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Portugal's River of Gold **2014 At-A-Glance**



Spend two days in Portugal's lively capital, then travel to Coimbra, Portugal's ancient capital with its venerable university. Embark your ship in Porto, the famous port city with its dramatic location on the banks of the Douro River, and begin an 8-day river journey towards the Spanish border and back along *Portugal's River of Gold*, with its scenic terraced vineyards, its ancient villages and its friendly, hospitable people. Visit the old university city of Salamanca in Spain, and enjoy the fiery performance of flamenco music and dance. Indulge in the simple yet delicious cuisine and savor the wines from the local vineyards.

Sail dates available May to December 2014

Lisbon, plus Porto-Pinhão-Porto

Ship sailing this itinerary: Viking Hemming & Viking Torgil

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Portugal's River of Gold **Included Features**

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 2 nights at the superior first class Hotel Tivoli Lisboa hotel (or similar)
- 8 guided tours with audio headset
- Most meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, featuring regional specialties and including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and Captain's Farewell Dinner
- Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Culture CurriculumSM: Portuguese folkloric entertainment, flamenco performance, dinner at a centuries-old monastery, dinner at a *quinta*, lectures on Portugal's history, Portuguese art and port wine making.

Included Tours:

Lisbon city tour

Coimbra city tour & university visit

Porto city tour

Lamego excursion

Quinta do Seixo excursion

Salamanca excursion

Castelo Rodrigo tour

Mateus Palace & Gardens tour

Optional Tours:

Medieval City of Guimarães

Note: Optional tours are purchased on board ship or in hotel and are subject to availability & minimum participation

Portugal's River of Gold **Journey Highlights**

Lisbon

Older than London, Paris or Rome, the vibrant city of Lisbon has very deep roots. Celts, Romans and Moors have left their traces here, and Vasco da Gama set sail for his epic voyages of discovery from the banks of the Tagus River. Much of Lisbon's old city dates back to the age of the naval heroes, and during your tour you will see such sights as the Belém Tower, the Jerónimos Monastery and the Monument to the Discoveries, all of which commemorate Portugal's past.

Porto

Portugal's second city is known for its beautiful old city center, its dramatic location on the banks of the Douro River and, perhaps more than anything else, its famous port wine, which made the vineyards of the Douro Valley known around the world. During your tour, all different aspects of this scenic gem will be explored, including a port wine cellar, where you will have the opportunity to learn about Porto's most famous export while sampling it at the same time.

Alto Douro River Valley

Wine has been produced by traditional landholders in the Alto Douro region for some 2,000 years. Since the 18th century, port wine has contributed to the country's wealth as it came in demand throughout the world. This long wine-growing tradition has resulted in a landscape of outstanding beauty that is unique in Europe.

Lamego

The town of Lamego, while scenic in its own right, is know in particular for its pilgrimage church of Sanctuary of Our Lady. Situated on a hill high over the Douro River, this magnificent baroque edifice towers over a spectacular staircase, decorated with the typical Portuguese *azulejos*, panels of blue on white tile depicting various biblical scenes.

Salamanca

Home of the oldest university in Spain, Salamanca is still considered the cradle of the Spanish language and it retains a college-town atmosphere. Its beautiful buildings and its intact urban landscape earned it the UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. During your visit, you will have a chance to explore the city's ancient streets and listen to Spain's traditional flamenco music.

Mateus Palace and Gardens

Italian architect Nicolau Nasoni was responsible for the design of this beautiful palace, completed in the 18th century for a wealthy family of wine growers. Along with its gardens, it is one of the most beautiful small baroque palaces in all of Europe.

Portugal's River of Gold **Lisbon to Porto Itinerary**

Day 1 Lisbon, Portugal

- Lisbon airport transfer*
- Check in at hotel
- Free time to explore Lisbon

Day 2 Lisbon, Portugal

- City tour of Old Town Belém
- Visit to Jerónimos Monastery
- Afternoon optional excursion to Sintra, Caiscals and Estoril

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 Coimbra & Porto, Portugal

- Coach transfer to Porto via Coimbra
- Visit Coimbra University
- Lunch in a local restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail and Dinner

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Porto, Portugal

- Tour of the old town city
- Port wine tasting
- Afternoon cruising or optional excursion to Guimarães, a UNESCO Site
- Dinner at Alpendurada Monastery with Fado concert

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Régua, Portugal

- Excursion to Lamego and the Sanctuary of Our Lady
- Afternoon visit with wine tasting at Quinta do Seixo

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Pinhão, Portugal

- Scenic cruising
- Castelo Rodrigo excursion

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Barca d'Alva, Portugal

- Full-day excursion to Salamanca, a UNESCO Site
- Lunch in a local restaurant
- Flamenco performance

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Vega Térron, Spain

- Scenic cruising
- Favaios traditional bakery visit
- Dinner at Quinta da Avesada

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Régua, Portugal

- Guided tour of Mateus Gardens
- Captain's Farewell Reception & Dinner

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Porto, Portugal

- Disembarkation & airport transfer*

Included Meals: Breakfast

* Airport transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises. Transfers must be with flights that arrive/depart on ship or included hotel check-in or check-out day only.

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Explore More

More days means more to discover. We offer exciting ways to see even more of the region with extension packages you can add before or after your Viking journey.

Lisbon Extension **2 nights—From \$499 per person**

Extend your journey by discovering more of Portugal's vibrant capital on the banks of the Tagus River. A walking tour of the old town familiarizes you with parts of the city not covered during the guided tour that is included in your cruisetour. Two nights at the **Hotel Tivoli Lisboa** (or similar), daily breakfasts, guided walking tour and the services of a Viking host are all included.

Located on Avenida da Liberdade, this elegant 5-star Lisbon hotel is set right in the heart of the city. The Tivoli Lisboa lies on Avenida da Liberdade, the main avenue in Lisbon and right next to the historical center. The hotel's central location allows easy access to most of the city's points of interest, its famous neighbourhoods, monuments and museums and entertainment and night spots. The hotel has 3 restaurants and air conditioned rooms feature a television, telephone, internet access, safe, minibar and hair dryer.

Santiago de Compostela Extension **2 nights— From \$499 per person**

Extend your Douro River cruisetour with two nights in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, one of the most revered pilgrimage destinations in Europe since the Middle Ages. En route, visit the magnificent baroque sanctuary of Braga in northern Portugal. Two nights at the **NH Obradoiro** (or similar), daily breakfasts, a guided tour of the city, a visit to Braga and the services of a Viking host are all included.

The **NH Obradoiro** hotel in Santiago de Compostela delivers modern luxury in a timeless setting. Located just minutes from the historic Plaza del Obradoiro at the heart of Old Town, centuries of charm wait just outside your door. The NH Obradoiro hotel offers an enticing array of amenities and facilities for guests – from a state-of-the-art gym and indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The hotel has a restaurant and air conditioned rooms feature a television, telephone, internet access, minibar and hair dryer.

* Hotels are subject to change without notice at which time, a comparable alternative will be offered.

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The Viking Experience

Quietvox Tour Earphones

With our Quietvox tour earphones, there are no worries about missing any interesting details during your shore excursions. Each guest will receive a lightweight, portable receiver that can be worn around the neck or slipped into a pocket. The comfortable earpiece with individual volume control allows you to hear your guide's comments no matter where you are standing and makes every place on your tour the "best seat in the house."

Onboard Enrichment

Culture CurriculumSM. To help you further appreciate the countries that you will visit, we complement your shore excursion with a broad range of immersive activities, on board and ashore. Your cruise includes Portugese folkloric entertainment, a traditional flamenco show, several wine tastings and and lectures on topics such as The European Union, Portugal's history, Portuguese art and port wine. Times and locations will be announced on board.

Expert Program Directors. Viking River Cruises Program Directors are selected for their comprehensive knowledge of the regions you will be visiting. They have a fine appreciation of each destination's nuances and a genuine passion for travel and are there to help from the first moment to the end of your journey. If you have any questions, would like recommendations or have any concerns during your itinerary, do not hesitate to contact your Program Director.

General Physical Fitness

Our tours and cruises are not physically demanding, however, *because of the nature of many of the sites you will be visiting, this tour may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions.* Walking tours are often on uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and steep inclines. If you have concerns or questions, please discuss the nature of your itinerary with your Viking River Cruises Travel Consultant.

Complimentary Wine with Dinner

Enjoy complimentary bottled wine with dinner and lunch service. We feature two varietals—one white and one red—that pair beautifully with our onboard menu of contemporary and regional specialties.

Before You Go

Visit our website at vikingrivercruises.com (or vrc.com) where you can not only learn more about all the places you might go with Viking, but you can also immerse yourself in the experience from the comfort of your own home. There is information abound and you can watch videos of destinations, take a virtual tour of a cruise ship or get a list of recommended readings.

Passports & Visas

Passports are necessary however no visas are required for U.S. citizens for this itinerary. Non-U.S. citizens, please check your consulate for visa information.

Viking's All-Inclusive Airfare & Transfers

For your convenience, you can purchase roundtrip trans-oceanic air travel directly from Viking in conjunction with your river cruise or cruisetour. Viking's air packages are a great value because they include your transfers between airport and ship or hotel. And, when you reserve your air with Viking and purchase Viking's all-inclusive travel protection policy, your air travel is covered by the policy as part of your Viking itinerary. Select from more than 165 different gateways (additional gateways available) in economy or the upgraded service of Premium Economy or Business Class (trans-oceanic portion); once your reservation has been made, we will confirm your flight schedules 75 days before departure.

E-Check Program

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Viking Travel Protection

Viking Travel Protection allows you to cancel your trip for any reason. Enjoy peace of mind knowing that whatever may arise—even a pre-existing medical condition—you retain 100% of your travel value. Premiums are based on trip cost and start at only \$249 per person!

Climate – Average High/Low Temperature (°F)

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
Lisbon	63/49	66/52	70/54	76/60	82/63	83/63	80/62	72/58	63/51	58/48
Porto	61/44	63/46	65/51	72/56	74/58	77/58	73/57	69/52	62/48	57/42
Salamanca	56/42	59/44	70/45	75/56	85/55	82/58	77/50	64/49	54/35	49/40

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