On March 19, 2019 the Schmitter family has inaugurated the MS Amália Rodrigues in Porto with Portuguese and French personalities, partners and national and international journalists.

The godmother of this Premium ship is Dr. Maria Alexandrina Quaresma representing the famous Amália Rodrigues Foundation. Amália Rodrigues was known as the "Queen of Fado" thanks to her exceptional voice, she was instrumental in popularizing fado worldwide. She has also been one of the greatest cultural ambassadors of Portugal and her voice has earned her an international reputation.

The godfather is Dr. Marco Martins, mayor of the city of Gondomar who welcomes regularly ships from CroisiEurope in its port.

Portuguese father Alfredo Padre and French father Patrick Koehler jointly celebrated the christening on the Quebrantoes quay in Vila Nova de Gaia.

On March 20, the ship will leave from Porto for its first inaugural cruise on the Douro (Porto - Regua - Pinhao - Vega de Teron - Barca d’Alva - Porto).

Built at the Meuse and Sambre shipyard in Namur, the MS Amália Rodrigues is the 6th ship to join CroisiEurope’s fleet on the Douro and its third premium rated ship on the Golden River.

Furnished and decorated by CroisiEurope’s interior designer, the MS Amália Rodrigues has a contemporary feel, featuring colours and shapes of the Mediterranean along with plenty of natural lighting and open spaces, designer furniture and stylish, sleek décor.
The three-deck ship measures 80 metres long and 11.4 metres wide and can accommodate 132 passengers in 66 double-occupancy cabins, including 4 suites, of which 2 are on the upper deck and have terraces. There is also a cabin for guests with reduced mobility. All cabins are air conditioned and equipped with twin/double bed, private bathroom, wardrobe, flat screen television, hairdryer and safe. The 58 cabins on the middle and upper deck have French balconies with large windows to make the most of the stunning scenery. There is also a spacious lounge, panoramic restaurant, a shop, a large sun deck with sun loungers and a beautiful swimming pool.

The 25-person crew use their skills to meet the highest expectations onboard.

From April to October, the MS Amalia Rodrigues will offer exceptional cruises on the Douro, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Spanish border. The ship will cruise 6- and 8-day itineraries through the Douro Valley, one of the oldest demarcated wine regions in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2001, passing breathtaking landscapes en route from Porto to Regua, Pinhao, Teron Vega, Barca d’Alva, Salamanca and Ferradosa.

All-inclusive prices start from £791 per person for a 6-day cruise round trip from Porto including onboard accommodation with all meals and drinks as well as entertainment and a gala evening.

History of the fleet in Portugal


To find out more about the cruise:

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/douro-cruises

To download photos of the ship:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/16hdbzu03u88gps/AABmvMrI6VkQyIYHctRTmzxSa?dl=0