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Romance of the

Douro River

Lisbon | Porto | Alto Douro Wine Region

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A World of Discovery

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Become intimately engaged in the rhythm of life along the Douro River, where grapevines swirl across terraced hills and visits to picture-perfect towns add a memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Travel through the rolling hills of the Alto Douro wine region and visit a *quinta* for a **port wine tasting**.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Portuguese aristocracy at **Mateus Palace**.
- ▶ Gaze at the world-renowned **University of Coimbra**.
- ▶ Delve into Portuguese history at **Guimarães**, the city considered to be the birthplace of Portugal.
- ▶ Explore **Porto's** maze of medieval alleys and colorful neighborhoods.
- ▶ Appreciate the splendor of **Salamanca**, an elegant Spanish city.
- ▶ Follow the historic path of great explorers in **Lisbon**.
- ▶ Delight in day sailing along the scenic **Douro River**.

Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 52-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for Michigan travelers—trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. We open doors others cannot and group sizes are intimate for maximum enjoyment by all. These trips will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, cuisine, history, and lives of the locals where your travels take you.

Every trip has been carefully thought out so that you can enjoy the best of what it has to offer. Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us...

Convenience: Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

Educational Enrichment: All trips include educational content. You will learn firsthand from expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Details about this trip, as well as others in our travel collection, are available on our website at umalumni.com/travel.

Have questions? Our travel team is happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Oporto and the Dom Luis I Bridge
2. Historic Center of Guimarães
3. Alto Douro Wine Region
4. University of Coimbra
5. Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém
6. Old City of Salamanca





Hieronymites Monastery, Lisbon

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Lisbon, Portugal. 🌐

Day 2 | Lisbon, Portugal

Upon arrival in Lisbon, transfer 🚗 and check in to the Dom Pedro Palace Lisbon.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers to kick off your adventure at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Lisbon

Discovery: Lisbon Tour. Uncover Lisbon today! See the Avenue of Liberty, sprawling squares and parks, and downtown Lisbon before immersing yourself in Portugal's seafaring history. Visit the Hieronymites Monastery. Built from 1501 as a place of spiritual protection, this is where sailors and explorers prayed before their expeditions. Admire the incredible artistry of the towering Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower, which celebrates the triumphs of Portugal's

explorers. Then drive through Lisbon's authentic, personality-packed neighborhoods, including Bairro Alto, Alfama and Graça.

Free Time: Discover Lisbon at your own pace.

Enrichment: Portuguese Explorers. Learn about The Age of Discovery and the explorers who sailed under the Portuguese flag.

🌐 **ELECTIVE | Fado Dinner.** Savor a delicious dinner of Portuguese cuisine and listen to soul-stirring *fado*, a traditional genre of music with melancholic guitar and vocal arrangements.

Day 4 | Lisbon

Free Time: Join today's Elective Activity to explore nearby villages or enjoy a day at leisure.

🌐 **ELECTIVE | Sintra, Cascais and Estoril.** Sintra is home to bright, playful architecture and the National Palace of Sintra with its two iconic white chimneys. Walk the path of Portuguese kings during a guided tour of the well-preserved

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.



ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Coimbra

palace. After lunch in Sintra, take a scenic drive, passing Cabo de Roca and pretty Guincho Beach. Stop in the delightful fishing village of Cascais for a guided picturesque walk, and drive through Estoril on your return to Lisbon.

Enrichment: Contemporary Portugal. Learn about modern Portugal, including the events and people that have shaped the Portugal of today.

Day 5 | Óbidos | Coimbra | Porto

Check out of the Dom Pedro Palace Lisbon.

Discovery: Óbidos. Visit Óbidos, a romantic medieval village enclosed within ancient walls. Follow narrow alleys bordered with traditional white houses, vivid tiles and potted geraniums.

Discovery: Coimbra. Built atop an ancient Roman city, Coimbra's timeworn streets offer a variety of interesting monuments and landmarks. Visit the illustrious University of Coimbra. The city's crowning glory opened in 1290 and is one of Europe's oldest universities. See St. Michael's Chapel, a historic ceremonial hall and the stunning Biblioteca Joanina, home to more than 60,000 volumes.

Dine on savory regional cuisine for lunch.

After time at leisure in Coimbra, continue to Porto and embark your river ship. Later tonight, join an onboard Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 6 | Porto

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Porto City Tour.** Witness Porto's historic and modern districts, see a breadth of architectural styles at the Palácio da Bolsa, and visit the Igreja da São Francisco. Conclude with a port wine tasting.

•**Porto by Tram and Flavors of Porto.**

Experience a bygone era and see the city from a unique perspective aboard one of Porto's historic trams. Then visit the Museu do Carro Elétrico, followed by a tasting of local specialties.

Free Time: Enjoy leisure time. Perhaps return to the city center on our complimentary shuttle.

Enrichment: Douro Wine Country. Discuss the UNESCO-listed Alto Douro Wine Region.

Day 7 | Porto | Peso da Régua

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Guimarães, Cradle of Portugal.** During a walking tour, discover the charms of Guimarães,



Medieval walls of Óbidos



Tram, Porto



Above: Salamanca | Inset: Port wine cellar

the birthplace of Portugal's first king. Step inside Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Oliveira, and visit the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, an opulent estate in the city. After, craft your own path of discovery in Guimarães.

•**Douro Walk and Port Wine Tasting.** Take a guided walk along the Atlantic coastline and the Douro. Pass through São Pedro da Afurada, a typical Portuguese fishing village where you can witness the hum of daily life. Along the way, enjoy a beautiful view of Porto and Ribeira Square. Continue to the renowned port wine cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia and savor a port wine tasting at one of the cellars. (Active)

Back on board, relax on deck and indulge in the peaceful beauty along the river while cruising.

Day 8 | Vila Real | Barca d'Alva

•**Discovery: Vila Real.** Encounter the Manor Solar de Mateus, an 18th-century baroque palace, on a guided tour. View the impressive rooftop pinnacles, carved wooden ceilings and lavish halls before strolling through the ample gardens, which feature box hedges, flowerbeds and a cedar tunnel. Walk along the cobbled lanes of Vila Real, and sample *Cristas de Galo*, a local pastry made with eggs and almonds.

Return to the ship for lunch. As you continue cruising through the Douro Valley, notice the riverbanks draped with orderly vineyards.

Day 9 | Barca d'Alva | Salamanca, Spain



Choose one of these excursions:

•**Salamanca City Tour.** Explore the historic university town of Salamanca. Visit the ornate cathedral and tour the famous university. Finish your adventure with lunch and leisure time.

•**Salamanca by Bike.** Bicycle along the Río Tormes and the Old Town with a guide. Visit the cathedral and the university. After a group lunch, craft your own path during free time. (Active)

Day 10 | São João da Pesqueira | Pinhão

•**Discovery: Porto's Wine Road.** Travel



Manor Solar de Mateus, Vila Real



Dom Luis I Bridge, Porto

through the rolling Alto Douro wine region, pausing to revel in a panoramic viewpoint. Visit São João da Pesqueira, known as the “fishing ground” due to its prime fishing location. Join a walking tour before exploring at your leisure. Continue to a traditional country estate and winery, or a *quinta*, for a tour of the facilities, a presentation about port winemaking and a tasting of the local product. Often characterized as a dessert wine, port is made with indigenous grapes and embodies sweet, rich flavors.

Discovery: Portuguese Folklore. Enjoy an authentic folk show tonight as singers and dancers showcase their culture through song.

Day 11 | Lamego | Porto

Discovery: Lamego. Pretty Lamego is nestled in the heart of the port-producing Douro Valley. Visit Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, a splendid baroque church overlooking the city. Leading to the church is a grand staircase with 686 steps, nine landings, statues, obelisks and *azulejos*, Portugal’s iconic blue-and-white tiles. Spend your final afternoon sailing the Douro Valley as the ship nears Porto.



Tonight, celebrate your exciting river journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈️ *Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

🍷 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That’s why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Port wine tasting

ACCOMMODATIONS



Dom Pedro Palace Lisbon | Lisbon



The Dom Pedro Palace is located on a tree-lined avenue and is elegantly decorated with marble columns and classic touches. Guests will enjoy dining at Il Gattopardo, featuring Italian dishes, or Bistrot Le Café, which serves regional cuisine. Unwind in the hotel's serene spa offering a sauna, whirlpool and indoor swimming pool, as well as a fitness room. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



MS Amalia Rodrigues

The MS Amalia Rodrigues debuted in 2019, joining CroisiEurope's fleet of fine river ships and representing a new generation of European river cruisers. Built specifically for river cruising, the Amalia Rodrigues is small enough to dock at the doorstep of towns and cities along the Douro River. With just 66 staterooms and suites, the ship also offers an intimate cruising experience and the utmost in service, safety and convenience. Travelers can relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the passing scenery, or unwind in the lounge or library. Expert chefs prepare meals in the exacting tradition of fine gastronomy. There's a full breakfast each morning, and at lunch and dinner, enjoy expertly prepared meals complemented by local wine. Throughout the cruise, all beverages (except Champagne and a select list of premium brands) are complimentary. All cabins are welcoming and provide outside river views and feature individual climate controls, flat-screen satellite TVs and bathrooms with showers. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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Call our travel experts at **800-492-8155** to reserve your place!

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Full Legal Name (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Sharing with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Lisbon, Portugal, with a return from Porto to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

First Class Business Class Premium Economy

No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **July 9, 2021** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.

Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates:

September 22 – October 3, 2021

Land | Cruise Program dates: September 23 – October 3, 2021

LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Main Deck	\$4,245	\$250	\$3,995
D-Middle Deck (Aft)	\$4,745	\$250	\$4,495
C-Middle Deck (Aft)	\$4,945	\$250	\$4,695
B-Upper Deck (Aft)	\$5,545	\$250	\$5,295
A-Upper Deck (Forward)	\$5,745	\$250	\$5,495
S2-Middle Deck (Aft)	\$6,145	\$250	\$5,895
S1-Upper Deck (Aft)	\$6,345	\$250	\$6,095

All cabins offer river views and have bathroom with shower, flat-screen TV, hair dryer, safe and closet. S1 features a private terrace and French balcony, S2 and A-D have a French balcony and E has a picture window.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT, Port Tax and Service supplement is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person,
based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, Lamego

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

{with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Dom Pedro Palace Lisbon.
- **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amalia Rodrigues.

Transfers

{with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; plus all drinks on board except Champagne and premium brands.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Uncover the vibrant capital of Lisbon.
 - Explore Coimbra, witnessing storied sites within the University of Coimbra.
 - Discover the allure of romantic Óbidos.
 - Visit Solar de Mateus, an 18th-century baroque palace in Vila Real.
 - Journey through the Douro Valley and savor a port wine tasting at a local *quinta*.
 - Enjoy the highlights of pretty Lamego.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**
A choice of excursions in each locale.
 - **Porto (Day 6) |** Porto City Tour | Porto by Tram & Flavors of Porto
 - **Porto (Day 7) |** Guimarães, Cradle of Portugal | Douro Walk & Port Tasting (*Active*)
 - **Barca d'Alva |** Salamanca City Tour | Salamanca by Bike (*Active*)
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Tower of Belém, Lisbon

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

► **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

► **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

► **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

► **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

► **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

► **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



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