Cruise Details

Name:	Secrets of the Douro
Reference:	EMERALDEPDC141126-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Radiance
Regions:	Douro
Departs On:	14 Nov 26
Departs From:	Porto
Arrives On:	21 Nov 26
Arrives At:	Porto
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

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.

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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: 15 Nov 26

Day 2: Pinhão (Portugal)

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Day 3: Pinhão (Portugal)

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. 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. This afternoon, enjoy sailing to Vega de Terrón, perhaps relaxing on the Sun Deck. Included Excursion
Visit to Quinta do Tedo with wine tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Kayak experience in Pinhão EmeraldACTIVE
Guided active walk through the vineyards

Arrives On: 16 Nov 26

Day 3: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

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Day 4: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

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. 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. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Salamanca EmeraldPLUS
Tuna music band in Salamanca

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Day 4: Salamanca (Spain)

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

Arrives On: 18 Nov 26

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)

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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 DiscoverMORE
Visit to Quinta da Aveleda (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Guided bike tour to the Atlantic (extra expense)

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Day 8: Porto (Portugal)

After breakfast, it’s time to say farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests, taking memories of sun-drenched vineyards with you. 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.

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