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## **SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

### **Optional 7 night Duoro River Valley Cruise**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



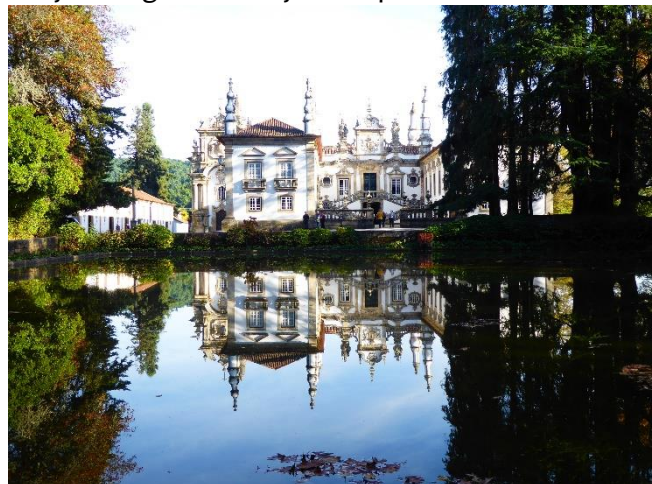
Debuting in April 2020, S.S. São Gabriel will be the newest ship on the Douro river. Designed to embody the beautiful Douro River Valley region, this ship will offer more lavishly appointed suites than the Queen Isabel and bring the destination to life through its décor and delectable food and wine. Butler service will be added onboard, giving guests the option to dine at any time they'd like while enjoying the ship.

#### **Sunday 4 October**

#### **Porto, Entre-os-Rios**

**(B L D)**

There's much more to Portugal's second city than its eponymous fortified wine—historic architecture, cutting-edge design, fabulous food and wine, and a hip, laid-back vibe. Discover its many charms with your choice of distinctively different tours today. Portugal's second city (after Lisbon), Porto gave its name to the nation's most famous export, Port wine, and to the nation itself. The city is a fascinating combination of historic buildings and cutting-edge architecture, tradition and vivacious modernity. You must choose between two distinctive—and distinctively Portuguese—ways to explore Porto.







The ship sets sail after your tour, cruising up the Douro toward Porto Antigo.

In the evening, a special Gala Dinner will be prepared for you. \*\*Choice of Porto city tour or “Do as the Locals Do” Porto walking tour

**Monday 5 October** **Entre-os-Rios, Régua, Pinhão** **(B L D)**

As you cruise along the river today, take note of the little chapels you see along the banks. Though the river is slow and calm now that it has been tamed by dams, it was once extremely hazardous. These tiny chapels mark spots where entire rabelo boat crews perished attempting to get their cargo of Port wine to Porto. Today we learn about wine, which has been cultivated in the Douro River Valley since ancient Roman times. Get a crash course on the history of Port during your visit to the Douro Museum.

\*\*Featured Excursions: Douro Museum / Lunch at a local quinta.

**Tuesday 6 October** **Pinhão, Vega de Terrón** **(B L D)**

Feel the centuries fall away as your ship winds its way through the pristine, dramatic, UNESCO-protected landscapes of the Douro River Valley. Head ashore for a choice of excursions, a tasting at a prestigious port wine estate or a vineyard hike with a wine tasting at a local quinta.

\*\*Choice of Quinta do Seixo guided tour with tasting or Vineyard hike and wine tasting at a local quinta

**Wednesday 7** **Vega de Terrón (Salamanca), Barca d’Alva** **(B L D)**

What adventures await you in Spain today? The ship docks near the Spanish border today, where you may head across the country to the historic university town of Salamanca—the “Golden City”—famous for its sand-coloured buildings and abundance of churches.

\*\*Featured Excursion: Salamanca - the Golden City and Spain's oldest university.

**Friday 9 October** **Barca d’Alva, Régua** **(B L D)**

A tiny village surrounded by mountains, Barca d’Alva is your base for today's adventures. Go medieval today at Castelo Rodrigo, both the name of a hilltop castle as well as the village that surrounds it. It has been singled out as one of Portugal’s 12 historic villages for its medieval beauty.







The view from the top is incredible and the village is a charming place to ramble, relax and replenish. Or, if you wish, you can also lace up your hiking boots and unleash your inner Indiana Jones with an up-close gander at some prehistoric carvings during a visit to Portugal's first archaeological park, Foz Côa.

**\*\*Choice of Archaeological Park of the Côa Valley or Castelo Rodrigo**

**Saturday 10 October**

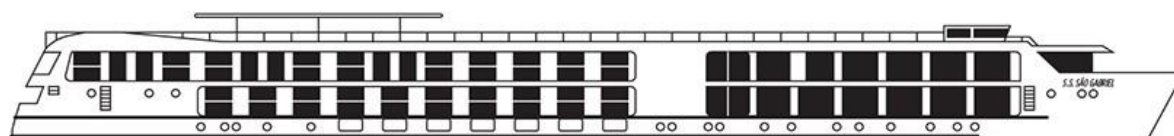
**Régua (Guimarães), Porto**

**(B L D)**

Guimarães or Porto? That's the question of the day today (you really can't go wrong either way). Guimarães is the town where Portugal was born and its well-preserved architecture and stylish young residents make it a pleasure to visit. Or opt to explore one of Porto's oldest neighbourhoods, picturesque Ribeira, considered the soul of the city. A tough choice awaits you today: Do you venture off to historic Guimarães, Portugal's first capital, or do you stay in Porto and explore the Ribeira district on foot?

**\*\*Choice of Guimarães city tour or Porto surprise discovery tour. A special Farewell Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.**

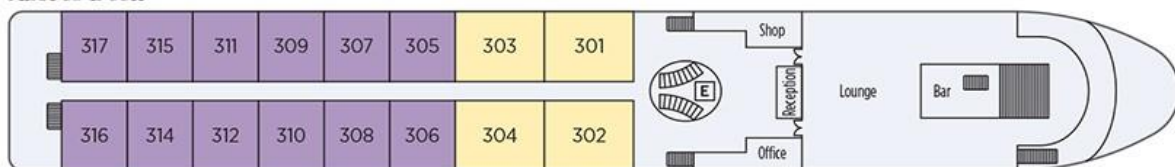
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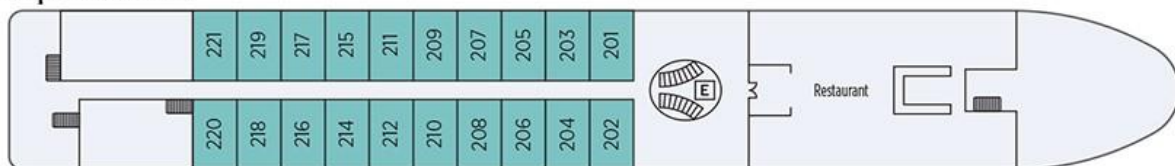
**Sun Deck**



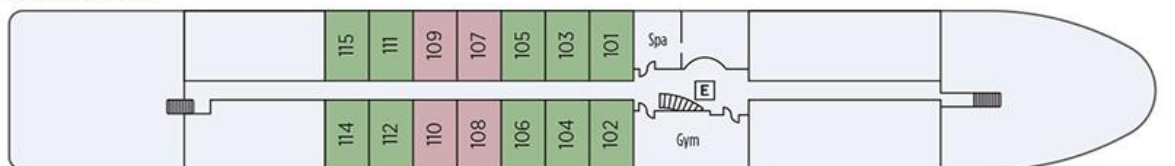
**Azores Deck**



**Cape Verde Deck**



**Madeira Deck**



Grand Suite   Suite   French Balcony   Deluxe   Classic   [E] Elevator

### **S.S. Sao Gabriel Overview**

Designed specifically to navigate the narrow Douro river in Portugal, the all-new **S.S. Sao Gabriel** brings the best of the region to life with public rooms, decor and cuisine all designed to highlight this famous epicentre of port wine production.

Carrying 100 passengers in 50 cabins, all of which offer river views, **S.S. Sao Gabriel** offers cruisers plenty of niceties, like an onboard swimming pool, a small spa and fitness centre, and a small gift shop.

A panoramic lounge situated all the way forward offers 180-degree views of the Douro River Valley, and like all Uniworld vessels, all beverages onboard are offered on a complimentary basis.

### **S.S. Sao Gabriel Dining**

Meals are taken in the ship's main restaurant on Cape Verde Deck, which features open seating and cuisine inspired by Portuguese favourites alongside international and North American dishes.

Breakfast and lunch are typically served over several hours, while dinners tend to start at a set time, usually around 7p.m.

Lighter fare and afternoon snacks can be found in the ship's lounge on Azores Deck, which also houses a full-service bar offering specialty coffees, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day.

### **S.S. Sao Gabriel Cabins**

**S.S. Sao Gabriel** offers five grades of cabin accommodations, from economical river-view staterooms to the ship's four lavish Grand Suites.

Deluxe and Classic staterooms are all located on the Madeira Deck, and all feature fixed half-height window views of the passing river.

Moving up one deck, French Balcony staterooms are similarly sized but replace the small picture window with a French balcony that can fully open.

The uppermost accommodations deck, Azores Deck, houses only Suites and Grand Suites. These boast French balconies and enlarged living space compared with other cabin categories onboard. In a first for Uniworld's Douro river cruises, passengers booking suites aboard **S.S. Sao Gabriel** will be entitled to the same butler service found aboard Uniworld's other European-based river cruise vessels.

While Uniworld has not announced specific cabin details, features like hand-crafted Savoir de France beds, Egyptian linens, L'Occitane toiletries (or Hermes at the suite level) and interactive flat-panel television entertainment systems with complimentary movies and television shows are pretty much standard issue across the fleet.

### **S.S. Sao Gabriel Top Deck Attractions**

**S.S. Sao Gabriel's** Sun Deck features an outdoor swimming pool that is perfect for cooling off in the heat of the Douro, which can get hot, particularly during the summer months. Other niceties include plenty of shaded seating, and unshaded options for those looking to work on their tan.

### **S.S. Sao Gabriel Entertainment**

In addition to daily briefings, cooking classes, demonstrations and the odd guest lecture make up the majority of the entertainment onboard. **S.S. Sao Gabriel** sails a port-intensive itinerary through the Douro River Valley, so expect to be off the ship for much of the day.

At night, a piano player entertains in the ship's main lounge, while passengers mingle over cocktails. Between the heat and the copious amounts of port wine to be enjoyed while on-tour, many cruisers elect to retire to their cabins shortly after dinner.

## **Optional 7 night Duoro River Valley Cruise** **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **OPTION 1:**

**Tour Cost based on French Balcony cabin      \$10,489 per person twin share**

### **OPTION 2:**

**Tour Cost based on Deluxe Cabin                      \$ 8,089 per person twin share**

\* Single supplement available on application

- A saving of \$2000 per person is applicable if booked & deposit paid by 30 August 2019
- A saving of \$1000 per person is applicable if booked & deposit paid by 6 September 2019
- A 10% discount applies if booked and paid in full within 3 days of booking (offer ends 30 September 2019).

**\*Should you choose to travel on the cruise, a reduction of \$840 per person will apply to the main tour cost.**

### **Payment Schedule:**

Initial deposit	on booking	\$1000 per person
Balance of payment	due by 12 June 2020	

### **EXCLUSIONS**

Travel insurance (a surcharge may apply for passengers over 70 years or if there is a pre-existing medical condition)

Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses  
Any meals not included in the itinerary

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## DINING

- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Gala Dinner
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, specialty coffee and tea, soft drinks and mineral water

## EXCURSIONS

- 8 days of excursions, including “Choice Is Yours” options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts
- Guided “Do as the Locals Do” program
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio-headset system on all excursions
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks

## EXPERIENCES

- 2 countries: Spain and Portugal
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- All gratuities, both onboard and onshore
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Cultural enrichment, including a Signature Lecture

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the brand new *SS Sao Gabriel*
- Beautifully appointed riverview staterooms and suites with hotel-style beds, draped in fine linens with a choice of pillows
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi access

## CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation fees cannot be credited to another booking. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre. For this tour the following fees apply:

Prior to tour departure	Cancellation fee
7 September 2019 to 29 February 2020	\$1000
1 March 2020 to 12 June 2020	\$4000
13 June 2020 onwards	100% of tour cost