

Portugal & Spain Highlights River Cruise

EMERALD CRUISES ● EMERALD RADIANCE

The Offer

Cruise through the Douro Valley's timeless vineyards for a cultural immersion among the icons of Portugal and northern Spain.

Visit Lisbon, Obidos and Nazare before cruising from Porto to Pinhao, Vega de Terron and more. Along the way, enjoy guided walking tours to reach impressive cathedrals and signature pastel-coloured architecture. Experience the unique culture of walled medieval towns, imposing castles and famous UNESCO-listed universities.

In Porto, board Emerald Radiance for an elegant 5-star cruise along the Douro River. Indulge with complimentary onboard dining, inclusive shore excursions, cultural experiences and more. Cruise into the heart of the World Heritage-Listed Douro Valley. Sip local Port wine, soak in views of centuries-old, terraced vineyards, Baroque villages and patchwork farmland.

Cross the Spanish border to Salamanca to gain an insight into Spanish culture in this ancient city that dates back to Roman times. Return to Porto via the villages of Pocinho and Regua, then cap off your journey among Lisbon's architectural masterpieces and key historic landmarks.

This bucket-list cruise-and-tour package includes return international full-service flights, 7-night 5-star Douro River cruise, 4 nights of 4-star accommodation, 24 meals, including all while cruising, and more.

Want more? Stay longer and treat yourself to an Arrive Early or Stay Behind in Lisbon, Portugal.



The Map


ATLANTIC OCEAN
Pinhao
Vega de Terron
Porto
Salamanca
Coimbra
Regua
Nazare
Obidos
SPAIN
PORTUGAL
Pocinho
Lisbon
FLIGHTS
LAND
CRUISE



The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Lisbon, Portugal

Today depart for vibrant Lisbon, Portugal!

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 2 to arrive on Day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Lisbon

Welcome to Lisbon! You will be met on arrival and transferred to the hotel, to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Lutecia Smart Design, Lisbon or similar
Meals included: None

Day 3 Lisbon - City Walking Tour

Today enjoy a half-day guided tour of Lisbon. Wander through the maze-like streets to reach the main attractions. See Lisbon's Cathedral and Casa dos Bicos, the old city's pastel-coloured buildings, Tagus Estuary and the Ponte 25 de Abril suspension bridge.

Afterwards, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Lutecia Smart Design, Lisbon or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Lisbon – Obidos – Nazare – Coimbra – Porto

Today, travel to the west of Portugal, to explore coastal Nazare, known worldwide for having the biggest waves on earth and a unique cultural fishing heritage. Discover Sitio, a historic cliffside neighbourhood perched 110 metres above the beach with views from Church of Our Lady of Nazare (entry not included).

Afterwards continue to Obidos, a walled medieval town, to visit picturesque streets and the castle. The main pedestrian street is lined with whitewashed houses, bright bougainvillea flowers, bakeries and craft shops. The town is famous for ginjinha, a sweet cherry liqueur. Local shops often serve the drink in small, edible dark chocolate cups.

Then, head to Coimbra, famous for its UNESCO-Listed ancient university and charming medieval streets. The historic centre has steep, narrow streets; cobblestone alleys that wind down from the university into the town centre.

In the late afternoon, arrive in beautiful Porto, the second largest city in Portugal. Known for Port wine and the Douro River, this is a vibrant city with a huge cultural and artistic life, where every corner offers something amazing to see and experience.

Upon arrival check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Vila Gale, Porto or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Porto - Begin 7 Night Porto River Cruise

This morning enjoy time at leisure in Porto's pastel-coloured metropolis.



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In the afternoon be transferred to the river port of Porto to board your ship for the next seven nights sailing along the Douro River. The ship remains docked in Porto overnight, allowing you to continue exploring this vibrant city after dark.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 6 Porto – Pinhao, Portugal

Relax onboard with a full day of cruising through the World Heritage-listed Douro Valley. This fascinating area builds on two millennia of wine-producing history, where viticulture has shaped the surrounding landscape. Look out for small, sleepy villages surrounded by dozens of terraced vineyards. One of the highlights is Carrapatelo, the deepest lock in Europe.

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Portuguese Cooking Demonstration

Learn how to make the iconic Portuguese sweet treat Pasteis de Nata (custard tarts) during an onboard cooking demonstration. An expert chef will share the story and traditions behind this signature dish with an immersive experience.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Pinhao, Portugal – Vega de Terron, Spain

Pinhao (pronounced 'Pin-yow'), just a few hours from Porto, is a tiny village in the heart of the Douro Valley, surrounded by vineyards and beautiful countryside. Enjoy this hidden gem, sip local Port wine, explore hiking trails or relax and soak up the charms of Portugal.

Included Excursion

Visit The Beautiful Quinta do Tedo Vineyard

Set on the hills surrounding the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers, this 18th-century estate is environmentally sound, creating organic produce using traditional viticulture methods. Enjoy tasting their famous Port wine and learning about blending of traditional viticulture methods with modern technology to create a seamless process. Alternatively, join a guided walk through their vineyards, stopping to admire the beautiful surrounds.

EmeraldACTIVE (included)

Kayak Experience in Pinhao

Embark on a kayak excursion along the Pinhao River, taking in the impressive views from the heart of the Douro Valley. Glide slowly past patchwork farmland, terraced vineyards and sprawling estates as you traverse this tranquil tributary of the Douro.

EmeraldACTIVE (included)

Guided Active Walk Through the Vineyards

Enjoy a guided walk through local vineyards, stopping along the way to admire the surroundings and the views over the Douro River. There are several different possibilities for hiking, to be adapted according to the fitness and desires of the group. Afterwards, join the group for a wine tasting.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 8 Vega de Terron, Spain – Salamanca, Spain

Just across the Spanish border, Vega de Terron is at the junction of the Douro and Agueda rivers. It's the gateway to the ancient city of Salamanca, known as the 'Golden City' for its stunning Renaissance architecture built from Villamayor sandstone, which glows golden, pink and ochre at sunrise and sunset.

Included Excursion

Guided Tour of Salamanca

Founded in Roman times, the ancient city of Salamanca and its World Heritage-listed Old Quarter have an illustrious past, having been held by the Carthaginians, Romans and Moors. Set out on a walking tour, which includes exploring the postcard-worthy galleries and arcades that adorn Plaza Mayor. You'll also have the opportunity to see Casa de las Conchas, a building that has been lovingly decorated with more than 300 shells, and Salamanca's university, one of the oldest universities in Europe, dating back to 1218.

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Tuna Music Band in Salamanca

The tradition of 'tuna music' dates back to the 13th century, arising from poor university students who would sing in the streets to raise money for their tuition. It showcases a powerful tradition of academic and social life in Spain, with performers dressing in distinctive clothing, including capes with colourful ribbons to represent their school. Enjoy a performance of this unique music from a local group.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Pocinho, Portugal – Regua, Portugal

The tiny village of Pocinho is around 30 km from the Spanish border, surrounded by river and mountains. This isolated spot has a small population of just a few hundred people, with its white-walled and red-roofed buildings that blend into the landscape. Nearby, museums and archaeological sites will take you deeper into Portugal's history.

Included Excursion

Tour to Castelo Rodrigo

Visit the charming medieval town of Castelo Rodrigo, a small, fortified hilltop village. Uncover the secrets of its history, admire its 16th-century walls and walk down charming, narrow medieval streets. Later, try some typical local products and enjoy some free time to explore on your own.

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Port Wine Cocktail Lesson

Return to your Emerald Star-Ship for lunch, then enjoy a Port wine cocktail lesson as you cruise down the river. Port wine became popular in the 17th century and is created by adding brandy to wine during fermentation, resulting in a strong, sweet, high-alcohol style that can be used in many delicious combinations.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 10 Regua – Porto

Get an insight into Portuguese life in Regua, a busy town that sits at the western edge of the Port wine growing region. It is steeped in winemaking culture and has been an important trading and transport centre since the 18th century. Backed by the stunning Serra do Marao mountains, it promises dramatic scenery and a welcoming atmosphere.

Included Excursion

Guided Tour Of Lamego

On today's included excursion, visit the marvellous Baroque village of Lamego, a place that has been shaped by Portugal's devout Catholic faith and centuries of winemaking. Nestled among the terraced slopes of the Douro Valley, the elegant town is infused with Baroque style. Stop to admire the picturesque Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, a structure that stands gracefully over the town. Its hundreds of zigzagging stairs are decorated with tiled friezes and climb out of a tailored garden resplendent with a variety of trees.

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Rural Lunch At A Local Quinta

Enjoy a rural lunch at a local Quinta, a famous wine estate in the Douro, which is certain to be a highlight of your trip. A traditional meal will be served and beautifully accompanied by local entertainment.

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Mosaic Tile Painting Lesson

Colourful painted tiles, called azulejos, are everywhere in Portugal. Learn about their origins, their place in Portuguese culture and how they are created during a mosaic tile painting workshop on board. This hands-on experience will immerse you in Portuguese artistic traditions. You'll even get to take home your azulejos as a souvenir.

EmeraldACTIVE (included)

Walk Down The Steps Of The Sanctuary Of Our Lady of Remedies

From the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, an important pilgrimage site on a hill above Lamego, walk down the 686 cobbled steps to reach the centre of the village. This Baroque, zigzag staircase offers spectacular views and is lined with small chapels and shrines dedicated to various saints and martyrs.

Cruise to Porto in the afternoon, to dock overnight, perfect to explore this vibrant city after dark.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Porto, Portugal

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto is a fascinating and eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. Famous for its export of Port wines, it's easy to imagine how British merchant ships would have once clustered together in the medieval harbour, waiting to take their produce across the water.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Porto



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Your included coach tour of the coastal city will introduce you to its highlights, from the bustling waterfront to its colourful buildings and iconic bridges. It will touch on the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo, a building whose pentagonal facades overlook the ocean.

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Guided active walk in Porto

For those who wish to see the charms of Porto on foot, this active walk through the town will bring you closer to the vibrant daily life of the locals. Cross the old iron bridge back to Porto city to admire the Porto Cathedral and visit the Old Town and Sao Bento railway station.

EmeraldPLUS

A cruise through Porto

This evening, a charming evening cruise will shine a different light on Porto's skyline.

Overnight: Emerald Cruises' Emerald Radiance
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Porto, Portugal - Lisbon Portugal

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your Emerald Star-Ship, taking memories of terraced vineyards and authentic Portuguese culture with you.

After disembarking, you will be met and transferred to Lisbon. Upon arrival check in at your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Today travel approximately 315 kms.

Overnight: Lutecia Smart Design Lisbon or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Lisbon, Portugal - Australia (or New Zealand)

At the appropriate time, make your own way to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 14 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive in Australia (or New Zealand) +1 day later.

Meals included: None



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of Portugal and Northern Spain
- Visit Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto, Salamanca and more
- Cruise along the magnificent Douro River from Porto to Salamanca, through Portugal's vineyards, stunning landscapes and charming villages.
- Fall in love with the history and culture of Lisbon on a guided tour
- Discover Portugal's famous coastal town, Nazare, known for having the biggest waves in the world
- Admire the historic, walled medieval town of Obidos, the "City of Queens", to explore its castle and royal history
- Explore Coimbra a UNESCO Heritage-Listed historic riverside city in central Portugal
- Stay in the picturesque city of Porto, famous for its riverside history, Port wine cellars and dramatic bridges along the Douro River
- Cruise through the dramatic scenery of UNESCO Heritage-Listed Douro Valley
- Dock in Pinhao to walk through the vineyards and enjoy a Port wine tasting
- Experience the impressive views of the Douro Valley on a kayak excursion along the Pinhao River
- Enjoy a guided tour of Salamanca's Roman Spanish city and it's World Heritage-listed Old Quarter
- Connect with local culture through on-board cooking demonstrations, mosaic tile painting classes, live music performances and cocktail making using traditional Port wine
- Visit charming medieval towns, castles and fortified villages perched high above the Douro River
- Enjoy a rural lunch at a Quinta, a famous Douro Valley wine estate
- Admire an evening cruise through Porto

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only option)

CRUISE

- 7-night Douro River cruise aboard the elegant 5-star Emerald Radiance in an outside riverview stateroom
- Complimentary soft drinks, beer & wines with each onboard lunch and dinner
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, including a rural lunch at a local Portuguese Quinta wine estate
- Includes all shore excursions as per itinerary, EmeraldPLUS cultural experiences and the EmeraldACTIVE program
- Includes special onboard entertainment including traditional Iberian 'Tuna music', dating back to the 13th century
- Enjoy a welcome and farewell dinner
- Experience a Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard
- Onboard wellness and fitness centre available
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- All tipping and gratuities



Tour Inclusions

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EmeraldPLUS

Taking you into the heart of local life, our included EmeraldPLUS excursions and experiences provide a fascinating insight into the authentic customs and traditions along the rivers of Europe.

EmeraldPLUS experiences will take you deeper into the local culture. You'll enjoy exclusive social events with the locals, tours of significant landmarks, as well as special on board performances and workshops, and much more.

EmeraldACTIVE

Designed for guests seeking more active experiences, these activities and excursions are an exciting way to see a location from another perspective.

Perfect for guests who like a faster pace, our exclusive - and included - EmeraldACTIVE program provides river cruising guests with the opportunity to experience each destination from a different perspective. Join guided hikes, bike rides, and canoeing experiences, and see a new side to each destination. Explore rolling vineyards, and cobblestone streets, and take to the water by canoe. It's all available at no extra cost on our Europe river cruise collection.

ACCOMMODATION

4 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 24 meals, including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking onboard Cruise Director, Tour Leader & Tour Guides

Airline and cruise port taxes and surcharges

City tax

Cruise gratuities

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

Arrival airport and port transfers (Excludes Trip Only Package)

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 16th November 2027.
Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Low Season

Emerald Stateroom Cabin: $5,799
Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite Cabin: $7,399

High Season

Emerald Stateroom Cabin: $6,599
Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite Cabin: $8,099

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, 18 years old and over, to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Flight information for options excluding Trip Only Package.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane & Adelaide: $200 per person
Auckland: $400 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used Only for deals where we can guarantee full service airlines, and no low cost carriers are considered

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Important Information

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qatar Airways: $300 per person
- Emirates: $500 per person

Please note:

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Lisbon, Portugal - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Lisbon, Portugal - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

This option incurs a fee for adjusting the departure or return dates. This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals and/or airport transfers, which will be at your own cost.
In addition, airport transfers listed as an inclusion on the Travel Offer are considered void in the event that you select an Arrive Early/Stay Behind option. As such, you will need to arrange your own transfers at your cost.
We strongly advise against booking any pre or post-tour travel arrangements/ accommodation until TripADeal confirms your flight details. If you choose to book before confirmation, we recommend opting for refundable reservations or having backup plans in case the tour does not proceed.

Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.

Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

+ 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028
- 1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028
- 1st July 2028 - 23rd July 2028
- 16th September 2028 - 15th October 2028
- 9th December 2028 - 3rd January 2029

Stopover Packages

* Doha, Qatar
* Dubai, U.A.E

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.

Important Information

- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 2027

Hong Kong Rugby 7's: end March/ beginning April - (dates tbc)
Singapore Grand Prix: 30 September - 05 October 2027 (dates are still tbc)
Doha Grand Prix: 25 November - 1 December 2027 (dates are tbc)
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 21 - 26 October 2027 (dates are still tbc)
Christmas and New Years Eve - 20 December 2027 to 3 January 2028

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Trip Only Package

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only Package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Cruise

Emerald Radiance

Custom-designed to sail the Douro Valley, enjoy the sights from the Serenity Pool on the Sun Deck and relax in the exclusive Riverview Suites.

Exquisite dining experiences

Enjoy the most delectable dishes famed throughout Europe in the opulent surrounds of the Reflections Restaurant. Let the tastes of Central Europe, France, and Portugal dance on your palate, and enjoy complimentary beverages with each meal.

Relax and connect on board in the inviting social spaces

From the chilled and relaxed vibe of the Horizon Bar & Lounge to the open-air surrounds of the Sun Deck, you'll find plenty of spaces on board to enjoy the company of new-found friends.

Explore our innovative Emerald Star-Ships

Relax in unparalleled comfort on board Emerald Star-Ships. Our suite-grade cabins come with an all-weather balcony system for the best views, and our indoor pool transforms into a cinema space^ on selected evenings.

Find your sanctuary of serenity

The suites and staterooms on board our Star-Ships are modern sanctuaries with inspired décor and contemporary designs. Enjoy all the amenities you'd expect from a world-class hotel including luxury ESPA toiletries, Wi-Fi, and a queen or twin-sized bed.

Onboard currency:

Euro

Cabins/Staterooms:

Stateroom cabin on Riviera Deck

(14.3m²)
Cabin inclusions

- Picture window
- Queen-size or twin hotel-style beds
- En-suite bathroom with shower, indulgent toiletries, hair dryer, on-board complimentary bathrobes and slippers
- Mini-bar available at own expense
- Complimentary water, restocked daily
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Flat-screen TV and infotainment system
- Individual climate control
- Personal safe
- Umbrella
- Telephone
- Walking sticks

Panorama Suite cabin on Vista Deck

(14.9m²)
Suite inclusions

- Indoor balcony with open-air system
- Queen-size or twin hotel-style beds
- En-suite bathroom with shower, indulgent toiletries, hair dryer, on-board complimentary bathrobes and slippers
- Mini-bar available at own expense
- Complimentary water, restocked daily
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Flat screen TV and infotainment system
- Individual climate control
- Personal safe
- Umbrella
- Telephone
- Walking sticks

Please note:

- *All cabins are subject to availability;*
- *Cruise cabins are booked on a guaranteed basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure.*

Important Information

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

Lisbon: Hotel Lutecia Smart Design
Porto: Hotel Vila Gale

5-star Cruise (Self-Rated):

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Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Accommodation Location

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only Package.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 5-7 Euro per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. Emerald River Cruises is an internationally registered company and operates to US and European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a tipping culture. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Spain:

This trip covers a lot of ground, from the Mediterranean coast to the high central plateau.

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February – March:

Central Spain/Salamanca: Crisp and dry. Highs of 12°C – 15°C, but nights are cold, often dipping to 1°C – 4°C.

April – June:

The most comfortable time. Temperatures across all three cities range from 18°C to 26°C. Central Spain/Salamanca begins to heat up significantly by late June.

July – August:

Central Spain/Salamanca: Dry, intense heat. Highs often exceed 33°C – 35°C, though low humidity makes it slightly more bearable than the coast.

September – October:

Temperatures retreat to a pleasant 20°C – 25°C.

Portugal

Portugal's weather is heavily influenced by the Atlantic, keeping it slightly cooler and greener than Central Spain/Salamanca.

February – March:

Mild but often damp, especially in the North (Porto). Average highs are 14°C – 17°C, with nights around 8°C.

April – June:

Stunning spring weather. Temperatures sit between 18°C and 23°C. This is the best time for hiking and sightseeing before the summer crowds arrive.

July – August:

Lisbon: Warm to hot, usually 27°C – 30°C. A consistent sea breeze (the Nortada) often keeps the heat from becoming stifling.
Interior: Areas near the Spanish border can spike to 35°C+.

September – October:

A "second summer". September remains warm (25°C), while October brings the start of the rainy season in the north, though temperatures stay mild at 18°C – 22°C

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests:

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A moderate level of fitness will be required.
Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer

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distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.
Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

European Union Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaced the manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced in 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.gov.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/

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accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.