DOURO RIVER CRUISE
August 21-31, 2019
Be immersed in the fascinating history and captivating culture of Portugal and Spain

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
7-Night Cruise • Lisbon Sightseeing • Palacio Nacional in Sintra • Guided Tour of Porto
• Porto Wine Tasting • Guimarães Touring • Solar de Mateus Manor • Salamanca Excursion
• “Wines of Porto” Tour • Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
DAY 1  WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21  FLIGHT TO LISBON

Today we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

*Note: The airport location and airline will be confirmed no sooner than 9 months before departure.*

DAY 2  THURSDAY, AUGUST 22  LISBON (D)

Welcome to Portugal! Upon arrival at the airport, we will meet our driver and guide. Enjoy a panoramic view of this stunning capital city that perfectly reflects the culture, heritage, and traditions of Portugal, while at the same time, embraces a modern world. Lisbon is often called the “city of discoveries,” known for explorers such as Henry the Navigator and Vasco da Gama, who led amazing expeditions into the New World in the name of Portugal. We'll see the famous **Monument of the Discoveries**, the **Belém Tower**, the **Jerónimos Monastery**, and much more. You will come to love Lisbon and understand why it is often listed as one of the top 10 cities in the world! After getting settled into our rooms at the deluxe Dom Pedro Hotel, you can relax a bit and get ready for a delightful welcome dinner.

DAY 3  FRIDAY, AUGUST 23  LISBON (B)

Enjoy a lavish breakfast at the Dom Pedro before heading outside of Lisbon. Our first stop is in the picturesque Portuguese town of Sintra that is set amidst pine-covered hills. The village is steeped in history and charm that has enticed the nobility and elite of Portugal for centuries, and it boasts exquisite palaces, lovely mansions, and decorative gardens. We’ll walk through the Gothic-Renaissance **Palacio Nacional** located in the heart of the town with its two huge, coned chimneys. This palace was a favorite of the nobility and has been in continuous use from the 15th to the 19th century, making it the most used royal residence of Portugal. You'll enjoy time on your own to browse the cobblestone lanes for local crafts and maybe stop into one of the delicious pastry shops for a Sintra specialty. We then continue to the village of Cascais. Here, we'll discover the delightful Portuguese fishing town located on the Bay of Cascais that is Lisbon's most popular coastline destination. The nobility discovered this gem in the mid-19th century, and high society has played here ever since. This time of the year, the town swells with visitors who want to enjoy the plentiful fish and chicken restaurants, great shops, beautiful beaches, and superb people-watching from charming sidewalk cafés. We’ll return to Lisbon late in the afternoon for an evening on your own.

DAY 4  SATURDAY, AUGUST 24  PORTO (BD)

Enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel before we depart for Porto for our Douro River cruise. En route, we will stop at Obidos, one of the most picturesque walled villages in Portugal. As we walk through the gateway to the city, you will immediately feel the charm that radiates from Obidos, from the narrow cobbled streets and the quaint houses, to the imposing medieval castle, which once guarded the region. The crowded streets lure you with chocolate cups of cherry liqueur, pastries, and chocolate shops…along with loads of goods made from the cork that is in plentiful supply in Portugal. We continue on to the docks near Porto on the Douro River to board our ship for the next seven nights. Meet the Captain and crew as we come together for a welcome dinner and then a delightful nighttime excursion into Porto to view the lights of the city.

DAY 5  SUNDAY, AUGUST 25  PORTO (BLD)

This morning we will set off on a guided tour of Porto, the second largest city in Portugal. Porto is one of the oldest cities in Europe, with a historic center that is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We’ll see the stunning Porto Cathedral, the beautiful bridges, impressive squares, and monuments around the city. Next up is a visit to a local wine cellar for some delicious samples of the specialty of the region – Port wine. Free time will be available to wander through the city before we get back on the ship for dinner and an evening of entertainment with the emotional music of the Fado-style singers.

DAY 6  MONDAY, AUGUST 26  GUIMARÃES - RÉGA (BLD)

Today we’ll join an excursion to Guimarães. The city is regarded as the birthplace of the Portuguese nationality, and this extensive history is reflected in the variety of national monuments and historic buildings found within the city. In 2012, Guimarães was named a European Capital of Culture, and its historic town center has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. Dinner will be enjoyed on board followed by dancing or a stroll through Régua at night. Just a block or so up the hill from the dock is the charming Old Town.
DAY 7  TUESDAY, AUGUST 27  
VILA RÉAL - VEGA DE TERRON  (BLD)
After breakfast, we will set out on an excursion to Vila Réal. We'll visit the Solar de Mateus Manor and walk through its gardens. The palace is considered to be one of the finest examples of baroque civil architecture in Portugal, and the large gardens are absolutely beautiful. We will return to the ship for an afternoon of jaw-dropping beauty as you head to the upper deck, grab a beverage, and watch as the ship glides over the water through the magnificent countryside of the Douro River Valley. This is the birthplace of Port wine, and it is one of the oldest and most beautiful historic wine regions in the world. Wine has been produced in these vineyards for over 2,000 years! The vineyards are planted on the steep hills covered with one terraced row after another, creating striking landscapes. The Douro Valley has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001, protecting its long tradition of viticulture and beautiful landscape. After dinner, enjoy an evening of entertainment.

DAY 8  WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28  
BARCA D’ALVA - SALAMANCA  (BLD)
Today we enjoy an excursion to Salamanca, Spain, a town of dazzling houses that are extraordinary Roman, Arabic, and Christian architectural treasures. In addition to its amazing architecture, Salamanca is rich in religious and gastronomic culture. The city features a number of grand palaces, such as the 16th-century Palacio de La Salina. Many of the main attractions are never far from the Plaza Mayor, the busy central square that is surrounded by old buildings, shops, and cafés. We return to our ship and relax during an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 9  THURSDAY, AUGUST 29  
FERRADOSA - PINHÃO  (BLD)
Take advantage of the amenities on board the ship as we spend the morning sailing toward Ferradosa, Portugal. Here, we will join a “wines of Porto” excursion, visiting small towns set among the vineyards and sampling some wonderful Porto wine. Afterward, we will meet the ship for a gala dinner and evening on board!

DAY 10  FRIDAY, AUGUST 30  
LAMEGO - PORTO  (BLD)
In Lamego, we will embark on a guided tour of discovery. Although Port wine gets all the attention in the Douro River Valley, there are a lot of other really fascinating treasures along the way. Like the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary and the Cathedral in Lamego. This twin-towered, 18th-century church has a trim, blue-and-white stucco interior with a sky-blue rococo ceiling and gilded altar. The cathedral stands out with its nine flights of stairs, 686 steps, and terraces adorned with chapels, statues, fountains, and obelisks. Lamego really stands out as a culturally-rich area in Portugal, serving as a center of art, architecture, and history. After the tour, we’ll board the ship in Régua and spend the afternoon sailing to Porto. Tonight, we’ll enjoy a traditional folklore-themed evening.

DAY 11  SATURDAY, AUGUST 31  
HOME  (B)
After breakfast, we bid farewell to the crew and disembark with memories of the beautiful Douro River Valley and the towns, villages, and cities that we have discovered along our journey. (Please be aware that the flight schedules are not available yet. It may be possible that we may need to overnight in Lisbon prior to departure. This would return the group on September 1, 2019. You will be informed as soon as the flights are confirmed.)
TOUR INCLUSIONS

• Round Trip Airport Transfers From Carroll, IA (requires a minimum of 15 passengers)
• Round Trip Air (price based on air estimate of $1,400)
• Motorcoach Transportation
• 2 Nights’ Accommodations in Lisbon
• 2 Breakfasts/1 Dinner on Land & All Meals on Board
• 7-Night Cruise Aboard the MS Gil Eanes
• Professional Tour Manager

• Admission to Attractions as Stated in Itinerary
• Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotel
• Taxes and Gratuities for Included Services
• Included Shore Excursion at Every Port
• Wi-Fi on Board
• Complimentary Beverages on Board (including alcohol)

Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals on land, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotel/ship, travel protection plan, passport fees, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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DOCUMENTATION

A valid U.S. passport is required for this tour. Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. The expiration date of all passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of the tour. If you don’t have a passport, call our office and we’ll tell you how to apply for one. Holders of non-U.S. passports have different entry requirements. Please NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

CANCELLATION

Full refund of all monies is made if cancellation is received in writing to Star Destinations prior to final payment, less your $500 non-refundable deposit and the cost of your Travel Protection Plan (if purchased). A 100% fee is charged if the cancellation occurs between final payment and departure. If the reason for cancellation is due to a medical or other reason that is covered by Travel Protection, you may be eligible for reimbursement for such fees from your Travel Protection Plan provider.

TOUR COSTS

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Pricing reflects a 3% cash discount; price based on air estimate of $1,400 With credit card - Middle Deck: $5,952. Upper Deck: $6,158

Optional Basic Secondary Travel Protection Plan: $358 per person (non-refundable payment due with deposit)

TOUR PAYMENTS

A $500 non-refundable deposit per person is required with your registration form. FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: MAY 10, 2019

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(Optional Basic Secondary Travel Protection Plan)

Travel Protection means passengers are covered when unforeseen medical circumstances arise which may force you to cancel or interrupt your vacation. Coverage is as follows: Accidental Death and Dismemberment ($25,000), Emergency Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance (Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical Expense - $50,000 / Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation - $250,000), Trip Cancellation (Trip Cost), Trip Interruption (150% of Trip Cost), Missed Connection ($750), Travel Delay $750 (up to $150 per day), Baggage and Personal Effects ($2,500), Baggage Delay ($250). A brochure with full details is available. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF450D.

TRAVELERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

You must advise Star Destinations, Inc. (SDI) at the time of registration of any disability requiring special attention. SDI will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of travelers. The American with Disabilities Act is applicable only in the U.S. and accommodations outside the U.S. may be more limited. Travelers requiring assistance are required to be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither SDI personnel nor its suppliers may lift or physically assist with traveler’s special needs including but not limited to walking, dining, or other routine activities. Travelers thinking they may need assistance should call SDI to determine what accommodations may reasonably be provided. Arrangements at an additional cost are the financial responsibility of the traveler.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Tour Costs listed reflect a 3% Cash Discount. Payment by credit card is available with Mastercard & VISA.

Registration forms & payments can be mailed to: Star Destinations P.O. Box 456, Carroll, Iowa 51401

RESERVATIONS: 800-284-4440
INFORMATION: 712-792-9793
jen@stardestinations.com

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Please choose cabin:
- Middle Deck (4 available; double occupancy) $5,779
- Upper Deck (4 available, double occupancy) $5,979

Optional Basic Secondary Travel Protection Plan (non-refundable) $358 per person
(3% cash discount applied; pricing based on air estimate of $1,400)

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Two Beds One Bed

Roommate (name):__________________________

Travel Protection (please check one):
- YES
- NO, I decline

Waiver of the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion (see plan summary pamphlet): The exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be waived provided: (a) Your payment for this plan is received within 14 days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received, and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF450D.

* Travel protection plan payment is due with your deposit *

For further information or questions, please call: Jen Eason (712) 792-9793 or (800) 284-4440 or email: jen@stardestinations.com

PASSENGER INFORMATION (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name:__________________________
Middle Name(s):__________________________
Last Name(s):__________________________
Preferred Name:__________________________ Gender (circle one): M F
Address:__________________________
City:__________________________ State:________ Zip:________
Phone: (h)__________________________ (c)__________________________
Email:__________________________
Passport #:__________________________
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Date of Birth:__/__/____
Place of Birth - City:__________________________ State:__________________________
Dietary Needs/Additional Needs & Requests:__________________________
Emergency Contact:__________________________
Relationship:__________________________
Emergency Contact’s Phone:__________________________

PASSENGER INFORMATION (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name:__________________________
Middle Name(s):__________________________
Last Name(s):__________________________
Preferred Name:__________________________ Gender (circle one): M F
Address:__________________________
City:__________________________ State:________ Zip:________
Phone: (h)__________________________ (c)__________________________
Email:__________________________
Passport #:__________________________
Passport Exp. Date:__/__/____
Date of Birth:__/__/____
Place of Birth - City:__________________________ State:__________________________
Dietary Needs/Additional Needs & Requests:__________________________
Emergency Contact:__________________________
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Middle Deck  (4 available; double occupancy)
Upper Deck  (4 available, double occupancy)
Preferred Name:__________________________
Address:__________________________
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PLEASE TURN OVER
I have read and agree to the terms and conditions.  
Please register me for the trip!

Signature (1st Traveler): _____________________________ Date: ________________

Signature (2nd Traveler): _____________________________ Date: ________________

Traveler 1:

A non-refundable deposit of $500 per person is required with your registration form.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: MAY 10, 2019

A photocopy of your passport is required with Final Payment.

DEPOSIT PAYMENT INFORMATION: (please fill out if paying by check)

Enclosed is my check, made payable to: Star Destinations

In the amount of: _____________________________

Mail Check to: Star Destinations

P.O. Box 456, Carroll, IA 51401

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD (trip costs subject to 3% credit card transaction fee):

(Please Note: The charge will appear on your statement as Windstar Lines)

□ Visa □ Mastercard In the amount of: _____________________________

Credit Card Number: _____________________________

Exp. Date: ___________ / ________ Security Code: ___________

Name as it appears on card: _____________________________

Traveler 2:

A non-refundable deposit of $500 per person is required with your registration form.

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