The Enchanting Douro River
Round-Trip Porto
Aboard M.S. AmaVida

K. David Jackson
Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Portuguese

April 16–24, 2018

Special savings for the first 20 to sign up!
No single supplement on select cabins.
Dear Yale Traveler

Portugal’s Douro River Valley, the birthplace of Port wine, has a tradition of viticulture stretching back 2,000 years. I invite you to join Yale on a voyage along this “river of gold” (d’ouro). Cruise through verdant landscapes, stepping ashore to explore timeless villages and savor excellent local varietals.

As a professor of Portuguese-language literature, I look forward to introducing you to some of the country’s great writers—especially the novelist Eça de Queiroz and the mysterious poet Fernando Pessoa. I will be traveling with my wife, Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, a professor of Portuguese at Wesleyan University who has taught Portuguese for Yale Summer sessions for 15 years. We will be joined by Nadine Orenstein, a curator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Begin in Porto with a private lunch at the Serralves Foundation, home to a fine collection of contemporary art. Then embark AmaVida for a seven-night cruise. Admire Baroque architecture and Flemish tapestries in Lamego and spend a day in UNESCO-listed Salamanca, Spain. Stroll in the hilltop village of Castelo Rodrigo and enjoy exclusive dinners and tastings at family-owned wine estates and an ancient monastery. Return to Porto for a private concert at Casa da Música, designed by Rem Koolhaas.

We hope to welcome you on this voyage, co-sponsored by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the alumni associations of Harvard University and Smith College.

An optional prelude in Lisbon, Portugal, and an optional postlude in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, are offered.

To register, visit www.yaleedtravel.org/portugal18 or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

With best wishes from Yale,

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ITINERARY
APRIL 16–24, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Monday, April 2 (Tentative)
Join the Yale group at 3:30 p.m. EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor K. David Jackson, to learn more about what to expect and ask any questions you may have.

U.S. DEPARTURE
Monday, April 16
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Porto.

PORTO, PORTUGAL
Tuesday, April 17
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 a welcome dinner. (L/D)

PORTO / REGUA, PORTUGAL
Wednesday, April 18
Be on deck this morning as you cruise 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 an onboard performance of Portuguese folk music. (B/L/D)

REGUA / BARCA D’ALVA, PORTUGAL
Thursday, April 19
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 ecletic religious art and 16th-century Flemish tapestries, housed in a grand, 18th-century episcopal palace. Attend an onboard lecture this afternoon as AmaVida wends her way through the valley to Barca d’Alva. (B/L/D)

VEGA DE TERRON, SPAIN
Friday, April 20
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 the vessel for dinner. (B/L/D)

“[I especially look forward to introducing you to Portugal.”]
−K. David Jackson

PINHAO / REGUA / BITETOS, PORTUGAL
Sunday, April 22
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 we will see why the Portuguese named the Douro the “river of gold” (d’ouro). (B/L/D)

BITETOS / PORTO
Monday, April 23
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. Admire the beautiful views of Porto this afternoon 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)

PORTO / U.S. RETURN
Tuesday, April 24
Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
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.

What is Included:
• Enrichment program of lectures by K. David Jackson, Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Portuguese.
• 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.
• Airport/pier/airport group transfers.
• Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits.
• Customary shipboard gratuities.
• Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
• Taxes, service charges, porterage.
• UHC Global Travel Assist from one hospital to another hospital.

What is Not Included:
• International airfare.
• Passport fees.
• Meals not specified.
• Alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings.
• Personal items and expenses.
• Airport transfers for those not on suggested flights.
• Excess baggage.
• Trip insurance.
• Optional prelude in Lisbon, optional postlude in Santiago de Compostela.
• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
Launched in 2013, M.S. 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.

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Optional Postlude

- I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Hotel Room Preference

- Single
- Two beds
- One bed

Payment Options

- pay by check made out to Academic Arrangements Abroad
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Optional Prelude

- I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Lisbon, Portugal

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Optional Prelude

- I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Lisbon, Portugal

Crystal Palace Gardens

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