

Romance of the
Douro River

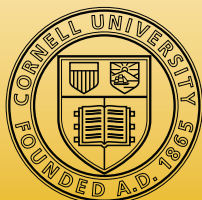
Lisbon | Porto | Alto Douro Wine Region



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October 11-22, 2018



A World Apart

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.

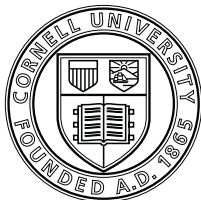
By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

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

On this journey, select excursions that suit your interests and become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the life along the Douro River, adding a memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Travel through **Porto's scenic wine country**, visiting an estate cellar for a port tasting.
- ▶ Admire the colossal library at the **University of Coimbra** and discover the history of the old capital.
- ▶ Delve into Portuguese history at **Guimarães**, the city considered to be the birthplace of Portugal.
- ▶ Explore the lively city of **Porto**, spread across the banks of the Douro.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of the **great explorers**, who launched their epic journeys in **Lisbon**.
- ▶ Visit the beautiful, historic city of **Salamanca**.



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

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Warmly,

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Praça do Comércio, Lisbon





Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Lisbon, Portugal. ✈

Day Two

Lisbon, Portugal

Upon arrival, transfer ✈ and check in to the Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade.

Meet fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day Three

B

Lisbon

Enrichment: Portuguese Explorers. The Age of Discovery belonged to the explorers who sailed under the Portuguese flag. Learn about these 15th- and 16th-century adventurers, who brought wealth and glory to Portugal.



Discovery: Lisbon. Discover the seafaring history of Portugal at the Hieronymites Monastery and Tower of Belém. The monastery was built in the late 15th century, dawn of the Age of Discovery. The monks offered spiritual support to the world explorers setting out on their great adventures. The nearby Tower of Belém commemorates Vasco da Gama's pivotal journey as the first European navigator to sail from Europe

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included

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



ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

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



Manó Solar de Mateus



University of Coimbra

to India. The Monument to the Discoveries honors several individuals who played integral roles in Portuguese exploration.

Free Time: Spend the rest of the day getting to know Lisbon on your own. For a sweeping view of the city, head to the Alfama neighborhood.

ELECTIVE | Fado Dinner. Enjoy a fado performance and the flavors of Portuguese cuisine. Fado, a traditional Portuguese musical genre, features melancholy, soul-stirring guitar and vocal arrangements.

Day Four

B

Lisbon

Enrichment: Portugal Today. Learn about current events shaping contemporary Portugal.

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Lisbon. You may enjoy Chiado, the cultural heart of the city and a neighborhood with many theaters, bookshops and cafés. This charming area has been a magnet for writers, artists and other creative types since the 19th century. An Elective Activity also is being offered today.

ELECTIVE | Sintra, Cascais and Estoril.

Sintra's 19th-century European Romantic architecture and landscape architecture has received UNESCO recognition for influencing the development of parks and gardens in the

rest of Europe. See the picture-perfect towns, pretty beaches and coastlines of Cascais and Estoril, and relax during lunch in Cascais.

Day Five

B | L | D

Óbidos | Coimbra | Porto

Explore the towns of Óbidos and Coimbra en route to Porto, where you will board the ship.

Discovery: Óbidos. Visit Óbidos, where the city's architecture seamlessly blends styles from the Middle Ages onwards. It is known as one of the most beautiful towns in the country.

Continue to Coimbra.

Discovery: Coimbra. Built atop an ancient Roman city, Coimbra was Portugal's medieval capital, and in 1290, the doors to its prestigious university opened. Visit the University of Coimbra and its baroque library. Built in the early 1700s, it is visually stunning with its gilded flourishes and ornate decorations.

In Porto, embark the MS Gil Eanes.

Tonight, kick off your cruise with a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Six

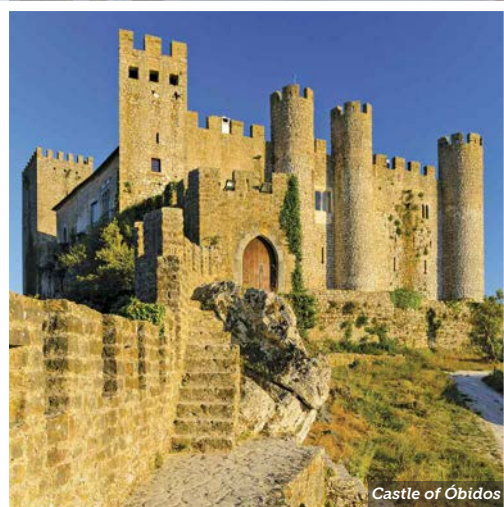
B | L | D

Porto

Enrichment: Douro Wine Country. Discover the winemaking traditions of the Douro region.



Tower of Belém, Lisbon



Castle of Óbidos

🌟PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Cultural Porto and Port Wine Tasting.**

Explore the vibrant city of Porto. Visit the Palácio da Bolsa, the historic Stock Exchange, and the Igreja da São Francisco, the Church of St. Francis. Conclude with a wine tasting.

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

Trams are a popular way to get around Porto. Hop aboard one today and explore the city all the way to the mouth of the Douro River. Visit the Museu do Carro Elétrico followed by a tasting of local specialties.

Enjoy lunch aboard the ship.

Free Time: Craft your own adventures during an afternoon at leisure in Porto.

Return to the ship and gather for dinner tonight.

Day Seven

B | L | D

Porto | Peso de Régua

🌟PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Guimarães, Cradle of Portugal.** Discover

charming Guimarães, the birthplace of Portugal's first king, on a walking tour. Step inside Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Oliveira, and visit the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, an opulent estate in the city. Then enjoy some time at leisure in Guimarães.

•**Douro Hike and Port Wine Tasting.**

Take a guided hike along the Atlantic coastline and the Douro. Pass through São Pedro da Afurada, a typical fishing village, where you can see daily life in motion. 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 enjoy a tasting at one of the cellars. *(Active)*

Return to the ship and enjoy lunch on board.

Day Eight

B | L | D

Peso de Régua | Barca d'Alva

Discovery: Vila Real. Travel through the vineyard-covered countryside to the charming town of Vila Real. Sample Cristas de Galo, the famous local pastry, and visit the Solar de Mateus, an 18th-century baroque palace. Stroll through the property's opulent halls and gardens. Re-embark the ship. Take in the scenic countryside during an afternoon of cruising through the Douro Valley to Barca d'Alva.

Day Nine

B | L | D

Barca d'Alva | Salamanca, Spain

🌟PYC | 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 free time.



Dom Luís I Bridge, Porto



Grape harvest, Douro vineyards



Day Eleven

B | L | D

Lamego | Porto

Discovery: Lamego. Pretty Lamego is nestled in the heart of the port-producing Douro Valley. Visit Nossa Senhora dos Remedios, a baroque church overlooking the city. Admire the granite staircase adorned with azulejos, Portugal's famous blue-and-white tiles.

Spend your final afternoon sailing the Douro Valley as the ship nears Porto.

Tonight, gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner to celebrate your Douro River adventure!

Day Twelve

B

In Transit

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

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

⬆ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants
B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

• **Salamanca by Bike.** Bicycle along the Río Tormes and the Old Town with a guide. Visit the cathedral and the university. Then enjoy lunch and free time to discover Salamanca. *(Active)*

Day Ten

B | L | D

Barca d'Alva | San Salvador do Mundo | São João da Pesqueira

Take in the scenery while sailing this morning.

Discovery: Porto's Wine Road. Drive through the scenic Alto Douro wine region. Marvel at stunning vistas at a viewpoint in San Salvador do Mundo. Visit São João da Pesqueira for a short walking tour and discover the village during leisure time. After, stop at a quinta, a winery, for a tour of the facilities, an informative presentation about port wine making in the Douro Valley and a tasting of the local product.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property for its prime location near Lisbon's historic district and cultural sites. Immerse yourself in local life, relax with a cocktail in the cozy Intra-Muros, or try French-Portuguese cuisine at the chic AdLib restaurant. Of utmost importance is the quality of the hotel's services and amenities, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.



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MS Gil Eanes

MS Gil Eanes is a recent addition to CroisiEurope's fleet of fine river ships and represents a new generation of European river cruisers. Built specifically for river cruising, the Gil Eanes 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 relax in the lounge or library. Expert chefs prepare meals in the exacting tradition of fine gastronomy. There's a full breakfast buffet 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 TV and bathrooms with showers. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

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

Land | Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land | Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Lisbon, Portugal, with a return from Porto to depart from:

Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
 Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land | Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

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

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **July 28, 2018** (75 days prior to departure).

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: October 11-22, 2018

Land | Cruise Program dates: October 12-22, 2018

LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

| Category-Deck | Full Price | Special Savings | Special Price* |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| E-Lower Deck | \$3,645 | \$250 | \$3,395 |
| D-Middle Deck (Aft) | \$4,145 | \$250 | \$3,895 |
| C-Middle Deck (Aft) | \$4,345 | \$250 | \$4,095 |
| B-Upper Deck (Aft) | \$4,745 | \$250 | \$4,495 |
| A-Upper Deck (Forward) | \$4,945 | \$250 | \$4,695 |
| S2-Middle Deck (Aft) | \$5,145 | \$250 | \$4,895 |
| S1-Upper Deck (Aft) | \$5,345 | \$250 | \$5,095 |

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 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).
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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



INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Three nights in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade.
- Seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Gil Eanes.

TRANSFERS

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land | Cruise Program and baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Ten breakfasts, seven lunches and seven dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners on board; plus all drinks included on board except special wine and spirits.



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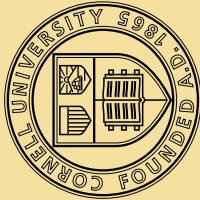
YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Delve into the history and culture of Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city.
 - Explore the town of Óbidos, a showcase of varied architectural styles.
 - Marvel at the gilded library at the University of Coimbra.
 - Visit Solar de Mateus, an 18th-century baroque palace in Vila Real.
 - Travel through Douro Valley, and enjoy a port wine tasting.
 - Uncover the sights of pretty Lamego.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
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- Tipping of guides and drivers.
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 **Choose from a selection of PYC | Personalize Your Cruise excursions in these towns:**

- **Porto (Day 6)** | Cultural Porto & Port Wine Tasting | Porto by Tram & Flavors of Porto
- **Porto (Day 7)** | Guimarães, Cradle of Portugal | Douro Hike & Port Wine Tasting
- **Barca d'Alva** | Salamanca City Tour | Salamanca by Bike





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