

**Gary and Nancy's Port  
Adventure!**

# Cruising the Douro River Valley

*Follow the Douro deep into  
Portugal's soul on a week-long round  
trip from*

*Porto, where sunlight glints off azulejo  
tiles, vineyard trails lead to family-run  
quintas, and every bend reveals a new  
story. A journey that tempts with bold  
wines, soulful towns, and the irresistible  
charm of a country defined by its river.*

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**October 8-15, 2027**

**8 DAYS FROM \$7,290**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

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## *Uniquely Tauck*

- An exclusive reception and private dinner at a renowned Douro Valley wine estate, featuring locally produced wines in a private setting
- Pedal through the Vinho Verde wine country on a bicycle tour, where Portugal's celebrated "Green Wine" (fresh, light wine) is produced
- Enjoy a choice of a vineyard hike or Pinhão orientation walk, followed by an afternoon wine estate visit or an exclusive Port cocktail-making workshop



*ms Andorinha, Pinhão Portugal*

## ■ DAY 1

### Arrive Porto

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Porto.* A transfer is included from Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station to your riverboat. Join us for a welcome reception with dinner and onboard entertainment. **Meals D**

## ■ DAY 2

### Porto and the Douro Valley

Situated in northwest Portugal where the Douro meets the Atlantic Ocean, Porto has been known as the city from which authentic Port wine has been shipped throughout the world for nearly three centuries. You have a choice of sightseeing today; discover Porto by land, river, and air – starting from the historic riverfront Ribeira district, walking to Vila Nova de Gaia and riding a cable car for panoramic views. Alternatively, join a local guide for an active walking tour that begins in the riverside Ribeira district, walking uphill to the Cathedral, crossing the top of the Luís I bridge and ending in Vila Nova de Gaia with a view overlooking Porto. Return to your riverboat late morning and begin sailing to the Douro River Valley, bound for the historic port of Peso da Régua. All along the winding river, rugged conical mountains and shale hills carved by concentric vineyard terraces tell of a winemaking history that's thousands of years old. Inhospitable to most other kinds of farming, the terrain is perfect for Portugal's indigenous wine grapes, whose hardy roots can go down 30 feet or more in search of water. Since the latter half of the 17th century, when Portuguese vintners succeeded in creating a sweet fortified wine – now famous around the world as Port, named for the city of Porto – that could make the long sea voyage to Britain without spoiling, the Douro Valley has been the only supplier of true Port, the oldest demarcated wine region on Earth. **Meals BLD**

## ■ DAY 3

### Peso da Régua and Pinhão

Dock in the historic town of Peso da Régua, once a busy hub where wooden boats called *rabelos*, laden with barrels of Port, sailed downriver to Vila Nova de Gaia. At Museu do Douro, housed in a renovated 18th-century mansion, multimedia exhibits offer a history of viticulture in the Douro Valley. This afternoon, pass through one of the largest locks on the Douro as you sail to the idyllic, vineyard-lined village of Pinhão, nestled at a dramatic bend in the river; Pinhão is known as the gateway to the valley's quintas (vineyards). From here, drive to Quinta do Portal, an estate in the Cima Corgo region where renowned Port and non-fortified wines are made. Enjoy a private Tauck reception and dinner with wine pairings, and views overlooking the vineyards. **Meals BLD**

## Voyage at a glance

### ■ 7 cruise nights

#### Day Destination

- 1 Embark Porto
- 2 Porto
- 3 Peso da Régua / Pinhão
- 4 Cruise the Douro
- 5 Pocinho / Cõa Valley
- 6 Pinhão / Peso da Régua
- 7 Guimarães or Vinho Verde Region
- 8 Disembark Porto

#### Map Detail





## Private dinner with wine pairings

*Quintas* have lined the Douro for centuries, perfecting wine-making techniques; attend a private dinner and wine pairing at Quinta do Portal.



## Two ways to discover Pinhão

Visit Pinhão's early-20th-century train station adorned with intricate blue *azulejos*, or embark on a vigorous hike through scenic vineyards with breathtaking valley views.



## Ancient stories in the Côa Valley

Step into the Vale do Côa Archaeological Park, home to thousands of open-air Paleolithic petroglyphs – a rarity in Europe, filled with artistry and mystery.

### ■ DAY 4

## Along the Douro to Vega de Terrón

The Douro River Valley and its unique landscapes of terraced mountains, villages, and wine estates unfold before you today as you spend a full day cruising from Pinhão. It's a great day to take advantage of your riverboat's amenities, enjoy commentary by your Tauck Director, or simply relax on the spacious Sun Deck. In late afternoon, arrive in Vega de Terrón, where the Douro River forms the border between Spain and Portugal, and where the riverboat will dock for the night. The tranquil landscape, at a confluence of rivers, is beautiful and unspoiled – and rich in history. **Meals BLD**

### ■ DAY 5

## Côa Valley discoveries, your way

Arrive this morning in Pocinho, the eastern gateway to the UNESCO-recognized Côa Valley, and choose how you'd like to explore. Journey to the acclaimed Museu do Côa for a compelling introduction to the valley's open-air Paleolithic engravings, brought to life through striking exhibits and multimedia displays; or visit a *quinta* in the Douro Superior wine region, where sun-drenched hillsides produce intensely flavored wines, for a guided tour and tasting that showcases the character of this upper-valley terroir. Guests seeking a more adventurous experience may opt for an active outing into the archaeological park itself, traveling by 4x4 and hiking across steep, uneven terrain to view original rock-art panels carved into the schist thousands of years ago – an unforgettable encounter with some of Europe's oldest artistic expressions. Return to the riverboat for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruise back toward Pinhão as the rugged beauty of the Upper Douro unfolds around you. **Meals BLD**

### ■ DAY 6

## Pinhão and the flavors of the Douro

Your choice of excursions includes an opportunity to explore a taste of authentic Pinhão on a Tauck Director-led orientation walk that views its early-20th-century train station, adorned with blue-painted tiles (*azulejos*); or a vigorous hike from the village of Provesende through the vineyards towards Pinhão, with striking panoramic views. Depart for Régua, where you'll have two choices; visit Mateus Palace, an 18th-century Baroque estate with formal gardens, or join a local guide for a visit to a renowned winemaking estate, rewarded with a Port cocktail-making class. Continue the return trip, docking overnight in verdant wine country where some traditional farms grow vines on fences so high that the grapes must be harvested with wooden ladders. **Meals BLD**



Visit Mateus Palace, an 18th-century Baroque estate renowned for its elegant architecture and formal gardens.

■ DAY 7

Guimarães or bicycle ride and on to Gaia

Drive to medieval Guimarães, known as the “Cradle City,” on a full day’s excursion; the kingdom of Portugal was born here after a famous battle in 1128. You can choose a guided walking tour of the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose treasures include the partially restored Castle of Guimarães, the opulent Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, and the 13th-century Church of São Miguel do Castelo. Or choose a bicycle excursion\* (recommended for experienced cyclists) through the Vinho Verde wine region. Late afternoon, travel to Vila Nova de Gaia, across the river from Porto. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner aboard your ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

DAY 8

Journey Home

*Tour ends: Porto.* Disembark by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from your riverboat to Porto’s Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

■ Indicates cruise day

October 8-15, 2027

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DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Oct 8	7,290	\$7,790	\$9,290	\$9,490	\$9,990

2027 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer & premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, tea and soft drinks. Tauck’s private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$1,580.



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