

FATIMA AND A DOURO RIVER CRUISE THROUGH PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

*plus an optional extension to
Santiago de Compostela*



with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

12 Days

October 13-24, 2021

Extension: October 24-26, 2021



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Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D. ("Dr. Italy")



Known as "Dr. Italy" Marcellino is a NY Times best-selling author who has been a guest commentator on Fox News, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. Mentored by renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert in the Bible and Church history who has led over 25 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Author of the ground-breaking study of Christ, filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life* (JesusWTL.info), Marcellino will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage. Learn more about him on DoctorItaly.com.



This active program
covers a good amount
of ground each day.
You need to be able to
walk for 60 minutes
straight and on
uneven surfaces.
Some stairs will be
encountered.

ITINERARY

✠ October 13, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A.

We depart on an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane. Add-on airfares are available from most major cities.

✠ October 14, DAY 2: WELCOME TO PORTUGAL

We arrive in the capital city of Lisbon and are met by our Portuguese English speaking guide who will assist us to the coach. This afternoon we enjoy a panoramic tour of Lisbon, which includes St. Jerome's Monastery, built to give thanks to the Blessed Mother, the Belem Tower, the Navigation Monument, and many other landmarks. Our last stop will be St. Anthony's Church. Patron Saint of lost things is best known as St. Anthony of Padua (Italy), but he was born and baptized here in Lisbon, Portugal. The Church where we celebrate Mass is built upon St. Anthony's birthplace. Welcome dinner and overnight in Lisbon. (D)

✠ October 15, DAY 3: SANTAREM - FATIMA

Departing Lisbon we drive to the Church of the Holy Miracle (formerly known as the Church of St. Stephen) in Santarem to venerate the 13th century Miracle of the Eucharist and celebrate Mass. In the afternoon we arrive in Fatima, settle into our hotel, and walk across the street to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Dinner at the hotel in Fatima. (B.D.)

✠ October 16, DAY 4: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Today will surely be a memorable experience, as we explore one of Our Blessed Mother's most important apparition sites. Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children; Lucia (age 10), Jacinta (age 7), and Francisco (age 9). These apparitions occurred monthly from May until October of 1917. Historically, as the entire world was in true turmoil, Our Lady's most prominent message during this time was to pray for world peace. Our first stop is the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. This simple, yet modern, chapel is the site where the Virgin Mary first appeared on May 13, 1917. Continue with a visit to the stunning neoclassical church, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, which contains the tombs of St. Francisco, St. Jacinta, and Sister Lucia. View the monument that commemorates the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the square. Due to Our Lady's consistency in Her messages to pray the Rosary, this Basilica also features fifteen altars, dedicated to the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. Visit the Museum with the exhibition: Fatima- Light and Peace. Continue with a visit to the Holy Trinity Basilica. After lunch, we pray the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra. The "Sacred Way" marks the path taken by the shepherd children of Fatima to their first apparition with Our Lady. It is composed of fifteen small chapels in commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord. The day ends with a visit to Valinhos, the site of Our La-

dy's August 1917 apparition, and the first and third apparition of the Angel. Mass will be celebrated. Our night will conclude with private devotions, and a candlelight procession, requested by Our Lady (1917). Enjoy dinner and a comfortable night's rest in Fatima. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 17, DAY 5: FATIMA - COIMBRA - PORTO - CRUISE EMBARKATION

Following Mass and time for shopping in Fatima we drive to the University city of Coimbra to see the Convent where St. Lucia lived most of her life and where we see the incorrupt body of St. Isabel. Arriving Porto, the capital of the wine-making region of Portugal known for its Port wine we embark on our ship Amalia Rodrigues, our home for the next seven nights. Settle into our comfortable cabins before we meet for orientation and welcome cocktails in the lounge. Dinner and overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 18, DAY 6: PORTO - AFTERNOON RETREAT ON THE SHIP

Porto built on staggered hills along the river, invites you to stroll through its labyrinthine streets and stairways, medieval alleys, Baroque churches, fountains, and bell towers, Beaux-Arts buildings, and bohemian neighborhoods. Our walking tour includes the town's historic center and the Ribeira, the riverfront district. It's hard to take a bad picture in Porto, where houses are clad in painted tiles and fascinating, eclectic architecture awaits us around every corner. Since the 18th century, when Portuguese vintners created a sweet fortified wine - now famous as Port - that could make the long sea voyage to Britain without spoiling, the Douro Valley has been the only supplier of Port to the world, and the oldest demarcated wine region. We visit a local port making facility before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon retreat with Dr. Marcellino and our spiritual directors. Mass will be celebrated. Dinner and overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 19, DAY 7: PORTO - BRAGA - BOM JESUS

We disembark from the ship to make our way by bus to the city of Braga, where we celebrate Mass at the spectacular Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sameiro (Santuário de Nossa Senhora do Sameiro), the country's second-largest shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Our visit continues with the exploration of the Shrine of Good Jesus of the Mountain (Santuário Bom Jesus do Monte), a magnificent hilltop shrine surrounded by a lush forest. We explore the grounds, perhaps walking all the way up the Baroque double stairway to the top (381 feet) or taking the funicular which dates back to the end of the 19th century. Time permitting we visit the Sanctuary of Blessed Alexandrina in Balasar. This mystic and victim soul was beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 2004. Lunch is included today in Bom Jesus. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 20, DAY 8: PESO DE REGUA and PINHAO

Dock in the historic town of Peso da Régua, once a busy hub where wooden boats called rabelos, laden with barrels of Port, sailed downriver to Vila Nova de Gaia. We celebrate Mass in the local church and visit the Muesu do Douro, housed in a renovated 18th-century mansion, multimedia exhibits offer a history of viniculture in the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon, sail to the idyllic, tranquil village of Pinhão, nestled at a dramatic bend in the river; We visit its early-20th century train station, adorned with blue-painted tiles (azulejos), and explore the village of Pinhão which sits along a scenic bend in the Douro River and serves as the epicenter of the valley's port winemaking region. Pinhão is known as the gateway to the valley's Quintas (vineyards) and large wine estates. We have the opportunity to visit the Quinta do Seixo estate, located just outside of Pinhão. This 100-acre estate is one of the most traditional and renowned wine-producers in the region. The views from their terrace of the valley below will leave you speechless! Return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 21, DAY 9: FULL DAY SAILING ALONG THE DOURO TO VEGA DE TERRON

The Douro River Valley and its unique landscapes of terraced mountains, villages, and wine estates unfold today on a full day's sail to the small Spanish port town of Vega de Terron, where the Douro forms the border between Spain and Portugal. The landscape, at a confluence of rivers, is tranquil, beautiful, and unspoiled, at the edge of Douro International Natural Park. Mass will be celebrated on the ship. Dinner and overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 22, DAY 10: SALAMANCA

Today we journey to Salamanca, Spain's oldest college town. We quickly forget about the lengthy border-crossing ride when we arrive in La Dorada (The Golden City), which gets its nickname from the beautiful glow of the sandstone structures. Europe's oldest (and possibly one of the most beautiful) universities, dating back to 1134, sits in the heart of Salamanca, along with the city's main square (Plaza Mayor), two Cathedrals, the House of Shells, and a multitude of Medieval, Gothic, and Baroque buildings. Despite the seemingly large size of the city, it feels like a small Spanish village. We celebrate Mass at the magnificent Cathedral. During our visit, don't miss the opportunity to sample freshly made churros served with thick hot chocolate at Valor! Lunch is on our own today. We return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

✠ October 23, DAY 11: PINHAO and MATEUS PALACE

This morning we drive to the picturesque Lamego, home to one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal, the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies). There are more than 600 steps to ascend to the top – but fortunately, we are starting at the top

and walking down! It is still a very memorable experience. To think that the pilgrims who visit here actually go up on their knees... We celebrate Mass at the Shrine, see Lamego's Se, and explore the lovely town before returning to explore Pinhão. In the afternoon we sail to Vila Real for a visit to 18th-century Mateus Palace, a lavish Baroque residence designed by Nicolau Nasoni, now a museum with period furnishings and artwork, a heraldic hall, beautiful formal gardens, a winery, and a chapel with tombs and reliquaries. Tonight we enjoy the Captain's dinner party and local entertainment. Overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

✠ October 24, DAY 12: DISEMBARKATION IN PORTO

This morning we disembark in Porto and are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B)

Optional extension to Santiago de Compostela

✠ October 24, DAY 12: SPANISH FOOD AND WINE – PONTEVEDRA – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

We disembark from our ship in Porto and drive across the border from Portugal to Spain to Pontevedra the largest Marian Shrine in the country, where we celebrate Mass. We learned about Portuguese wines during our cruise but today we have a taste of Spanish food and wine. In Combarcos we visit a Spanish winery and enjoy tasting Albarino wine with lunch. We arrive at O Grove for a boat ride along the Ria de Arousa to learn about the mussels production which this area is known for. Our final stop for the day is the famous city of Santiago, where all pilgrimage roads lead. Dinner and overnight in Santiago. (B.Special lunch. D.)

✠ October 25, DAY 13: WALKING THE CAMINO- SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

This morning choose to join pilgrims from all over the world in walking the last few miles of the El Camino (11 Km approximately, 2-3 hours walking time) or you may choose to visit a local monastery garden that this area is famous for. Both groups will congregate at the Monte del Gozo from which the spires of the magnificent Cathedral of St. James are visible. Formed by Galician granite, this Cathedral is one of the finest architectural examples in Europe as it encompasses Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque styles. The Cathedral* contains numerous, valuable pieces of art that truly captivate the eye. It is traditional to hug the statue of St. James upon entering the Cathedral. Our private guided walking tour takes us into the crypt where the relics of the Patron Saint of Pilgrims' are kept. We celebrate Mass before our farewell dinner tonight at the Catholic Pilgrimage House across the street from the Cathedral. Overnight in Santiago. (B. Special dinner) *Cathedral of St. James is under renovation and some portions may not be accessible

✠ October 26, DAY 14: RETURN TO USA

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B.)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air from NYC area airport to Lisbon return from Porto to NYC area airport *Air from DFW add \$200
- Airport Taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change at the time of final payment)
- Accommodation at First-Class hotels for 3 nights
- 7 night Douro River Cruise on the M.S. Amalia Rodrigues -a Premium category ship built in 2018
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Ten dinners including wine with dinner (on the cruise)
- 7 lunches
- Alcoholic beverages on the ship
- All shore excursions and sightseeing as noted
- Air-conditioned deluxe motor coach
- English speaking guide per bus
- All Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- Baggage handling for one suitcase only per person included at the hotels
- Parking fees for motor coaches
- Local hotel taxes
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of Daily Mass
- Listening devices

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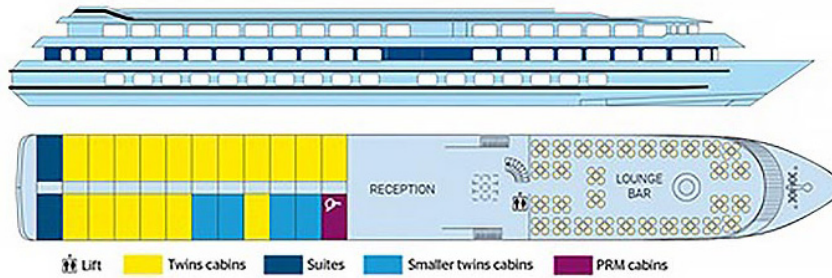
- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities of \$ 220.00 for the ship's crew, drivers, guides, and included meals will be added to the invoice and collected ahead for the convenience of the passengers. An additional \$45.00 will also be added for those taking the optional extension
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

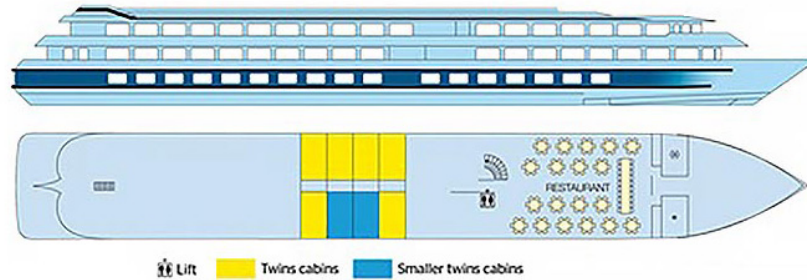
- Any airline baggage charges.
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.

MS Amalia Rodriguez

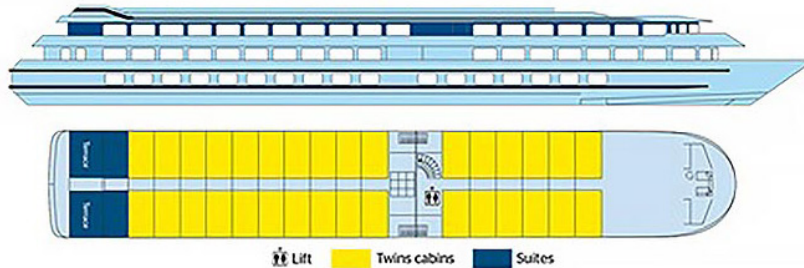
Middle Deck



Main Deck



Upper Deck



8 Day Cruise and Land Tour – MS Amalia Rodriguez

	Cash Prices	Credit Card Prices
Main Deck (6 doubles)	\$4795.00	\$4939.00
Middle Deck Land & Air (16 double cabins plus 2 single cabins)	\$4995.00	\$5145.00
Middle Deck (2 suites)	\$5295.00	\$5454.00
Middle Deck (Solo Travel-additional cost) (Very limited availability, 2 single cabins)	\$1695.00	\$1746.00
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Upper Deck (2 suites)	\$5395.00	\$5557.00
Land Only Discount - \$600.00 per person		
Optional Ext. to Compostela de Santiago	\$895.00	\$922.00
Solo Travel	\$245.00	\$252.00

Gratuities of \$220.00 for the ship's crew, drivers, guides and included meals will be added to the invoice and collected ahead for the convenience of the passengers.

*Air from DFW add \$200 to all prices

Prices are valid only if the deposit \$750.00 is received no later than May 28, 2021

Final payment due September 10, 2021



Deposits and final payment: This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour.

A **deposit of \$750.00** per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, and a copy of your passport picture page by **May 28, 2021. Final payment is due by August 1, 2021. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payments to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through April 26, 2022. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. See pricing table on page two for cash prices and credit card prices.

Solo Travel: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

PPilgrimage prices: Prices are based on minimum 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 30 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.16 per Euro is assumed.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if reservation is canceled prior to June 30, 2021. From July 1, 2021 to August 1, 2021 a total of \$750.00 is non-refundable. As of August 2, 2021 all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Travel Protection**. Call or visit our website for details on the cost per person for the Group Deluxe and Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) plans. CFAR is not available in N.Y. State. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. This document contains highlights of the plans. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. See travel protection information for details, www.selectinternationaltours.com.

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☐ **Optional extension to Santiago de Compostela**

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Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

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I am purchasing travel protection: _____ **Yes** _____ **No, I decline. Enclosed is \$** _____

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