



## Cruise Details

Name:	Secrets of the Douro
Reference:	EMERALDEPDC280924-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Radiance
Regions:	Douro
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Departs On:	28 Sep 24
Departs From:	Porto
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Arrives On:	05 Oct 24
Arrives At:	Porto
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Porto (Portugal)

Fly from the UK to Porto. 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: 28 Sep 24

### 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: 29 Sep 24

### Day 2: Pinhão (Portugal)

Arrives On: 29 Sep 24

### 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. Or, 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.

**Kayak experience in Pinhão**

**Emerald**

**Guided active walk through the vineyards**

**Included Excursion**

**Visit to Quinta do Tedo with wine tasting**

Arrives On: 30 Sep 24

### 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.

**EmeraldPLUS**

**Tuna music band**

**Included Excursion**

**Guided tour of Salamanca**

**DiscoverMORE**

**Castelo Rodrigo tour (extra expense)**

Please note: This tour takes place at the same time as the Included Excursion

Arrives On: 01 Oct 24

### Day 4: Salamanca (Spain)

Arrives On: 01 Oct 24

#### Day 5: Pocinho (Portugal)

This morning, you'll arrive in Pocinho where you'll have the opportunity to visit the Côa Valley Museum. 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. This evening, a rural dinner at a wine estate is certain to be one of the highlights of your trip.

**EmeraldPLUS** Port wine cocktail lesson on board

**EmeraldPLUS** Rural dinner at Quinta da Pacheca

**Included Excursion** Visit to the Côa Valley Museum

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

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Arrives On: 02 Oct 24

#### Day 5: Régua (Portugal)

Arrives On: 02 Oct 24

#### 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.

**EmeraldPLUS** Mosaic tile painting lesson on board

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

**Included Excursion** Guided tour of Lamego

**DiscoverMORE** Visit to Mateus Manor House (extra expense)

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Arrives On: 03 Oct 24

#### 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.

**EmeraldPLUS** A cruise through Porto

**EmeraldACTIVE** Guided active walk in Porto

**Included Excursion** Guided tour of Porto

**DiscoverMORE** Visit to Quinta da Aveleda or Taylor's Port Wine Cellars (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE** Guided bike tour to the Atlantic (extra expense)

Arrives On: 04 Oct 24

### Day 8: Porto (Portugal)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship where you will transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of sun-drenched vineyards with you.

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Arrives On: 05 Oct 24

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