Cruisers, take note: A shiny new hub for river cruises will open in the Port of Lisbon in late 2016.

PORTUGAL'S NEW AGE OF DISCOVERY

The country has something to prove to the world in 2016: It's done being overshadowed by its neighbors. *by* JENNA SCATENA

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Lisbon Gets Tastier

Locals love Principe Real for its parade of new eateries. At A Cevicheria, star chef Kiko Martins serves classic ceviche with Portuguese flair (local cod with rosemary vinegar and chickpea puree). Sweets go beyond the traditional *pastel de nata* pastry at Bettina & Niccolò Corallo (try the pimento bonbons). And, at the recently renovated Time Out Mercado da Ribeira, you'll find a rainbow of Lisbon's artisanal food purveyors.

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Porto Goes on Display

Rua de Miguel Bombarda, the city's new art street, is lined with galleries, from Ó! Galeria, a small space crowded with sketches from Porto illustrators to the CC Bombarda, an incubator that brings more than two dozen local artists and makers together. You can even eat with art at newcomer Frida, where a husband-and-wife team serves Frida Kahlo's favorite dishes, such as duck with mole sauce.

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The Central Coast Shines

The Algarve region gets most of the love for its dramatic beaches, but the oft-overlooked 200-mile stretch of coast between Lisbon and Porto offers the perfect excuse for a road trip. Start in the coastal town of Nazare, home of the largest wave ever surfed. From there, continue south to Peniche, where you can hop a short ferry to the Berlengas archipelago, three rocky islands with sea caves and vibrant barrier reefs.

WHERE THE LOCALS WEEKEND HOP A FLIGHT TO SÃO MIGUEL, THE LARGEST OF THE AZORES ISLANDS, WHERE A NEW HIGHWAY MAKES FOR AN EASY DRIVE TO FURNAS VALLEY. HERE, THE SIGNATURE DISH—*COZIDO DAS FURNAS*, A MEATY STEW COOKED UNDERGROUND BY HEAT FROM VOLCANIC VENTS—REMINDS YOU THAT YOU'RE SITTING IN A VOLCANIC CRATER. TRY IT AT RESTAURANTE TONY'S. AFTER 11 P.M., THE RECENTLY SPRUCED UP POÇA DA DONA BEIJA (NATURAL HOT SPRINGS) ARE EMPTY AND STARS SERVE AS NATURAL MOOD LIGHTING.

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