

Exploring the Douro – Plus Lisbon & Madrid

April 21 – May 3, 2021



Join the Arts Council and Tauck on a cruise through the heart of the world's oldest and most beautiful wine regions. Over 2,000 years of winemaking history are etched into the jaw-dropping riverscapes of the Douro as it meanders gently from its source in the mountains of northern Spain to Porto where it meets the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way, it flirts with terraced vineyards, picturesque family owned *quintas* and World Heritage Sites, combining cultural riches with scenic splendors. Come for the history, the views, the tawny ports, ruby reds and Vinho Verde vintages the Douro is famous for, and a legacy of golden hospitality.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ARTOUR INCLUDE:

Iberian Charms & Douro Delights make this adventure a feast for the senses onboard and ashore. You'll see sculpted monuments, antique carriages and landmarks steeped in maritime history. Dine in a gilded royal palace, open only to Tauck, during a two-night stay at the **InterContinental Lisbon**. Explore the cobbled lanes and university squares of medieval **Coimbra**, see the storied sites tiled in blue in **Porto**, and enjoy a taste of port in the city where it is made.



Embark on a 7-night cruise aboard the **ms Andorinha**, a brand new riverboat custom made for the Douro River, sailing to picturesque villages and family-owned *quintas* in one of the world's most beautiful wine regions. Enjoy a private dinner with wine pairings at **Quinta do Poral**, a Douro Valley wine estate. Take a guided tour to the opulent **Dukes of Braganza Palace in Guimaraes**. Choose among shore excursions including hiking, bicycling, port-cocktail making and more. Sip and savor wines, young and old, produced in terraced riverside vineyards for thousands of years. Enjoy a special culinary experience in **Folgosa**, and hear insights about the Douro Wine Region, a World Heritage Site, at the **Douro Museum**. Learn about prehistoric rock art in the **Coa Valley** and a 13th century castle near the Spanish border.

Disembark and drive to **Salamanca** for a guided walk back in time. Spend two nights at the **Westin Palace Madrid**, enriched with world-class art at the **Prado**, tantalizing tapas and a guided tour inside the city's 18th century **Royal Palace**.

TOUR/CRUISE COST: To be announced by Tauck in February, 2020

International Airfare is additional: To be announced by Tauck/Arts Council 10 months out. (July, 2020)

Deposit to reserve your spot: \$900 (**Refundable until total cost is announced in February, 2020**)

Optional Trip/Cruise Protection: \$639 per person | **Final payment due:** January 22, 2021

Trip/Cruise cost includes: All private shore excursions, 7 nights aboard the MS Andorinha, a custom designed ship to cruise the Douro River, a choice of excursions during cruise, 2-night stays at premier hotels in Madrid and Lisbon with choice of city sightseeing, 26 meals, airport transfers on arrival and departure, gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, admission fees, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and portage.

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on **ALL ARTours**. **NO** refunds are made after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available on request.

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“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” – *Saint Augustine*



Down East North Carolina | October 14-16, 2019

Eat, drink and be merry! Join the Arts Council on a fun-filled trip to Eastern North Carolina. Explore the rich history, natural beauty, and the visual & culinary arts of this very special part of our state.

Highlights of this ARTour include:

- ◆ Dinner at **Brothers Farm** prepared by chef Christopher Thames, a champion on the Food Network show, *Chopped*. The evening includes a farm tour by Warren Brothers & Miss Lillie Hardy (*right with Vivian Howard*), regulars on the PBS Series, *A Chef's Life*.
- ◆ Dinner at **Chef & the Farmer**, Vivian Howard's internationally acclaimed restaurant.
- ◆ A trip to historic **New Bern** with a tour of **Tryon Palace** (*photo of gardens above*), with time to explore this charming riverfront town and lunch on your own.
- ◆ Lunch at **Morris Barbeque**, a countryside “dive” in Hookerton (*right*) specializing in Eastern-style BBQ, rated by *Our State Magazine* as among the top NC BBQ joints.
- ◆ Tour of **Kinston Community Council for the Arts**, located in the heart of downtown Kinston. Thanks to a cultural renaissance taking place in Kinston, we'll also visit several downtown artist studios and galleries.



- ◆ Enjoy high noon tea at **Half Moon Market Place & Crescent Tea Room** in Snow Hill, followed by a tour of the **Greene County History Museum** to view an exhibit by Allen Mumford, whose art draws inspiration from nature walks with his dog.
- ◆ Accommodations at **Mother Earth Motor Lodge**, which has been renovated back to its 1960s glory when it was known as Kinston's Mid-Town Motor Lodge. Talents, like James Brown and some of his band, called the motor lodge home after performing a local show.

COST: ACMC Members: Double = \$585 Single = \$695 (Non-members add 15%)
 (*per person*) Register by September 6 with \$100 deposit. Final payment due September 23, 2019.

Costs Include: Transportation; 2 nights accommodations; 6 meals (2B/2L/2D); tours as listed; entry fees; tax & gratuities. **Not included:** Meals not listed; alcoholic beverages; portage.

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