



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Douro & Rhone rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEFPC180927-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Radiance
Regions:	Douro
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Departs On:	18 Sep 27
Departs From:	Porto
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Arrives On:	02 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Arles
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Porto (Portugal)

Welcome to Porto, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, Emerald Radiance. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 27

Day 2: Porto (Portugal)

Relax on board today and enjoy a full day of sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Douro Valley. This fascinating area is celebrated because it builds on two millennia of wine producing history, where viticulture has shaped the surrounding landscape and small, sleepy villages are peppered with dozens of sun-drenched vineyards. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and cocktail reception.

EmeraldPLUS
Portuguese cooking demonstration on board

Arrives On: 19 Sep 27

Day 2: Pinhão (Portugal)

Arrives On: 19 Sep 27

Day 3: Pinhão (Portugal)

<p><p>Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful Quinta do Tedo vineyard in the heart of Portugal's Douro Valley, nestled on the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers. This 18th-century estate is environmentally sound, creating organic produce by using traditional viticulture methods.</p><p>Alternatively, enjoy a guided walk through local vineyards, stopping along the way to admire your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on a kayak excursion along the river, taking in the impressive views from the heart of the Douro Valley.</p><p>This afternoon, enjoy sailing to Vega de Terrón, perhaps relaxing on the Sun Deck.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Visit to Quinta do Tedo with wine tasting</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Kayak experience in Pinhão</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Guided active walk through the vineyards</p>

Arrives On: 20 Sep 27

Day 3: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

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Day 4: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

<p><p>Founded in Roman times, the ancient city of Salamanca and its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Quarter have an illustrious past, having been held by the Carthaginians, Romans, and Moors.</p><p>Travel to the beautiful 'Golden City' for 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 that dates back to 1218. </p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Salamanca</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Tuna music band in Salamanca</p>

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 4: Salamanca (Spain)

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 5: Pocinho (Portugal)

This morning, we are docked in Pocinho from where we take you to the charming medieval town of Castelo Rodrigo. On your tour you will have the chance to uncover the secrets of this small village's fortress history and try some typical local products. Later, return to your Star-Ship for lunch and soak up your idyllic surrounds, enjoying a Port wine cocktail lesson on board as you sail towards Régua.

Included Excursion
Tour to Castelo Rodrigo

EmeraldPLUS
Port wine cocktail lesson on board

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Archaeological tour by 4x4 at the Côa Valley Museum (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Sep 27

Day 5: Régua (Portugal)

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Day 6: Régua (Portugal)

On today's included excursion, you'll visit the marvellous Baroque village of Lamego, stopping to see the picturesque Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, a structure that stands gracefully over the town. If you're feeling active, enjoy an invigorating walk down the 686 steps from the Sanctuary to the main square. On the same day you will get to experience a rural lunch at Quinta da Pacheca, one of the finest estates of river Douro and learn about the Portuguese mosaic painting tradition.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Lamego

EmeraldPLUS
Rural lunch at Quinta da Pacheca

EmeraldPLUS
Mosaic tile painting lesson on board

EmeraldACTIVE
Walk down the steps of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies

DiscoverMORE
Visit to Mateus Manor House (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 Sep 27

Day 7: 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.

Your included tour of the coastal city will touch on the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo, a building whose pentagonal façades overlook the ocean. For those who wish to see the charms of Porto on foot, our active walk through the town

will bring you closer to the vibrant daily life of the locals.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Porto

EmeraldPLUS
A cruise through Porto

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided active walk in Porto

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Visit to Quinta da Aveleda (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Guided bike tour to the Atlantic (extra expense)

Arrives On: 24 Sep 27

Day 8: Porto (Portugal)

After breakfast, you will be transferred from the sun-drenched landscape of Porto to Lyon, a land famous for its delightful cuisine. Meet your new friendly crew at the Emerald Liberte.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 27

Day 8: Lyon (France)

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Day 9: Lyon (France)

France's third-largest city, Lyon is a former Roman capital, steeped in history and considered to be the gastronomic heartbeat of the country. Home to traditional Lyonnaise cuisine, you'll enjoy an array of exemplary culinary delights.

Today, a guided city tour awaits you, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière, part of the inscribed historic site of Lyon. Wander through the city and soak in its vividly illustrated history, as buildings from all time periods can be seen adorning narrow cobblestone streets. Alternatively, explore the highlights of the city on two wheels as part of a guided bike tour of Lyon.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Lyon

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Lyon

DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 Sep 27

Day 10: Mâcon (France)

Today we enjoy a relaxed morning sailing on the Saone river until we reach the lovely town of Macon. Here we will discover the Beaujolais wine region, renowned for its vibrant, fruity wines with Gamay grape variety. The extensive planting of the Gamay grape makes Beaujolais wine region one of the several regions on the planet to focus on a single grape variety. Red wine

accounts for 99% of the total wine production of the region.

Included Excursion
Beaujolais wine tasting

Arrives On: 27 Sep 27

Day 11: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

The picturesque village of Tournon borders the gently meandering Rhône, dominated by a 16th century castle that overlooks the village and a number of iconic landmarks, including a set of ancient watchtowers.

Your guided tour of the village will showcase its intangible cultural heritage, granting every opportunity for you to immerse yourself in your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through the local vineyards and marvel at the rows upon rows of grapes used to make some of the finest wines in Europe.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Tournon

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 28 Sep 27

Day 12: Viviers (France)

Arrive in Viviers, a town with much Middle Age flair and home to one of France's oldest cathedrals. Your included walking tour will highlight many of the city's numerous spectacular monuments, along with their ornate windows and lavish façades.

EmeraldPLUS
CD lecture Art & Culture in the South of France

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Viviers

DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (extra expense)

Arrives On: 29 Sep 27

Day 13: Avignon (France)

Avignon has a rich history, from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of seven successive Popes between 1309 and 1377. The city also played a major part central to the French Revolution.

Your included walking tour will take you past the ornate beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, as well as Pont d'Avignon, an ancient stone bridge crossing the Rhône. This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by France's *Top Chef* finalist, Fabien Morreale and later you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon as part of our EmeraldPLUS program.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Avignon

EmeraldACTIVE
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

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Guided tour of the Pont du

Gard (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Provençal dinner hosted by local chef Fabien Morreale</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Classical concert in Avignon</p>

Arrives On: 30 Sep 27

Day 14: Arles (France)

<p><p>The past is yours to uncover in Arles, a once-important Phoenician trading port that was captured by the Romans, who peppered the city with iconic monuments. Today, your included tour of the city will showcase some of its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments, illustrating how the city has evolved over the centuries.</p><p>Visit the 2,000-year-old Arles Amphitheatre and follow in the footsteps of world-renowned artist, Vincent van Gogh. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure, where a stop at a local and quintessential café is a must before returning to relax on board your Star-Ship.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Arles with arena visit</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Provencal Cosmetics Workshop (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense)</p>

Arrives On: 01 Oct 27

Day 15: Arles (France)

<p><p>After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the idyllic French countryside and delightful cuisine with you.</p></p><p><p>This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.</p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 01:00 PM.</p><p><p>Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.</p></p>

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Day 15: Nice (France)

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