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TOUR ITINERARY

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DAY 1

Destination	Barcelona
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

On arrival at the airport in Barcelona, be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner tonight.

Stay: Two Nights, Barcelona, NH Podium

DAY 2

Destination	Barcelona
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Explore Barcelona's famous landmarks on a city tour today. Drive to the famous hill of Montjuïc, stop at the Catalunya National Art Museum and continue down to Placa d'Espanya on your way to the iconic Sagrada Familia. On foot, your guide will take you through the Old Town and show you the wonders of this beautiful city.

DAY 3

Destination	Barcelona 🚆 Madrid
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, travel by train to Madrid, Spain's lively capital. On arrival, enjoy free time to explore before sitting down to a tasty tapas dinner at a local restaurant.

Stay: Two Nights, Madrid, NH Paseo del Prado 9 or similar

DAY 4

Destination	Madrid
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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On a guided tour this morning, visit Palacio Real, residence of the Spanish Royal Family, then see a selection of Madrid's best-loved attractions. With the rest of your day at leisure, perhaps wander the lawns of Parque del Retiro or browse the Prado Museum.

DAY 5

Destination	Madrid 🚗 Toledo 🚗 Córdoba
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, travel to Toledo for a guided tour. Explore the Old Town's winding cobbled streets and its majestic 13th-century cathedral before continuing to Córdoba.

Stay: Córdoba, NH Amistad

DAY 6

Destination	Córdoba 🚗 Granada
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Tonight you'll experience a revival of grand Spanish hospitality at Hotel Alhambra Palace.

Enjoy a guided tour of Córdoba, during which you'll admire the Mezquita of Córdoba, a medieval mosque converted to a cathedral. Continue to Granada, where you'll pay a visit to the magnificent Alhambra Palace.

Stay: Granada, Alhambra Palace Hotel

DAY 7

Destination	Granada 🚗 Marbella
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Stop to savour a lovingly home-cooked meal with a local Spanish family, surrounded by olive groves and charming villages.

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Take a guided tour of Granada. Then enjoy a picturesque drive to Marbella, stopping along the way for your authentic Insider Experience.

Stay: Two Nights, NH Marbella

DAY 8

Destination	Marbella 🚗 Gibraltar
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, journey to the British overseas territory of Gibraltar for a guided tour. Here, you'll marvel at the famous Rock of Gibraltar and discover its fascinating history.

DAY 9

Destination	Marbella 🚗 Ronda 🚗 Seville
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning after breakfast, travel to Ronda and see the Puente Nuevo and the Plaza de Toros. Then, continue to Seville.

Stay: Two Nights, Seville, Meliá Lebreros

DAY 10

Destination	Seville
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, experience the beauty of Seville with a local guide. This city is filled with gorgeous sites, from palaces to churches and magnificent Moorish buildings. Then, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

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DAY 11

Destination Seville 🚗 Évora 🚗 Lisbon

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Enter Portugal and stop to admire the architecture of World Heritage-listed Évora before arriving in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon.

Stay: Three Nights, Lisbon, Hotel Altis

DAY 12

Destination Lisbon

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Today after breakfast, head out to explore Lisbon's Alfama district and marvel at the World Heritage-listed Jerónimos Monastery. Afterwards, visit the gorgeous Belém Tower and see the Castelo de São Jorge.

DAY 13

Destination Lisbon

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps enhance your journey with an optional visit to nearby Sintra.

DAY 14

Destination Lisbon 🚗 Vila Nova De Gaia 🚗

Meals included Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

After breakfast, travel by coach to Vila Nova de Gaia and board the MS Douro Serenity.


Stay: Seven Nights, aboard your river ship, the MS Douro Serenity

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DAY 15

Destination  Régua, Mateus Palace, Pinhão

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

In Pinhão, enjoy a sumptuous dinner of traditional dishes and dessert at a picturesque local quinta, a Portuguese winery.

Today as you cruise, you'll take part in a morning Portuguese language lesson, during which you'll learn some essential phrases of this beautiful language. Disembark your ship in Régua and join an excursion by coach to the splendid Gardens and Palace of Mateus. Afterwards, travel by coach to Pinhão.

DAY 16


Destination  Vega De Terrón, Castelo Rodrigo

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Today, cruise across the border into Vega de Terrón in Spain. Enjoy some time at leisure before joining an excursion to Castelo Rodrigo. This tiny village sits atop a hill overlooking both Spain and Portugal, and features a number of well-preserved ruins, an impressive castle and a magnificent stone statue of Santiago Matamoros. After exploring this charming little town, you'll board a coach and return to your ship.

DAY 17

Destination  Salamanca, Barca D'Alva

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

In Salamanca, enjoy a Flamenco show and lunch. Be entranced by captivating Flamenco dancers as they astound you with their stomping feet in a fiery performance.


Today you'll disembark and board a coach to set off for the glorious Spanish city of Salamanca. This gorgeous city is arguably one of the most beautiful in Spain, and boasts sunlit sandstone buildings along with a majestic city square and an ancient university. After your Insider Experience, return by coach back over the border to Barca d'Alva, the last Portuguese village along the Douro, where your ship awaits. Back on board this evening, enjoy a traditional Portuguese BBQ dinner.

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DAY 18


Destination	 Régua, Lamego
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

On arrival, head to a local quinta, which boasts outstanding views over the Douro Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a tasting of local port wine, Portugal's most famous tippie.

This morning after breakfast, enjoy a Portuguese cooking demonstration on board as your ship cruises past Pinhão to Régua. After your Insider Experience, board a coach and take a scenic drive past swathes of expansive vineyards. You'll visit the picturesque village of Lamego and the elaborately decorated baroque cathedral, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, an important Portuguese place of pilgrimage. While in Lamego, visit one of Portugal's best museums.

DAY 19

Destination	 Régua, Entre-Os-Rios
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, enjoy free time to explore Régua — you may like to wander along the riverfront, or venture into the lovely Old Town. Afterwards, continue on to the riverside town of Entre-os-Rios. On arrival, enjoy free time to explore this gorgeous, vibrant town as you please. Tonight, be treated to an energetic performance of traditional Portuguese folk music back on board at a special Captain's Dinner.

DAY 20

Destination	 Vila Nova De Gaia, Porto
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, cruise back to the enchanting city of Vila Nova de Gaia. On arrival, join a tour of nearby Porto, which sits just across the river. Here, you'll be led past a collection of the city's most famous attractions, and visit a local port winery for a tour and tasting. This afternoon, there's ample time for you to step back out to explore Porto at leisure. Alternatively, you might choose to take an optional excursion to the World Heritage-listed city of Guimarães. This evening back on board your ship, enjoy a final Farewell Dinner with your fellow guests.

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DAY 21

Destination  Porto

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Be transferred to Porto Airport for your flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Three nights in Lisbon; two nights in Barcelona, Madrid, Marbella and Seville; one night in Córdoba and Granada
7 nights on a premium river ship, the MS Douro Serenity
Services of a TravelMarvel Tour Director, Cruise Director and expert local guides
38 meals - 20 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 12 dinners
Onboard water stations, plus tea and coffee, soft drink, beer and local wine during lunch and dinner on your cruise
Explore 22 towns, villages and cities
Transfers, port charges and tipping
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$1000 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$2,399 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

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OPTIONAL TOURS	None
EXCLUSIONS	<p>Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional</p>
CABIN BEDDING AND UPGRADES	<p>7 Nights onboard a premium Travel Marvel River Ship</p> <p>Window Stateroom - Included Each stateroom features an en suite bathroom and personal climate control; great storage; queen or twin bedding with plush linen; plus a TV, safe and mini-fridge.</p> <p>*Upgrade prices may vary depending on which category of cabin is chosen. Please enquire within to receive the exact upgrade prices for each Cabin.</p>
HOTEL LIST	<p>Barcelona - NH Podium Madrid - NH Paseo del Prado 9 or similar Córdoba - NH Amistad Marbella - NH Marbella Seville - Meliá Lebreros Lisbon - Hotel Altis 7 Nights onboard a premium Travel Marvel River Ship</p>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$4,750 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Reverse itinerary dates are:

23 April 2021

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