
HIKE IN PORTO, THE DOURO VALLEY (PORTUGAL), AND SALAMANCA (SPAIN) (PORT-TO-PORT CRUISE)

Trip Code: ROP_PP

Duration: 8

Destination: PORTO - REGUA - VEGA DE TERON - BARCA D'ALVA - SENHORA DA RIBEIRA - BITETOS

Travel Dates: 2023

DAY 1 PORTO

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 5:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Presentation of our hiking program. In the evening, depending on the weather, we'll cruise to the mouth of the Douro River.

DAY 2 PORTO - REGUA

We'll set out for a guided tour of Porto. The afternoon will be spent sailing towards Regua. Enjoy an evening of dancing or a stroll through the city on your own.

DAY 3 REGUA - PINHAO - VEGA DE TERON

Hikers' Program: Hike through the heart of the Alvão Natural Park. Mountainous scenery, granite statues, deep valleys, and remote villages line our route. (Length 2½ - 3 hours, distance of 7 km (4.5 miles), with about 320m (1,050 feet) of elevation gain). Non-hikers' Program: Trip to Vila Réal and stroll through the beautiful gardens of the Mateus Palace. The afternoon will be spent sailing through the very heart of the most famous vineyards in Porto. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

DAY 4 VEGA DE TERON - SALAMANCA - BARCA D'ALVA

Join us on a guided tour of Salamanca, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll return on board in the end of the afternoon. Enjoy an evening of Flamenco entertainment.

DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA - SENHORA DA RIBEIRA

Hikers' Program: "Vultures' Cliff" This hike begins in a wild mountainous setting with magnificent panoramic views of the Douro River and Spain. Picnic lunch. (Length 3 hours, 8 km (5 miles) with about 530m (1,740 ft) of elevation gain). Non-hikers' Program: Excursion to Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo. We'll return on board. The afternoon will be spent sailing to Senhora da Ribeira. Tonight's our gala evening and dinner

DAY 6 SENHORA DA RIBEIRA - FERRADOSA - PINHAO - REGUA - BITETOS

Hikers' Program: Hike through the vineyards. Discovery of a real paradise where nature has been protected (picnic lunch). (Length 4 hours, 14 km (8.6 miles) with about 500m descent (1,650 ft)) Non-hikers' Program: "Wines of Porto" excursion with a tasting* of Porto wines. We'll cruise to Bitetos, reaching it in the evening. Enjoy an evening of Fado entertainment.

DAY 7 BITETOS - PORTO

This morning will be spent sailing to Porto. Hikers' Program: Hike along the banks of the Douro River to its estuary, admiring breathtaking views of the city and the ocean. (Length 2 to 2½ hours, 8 km (5 miles) on flat, level ground) Non-hikers' Program: Excursion to Guimaraes, birthplace of Portugal in the 12th century. Enjoy an evening of traditional folk entertainment.

DAY 8 PORTO

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

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