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A Royal Ride in Portugal

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The Spirit of Chartwell. Tom Harper River Journeys

[Tom Harper River Journeys'](#) new 12-day tour explores Portugal on a luxury vessel built for the queen of England to lead the diamond jubilee pageant on the Thames in 2012 in London.

After two days in Lisbon, participants will visit the university town of Coimbra before embarking from Porto on a multiday cruise along the Douro River aboard the Spirit of Chartwell, a luxury vessel designed for the royal family.

Tour highlights include dining at the 14th-century Alpendurada Monastery, touring the Mateus Palace in Vila Real; visiting the Douro Museum; sightseeing in the Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo region; and learning the wine-making process at a traditional Portuguese vineyard.

Prices start at \$4,799 per person.

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