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PORTUGAL

11 DAYS PROGRAM



ITINERARY OUTLINE

Departure from the USA to Lisbon, Portugal.

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lisbon, Orientation tour.

DAY 2 – Lisbon, Full day tour.

DAY 3 – Sintra, Ericeira, Cascais.

DAY 4 – Alentejo Province, Évora, Monsaraz, Alqueva.

DAY 5 – Coimbra, Porto.

DAY 6 – Porto, Full day tour.

DAY 7 – Porto, day at leisure.

DAY 8 – Douro Valley, Peso Da Agua, Pinhao, Cooking Class, Cruise on the Douro River.

DAY 9 – Nazaré, Óbidos, Lisbon.

DAY 10 – Lisbon, day at leisure.

DAY 11 – Wednesday, April 16, Departure.

DAY 1 - Sunday, April 6, Arrival in Portugal, Lisbon

Arrival at Lisbon International airport. (Flights TBA)

Meet and greet by your guide and transfer to Lisbon.

Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital, is a city steeped in history, culture, and charm. Known for its hilly landscape, stunning architecture, and coastal beauty, Lisbon sits along the Tagus River and is the westernmost capital city in mainland Europe. Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in Western Europe, even predating cities like Rome and London. Its history stretches back to ancient times, having been inhabited by the Phoenicians, Romans, Moors, and Visigoths before becoming the capital of Portugal in the 13th century.

The city was a major hub during the Age of Discoveries in the 15th and 16th centuries. Legendary explorers like Vasco da Gama set sail from Lisbon, making the city a center of trade and navigation. Lisbon is famous for its unique blend of architectural styles, including Gothic, Baroque, Manueline, and Pombaline (an early form of earthquake-resistant construction). The iconic Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery are UNESCO World Heritage sites that showcase the city's Manueline architecture.

Upon arrival start with private orientation tour to include downtown (Baixa) and Rossio, the heart of the old part of the city.

Early afternoon arrival at the hotel, check in and rest of the evening at leisure in Lisbon.

Overnight in Lisbon - Hotel Marques De Pombal 4* [Hotel Information](#) or similar



DAY 2 - Monday, April 7, Lisbon, Full day tour

Breakfast at the hotel.

Embark on an unforgettable day exploring the vibrant city of Lisbon with your private guide. Dive into the heart of Lisbon's rich history as you tour iconic neighborhoods, landmarks, and monuments that celebrate Portugal's golden age of exploration.

Your journey begins in the historic Alfama Quarter, Lisbon's oldest neighborhood, filled with narrow streets, colorful houses, and breathtaking views. From there, you'll head to the elegant Chiado district, once a gathering place for the great intellectuals of the 19th and 20th centuries. Enjoy the ambiance of charming old cafés, including the famous Brasileira, where writers and artists once gathered for spirited conversation.

Next, discover the grandeur of Comércio Square, once home to the Royal Palace. Imagine the sight of Portuguese caravels arriving, their holds filled with exotic spices and gold from distant lands. As you stroll, your guide will introduce you to Lisbon's monuments that honor Portugal's legendary explorers and share the fascinating stories behind each one.

From the heart of Lisbon, venture to the riverside Belém district, known for its impressive monuments to the Age of Discoveries. Stop by the iconic Belém Tower and the grand Monument to the Discoveries, dedicated to the daring explorers who shaped Portugal's legacy. You'll also visit the stunning Jerónimos Monastery, an architectural masterpiece in the Manueline style, where a visit to the church will be included if possible. While in Belém, savor the beloved pastel de nata, Portugal's famous custard tart, a sweet treat with a history as rich as the city itself.

Complete your day with a visit to the National Coach Museum, home to an extraordinary collection of royal coaches, known as one of the most impressive in the world. This day in Lisbon offers not only a journey through time but also a chance to experience the city's warm culture and timeless beauty.

Overnight in Lisbon



DAY 3 - Tuesday, April 8, Sintra, Ericeira, Cascais, Full day private tour

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today with your guide and driver, embark on a journey west of Lisbon to discover the enchanting village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its romantic charm and fairy-tale ambiance. Explore the mystical gardens and architecture of Quinta da Regaleira, where secret tunnels and lush groves create a dreamlike setting. Then, step into the grandeur of the National Palace, with its unique blend of Gothic, Manueline, and Mudéjar styles—a must-see in this magical town.

Next, head to Ericeira, a picturesque fishing village turned world-class surfing haven. Known as Europe's surfing capital, Ericeira boasts some of the planet's tallest waves and a stunning coastline. This seaside gem is also famous for its mouthwatering grilled fish, making it the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely lunch by the sea.

Afterward, continue to the stylish town of Cascais. With golden sandy beaches and a bustling marina, Cascais exudes elegance and charm. Explore the cobblestone streets of the old town, home to the historic Nossa Senhora da Luz Fort and the Citadel Palace, a former royal retreat. From here, soak in breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, capturing the essence of coastal Portugal.

As your tour concludes, relax on your scenic return to Lisbon, filled with memories of Portugal's stunning landscapes and captivating history.

Overnight in Lisbon



DAY 4 - Wednesday, April 9, Alentejo Province, Évora, Monsaraz, Alqueva.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today with your guide and driver, venture south from Lisbon into the enchanting Alentejo Province, a scenic and cultural gem known as the land "beyond the Tagus River." Your first stop is the historic city of Évora, once beloved by Portuguese royalty and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander through the walled old town, where narrow cobbled streets, charming whitewashed houses, and centuries-old monuments tell the story of Évora's remarkable heritage.

After exploring Évora, continue to the charming hilltop village of Monsaraz, a medieval treasure that feels like stepping back in time. With its fortified walls and a majestic castle, Monsaraz offers breathtaking views over the vast Alqueva Lake—the largest artificial lake in Europe. This beautiful whitewashed village is a true Alentejo gem and an unforgettable highlight of your journey.

Overnight in Lisbon



DAY 5 - Thursday, April 10, Coimbra, Porto.

Breakfast at the hotel.

After checking out of your hotel, meet your driver and set off on a scenic journey north from Lisbon towards the enchanting city of Porto.

Your first stop is the historic city of Coimbra, famously known as the “City of Students.” Often compared to Oxford or Cambridge, Coimbra is home to Portugal’s most prestigious and oldest university. This delightful city combines all the charm of urban Portugal without the hustle of a major metropolis. Upon arrival, meet your local guide for a half-day exploration of the university and city highlights.

At Coimbra University, dating back to the late 13th century, wander through the historic grounds and marvel at the 18th-century university library, often hailed as one of the world’s most beautiful libraries. After your tour, enjoy some time at the Mercado Municipal in the Old Town, where you can soak in local flavors and have a delicious lunch.

Continue your journey north to Porto, the captivating “Capital of Northern Portugal.” This coastal city is renowned for its picturesque setting, elegant bridges, and world-famous port wine. Explore the medieval Ribeira district, where narrow, cobbled streets wind past traditional merchant houses and cozy cafés.

Upon arrival in Porto, settle into your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening in this vibrant city. The night is yours to savor the unique atmosphere of Porto, whether you’re strolling by the Douro River or unwinding with a glass of local wine.

Overnight in Porto, BessaHotel Baixa 4* [Hotel Information](#) or similar



DAY 6 - Friday, April 11, Porto

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide and set off to explore the charming city of Porto! Your tour begins at one of Porto's most iconic landmarks, the Clérigos Tower. This striking church bell tower is a beloved symbol of the city and offers a perfect introduction to Porto's historic architecture.

Next, stroll down the bustling Avenida dos Aliados, Porto's grandest avenue, where you'll admire the impressive City Hall building. Continue to the beautiful São Bento Railway Station, known worldwide for its stunning blue-and-white tile panels that vividly depict Portugal's history and culture. From here, make your way down the charming Rua das Flores, one of Porto's oldest and most famous streets, as you head toward the picturesque riverside district. Discover the grandeur of the Palácio da Bolsa (Bursa Palace), then enjoy some free time in the vibrant Ribeira quarter, where you can relax with a coffee by the Douro River.

For breathtaking views of the city, cross the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge and take in the sweeping panorama of Porto's skyline and riverbanks. End your tour with a leisurely walk to the shopping district of Rua de Santa Catarina, where you'll visit the legendary Majestic Café. This elegant Art Nouveau café is one of Porto's most beloved spots and a perfect place to conclude your tour in style.

Overnight in Porto

**DAY 7 - Saturday, April 12, Porto, day at leisure**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure in Porto. Optional places to visit and additional optional tour locations will be provided to you.

Overnight in Porto

DAY 8 - Sunday, April 13, Douro Valley, Peso Da Agua, Pinhao, Cooking Class, Cruise on the Douro River

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today, immerse yourself in the breathtaking Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning landscapes and as the world's oldest demarcated wine region—the birthplace of port wine!

Begin your experience with a special Portuguese cooking class at a charming local farm, or Quinta, nestled in the heart of the valley. Here, you'll learn to prepare authentic Portuguese dishes under the guidance of local chefs, savoring your creations alongside exquisite Portuguese wine and a delightful port wine to finish your meal.

Later, unwind with a scenic one-hour cruise on the Douro River, the largest river in the Iberian Peninsula. As you glide along, take in the mesmerizing terraced vineyards that stretch along the riverbanks—this is Douro's landscape at its finest. This day in the Douro Valley offers a perfect blend of culinary, cultural, and scenic delights

For an added treat, consider visiting a traditional port winery to enjoy exclusive tastings of the region's iconic wines. (not included).

Overnight in Porto



DAY 9 - Monday, April 14, Nazaré, Óbidos, Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out of your hotel and meet your English-speaking driver as you depart Porto for a scenic journey back to Lisbon along Portugal's stunning Atlantic coast.

Your first stop is Nazaré, a picturesque fishing village renowned for its dramatic coastal views and iconic surf scene. From the cliffside neighborhood of "Sítio," enjoy breathtaking viewpoints over the Atlantic Ocean. Nazaré is world-famous for its massive waves, formed by the unique underwater "Nazaré Canyon," making it a mecca for big-wave surfers.

Next, visit the enchanting village of Óbidos, one of Portugal's oldest and most charming destinations. Perched on a hilltop and surrounded by medieval walls, Óbidos is a beautifully preserved village filled with narrow cobblestone streets, historic squares, and the impressive Óbidos Castle, now a pousada (boutique hotel). Wander through this fairytale-like setting and soak in the timeless atmosphere of this iconic medieval town.

After exploring, continue your journey to Lisbon, where you'll check into your hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon - Hotel Marques De Pombal 4* [Hotel Information](#) or similar



DAY 10 - Tuesday, April 15 - Lisbon, day at leisure

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will enjoy your last day in Portugal on your own to enjoy more time in Lisbon. Optional places such as the LX Factory, Time Out Market, Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology, Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Cafe A Brasileira and more.

Overnight in Lisbon

**DAY 11 - Wednesday, April 12 - Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Based on flight time, private transfer to Lisbon International Airport for your flight back to New York.

“Vemo-nos em Portugal”
“see you in Portugal”



SERVICES

CUSTOMIZED TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Lodging

10 nights / 11 days
6 nights in Lisbon
4 nights in Porto
Breakfast daily
2 bottles of waters daily per person on car tour days (8)

Private Transfers & Transportation

Private transfer from Lisbon International airport to hotel
Private transfer from hotel to Lisbon International airport
8 days private minivan including all costs (fuel, tolls, parking)

Tours and Guides

4 days Private guide in Lisbon Santorini full day Island tour
1 half day private guide in Coimbra
3 days private guide in Porto/Porto area
Entrance and activities fees:

- National Tile Museum – Lisbon
- National Coach Museum – Lisbon
- Quinta da Regaleira – Sintra
- National Palace – Sintra
- Coimbra University with Library
- Boursa Palace – Porto
- Cooking Class – Douro Valley farm
- Mini cruise (none private) – Douro Valley

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All tour reservations

Restaurant recommendation

PRICING

Beverly and John Burn \$8,480
Jill and Richard Moyette \$8,480

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Rates are based on today's exchange rate EUR/USD and subject to change according to the official exchange rate at time of payment.

Package rate valid for 10 days from date of quote.

Booking Terms:

Validity of prices:

Please note that for your convenience this quote is in USD (\$).

Payment Terms:

30% Deposit due upon confirmation.

30% additional deposit due 90 days prior to departure.

Final payment due 45 days prior to departure.

Cancellation terms:

All cancellations must be made in writing.

In high season all deposit and payments non refundable once paid.

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