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2018

**THE ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER**  
Round-Trip Porto Aboard *AmaVida*

**WITH MICHAEL HORNBLow '62**  
Retired Diplomat

April 16–24, 2018

# THE ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER

## Round-Trip Porto Aboard *AmaVida*

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Crystal Palace Gardens, Porto

### **DISCOVER TIMELESS VILLAGES, CUTTING-EDGE ARCHITECTURE, AND EXCELLENT LOCAL VARIETALS ON A SPRINGTIME CRUISE THROUGH**

Portugal's Douro River Valley, with its 2,000-year history of viticulture. Begin in Porto with a private lunch at the Serralves Foundation, home to an excellent collection of contemporary art in a building designed by a Pritzker Prize-winning Portuguese architect. Then embark *AmaVida*, a luxury riverboat with all outside cabins, for a seven-night cruise. Admire Baroque architecture and Flemish tapestries in Lamego and cross the border to spend a day in Salamanca, Spain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander the narrow streets of Castelo Rodrigo, a fortified hilltop village, and enjoy exclusive dinners and tastings at family-owned wine estates and a thousand-year-old monastery. Return to Porto for a private concert at Casa da Música, designed by Rem Koolhaas, and a sampling of vintage Ports on a hillside overlooking the city. An optional prelude is offered in Lisbon, Portugal and an optional postlude in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

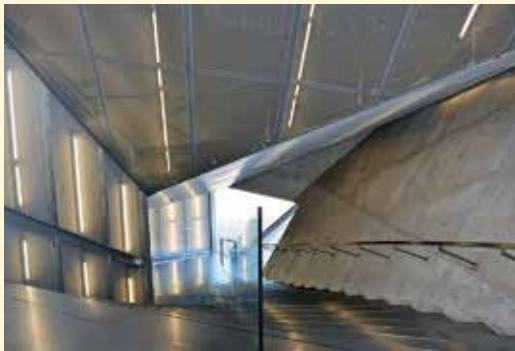
On the front cover: Douro River Valley, photo by Marta Pozaroszcyk

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## HARVARD STUDY LEADER



MICHAEL HORNBLOW graduated from Harvard College in 1962. After three years in US Army intelligence, he joined the Foreign Service and served in Afghanistan, Iran, and the National Security Council. From 1980 to 1995 he specialized in Eastern Europe — first at the Vatican, during the pontificate of John Paul II, where he reported extensively on Poland and Czechoslovakia, in Krakow as Consul General, in Washington from 1988-1990 where he was responsible for Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, in Warsaw 1991-4 as Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge' and at the U.S. Mission to NATO as Political Advisor, where he participated in the study which led to NATO membership for the eastern European countries.



Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies (top), Casa da Música, photo by man123 (center), Quinta da Aveleda (above)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Educational program of lectures by Michael Hornblow, a Metropolitan Museum of Art curator, and a Yale professor of Portuguese
- Seven-night cruise through verdant landscapes and past timeless villages aboard the luxurious *AmaVida*
- Specially arranged tastings of Vinho Verde, Port, and other local vintages
- Private lunch at a museum designed by one of Portugal's most exciting architects: Álvaro Siza
- A day in Salamanca, Spain, UNESCO-listed city of golden sandstone
- Exclusive performance at Rem Koolhaas' Casa da Música, which the London *Observer* said “explodes every preconception of what a concert hall should be”
- A private dinner overlooking the vineyard of a family-owned wine estate



*AmaVida* in Porto (left) and Casa Lis, photo by Raúl Hernández González (right)

**Monday, April 16  
U.S. DEPARTURE**

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Porto.

**Tuesday, April 17  
PORTO, PORTUGAL**

Arrive in the morning and transfer to Serralves, a cultural institution whose strikingly minimalist museum of contemporary art was designed by Álvaro Siza, a Porto native and Pritzker Prize winner. Following lunch in Serralves' idyllic gardens, embark the awaiting *AmaVida*. Gather tonight for our welcome dinner. **L, D**

**Wednesday, April 18  
PORTO / RÉGUA, PORTUGAL**

Be on deck this morning as *AmaVida* cruises below a magnificent iron bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel. In the afternoon, drive to Quinta da Aveleda, a family-owned wine estate with delightful gardens. Sample its Vinho Verde and enjoy a private dinner overlooking the vineyard. Tonight attend a lively onboard performance of Portuguese folk music. **B, L, D**

**Thursday, April 19  
RÉGUA / BARCA D'ALVA, PORTUGAL**

Lamego, nestled amid the Douro Valley's terraced slopes, is best known for its Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, an ornate baroque church with views of the town. Descend the church's exuberant staircase, which zigzags to the gardens below. At the Museum of Lamego, admire eclectic religious art and 16th-century Flemish tapestries, housed in a grand, 18th-century episcopal palace. Attend an onboard afternoon lecture as *AmaVida* wends her way through the valley to Barca d'Alva. **B, L, D**

**Friday, April 20  
BARCA D'ALVA / VEGA DE TERRÓN, SPAIN**

Cross the Spanish border to spend a day in UNESCO-listed Salamanca, city of golden sandstone. On a guided tour, admire the elegant university buildings and Plaza Mayor, one of the most beautiful squares in Spain. Visit the Museum of Art Nouveau and Art Deco, housed in Casa Lis, a graceful 1905 mansion with a sweeping, stained-glass façade. In Vega de Terrón, Spain, rejoin your vessel for dinner. **B, L, D**

**Saturday, April 21  
VEGA DE TERRÓN / PINHÃO, PORTUGAL**

Spend the morning in Castelo Rodrigo, a fortified hilltop village overlooking slopes studded with almond trees and vineyards. Pass through



Castelo Rodrigo, photo by Claudia Almeida





the 16th-century walls, climb the narrow, medieval streets, and refresh with a tasting of regional wine and delicacies. A special private dinner is arranged this evening in Sabrosa at Quinta do Portal, a family-owned boutique winery with centuries-old vineyards. Tour its strikingly modern cellars, also designed by Álvaro Siza. **B, L, D**

**Sunday, April 22  
PINHÃO / RÉGUA /  
BITETOS, PORTUGAL**

Call at Régua for a morning visit to the Douro Museum, housing exhibitions on the cultural heritage of the region. This afternoon *AmaVida* passes through Carrapatelo Lock, the country's first hydroelectric dam and the highest lock in Europe. Dine tonight in the Convento de Alpendurada, an 11th-century Benedictine monastery with majestic views of the valley below. As the sun sets you will see why the Portuguese named the Douro the "river of gold" (*d'ouro*). **B, L, D**

**Monday, April 23  
BITETOS/ PORTO**

Return to Porto for a morning tour and private concert at Casa da Música, a landmark of 21st-century architecture designed by Rem Koolhaas. Lunch is aboard *AmaVida*, or you may choose to lunch at leisure amid the art galleries lining Miguel Bombarda Street. This afternoon admire the beautiful views of Porto from the enchanting Crystal Palace Gardens, followed by a vintage Port tasting at W & J Graham's 1890 Lodge, a working wine cellar on a hillside above the city. Tonight the captain hosts a festive farewell dinner. **B, L, D**

**Tuesday, April 24  
PORTO / U.S. RETURN**

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for the flights home. **B**  
*This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Harvard Alumni Association and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).*



Porto, photo by GZG

**OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN  
LISBON, PORTUGAL  
April 13–17, 2018**

Spend three nights in the Portuguese capital visiting such iconic landmarks as the Tower of Belém, Monument to the Discoveries, and Jerónimos Monastery. Discover the Gulbenkian Foundation, with its gardens and treasured collections, and the 17th-century Palace of the Marquesses of Fronteira, renowned for its gardens, interiors, and whimsical *azulejos*. There will be time to explore this welcoming city on your own, perhaps to hear a live *fado* performance or take in dazzling views from the city's hills. Spend a day in Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Portugal's loveliest medieval towns, before joining the main program.

Prelude rate: \$1,999 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$499.

Rate includes: Three nights at the Pestana Palace Lisboa Hotel; two lunches, one dinner; wine/beer with lunches and dinners. (Rooms guaranteed for early arrival on April 14).

**OPTIONAL POSTLUDE  
IN SANTIAGO DE  
COMPOSTELA, SPAIN  
April 24–27, 2018**



Santiago de Compostela, © Julia Antonio

Spend three nights in this UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ultimate destination for pilgrims walking the famous Way of St. James. Visit the impressive cathedral, thought to be the burial place of St. James. Tour a private manor home and its Baroque gardens, and follow in the age-old footsteps of pilgrims along a portion of the Camino de Santiago. Take an evening excursion to Cape Finisterre, once thought by the Romans to be the "end of the earth."

Postlude rate: \$1,699 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$299.

Rate includes: Three nights at the Parador de Santiago; three lunches, two dinners; wine/beer with lunches and dinners.

## CRUISE RATES

Per person

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 Douro Deck.  
 Panoramic window.

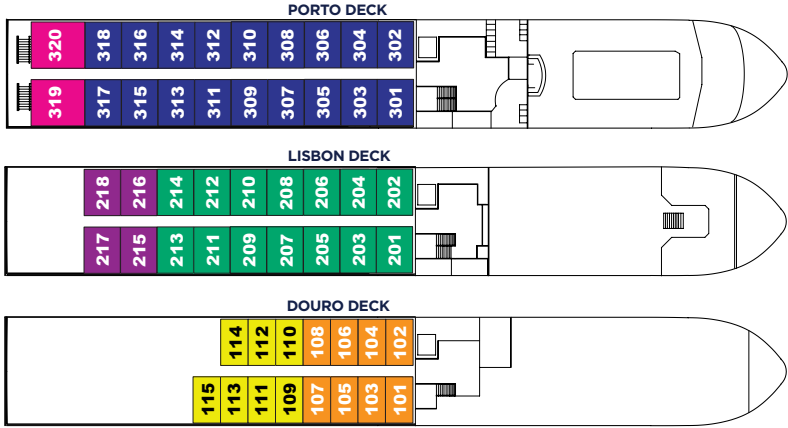
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 Douro Deck.  
 Panoramic window.

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 Balcony.

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**Single Rate \$29,999**  
 Porto Deck.  
 Suite, balcony.



Stateroom (left); lounge (right)

**AMAVIDA** Launched in 2013, *AmaVida* brings environmentally responsible luxury cruising to the Douro River Valley. All cabins face outside and most offer balconies. Enjoy panoramic views of terraced vineyards from *AmaVida*'s sun deck, and experience gourmet dining with an *al fresco* option. Other onboard amenities include an elevator, spa, fitness center, heated pool, and complimentary internet access. The sun deck's photovoltaic solar panels provide power for the ship's operating systems, helping to preserve a pristine area that the National Geographic Society has designated a top sustainable destination.

**TOUR COST INCLUSIONS** Seven nights accommodations aboard *AmaVida*; meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, thoughtfully selected wines at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings; escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits; airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; enrichment program of lectures and special events; customary shipboard gratuities; gratuities to local guides and drivers; taxes, service charges, portage; \$200,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

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