

Hello Everyone – here it is – many have been waiting for –the DOURO RIVER!

VIPP Douro Adventure (Spain & Portugal)

Charming villages & wine = a great time!

April 22 (3 nts. pre) or April 25 – May 2, 2017



This is going to be a most unusual VIPP flyer because on this elegant, smaller ship – there simply aren't a lot of cabins or space to promote it to everyone! This letter is going out first to people who had expressed an interest and are on our VIPP Priority list.

So I have chosen to give you as much detail as possible in this letter to let you make your own decisions.

Keep in mind there are only 106 passengers on this ship but it is very well designed and brings an air of distinctive elegance to the river.

If you haven't been riverboat cruising or been on AMA Waterways– you are in for a real treat. They have some of the friendliest, most service oriented staff anywhere. Due to the small size of the ship – you will almost feel like you are on a small private yacht!

Larger ships simply can't navigate the Douro River so she was built especially for situations such as this.

River Cruises are higher priced but do remember they also include all your Shore Tours, fine dining including complimentary local wine, port wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, free internet, and so much more. Come see why avid travelers love Riverboat Cruising!

Do keep in mind since there is limited cabin space, we do not hold a "block of cabins" as on our usual VIPP adventures – everything is first come, first serve- so call us asap if you are interested. Some categories are already sold out or very limited.

This special VIPP Adventure may be purchased as a 7 nt. cruise only or with the extra 3 nt. Lisbon Hotel & Tour package included. The Lisbon package does include some beautiful included tours and scenery as well as a stop at Fatima on the way to the pier.

(See rates in the chart below).

As usual, we will be helping with VIPP airfare, transfers etc.

Deposit (non-refundable): \$400 / person

Protect your deposit for \$56/person insurance (optional) CHECK ONLY.

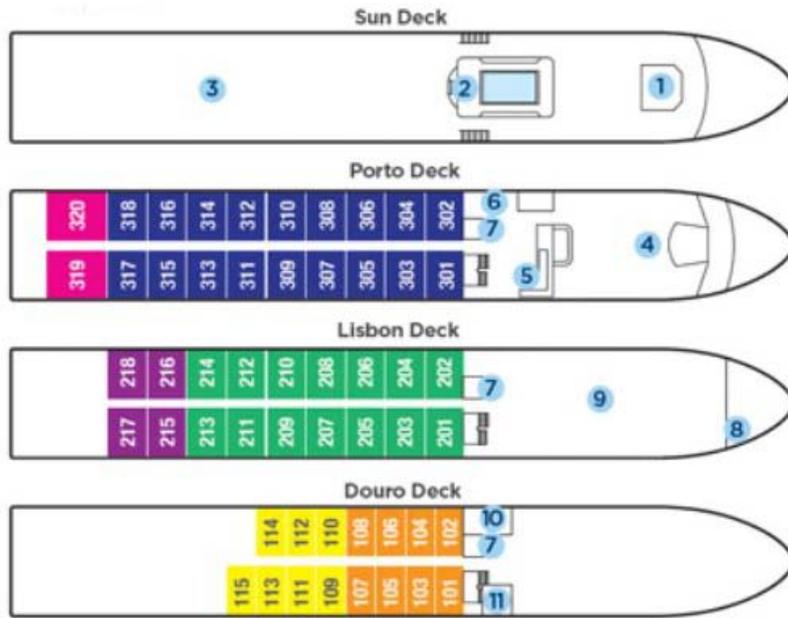
Final Payment – due Jan. 11, 2017

Ama Vida

Fast facts: Only 106 passengers but crew of 30!
 260 feet long, 375 feet wide, built 2013 in Portugal.

Deck plan: Notice on this newer, deluxe ship – there IS an elevator on each deck!
 Cabins feature real balconies for Cat S, A, B
 Cabins with fixed windows are in category D, E

- 1 Navigation Bridge
- 2 Heated Pool
- 3 Sun Deck
- 4 Main Lounge
- 5 Gift Shop
- 6 Reception
- 7 Elevator
- 8 *Al Fresco* Dining
- 9 Main Restaurant
- 10 Fitness Room
- 11 Spa



Category A (Outside Balcony) - located on Porto Deck
Category B (Outside Balcony) - located on Lisbon Deck
 Each 215 sq ft. with real balconies

Yes, on a smaller ship – the higher Porto deck offers a better view. Most public areas are also on the Porto deck.



Category D (High Window) - located on Douro deck
Category E (High Window) - located on Douro deck
 Each 161 sq ft. with windows



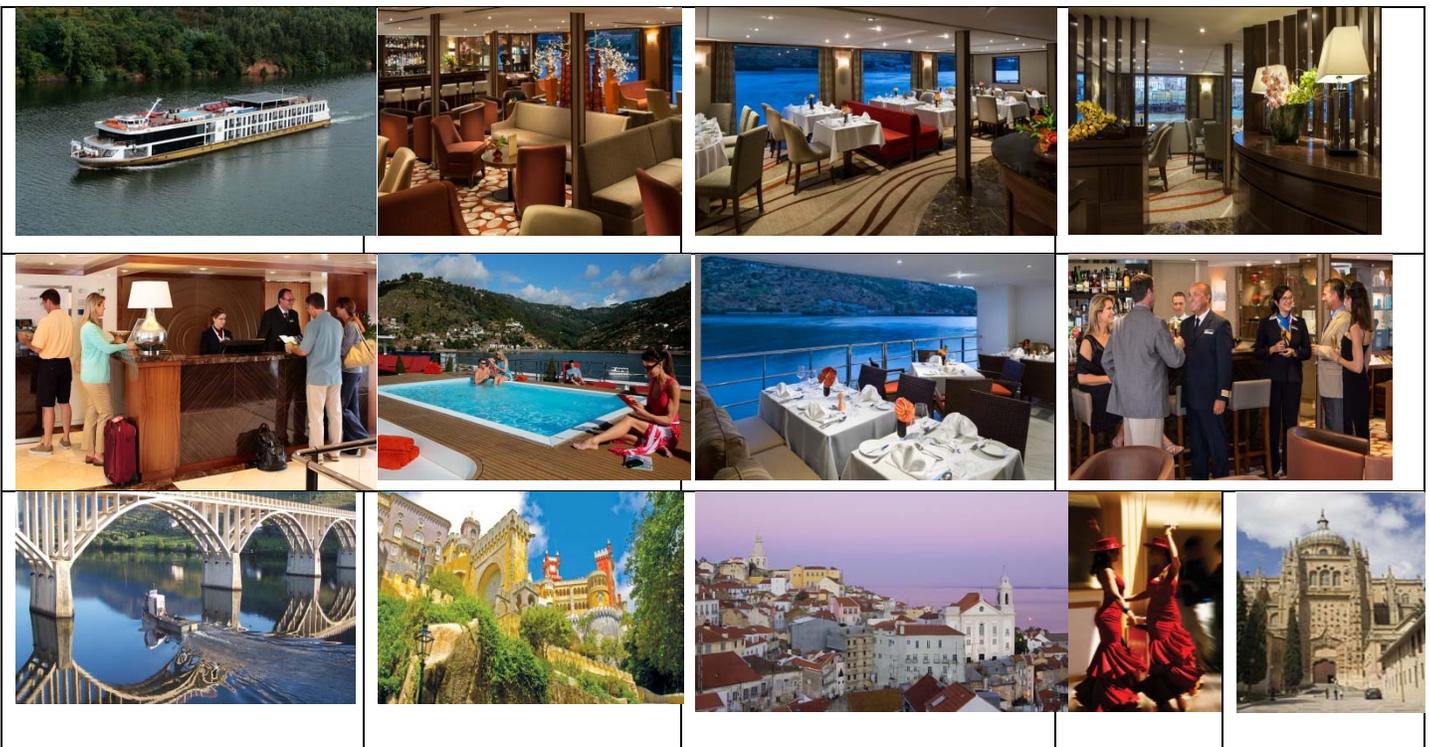
Public Areas:

- Sun Deck offering unimpeded panoramic views
- Sun Deck with lounge chairs
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the vessel
- 24-hour specialty coffee and tea station
- Main Lounge with bar & piano
- Massage Spa
- Elevator reaching all 3 stateroom decks
- Fitness Room
- Heated pool



Stateroom Amenties:

- All outside staterooms with the balconies for majority of staterooms
- Extra spacious Suites are 323 sq. ft. with balcony
- Balcony Staterooms are 215 sq. ft. and Panoramic Window Staterooms are 161 sq. ft.
- In room safe, hair dryer, ample closet space and wireless telephone
- Suites feature sitting area with sofa
- All staterooms have complimentary Internet access and Wi-Fi
- 42" Flat-screen Televisions in every stateroom
- Hotel-style white on white, plush bedding and terry bathrobes
- Full marble bathrooms
- Complimentary bottled water replenished daily
- Individually controlled air-conditioning



The 11 night package : (3 nts Lisbon + surrounding cities with 7 nt. cruise):

Day 1 ARRIVE IN LISBON, PORTUGAL.

Arrive in Lisbon and check in to your hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is free to explore on your own.

Day 2 LISBON

One of Europe's most beautiful cities, Lisbon sprawls across several hills along the Tagus River. See Belem Tower, a fortified 4-story tower made of limestone, and visit the Late Gothic Jerónimos Monastery, the burial place of many Portuguese kings and heroes. You will also see the Discoveries Monument, the city's most famous monument, built in honor of Portugal's greatest maritime explorers. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the city's other top sights, such as the Castle of São Jorge or the Santa Justa Elevator that overlooks the castle, river and Rossio Square. (B)

Day 3 LISBON – SINTRA

Enjoy a morning excursion to **Serra de Sintra**, one of the loveliest mountain villages in Portugal, a favorite summer residence of the Portuguese royal family for more than 500 years. Long an inspiration for artists and poets, Lord Byron once called it "perhaps the most delightful village in Europe." High up on a rocky peak, you will tour the Castelo da Pena, a wonderful fairy tale castle dating from Portugal's Romantic period. Afterwards, enjoy a wine tasting or time on your own. (B)

Day 4 LISBON – FATIMA – PORTO – EMBARKATION

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside to Porto. Stop along the way to spend several hours in **Fatima**, famous for its shrine to the Virgin Mary and a world-renowned pilgrimage site. Explore the town and enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to Porto to board your ship.

If booking only the 7 night cruise – then your itinerary begins here:

Gather on board tonight for a Welcome Dinner. (B, D)

Day 5 PORTO - RÉGUA

Spend a leisurely morning soaking up the beauty of the Douro River as you cruise to Régua, a Portuguese town renowned for its utterly spectacular scenery. After arriving this afternoon, enjoy a port wine tasting at Quinto do Seixo, a lovely 108-acre country estate that offers an interactive wine museum and breathtaking views of steeply terraced hillside vineyards, the Douro River and the nearby village of Pinhão. All port made here is destined for Sandeman, a company known around the world for its quality wines. Later, you may choose to visit the Douro Museum, which offers a comprehensive and fascinating in-depth look at the unique Douro wine-growing region. Your ship moors in Régua overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 6 RÉGUA - BARCA D'ALVA

This morning, you will have an excursion to ancient and picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Portugal, the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). The shrine features a staircase of nearly 700 steps, beautifully decorated with white and blue tiles. Other attractions include a Gothic cathedral, a museum, and charming cafés. This afternoon, enjoy the wild, rugged scenery as your ship cruises through the dramatic gorges of the Douro river valley en route to Barca d'Alva. (B,L,D)

Day 7 SALAMANCA, SPAIN – VEGA TERRÓN, SPAIN

Drive to Salamanca today for a full-day tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site,

located at the center of Spain's Castilla y León region. Built of golden sandstone, Salamanca is known as a "living museum," an opportunity to step back in time to the Middle Ages. During your guided tour, you will see the city's elegant university buildings, the twin-towered Cathedral, the intriguingly decorated House of Shells, as well as Plaza Mayor, considered the most magnificent main square in Spain. You will rejoin the ship in Vega Terrón, where the ship moors overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 8 VEGA TERRÓN – PINHÃO

After breakfast, tour Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, a small fortified village perched high on a hilltop with 16th-century walls and steep, narrow streets. Admire the Chafariz dos Pretos, a striking and very unique fountain decorated with black faces. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise onward to Pinhão. This evening, you will be treated to a wine-tasting and dinner at a local "quinta." We moor overnight in Pinhão. (B,L,D)

Day 9 RÉGUA – ENTRE-OS-RIOS

This morning, cruise to Régua for a morning excursion to the Baroque-style Palacio de Mateus and its gardens, located in the beautiful Trás-os-Montes region near the city of Vila Real. Inside the house you'll see exhibits of religious images and beautiful furnishings, paintings and ceiling of intricately carved wood. The gardens here are considered some of the most beautiful in Portugal. Return to the ship for lunch while the ship cruises to Entre-Os-Rios, arriving this evening. Tonight, you will enjoy a traditional home-cooked Portuguese meal at the Alpendurada Monastery. Savor a glass of port as you take in the gorgeous view from the monastery's terrace. (B,L,D)

Day 10 PORTO

Your ship arrives in Porto, the capital of northern Portugal, early this morning. Your guided tour of the historical quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes a number of iconic sights: the Porto Cathedral, one of the city's oldest and most impressive monuments; the bustling main square; and the Sao Bento Railway Station, renowned for its magnificent blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of port wine, which derives its name from this very city. The ship moors overnight in Porto. (B,L,D)

Day 11 PORTO - DISEMBARKATION

Your cruise comes to an end as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

Book now and save \$250 / person!

Cat	Deck	Description	7 nt. Cruise ONLY (Itinerary begins Day 4 and direct to the ship –		11 day Cruise & LAND	
			Price	Price	Price	Price
E	Douro	Panoramic Window	\$3,199	\$2,949	\$3,979	\$3,729
D	Douro	Panoramic Window	\$3,498	\$3,248	\$4,278	\$4,028
C	Lisbon	Balcony	SOLD OUT		SOLD OUT	
B	Lisbon	Balcony	\$4,598	\$4,348	\$5,378	\$5,128
A	Porto	Balcony	\$4,898	\$4,648	\$5,678	\$5,428
Suite	Porto	Balcony	\$6,398	SOLD OUT	\$7,178	SOLD OUT

Add Port Taxes: \$168 / person

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Full Name on Passport _____ **DOB** _____

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Address _____

City, State _____ **ZIP** _____

Home phone _____ **Cell phone** _____

E-Mail: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please reserve :

_____ **Complete 11 night Adventure (Tour-Hotel-Cruise)**

_____ **7 night Cruise Only**

_____ **I/We prefer category** _____ **@** _____ **/person**

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