

THE DOURO FOOD AND WINE TOUR

October 9 – October 15, 2014

Thursday October 09

Depart NEWARK/ NJ on TAP Air Portugal #106

7.15pm

Friday October 10

Arrive PORTO, PORTUGAL

7.15am

Transfer to the Vintage House Hotel provided.

Accommodation 2 nights at Vintage House Hotel October 10 – 12 in Standard River view rooms

In the heart of Douro's World Heritage site, this former 18th century wine estate enjoys a fantastic riverfront location, surrounded by famous Port wine production estates and their extensive vineyards. The interiors are sophisticated and comfortable and all the rooms have balconies overlooking the river. The award-winning "Rabelo" restaurant provides a combination of excellent food and wines of the region. Your arrival at the hotel is expected to be at approx. 12:00pm



1:00pm – Your experience will start with a private visit of Niepoort Vineyards at Quinta de Napoles. This critically acclaimed vineyard is not open to the public, but Chef Rui has arranged for an early lunch and tasting of some of their finest releases for a truly unique afternoon .

8:00pm-For our first evening in Portugal, Chef Rui Correia has organized a wine dinner at the most prestigious restaurant in the Douro Valley, Rui Paul's **DOC**. His restaurant sits above the rivers water, with spectacular views of the surrounding vineyards.



Saturday October 11

Morning at Leisure- Take in the stunning views of the Douro Valley at our hotel, situated on the banks of the Douro River.

2:00- 4:00pm - Setting sail from the dock at the Vintage House, the group will board a traditional barco de rabelo (sailboat), for a leisure cruise on the Douro River.

5:30pm- Departure for Quinta Do Portal. We will enjoy late afternoon relaxation by the pool at this beautiful vineyard while enjoying local snacks and wines.

7:30pm – Chef Rui in collaboration with Quinta Do Portal has set up a four course tasting menu, with a private selection of wines that will be presented to the group by the winemaker Paulo Coutinho and owner Pedro Branco of the vineyard.



Sunday October 12

10:00am -Transfer to the Yeatman Hotel. The hotel is located in the heart of the worlds porto capital, owned and operated by the Taylor Fladgate family. This stunning hotel has amazing views of the ribeira baixa, where all the port wine houses are located.

Check In to Yeatman Hotel is expected at 1:00pm

2:00pm –Once we have settled in, the group will meet for cocktails & hors d’ouvres followed by a lunch prepared by Chef Ricardo Costa of The Yeatman which will feature some local specialties of Chef Rui’s hometown. After lunch we will take a vintage private tour of Taylor Fladgate and Fonseca Port wine houses Located in Vila Nova De Gaia.

Return to the hotel by 5:00pm

Evening at leisure. If you would like to leave the hotel and venture into Porto, Chef Rui can make some restaurant suggestions for you.

**Accommodation 2 nights at Yeatman Hotel
October 12 – 14 in Executive rooms**



Monday October 13

At YEATMAN HOTEL.

Day at leisure. – Enjoy the beautiful grounds of The Yeatman, or take a stroll down to the Riberia Baixa (Porto Riviera).

8:00pm - Pedro Lemos is one of Porto’s most talented young chefs, and friend of Chef Rui’s. His namesake restaurant is one of Porto’s hidden gems in the Figeira Da Foz area. We will be treated to a four course tasting menu with wine pairing at this intimate, quaint restaurant.



Tuesday October 14

9:30am -Transfer to EVORA and check in at Hotel Convento Do Espinheiro (Lisbon area)

Check in at Hotel Convento expected at 1:00pm

Accommodation 1 night at Hotel Convento Do Espinheiro October 14 - 15 in Deluxe rooms



After settling into the hotel we go for our last winery visit, to Quinta Do Esporao in the alentejo wine region, followed by a farewell tapas dinner with samplings of this wineries fine wines. The group will then return back to the hotel for some rest and relaxation before departing the next day.

Wednesday October 15

10:00am transfer provided hotel to airport in LISBON

Depart LISBON -Tap Air Portugal #103

Arrive NEWARK /NJ

1.20pm

4.25pm