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2027 HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Plus Douro River Cruise Tour

18 Nights / 21 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Travel to Barcelona, Spain & Return from Porto, Portugal

October 07 – 27, 2027 • Avalon Alegria • Tour Manager: Lori Lee

COUNTRIES: Spain & Portugal

RIVER: Douro River

LAND 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 cobble 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.

PLUS, your tour includes your choice of excursions in Lisbon so you can plan your day your way.

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 River Douro 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™ 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 Guimaraes 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 kayak adventure on the Douro River. Visit Freixo de Espada à Cinta, a cozy village with narrow streets, flowered houses, and grand Gothic Manueiline 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. Taste the freshness and lightness of Vinho Verde, one of the world's unique white wines.

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, Oct 07 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Fri, Oct 08 – IN TRANSIT.

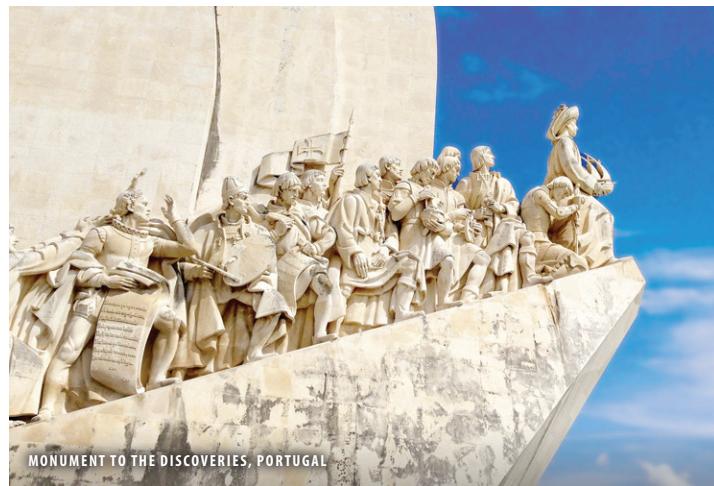
Day 3: Sat, Oct 09 – BARCELONA, SPAIN. Welcome to Spain! After completing arrival formalities, transfer by coach to the hotel in Barcelona. The hotel room will be available in the afternoon. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Barcelona on your own. At 6:00 pm, **meet your Tour Director and travel companions** for a **welcome dinner** at your hotel. NH SANTS BARCELONA or Similar (2 Nights) (D)

Day 4: Sun, Oct 10 – BARCELONA. Wake up in Barcelona! The morning is yours to either explore independently or join an optional excursion. This afternoon, discover Barcelona with your Local Guide on a sightseeing tour to see the **Columbus Monument, Plaza de Cataluña, and Passeig de Gràcia**. Enjoy a photo stop at the **Sagrada Família**, visit the historic concert hall **Palau de La Musica**, and enjoy panoramic views of the city and harbor from **Montjuïc Hill**. (B)

Day 5: Mon, Oct 11 – BARCELONA – MADRID. Today, sit back and relax for a scenic drive through the Catalonian and Aragonian countryside en route to Madrid. Enjoy an evening at leisure to get your first taste of Spain's capital city. NOVOTEL MADRID CENTER or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 6: Tue, Oct 12 – MADRID. Discover the city's historic grandeur along the boulevards. Admire elegant buildings and views of legendary landmarks, including the **Plaza de España monument to Miguel de Cervantes**, author of *Don Quixote*. Visit the world-famous **Prado Museum** for further glimpses into Spanish culture and history through its art collection. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure to explore more of this captivating city. (B)

Day 7: Wed, Oct 13 – MADRID – CORDOBA – SEVILLE. Enjoy a scenic drive south into the region of Andalusia. This afternoon, visit the magnificent city of Cordoba, follow your Local Guide on a walking tour to see the **Jewish Quarter, the Roman Bridge, and the remains of the Alcazar**. The tour highlight is a visit of the **Mosque of the Caliphs**, one of the Twelve Treasures of Spain. Enjoy some free time to browse the narrow streets before continuing to the vibrant city of Seville. SEVILLA CENTER or Similar (2 Nights) (B)



MONUMENT TO THE DISCOVERIES, PORTUGAL

Day 8: Thur, Oct 14 – SEVILLE. This morning, discover what makes Seville so special! Start with a visit to the **Plaza de España**, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Then, join your Local Guide for a fascinating sightseeing tour featuring a panoramic drive, a visit to the **Casa de Pilatos**, and a stroll through the charming **Santa Cruz Quarter**. This evening, delve deeper into Sevillian culture and enjoy **dinner with local specialties** at El Palacio Andaluz restaurant accompanied by **authentic Flamenco entertainment**. (B, D)

Day 9: Fri, Oct 15 – SEVILLE – SETUBAL – AZEITÃO, PORTUGAL – LISBON. Bid "adios" to Spain as you cross over the border to Portugal. Stop in Setubal for some leisure time to browse this colorful town and try some local specialties for lunch. Continue to Azeitão to visit a **traditional tile workshop** and see how the **traditional azulejos (tiles) are created**. Reach Lisbon, free time late afternoon and evening to start exploring Portugal's capital. HOLIDAY INN LISBON CONTINENTAL or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 10: Sat, Oct 16 – LISBON. Spend your day your way in Lisbon. Explore more of Lisbon with your **choice of included Globus Choice Excursions**. **GOING MEDIEVAL:** Experience the sights and sounds of Lisbon. **Hop on one of Lisbon's trams** for a short ride in the center. **Walk the narrow streets**, alleyways, and cobblestones to soak in the city like a true local. **Taste traditional ginjinha (berry liqueur)** in this medieval world of stories and historical legends, OR **LEGENDS OF LISBON:** Discover the historic grandeur of Lisbon on an **orientation drive through the city**, complete with photo stops at Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Visit the stunning and historically significant **Jeronimos Monastery** and marvel at its intricately carved cloisters. Enjoy free time this afternoon. Later, enjoy a **farewell dinner** at your hotel as you bid farewell to the Tour Director for this portion of the tour. (B, D)

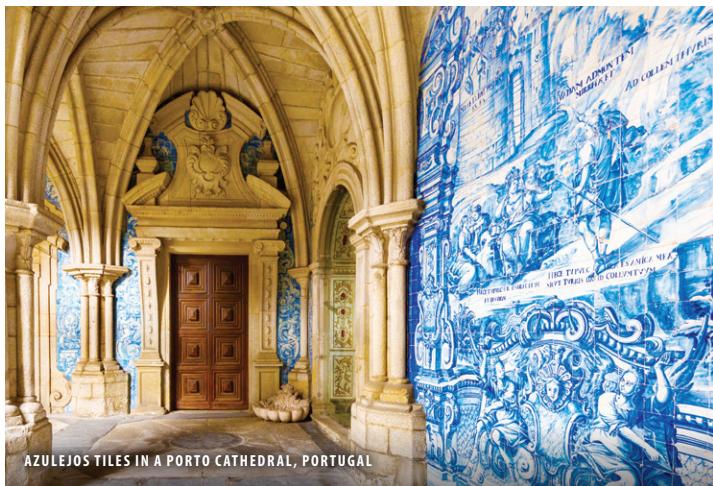
Day 11: Sun, Oct 17 – LISBON. Transfer to the next Lisbon hotel. Rooms will not be available until the afternoon. Enjoy a day of leisure in Lisbon. TIVOLI AVENIDA LIBERDADE LISBOA or Similar (3 Nights) (B)

Day 12: Mon, Oct 18 – 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, Oct 19 – LISBON – EXCURSION TO SINTRA AND VISIT TO PALÁCIO NACIONAL (NATIONAL PALACE).

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join us on a **guided excursion to Sintra**, where you will visit the **Palácio Nacional (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**. (B)



Day 14: Wed, Oct 20 – 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 21 – PORTO – PORTO ANTIGO.

 **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 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.

 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join us for an **onboard 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.

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 22 – PORTO ANTIGO – PESO DA REGUA – 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 bola de Lamego with sparkling wine** and stroll past iconic landmarks like the majestic **Lamego Cathedral**.

Enjoy a short sailing to Pinhão. Enjoy a peaceful stroll through the quaint riverside town of Pinhão or consider joining an optional excursion to learn about the Douro Valley's "liquid gold" at 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 23 – POCINHO – BARCA D'ALVA. 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:** Experience the stunning beauty of the Douro River on a **guided bike tour** through its picturesque vineyards, 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 winemaking region.

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 24 – BARCA D'ALVA – EXCURSION TO SALAMANCA – FOZ DO SABOR.

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join our guide for a **guided tour** this morning to one of the most remote villages of the country, **Freixo de Espada a Cinta village** in the **Douro International Nature Park**, home to majestic birds of prey, OR

 **DISCOVERY 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 colour such as the Hebrew inscriptions and crosses carves on the doorposts and voussoirs, 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 25 – 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.

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

Day 20: Tue, Oct 26 – PORTO ANTIGO – PORTO. Enjoy a **leisurely sailing morning to Porto** or join an included **excursion to Braga and Guimaraes**.

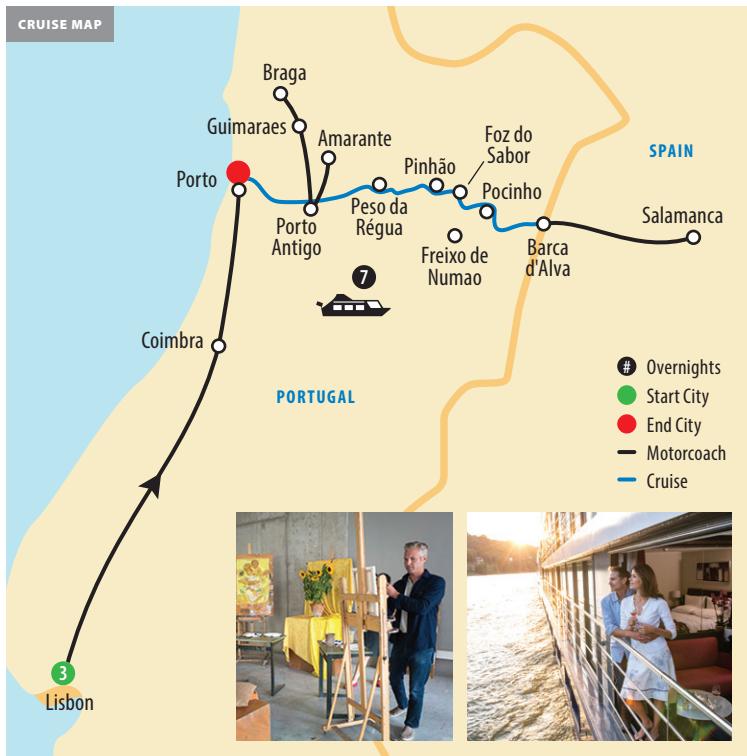
 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enter a world of **Celtic history** and the reign of Cesar Augustus where five roads diverged to form an empire with a **full-day guided tour of Braga**. Marvel at the **magnificent castle** and **San Miguel Church** in Guimaraes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This afternoon, you may choose to join a guided optional 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 this afternoon before experiencing the energy of Porto's buzzing nightlife. The ship will be docked in Porto overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 21: Wed, Oct 27 – PORTO – DISEMBARK AVALON ALEGRIA – HONOLULU. Bid farewell to the Portugal as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 11-nights hotel accommodations.
- 7-nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- Open-air balconies and wall-to-wall panoramic windows in all Panorama Suites.
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- Well-stocked mini-bar.
- Included sightseeing with expert Local Guides with personal headset included.
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- Happy hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails, and a drink of the day.
- Welcome and farewell cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés.
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily a la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef's features including carving and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at the Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu and venue options.
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