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# 2026 HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL PLUS DOURO RIVER CRUISE TOUR

**18 Nights / 21 Days • Escorted from Honolulu**

**Travel to Barcelona, Spain & Return from Porto, Portugal**

**September 17 – October 07, 2026 • Avalon Alegria • Tour Manager: Lori Lee**

**COUNTRIES:** Spain & Portugal

**RIVERS:** Douro River

**LAND TOUR OVERVIEW:** Like the blue azulejo-tiled walls on Portugal’s beautiful buildings, homes, and churches, we’ve pieced together the best experiences of two sun-washed countries for those looking for an enlightening getaway. On this nine day tour of Spain and Portugal, you’ll spend two nights each in four legendary cities spanning from the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea to the golden coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Barcelona’s distinctive architecture, Madrid’s artistic energy, Seville’s medieval past, and Lisbon’s tiled and cobbled charm await your arrival and exploration. With immersive sightseeing, you’ll dive into the history, culture, and cuisine of each city during the must-see, must-taste, and must-hear experiences, from Portugal’s sweet red port and mournful fado music to Spain’s dry Rioja wine and lively flamenco performances.

**CRUISE OVERVIEW:** Explore the dreamy Douro River and discover why its name translates to “River of Gold” as you sail on its gleaming waters through Portugal’s breathtaking panoramic beauty. Marvel at the world’s oldest demarcated wine region, cozy towns, and charming villages while sailing through some of the most spectacular views of Portugal. Before sailing, begin your vacation your way with a three night stay in beautiful Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Enjoy guided sightseeing to see the city highlights, including Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Join an excursion to magnificent Palacio Nacional de Sintra. Stop in Coimbra for a city sightseeing tour before reaching Porto where you will board your Avalon Suite Ship® to start a delightful river cruise across Portugal!

Like a blue ribbon threading through the green Douro Valley, the Douro River carries you through some of Portugal’s most legendary landscapes. Meaning “River of Gold,” the Douro River lives up to its name by revealing priceless gems along sloping vineyards and sleepy villages where rugged landscapes have been tamed for centuries to produce a bounty of wines and cuisine. Welcome aboard the newest addition to our award-winning fleet of Suite Ships® — the Avalon Alegria<sup>SM</sup> to be swept away by Douro’s timeless treasures and traditions, family farms and fevered fado music, and mouth-watering culinary creations in the world’s oldest demarcated wine region.

Embark on your Suite Ship® in the city of Porto. Take a guided tour to Braga and Guimarães or start exploring the city joining a guided sightseeing. Enjoy a guided tour in the charming town of Lamego or meet the owner of one of the oldest farms in the Douro Valley to sample the proud traditions of olive oil and wine. Enjoy a wine tasting in a local quinta or join a canoe adventure on the Douro River. Visit Freixo de Espada à Cinta, a cozy village with narrow streets, flowered houses, and grand Gothic Manueline windows or choose a full-day experience in Spain with a guided sightseeing excursion to Salamanca. Discover the process of painting an azulejos (traditional Portuguese tile) following the guide of a professional painter. Immerse yourself in an emotionally stirring experience in Portugal’s city of Amarante or taste the unique Vinho Verde.

Your Douro River cruise returns to Porto to soak in the scenic mysteries of this city’s Historical Centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These and countless other treasures await you on the River of Gold in Portugal’s dazzling Douro Valley.

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**Day 1: Thur, Sept 17** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

**Day 2: Fri, Sept 18** – IN TRANSIT.

**Day 3: Sat, Sept 19** – BARCELONA, SPAIN. Welcome to Spain! After completing arrival formalities, transfer by coach to the hotel in Barcelona. The hotel room will be available in the afternoon. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Barcelona on your own. At 6:00 pm, **meet your Tour Director and travel companions** for a **Welcome Dinner** at your hotel. NH SANTS BARCELONA or Similar (2 Nights) (D)

**Day 4: Sun, Sept 20** – BARCELONA. Guided sightseeing includes the **Palau de la Música** and panoramic views of the city and harbor from **Montjuïc Hill**. Stop at **Sagrada Família Basilica, Columbus Monument, Plaza de Catalunya,** and **Paseo de Gràcia**. (B)

**Day 5: Mon, Sept 21** – BARCELONA – MADRID. Take a scenic drive through the Catalan and Aragonian countryside en route to Madrid. NOVOTEL MADRID CENTER or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 6: Tue, Sept 22** – MADRID. Guided sightseeing includes the **Prado Museum** and sights of the **Cibeles Fountain** and **Calle Alcalá**. (B)

**Day 7: Wed, Sept 23** – MADRID – CORDOBA – SEVILLE. Guided walking tour includes the **Mosque of the Caliphs**. Free time to browse before departing for Seville. SEVILLA CENTER or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 8: Thur, Sept 24** – SEVILLE. Visit **Plaza de España**. Guided sightseeing includes the **Casa de Pilatos** and a walk through the **Santa Cruz Quarter**. Enjoy dinner with local specialties at El Palacio Andaluz restaurant with **flamenco entertainment**. (B, D)

**Day 9: Fri, Sept 25** – SEVILLE – SETUBAL – AZEITÃO, PORTUGAL – LISBON. Free time for lunch in the vibrant **food market** in Setubal. Visit a **traditional tile workshop** in Azeitão. Enjoy free



time this afternoon and evening in Lisbon. THE EDITORY RIVERSIDE DE SANTA APOLONIA or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 10: Sat, Sept 26** – LISBON. Guided sightseeing includes a photo stop at **Belem Tower** and the **Monument to the Discoveries**. Explore more of Lisbon with your choice of included Globus Choice Excursions. Join a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11: Sun, Sept 27** – LISBON. Transfer to the next Lisbon hotel. Rooms will not be available until the afternoon. Enjoy a day of leisure in Lisbon. TIVOLI AVENIDA LIBERDADE LISBOA or Similar (3 Nights) (B)

**Day 12: Mon, Sept 28** – LISBON.

**📹 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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. (B)

**Day 13: Tue, Sept 29** – LISBON – EXCURSION TO SINTRA AND VISIT OF PALACIO NACIONAL.

**📹 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** This afternoon, 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 Western most point of continental Europe. In the morning you might join an optional excursion to learn how to bake the most well-known Portuguese tart, known as pastel de nata. (B)

**Day 14: Wed, Sept 30** – LISBON – COIMBRA – PORTO – EMBARK AVALON ALEGRIA.

**📹 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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 the Avalon Alegria. Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board. The ship will be docked in Porto overnight. (B, D)

**Day 15: Thur, Oct 01** – PORTO – PORTO ANTIGO. Visit the Adventure Center on board for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**🚴 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy the wharfs of the Douro River and the coastal magnificence of Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia, on a guided bike tour, OR

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy a guided visit to one of the many port wine cellars, where a Guide will accompany you through the cellar's facilities, explaining where the grapes



MONUMENT TO THE DISCOVERIES, PORTUGAL



are harvested and how the wines are made. At the end of your explorations, taste some of the wines, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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.

Later, feel the passion of Portugal's soulful and stirring fado music during a visit with local musicians on board. The ship will be docked in Porto Antigo overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 16: Fri, Oct 02 – PORTO ANTIGO – PESO DA RÉGUA – PINHÃO.

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Experience life on one of the oldest farms in the Douro Valley with a personal tour by the owner of the house, including a wine tasting, OR

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a wine painting class with the guidance of a resident artist for a unique and new experience to portray an image linked to the culture of wine through an innovative process, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a guided walking tour of the charming town of Lamego. Enjoy a taste of the local Bôla de Lamego with sparkling wine and stroll past iconic landmarks like the majestic Lamego Cathedral.

Enjoy a short sailing to Pinhão. 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" as a traditional olive-oil mill or to visit Casa de Mateus. The ship will be docked in Pinhão overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 17: Sat, Oct 03 – PINHÃO – POCINHO – BARCA D'ALVA. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. Enjoy a relaxing cruise to Pocinho for a day in the Terra Quente Region.

**🎨 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a workshop conducted by a professional painter to discover the process of azulejos (traditional Portuguese tile).

**🚴 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Discover the Douro River by bike on a guided adventure through Portugal's stunning valley. Enjoy breathtaking views and unforgettable moments, OR

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Experience the charm of the Douro Region with a visit to a historic vineyard estate. Enjoy a tasting of exquisite red, white, and port wines soaking in stunning views and uncovering the rich heritage of this renowned wine making region.

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join us for an on board workshop to learn Portuguese language and culture. Discover essential words, charming stories, and clever tricks that bring this centuries-old language to life in an interactive and memorable way.

This evening, enjoy an on board flamenco show with local artists. The ship will be docked in Barca d'Alva overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 18: Sun, Oct 04 – BARCA D'ALVA – EXCURSION TO SALAMANCA – FOZ DO SABOR. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

AZULEJOS TILES IN A PORTO CATHEDRAL, PORTUGAL



**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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 Nature Park, home to majestic birds of prey, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a guided tour of the historic village of Castelo Rodrigo, which from the top of a hill, dominates the plateau that stretches from Spain in the east to the deep valley of the Douro in the north. Stroll through its medieval streets and discover the small details that give it color such as the Hebrew inscriptions and crosses carved on the doorposts and vousoirs, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board. The ship will be docked in Foz Do Sabor overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 19: Mon, Oct 05 – FOZ DO SABOR – PORTO ANTIGO – EXCURSION TO AMARANTE. This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing through the Douro River.

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy an on board pastry demonstration.

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join us on a visit to a wine-producing property, and taste the freshness and lightness of iconic Vinho Verde wine, considered one of the world's unique white wines, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a guided sightseeing tour of Amarante – poised against a breathtaking backdrop of the great Serra do Marão Mountain and the Tamega River, which courses through the heart of the city and assortment of houses lining the riverbanks.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board. The ship will be docked in Porto Antigo overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 20: Tue, Oct 06 – PORTO ANTIGO – PORTO – EXCURSION BRAGA AND GUIMARÃES. Enjoy a leisurely sailing morning to Porto or join an included excursion to Braga and Guimarães.

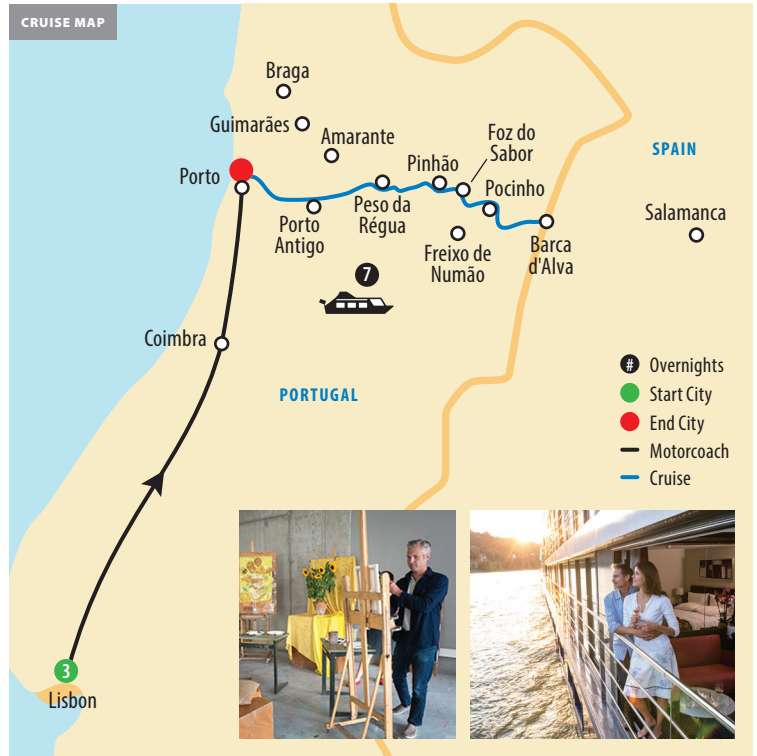
**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enter a world of Celtic history and the reign of Cesar Augustus where five roads diverged to form an empire with a full-day guided tour of Braga. Marvel at the magnificent castle and San Miguel Church in Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This afternoon, you may choose to join an optional guided excursion such as a visit to a family-owned factory to witness the Portuguese art of cork and barrel production or a culinary tour experience. Perhaps simply spend time strolling through Porto's cobblestone lanes, lovely shops, and tempting tapas bars before experiencing the energy of Porto's buzzing nightlife. The ship will be docked in Porto overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 21: Wed, Oct 07 – PORTO – DISEMBARK AVALON ALEGRIA – HONOLULU. Bid farewell to the Portugal as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

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