

MARITIME DISCOVERIES, VITICULTURE AND FAITH IN PORTUGAL

8 days from Lisbon to Fatima, Coimbra and Porto

Vacation Highlights:

- ◆ Arrival transfer from Lisbon airport to the hotel
- ◆ 8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:
 - Centrally located first class hotels:
 - 3 nights in Lisbon
 - 1 night in Fatima
 - 1 night in Coimbra
 - 3 nights in Porto
 - Buffet breakfast daily
 - A welcome reception in Lisbon (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
 - A lunch with wine tasting in the Douro Valley
 - A farewell dinner in Porto (coffee or tea included)
- ◆ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ◆ Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- ◆ Professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides
- ◆ Admission included where indicated in bold letters
- ◆ Luggage handling at the hotels
- ◆ Whisper technology enhanced touring
- ◆ Departure transfer from Porto to Porto airport

Tour spotlights:

- ◆ Cabo da Roca, wild and rugged headland marking the most western point of Continental Europe
- ◆ Lisbon, a pastel-colored city on seven hills, ceramic tiles, Fado, and colonialism
- ◆ The medieval walled city of Obidos, also known as the Wedding Town
- ◆ Nazaré, Portugal's most famous fishing village
- ◆ Coimbra's University and Library
- ◆ Aveiro, canals and colorful boats, also known as the Portuguese Venice
- ◆ Porto, the town that gave the country its very name

Special features:

- ◆ Tasting of a typical cherry liquor in Obidos
- ◆ Wine tasting in the Douro Valley
- ◆ Porto boat ride six bridges and tasting of the local wine

Hotels:

- ◆ Lisbon: Lisbon Marriott Hotel (F) or similar
- ◆ Fatima: Aurea/Estrela De Fatima/Regina (F) or similar
- ◆ Coimbra: Vila Gale Coimbra (F) or similar
- ◆ Porto: Vila Gale Porto/Vila Gale Porto Ribeira (F) or similar

Itinerary:

Day 1, arrive in Lisbon, Sunday

You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure to begin exploring on your own. Later, gather with your tour director and your fellow travelers for a welcome reception. **(WR)**

Day 2, in Lisbon: Excursion to Sintra, Cabo Da Roca, Cascais, and Estoril, Monday

This morning we depart on a full day private sightseeing tour to Sintra, Cascais, Estoril and Cabo da Roca. Sintra boasts a historic Centre that is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After our visit of the **Sintra National Palace**, we continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost cape in Continental Europe. Thereafter, we travel to Cascais, a picturesque fishing town with some quirky museums, beautiful gardens and a lively fish market. Then we're off to Estoril, a former fishing town turned cosmopolitan destination for well-heeled travelers. We return to Lisbon in the evening. **(B)**

Day 3, in Lisbon, Tuesday

This morning we stroll through Baixa, Lisbon's historic heart and commercial center. We then drive to Belem to view Belem Tower and the Discovery Monument. The Vasco de Gama tomb in the Jeronimos Monastery is next on our journey. We pay a visit to the 16th century **Queuz Royal Palace** and view the Discoveries Monument, erected to celebrate the courage and bravery of the Portuguese navigators who crossed the world and discovered new lands. After our tour, we visit the Mercado de Campo de Ourique, a unique local market. The evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Optional tour: Faia at Caso de Fados

Day 4, to Fatima, Wednesday

After breakfast, we leave Lisbon and depart towards the north. Our first destination is Obidos, a charming village of white houses on a hill, surrounded by fourteenth century's walls. Here we stop for a **tasting of cherry liquor**. We proceed to Nazara after the tasting. Nazara is a popular tourist attraction and picturesque village located on the Atlantic coast. Our next stop is the **Monastery of Batalha**, a Dominican Convent. We finish the day in Fatima, a Catholic pilgrimage destination and home to sacred sites and religious artifacts. **(B)**

Day 5, to Coimbra, Thursday

In the morning, we travel to Tomar for a half-day sightseeing tour and visit of the **Luso-Hebrew Museum**. We then proceed towards Buçaco to visit the famous Buçaco Forest and for an outside view of Buçaco Palace. In Coimbra, our half day sightseeing tour includes a visit to **the University and Library**. **(B)**

Day 6, to Porto, Friday

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We continue to Aveiro and Costa Nova for an orientation tour and then travel through the Douro Valley, classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Traditionally, the wines from this region were transported down-river in flat-bottomed boats called "rabelos". The wine was stored in barrels in cellars of the Vila Nova de Gaia, just across the river from Porto. After our **lunch with wine tasting** in the Douro Valley, we continue to Porto. **(B, L)**

Day 7, in Porto, Saturday

During our half day sightseeing tour of Porto, we visit the **Palacio de Bolsa** (the stock exchange palace), and end our tour in one of the famous wine cellars where we have another **tasting**. After this, we continue with **a boat excursion**, one of the most spectacular experiences in the city. Our afternoon is free, at leisure. In the evening gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for our farewell dinner. **(B, FR)**

Day 8, depart Porto, Sunday

Breakfast followed by our transfer to the airport. **(B)**

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departure dates	\$ pp double occupancy	\$ single supplement
4-Apr-21	\$1.970	\$690
2-May-21	\$1.970	\$690
27-Jun-21	\$1.970	\$690
19-Sep-21	\$1.970	\$690
24-Oct-21	\$1.970	\$690

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