room safe. As a member of La Chaine des Rotisseurs, the exclusive international culinary society, AmaVida will treat you to exquisite, locally inspired cuisine paired with unlimited local wine - and the region's signature Port - as well as beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner in the Main Restaurant cada noche.

Cruise Packages Rates:



Category E - Window
\$4,799.00



Category B - Balcony
\$5,899.00



Category A - Balcony
\$6,199.00

*Rates are per person based on double occupancy.

Terms & Conditions

A \$600.00 per person deposit is required in order to guarantee space for this cruise. The deadline for booking this cruise package is August 1, 2019. Final payment is due by April 21, 2020. Once paid, monies are non-refundable. No exceptions. Early sign up is suggested. Direct Travel Escort participation requires a minimum of 40 passengers.

Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Bankruptcy/Default, Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Common Carrier AD&D, 24-hour AD&D, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.

Rates range from \$362.00-\$468.00 per person

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River Cruise Information Night

*Please join us for a free presentation on
AMA Waterways River Cruising.*

Presenter: Mary Margaret Reuther, AMA Waterways

Date: June 13, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

*Location: The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center
1621 Jumer Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704*

\$250

*per person discount
when you place a deposit
on or before the event.*





A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required. Booking Deadline is August 1, 2019. Final payment is April 21, 2020. All monies that are paid are non-refundable thus Direct Travel recommends trip cancellation insurance .

Mail form to Direct Travel 2412 East Washington Street, Suite 4A | Bloomington, IL 61704

Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport. Passports must be valid through January 31, 2021.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ VI MC AX DS

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please select your cabin category.

- Category E - Window Stateroom on Douro Deck \$4,799.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Category B - Balcony Stateroom on Lisbon Deck \$5,899.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Category A - Balcony Stateroom on Porto Deck \$6,199.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Interested in Madrid Extension for \$900.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance. (All insurance prices are per person .)

- Category E Travel Insurance \$362.00 Category B Travel Insurance \$445.00
- Category A Travel Insurance \$468.00 Madrid Extension Travel Insurance \$67.95

No, I do not want Travel Protection. Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.