

Exploring the Douro + Lisbon & Madrid

March 30 – April 10, 2022



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:

Tour begins in Lisbon on March 30, 2022 and ends in Madrid on April 10, 2022

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 travelers, during a **2-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. Tour the **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**.

COSTS (per person): Emerald Deck – Cat. 1 (150 ft²) – APMC Member: Single = \$6,590

**Nonmembers add Emerald Deck – Cat. 2 (200 ft²) – APMC Member: Double = \$7,190 / Single: \$10,066

15% to all prices** Ruby Deck – Cat. 3 (225 ft²) – APMC Member: Double = \$8,340 / Single: \$11,676

Ruby Deck – Cat. 5 (300 ft²) – APMC member: Double = \$9,040

Deposit: Reserve your spot with \$900 due February 16, 2021. Final payment due November 30, 2021.

Optional Trip Protection: \$699 per person due with registration.

International Airfare additional: Ask for quotes at registration.

Ask about additional hotel night (past Tauck travelers complimentary) **before or after cruise.**

Trip/Cruise cost includes: All private shore excursions, 7 nights aboard the ms Andorinha, 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 & departure, gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Tauck Cruise Director, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, admission fees, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, & 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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TAUCK

Impressions from the Seine: PARIS TO NORMANDY

October 27– November 3, 2021

Join the Arts Council Artours & Tauck on a riverboat cruise down the River Seine to the coast of Normandy & back, featuring art & daily life in Paris, stops in historic villages & towns with a memorable visit to the beaches of Normandy.

DAY 1 & 2: DEPART US/ARRIVE PARIS – A transfer is included upon arrival in Paris to our riverboat. This evening, join the captain's briefing & welcome reception followed by dinner on board before a private evening visit to **Musée du Louvre**. Tauck guests skip the lines on a private after-hours tour of the museum, a showcase of Impressionist paintings. A wonderful start to a magnificent week in France! (Meals: D)

DAY 3: SIGHTSEEING IN PARIS – Choose to visit inside the **Opera Garnier** *or* take a walking tour of the **Latin Quarter** & **St. Germain**, taking in **St. Sulpice Church**, the **Luxembourg Gardens** past the **Pantheon** & **Sorbonne University**. Spend the afternoon exploring the city as you wish or join our local guide for a visit to **Pere Lachaise Cemetery** exploring Parisian history through stories of the cemetery's notable "residents." Dinner is served as the riverboat charts a course along the Seine to the Chateau de Versailles. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 4: CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES – Just 15 minutes from the center of Paris & the epicenter of French royal power until 1789, King Louis XIV's palace epitomized the royal lifestyle of Old World Europe. Our visit includes a look inside its many rooms, among them the gilded **Hall of Mirrors**, followed by a walk in the palace gardens. Spend the rest of the day enjoying our riverboat's amenities & picturesque scenery along the Seine as we cruise to Rouen. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 5: MEMORIES OF ROUEN – Wake up in **Rouen**, the historic capital of Normandy & dubbed "city of a hundred spires" by the poet Victor Hugo. Our local guide will tell tales of Joan of Arc's triumphs & trials as we follow in her footsteps. You'll recognize the **Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Rouen** the moment you see it; Claude Monet painted it more than 30 times to capture the ever-changing play of light on the Gothic façade. Enjoy free time to explore before returning to our riverboat. Enjoy an evening dinner with music at the 16th century **Chateau du Taillis**, a true Renaissance treasure known for its stately gardens & arboretum. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 6: THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY – Today's poignant visit to the beaches of **Normandy** is led by a local guide knowledgeable about the heroics & the losses of this historic operation of June 6, 1944. You'll see **Pointe du Hoc** where the U.S. Army Rangers scaled the 100-ft.-high, crater-riddled cliffs & seized the German artillery to keep them from firing on the American troops landing on the beaches. Visit **Omaha Beach**, one of the five landing areas of the Normandy Invasion, which is dotted with the remains of German bunkers. Pause at the **Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial**, overlooking Omaha Beach & the English Channel. After

lunch, we'll meet our riverboat in **Caudebec-en-Caux**. Dine at your leisure this evening. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 7: LES ANDELYS, CIDER & CALVADOS – As we sail into **Les Andelys**, enjoy a walking tour of the town & ruins of **Chateau Gaillard** reigning atop its hillside perch. Built by Richard the Lionheart, King of England in 1197, the castle was considered the mightiest royal fortress of its time. Then ride into the countryside for an appetizing visit to a farm for a taste of freshly pressed cider & aged brandy, accompanied by pate & preserved fruit. Back aboard our riverboat, we cruise to **Vernon** for a walk about town before dinner. After dinner, dancers perform the Parisian Cancan. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 8: PAINTED IMPRESSIONS IN GIVERNY – An exclusive early visit to Monet's home in **Giverny** gives you the rare privilege to experience the beauty & the changing light of day as Monet did. Left as it was when the artist & his family lived here, tour the house & stroll through gardens seen in his paintings. Visit **Musée des Impressionismes**, dedicated to the Impressionist movement in France & abroad. Enjoy a painting class onboard the riverboat led by an American who lives in the south of France & will share insights & painting techniques of the impressionist artists, followed by a farewell reception & dinner. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 9: JOURNEY HOME – Disembark the riverboat & transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport. (Meals: B)

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 15% to all prices** Ruby Deck – Cat. 6 (225 ft²) – APMC Member: Double = \$6,740 / Single: \$11,458

Deposit: Reserve your spot with \$900 due May 17, 2021. Final payment due June 29, 2021.

Optional Cruise Protection per person \$699. | **International airfare additional:** Ask for quotes at registration.

Ask about additional hotel night (past Tauck travelers complimentary) **before or after cruise.**

Land/Cruise price per person includes: Airport transfers, cruise fare, meals as listed, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges & gratuities to Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, & included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, including regional wine, beer, premium spirits, coffee, water & soft drinks.

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