

**Join Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo
"of Messina Hof Winery"
on a cruise of the Douro River
aboard the AMAVida**

April 7 – 14, 2020



Begin your journey in beautiful Madrid, Spain, known for its great cultural and artistic heritage. Travel to the Spanish border of Vega Terrón to embark on your Douro River Valley cruise. Traverse through one of Europe's most pure and unspoiled rivers where Port wine vineyards wrap around every crew-cut hillside. Visit the small town of Pinhão, known as the wine lovers Mecca, then on to the beautiful region of Trás-os-Montes. Explore the former Roman village of Bitetos and its 11th-century Alpendurada Monastery before visiting the northern capital of Portugal, Porto. Conclude your journey in one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Lisbon.

Vega Terron - Porto

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Optional 3 night hotel stay in Madrid and 3 night hotel stay in Lisbon

Day 1 DEPART USA/CANADA

Board your overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

Day 2 ARRIVE IN MADRID

Arrive in Madrid and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is free to explore on your own. (B)

Day 3 MADRID

Enjoy a guided tour of Madrid, Spain's capital since the Spanish Golden Age and now its largest city, a place with broad avenues, grand museums, stately gardens and lively tapas bars. Known for its historic districts, art, music and epicurean delights, Madrid is a cosmopolitan metropolis with a vibrant nightlife scene. The city's top landmarks include the elaborate Royal Palace, Buen Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, Mercado de San Miguel, Plaza Mayor and such renowned art galleries as the Prado Museum and Centro de Arte Reina Sofia. (B)

Day 4 MADRID - TOLEDO

You'll have an excursion today to the walled city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the ancient capital of Spain. The city is a treasure trove of artistic riches that once inspired Spanish Renaissance artist, El Greco, with its winding streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. As part of your guided tour, you will visit the Cathedral of Toledo (one of the world's greatest Gothic structures) as well as the Synagogue Santa Maria La Blanca in the Jewish Quarter. (B)

Day 5 MADRID - SALAMANCA - VEGA TERRÓN - EMBARKATION

Depart Madrid for an excursion to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the center of Spain's Castilla y León region. Your guided city tour includes the university buildings, Salamanca Cathedral and the uniquely adorned House of Shells. Afterwards, be treated to a flamenco show. Later, you will be transferred to Vega Terrón to board your river ship. (B,D)

Day 6 VEGA TERRÓN - BARCA D'ALVA - PINHÃO

Venture to Castelo Rodrigo, known as the "White Village" because of its almond trees. The site offers spectacular views of the surrounding area and as far away as Spain. Join a walking tour through its medieval streets and see the houses and establishments with 16th-century facades and Manueline style windows. Prefer a more active adventure there, you can hike up to the town. At the end of both tours, enjoy a tasting of local favorites, such as almonds, cheese, bread and wine. (B,L,D)

Day 7 PINHÃO

Enjoy an excursion to the palace and gardens known as the Palacio de Mateus, located in the beautiful region of Trás-os-Montes near the city of Vila Real. The interior of the house features various religious images and exquisite furniture, artwork and hand-carved wooden ceilings. The exterior is equally stunning, with gardens that are among the most beautiful in all of Portugal. Later be treated to an exclusive lunch at Quinta da Avessada, where you'll enjoy an authentic and traditional dining experience complete with entertainment. The warm, spirited hospitality of this family-run Quinta is quite special as you will discover. Several family members play in a band, and while dining, they will entertain you. Quinta de Avessada is also a fascinating interactive museum commemorating the history and culture of wine in the Alto Douro region, so you'll have fun discovering all the various stages of wine production as well as doing plenty of tasting. Later in the day, you'll be treated to a wine tasting at the charming Quinta do Seixo. (B,L,D)

Day 8 RÉGUA - CALDAS DE AREGOS

You have a choice of two excursions, depending on your interests. Your first option is an excursion to ancient and picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal, the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). Other attractions include a Gothic cathedral, a museum, and charming cafés. Active adventurers can also choose to hike up the famed Lamego Steps, also known as the Holy Staircase. (B,L,D)

Day 9 CALDAS DE AREGOS - ENTRE-OS-RIOS

Enjoy a morning of scenic cruising along a lovely stretch of the Douro. Later in the day, savor a pre-dinner glass of port wine and the breathtaking view of the river valley from the terrace of the centuries-old Alpendurada Monastery. This will be followed by a traditional "home cooked" meal. (B,L,D)

Day 10 PORTO

Join a guided tour of Porto's historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll see the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; the main square, ringed with shops and cafes; and the São Bento Railway Station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of port, Portugal's most renowned contribution to the world of wine. For the more active adventure, join a hike in Porto and explore the old harbor quarter, passing through the medieval streets of Porto. (B,L,D)

Day 11 PORTO

Enjoy a day of leisure. Say farewell to your friends at the Farewell Cocktail. (B,L,D)

Day 12 PORTO – DISEMBARKATION – FATIMA - LISBON

After disembarking your ship in Porto, take a motorcoach ride through the Portuguese countryside. Stop in Tomar en route to Lisbon and visit its Templar knight castle, the walls of which envelop the elaborate Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating from the 12th century and boasting spectacular frescoes and azulejos (iconic blue painted tiles). Afterward, continue to Lisbon to check into your hotel. (B)

Day 13 LISBON

One of Europe's most beautiful cities, Lisbon sprawls across several hills along the Tagus River. Your city tour includes two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You'll see the fortified Belem Tower and visit the spectacular Jerónimos Monastery, a Late Gothic-style structure. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the city at your leisure, perhaps to visit the Castle of São Jorge or the Santa Justa Elevator that overlooks the castle, the river and Rossio Square. (B)

Day 14 LISBON – SINTRA

Enjoy a morning excursion to Serra de Sintra, one of the most picturesque mountain villages in Portugal, a former summer residence of the Portuguese royal family and a source of inspiration for Lord Byron and generations of other artists and poets. Your guided tour includes a wine tasting and a view of the Pena National Palace, a fairy tale castle situated high on a rocky peak, followed by free time to explore on your own. (B)

Day 15 LISBON

Transfer to the airport for your homeward flight. (B)

Our fares include:

- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom - most staterooms with balconies
- Life enriching tours and excursions daily with personal headset included
- Complimentary Internet access in all staterooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board
- Superb dining including complimentary local wine, port wine, beer and soft drinks with dinner on board
- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Sail Away Mimosa and Sun Deck BBQ
- Daily Happy Hour
- Special highlights including lectures, theme dinners, onboard music performances and afternoon/evening piano music
- Services of professional Cruise Manager
- All English language on board in a non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- All local taxes

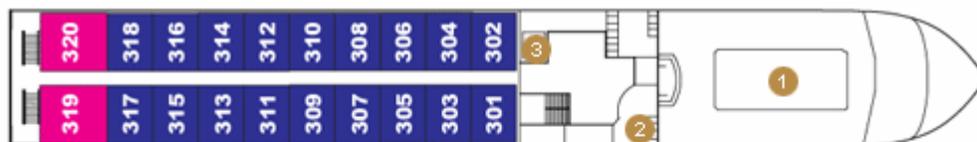
Our fares do not include:

- Air transportation and airport taxes
- Transfers
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses on board
- Personal insurance

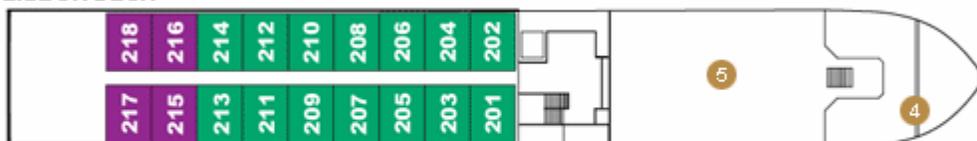
AMAVida

Debating in the spring of 2013 the AmaVida will bring AmaWaterways' distinctive standard of excellence to the Douro River in Portugal. This grand 108-passenger vessel features balconies in the majority of its spacious staterooms and suites, which range up to 323 sq. ft. Guests on the AmaVida will enjoy fine dining in the main dining room, plus al fresco dining for up to 32 guests. The AmaVida also features a Sun Deck swimming pool; fitness center and spa; complimentary in-stateroom Internet access on a 42" flat-screen and ship-wide Wi-Fi.

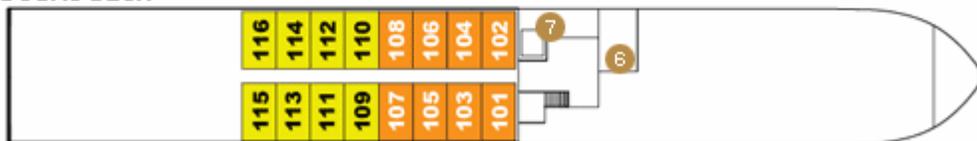
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CRUISE ONLY RATES REFLECT A \$250

- Cabins in cat. E, US\$ 2,949 cruise only**, p. p. in double (yellow cabins with a picture window, 161 sq ft.)
- Cabins in cat. D, US\$ 3,248 cruise only**, p. p. in double (orange cabins with a picture window, 161 sq ft.)
- Cabins in cat. B, US\$ 4,448 cruise only**, p. p. in double (green cabins with a useable balcony, 215 sq ft)
- Cabins in cat. A, US\$ 4,748 cruise only**, p. p. in double (navy cabins with a useable balcony, 215 sq ft)
- Cabins in cat. S, US\$ 6,348 cruise only**, p. p. in double (pink cabins with a useable balcony, 323 sq ft)

Port Tax is \$189 per person

Optional 3 night pre cruise stay in Madrid - \$900 per person/\$1350 per single

Optional 3 night post cruise stay in Lisbon - \$900 per person/\$1350 per single

Deposit: A deposit of US \$400 per person is due within 7 days of confirmation.

Final Balance: Due Dec 10, 2019.

Cancellations:

- * From Booking -121 days prior to departure: US\$ 200 p.p. loss of deposit
- * 120 – 90 days prior to departure: US\$ 400 p.p. loss of deposit
- * 89 – 60 days prior to departure: 35% loss of land and cruise price
- * 59 – 30 days prior to departure: 50% loss of land and cruise price
- * 29 – 07 days prior to departure: 80% loss of land and cruise price
- * From 06 days prior to departure: 100% loss of land and cruise price
- * Suites/Jr. Suites \$400 p.p. deposit is non-refundable

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