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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 onboard welcome dinner.  

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.  

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.  

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.

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...
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.

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
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.

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
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CHATOS, PORTUGAL

Saturday, April 21

This afternoon admire the

Santiago de Compostela, © Julia Antonio

pilgrims walking the famous

Monument of the Discoveries, the famous

Levada of San Martinho, a easy walk with nice views.

ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER

LISBON DECK

LA PINTA

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Crystal Palace Gardens, Porto
On the front cover: Douro River Valley, photo by Marta Pozaroszczyk

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