

A JOURNEY ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL DOURO RIVER

7 nights from £1050

VOYAGES JULES VERNE operate a 'hotel ship' along the Douro river in Portugal. The MV *Lady Ivy May* can take 160 guests in double cabins, all of which face outside and have a private shower and WC. On board the ship, which has air-conditioning, you will find a sun-deck, lounge, bar, dining room, shop and library facilities.

Itinerary

Day 1 Depart in the early evening from London Heathrow to Oporto. Your guide will meet you on arrival and take you to the *Lady Ivy May*, where you will spend the night.

Day 2 After a morning's sightseeing in Oporto, you will return to the ship and depart for Entre-os-Rios. This part of the journey up the river takes four hours.

Day 3 You will continue travelling up the river. In the early evening, the ship stops at Pêso da Régua,

where port wine is produced. At dinner you will be able to try the delicious food and drink from this area.

Day 4 After breakfast you will travel south by bus to the ancient town of Lamego and visit the cathedral, several churches and a museum. The museum was formerly a palace and now has an excellent collection of paintings, tapestries and sculptures. You will then return to the ship and sail on to Tua.

Day 5 At this point the Douro becomes very narrow. Depending on the depth of the river at the time, you may be able to continue by a smaller boat to the Spanish frontier at Barca d'Alva. The return journey to Tua is by coach and there is much to see along the way.

Day 6 In the morning you will drive to São João da Pesqueira for one of the most wonderful views in the whole of the Douro valley. You will return to the ship for lunch and then join the Douro river valley railway for a beautiful ride through the countryside to Régua, where the *Lady Ivy*

May will be waiting for you.

Day 7 There will be a trip to Vila Real before returning to the ship for lunch and then setting off down the river to Oporto. You will sleep on board the *Lady Ivy May*.

Day 8 You will arrive in Oporto in plenty of time for independent sightseeing and last-minute shopping, before you catch the flight home to London Heathrow.

Departure dates and prices

(all prices are per person)

June 5, 12, 19, 26	£1100
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	£1050
August 7, 14, 21, 28	£1050
September 4, 11, 18, 25	£1100

Prices include:

return flights, 7 nights' accommodation on board the *Lady Ivy May* with all meals, excursions and guides.

Not included:

travel insurance, tips.

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- If it is correct, mark **A** on your answer sheet.
- If it is not correct, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

- Each cabin on the *Lady Ivy May* is for two people.
- You can borrow books on board the ship.
- On arrival at Oporto, guests find their own way to the ship.
- You spend a day looking round Oporto.
- It takes a day to travel from Oporto to Entre-os-Rios.
- The museum at Lamego used to be a palace.
- It is sometimes possible for the *Lady Ivy May* to sail to the Spanish border.
- The trip includes some travel by train.
- You arrive back in Oporto on the day before your return flight.
- Voyages Jules Verne* arrange your travel insurance.