



Flavours of Portugal & Spain (15 days)

Two iconic cities, Lisbon and Madrid, provide the perfect start and end to a grand journey through Portugal and Spain. Cosmopolitan Lisbon offers a treasure trove of Old World architecture and a wealth of stories about its famed explorers; and then there is the seaside town of Sintra, one of the loveliest mountain villages in Portugal and a favorite summer residence of the Portuguese royal family for more than 500 years. Set sail in Porto, the beautiful 'City of Bridges' and gateway to the Douro River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with rambling vineyards and charming quintas, which cling to the steep sides of the river. Taste wines from these vineyards and discover the timeless traditions of Portuguese winemaking throughout your journey before visiting some of Spain's glorious cities: the golden-hued city of Salamanca, the ancient walled city of Toledo, and cosmopolitan Madrid, renowned for its world-class museums, stately gardens and lively tapas bars.

Dates

October 7 - October 21, 2025

Highlights

SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with outside balconies)
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, a music library and English language TV stations
- Desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck and pool
- Fitness room
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

AWARD-WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, Captain's Cocktail, Portuguese Dinner, and Gala Dinner
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Guided hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

LAND PROGRAM

- 3 nights hotel in Madrid at the NH Madrid Paseo del Prado (or similar), including city tour, Toledo excursion and daily breakfast
- Excursion on Salamanca (UNESCO Heritage Site), then transferred to Vega de Terron to board your river ship
- Transfer from Lisbon to Porto via motorcoach
- 3 nights hotel in Lisbon at the Intercontinental Lisbon (or similar), including city tour, royal Sintra excursion with Pena National Palace visit and daily breakfast

Itinerary

DAY 1: Depart Halifax

Flight from Halifax to Madrid.

Meet your host and travelling companions at the Halifax Airport for the flight to Madrid, Spain.
(Flight not included)

Day 2: Arrive in Madrid

Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first overnight stay in your Madrid Hotel.

DAY 3:

Guided Touring of Madrid

Enjoy a guided tour of Madrid, Spain's capital since the Spanish Golden Age and now its largest city, a place with broad avenues, grand museums, stately gardens and lively tapas bars. Known for its historic districts, art, music and epicurean delights, Madrid is a cosmopolitan metropolis with a vibrant n

ightlife scene. The city's top landmarks include the elaborate Royal Palace, Buen Retiro Park, Puerta del Sol, Mercado de San Miguel, Plaza Mayor and such renowned art galleries as the Prado Museum and Centro de Arte Reina Sofia. (Breakfast)

DAY 4:

Guided Touring of Madrid (Cont.)

You'll visit the walled city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the ancient capital of Spain. The city is a treasure trove of artistic riches that once inspired Spanish Renaissance artist El Greco, with its winding streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. As part of your guided tour, you will visit the Cathedral of Toledo (one of the world's greatest Gothic structures) as well as the Synagogue Santa Maria La Blanca in the Jewish Quarter. (Breakfast)

DAY 5:

Madrid, Salamanca Vega De Terr'n and Embarkation

Depart Madrid for an excursion to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the center of Spain's Castilla y Le'n region. Your guided city tour includes the university buildings, Salamanca Cathedral and the uniquely adorned House of Shells. Later, you will be transferred to Vega de Terr'n to board your river ship. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 6:

Barca D'Alva

Venture to Castelo Rodrigo, known as the 'White Village' because of its almond trees. The site offers spectacular views of the surrounding area. Join a walking tour through its medieval streets and see the houses and establishments with 16th century facade and Manueline-style windows. If you prefer a more active adventure there, you can hike up to the town. At the end of both tours enjoy a tasting of local favourites, such as almonds, cheese, bread and wine. Later in the day, cruise along the scenic Douro to Pinh'o. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

DAY 7:

Pinh'o

Embark on a leisurely walk to the charming Pinh'o Railway Station, a stunning train station along the Douro Line, one of the most iconic rail journeys in Portugal. The station's main building is revered for its 25 tile panels, all in shades of blue, depicting scenes from the Douro region. Afterward, enjoy an exclusive lunch at Quinta de Avedada, where you'll enjoy an authentic and traditional dining experience, complete with entertainment. The warm, spirited hospitality of this family-run quinta is quite special as you will discover. Several family members play in a band, while dining, they will entertain you. Quinta de Avedada is also a fascinating interactive museum commemorating the history and culture of wine in the Alto Douro region, so you'll have fun discovering all the various stages of wine production as well as doing plenty of tasting. Late in the day, a wine tasting will be waiting for you in a local quinta. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

DAY 8:

R'gua

Discover the Baroque magic of Mateus Palace and gardens. Later in the day, you have a choice of two excursions. Your first option to an excursion to ancient and picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal, the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios (Sanctuary of our Lady of Remedies). For active adventurers, you can hike up the famed Lamego steps, also known as the Holy Staircase. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

DAY 9:**R'gua Entre-Os-Rios**

Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Douro from Regua to Entre-Os-Rios. This will be followed by a traditional "home-cooked" meal at a local quinta.

(Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

DAY 10:**Entre-Os-Rios - Porto**

Enjoy a morning of scenic cruising on your way to Porto, then join a guided tour of Porto's Historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll see the Cathedral, one of the city's oldest monuments; the main square, ringed with shops and cafes; and the Sao Bento Railway station, known for its blue and white tile panels depicting scenes from Portuguese history. You'll also enjoy a tasting of Port, Portugal's main contribution to the world wine.

For a more active adventure, join a hike in Porto and explore the old harbour quarter, passing through the medieval streets of Porto. Afterwards, indulge in a Port tasting. Later in the day indulge in some free time to explore the town on your own.

(Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

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(Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

DAY 12:**Porto , Lisbon and Disembarkation**

After disembarking your ship, take a motorcoach ride through the Portuguese countryside. Stop in Tomar and visit the castle of the Knights Templar, the walls of which envelop the elaborate Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site from the 12th century boasting spectacular frescoes and azulejos (iconic blue painted tiles). Afterward continue to Lisbon to check into your hotel.

(Breakfast)

DAY 13:**Lisbon**

One of Europe's most beautiful cities, Lisbon sprawls across several hills along the Tagu River. Your city tour includes two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You'll see the fortified Bel'm Tower and visit the spectacular Jer'nimos Monastery, a late Gothic-style structure. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the city at your leisure, perhaps to visit the Castle of S'ao Jorge or the Santa Justa Elevator that overlooks the castle, river, and Rossio Square.

(Breakfast)

DAY 14:**Lisbon Cont.**

Enjoy a morning excursion to Serra de Sintra, one of the most picturesque mountain villages in Portugal, a former summer residence of the Portuguese royal family and a source of inspiration for Lord Byron and generations of her artists and poets. Your guided tour includes a visit to the Pena Palace, a fairytale castle situated high on a rocky peak, followed by free time.

(Breakfast)

DAY 15:**Depart Lisbon**

Your journey comes to an end as you prepare for your homeward flight.
(Breakfast)

Accommodations

Hotels:

3 Nights Stay (Pre Cruise): *Paseo Del Pardo, Madrid, Spain*

3 Nights Stay (Post Cruise): *Softiel Liberdade, Lisbon, Portugal*

Main Accommodations on board the AMAVida

Rates (CAD)

2025 Package Per Person Pricing in CAD

Category E	\$8706
Category D	\$9100
Category B	\$11,343
Category A	\$11,739
Suite	\$14,246

Prices are based on double occupancy and include taxes and gratuities.

Flights are not included in pricing. Atlantic Tours will secure flights in October 2024 for an additional charge.

Payment & Deposits:

\$500 per person deposit due at the time of booking.

2nd Deposit for Airfare due October 2024.

Balance of payment must be paid 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Terms:

More than 121 days prior to departure, deposit and airfare retained.

Between 120 days and 61 days prior to departure 50% of total tour price will be retained.

Between 60 days and the day of departure & after departure 100% non-refundable.

Rates (USD)

N/A