



Portugal Vineyards & Villages Along the Douro River with 3-Nights in Lisbon hosted by Colleen Alsberg

Saturday, September 20 – Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Avalon Waterways – Alegria

DAILY ITINERARY



Day 1: Saturday, September 20 - Depart USA

Your journey begins with an overnight flight from Chicago O'Hare to Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Sunday, September 21 - Arrive in Lisbon

Welcome to Lisbon - The day is yours to relax and explore.

Hotel: Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa (or similar)

Day 3: Monday, September 22 - Lisbon

Explore Lisbon, Portugal's capital, with a Local Guide. Do not miss the must-see sights, including Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries.

You might opt to join an optional gastronomic walking tour to learn about the authentic flavors, aromas, and traditions of Portugal.

This evening you might join an optional excursion including a traditional Portuguese dinner, followed by a live concert of traditional Portuguese Fado music.

Hotel: Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa (or similar)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 4: Tuesday, September 23 - Lisbon

This morning, join us on a guided excursion to Sintra, where you will visit the National Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, drive to Cabo da Roca and enjoy some free time in the westernmost point of continental Europe.

Hotel: Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Wednesday, September 24 – Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto (Embarkation)

Stop in Coimbra for a guided city sightseeing tour. Accompanied by a Local Guide, you'll explore the historical area of the city and learn all about the oldest university in Portugal, and one of the oldest in the world.

Transfer to Porto to board your Avalon Suite Ship.

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board. Overnight docking in Porto.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Thursday, September 25 - Porto Antigo, Excursion Braga & Guimaraes

Step back in time within the walls of the Interpretation Centre of the Romanesque with a fascinating introduction to its symbolism and architecture. Enjoy an excursion with an exclusive visit to one of the most iconic monasteries of the Romanesque era with entrance to a XIII century church and be enchanted by sounds of Gregorian Chant from the high choir, OR: Enter a world of Celtic history and the reign of Cesar Augustus where five roads diverged to form an empire with a full-day guided tour of Braga. Marvel at the magnificent castle and San Miguel church in Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Celebrate your experience with a stop at one of the area's many wine farms and enjoy a tasting. Overnight docking in Porto Antigo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Friday, September 26 - Peso Da Régua

Experience life on one of the oldest farms in the Douro Valley with a personal tour by the owner of the house, including an olive oil and wine tasting, OR: Take a guided walking tour of the charming town of Régua —with its religious architecture, narrow streets, beautiful tiles, and stained-glass window of Casa do Douro. Continue to Lamego to visit the cathedral, followed by a delicious tasting of bola de Lamego and sparkling wine in a local pastry shop.

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy free time in Pinhão to browse the artisanal markets for woven textiles, terra cotta creations, and culinary delights, or consider joining an optional excursion to learn about the Douro Valley's "liquid gold" at a traditional olive-oil mill.

This afternoon, consider an optional excursion to Casa de Mateus. Overnight docking in Pinhão.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Saturday, September 27 - Pocinho

Enjoy a relaxing cruise to Pocinho for a day in the Terra Quente region. Discover Vila Nova de Foz Côa at the eastern terminal of the legendary Douro Railway line. Marvel at the amazing archaeological site along the River Côa where a wealth of remarkable prehistoric rock paintings and carvings were discovered as the most significant collection of Palaeolithic figurations known today. OR: Join a guided tour of Freixo de Numão, a charming village nestled between the nearby mountains filled with vast vineyards and granite houses. This little suburb is filled with Roman, Medieval, and modern ruins. Overnight docking in Barca D'alva.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Sunday, September 28 - Barca D'Alva, Excursion to Salamanca

Join our guide for a guided tour this morning to one of the most remote villages of the country, Freixo de Espada à Cinta village in the Douro International Natural Park, home to majestic birds of prey, OR: Get a taste of Spain with a full-day excursion to Salamanca. This Spanish city will take your breath away with its stunning streets and squares, featuring a feast for the eyes with Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, and "Plateresque" architecture. Dive into a delicious dish of the traditional Spanish delicacy, *tostón asado* (traditional roast suckling pig). Overnight docking in Ferradosa.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Monday, September 29 – Ferradosa, Leverinho, Excursion to Amarante

During your morning sailing, a professional painter will guide you through the process of painting an *azulejos* (traditional Portuguese tile) to take home a piece of Portugal's tradition. You may alternatively join an onboard pastry demonstration.

Join a guided sightseeing tour of Amarante – poised against a breathtaking backdrop of the great Serra do Marão mountain and the Tâmega River, which courses through the heart of the city and assortment of houses lining the riverbanks. Later, feel the passion of Portugal's soulful and stirring Fado music during a visit with local musicians on board. Overnight docking in Leverinho.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Tuesday, September 30 - Porto

Enjoy the wharfs of the Douro River and the coastal magnificence of Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia, on a bicycle and accompanied by a professional biologist tour guide, OR; Join a guided sightseeing tour of Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue your experience with a ride to the riverside city of Matosinhos and up Avenida da Boavista to admire some of the modern charms of Porto – from ancient avenues to avant-garde graffiti street art, OR: this afternoon, you may choose to join in a guided optional excursion such as a scenic canal cruise on the Aveiro (Venice of Portugal) or explore a family-owned factory to witness the Portuguese art of cork and barrel production. Perhaps simply spend time strolling through Porto's cobblestone lanes, lovely shops, and tempting tapas bars this afternoon before experiencing the energy of Porto's buzzing nightlife.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Wednesday, October 1 - Porto (Disembarkation)

Enjoy breakfast before transferring disembarking in Porto and transferring to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Air and Tour Pricing Starting at: \$8211.00 *Based on Double Occupancy in category E*

Tour Only Pricing: \$6422.00 *Based on Double Occupancy in category E*

Single Supplement: Call for pricing and availability

Initial Deposit: \$400.00 per person

Final Payment: No later than June 12, 2025

Requirements: A valid US passport with a minimum validity of 6 months from date of return

Available Discounts

Early Booking Discount: Book and deposit by June 28, 2024 and receive a \$200.00 discount per person.

Discounts are subject to change at any time.

Ship Information:

Explore Portugal's dazzling Douro River on Avalon's newest addition to our award-winning fleet of Suite Ships®. The Avalon Alegria delights river cruisers with exceptional experiences and the elegant yet relaxed luxury you've come to expect from Avalon Waterways. As the newest addition to our fleet of Suite Ships, the Avalon Alegria certainly lives up to its name, meaning happiness, which flows from stem to stern on this 262-foot ship.

Choose from 14 deluxe staterooms or 37 Panorama Suites® with a spacious capacity of just 102 passengers.

Choose from two full decks of award-winning Panorama Suites, featuring wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that transform your living space into a unique Open-Air Balcony.

The 200-square-foot Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, with Avalon's signature window-facing "Beds with a View." spectacular views!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Not Included: Airline flights on land-only packages, air-imposed baggage fees, gratuities for airport porters, tour guides, motorcoach drivers, meals (other than those included in the package), optional excursions, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

Terms: Minimum of 20 travelers required for the tour to operate and send a Fox World Travel tour manager to accompany the group. In the event the minimum number is not reached, the tour will operate with a professional, local guide in the destination. Hotels and daily itinerary are subject to change. In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program. Included visits and specific features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.

Group Air: A minimum of 10 passengers is needed for the group air. Air is non-refundable after ticketing. Flights are currently pending. The air-inclusive package includes air that has not yet been assigned, the identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date. Price includes approximate air taxes and fees of \$300.26. Air package pricing is subject to change until contracted due to the volatility of airfare costs. Checked baggage fees may apply. Pricing and flight options from other cities available upon request.

Insurance: For peace of mind, we recommend purchasing travel protection insurance. Your travel advisor can discuss options with you, including medical expense coverage, pre-existing medical condition exclusion waivers, trip cancellation, trip delay, lost, delayed, or damaged baggage and more. To cover pre-existing conditions, most policies must be purchased within 14 days of making your initial deposit. Travel protection insurance prices are based on your age and the trip cost.

Fox Professional Fee: Package price includes a \$50.00 non-refundable Professional Fee per reservation. Fee will be charged at the time of deposit and will show as an additional payment from Fox World Travel.

Cancellation Penalties:

From date of deposit to June 12, 2025	Initial deposit of \$400.00 per person
June 13 – July 21, 2025	50% package price cancellation fee + applicable airline fees
July 22 – August 20, 2025	75% package price cancellation fee + applicable airline fees
August 21, 2025 to 0 days prior to travel	No refunds

Fox World Cancellation Fee of \$100.00 per reservation will apply in addition to any Fox Group Vacation or vendor cancellation penalties. Air tickets are non-refundable once ticketed.