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PORTUGAL

11 DAYS INCLUDING THE ALGARVE
OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MADRID AND TOLEDO (SPAIN)



ITINERARY OUTLINE

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – Departure from the USA to Porto, Portugal

DAY 1 – Wednesday, September 3, Arrival in Porto, Orientation tour

DAY 2 – Thursday, September 4, Porto, Full day tour

DAY 3 – Friday, September 5, Douro Valley, Peso Da Agua, Pinhao, Cruise on the Douro River

DAY 4 – Saturday, September 6, Nazaré, Óbidos, Lisbon

DAY 5 – Sunday, September 7, Lisbon, Full day tour

DAY 6 – Monday, September 8, Sintra, Ericeira, Cascais

DAY 7 – Tuesday, September 9, Lisbon, day at leisure
Optional: Alentejo Province, Évora, Monsaraz, Alqueva

DAY 8 – Wednesday, September 10, Road trip to Algarve

DAY 9 – Thursday, September 11, Touring the Algarve or at leisure

DAY 10 – Friday, September 12, Touring the Algarve or at leisure

DAY 11 – Faro, Lisbon/Porto, Departure

Optional Trip extension to Madrid and Toledo (Spain)

DAY 1 - Arrival in Portugal, Porto, Full day tour

Arrival at Porto International airport.

Meet and greet by your driver. Transfer to your hotel in Porto.

Porto, Portugal's second largest city is a coastal city in northwest Portugal known for its stately bridges and port wine production. In the medieval Ribeira (riverside) district, narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafes. São Francisco Church is known for its lavish baroque interior with ornate gilded carvings. The palatial 19th-century Palácio de Bolsa, formerly a stock market, was built to impress potential European investors.

Based on flight time arrival optional short tour of Porto's downtown area.

Check in time at the hotel 3:00 PM. Optional early check in based on arrival time.

Overnight in Porto



DAY 2 - 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 3 - Douro Valley, Peso Da Agua, Pinhao, 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! You will visit the region and the some of the prettiest towns like Pinhão, sitting on the banks of the river and surrounded by terraced vineyards.

Unwind with a scenic one-hour cruise on the Douro River (non private), 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

Visit a traditional port winery to enjoy exclusive tastings of the region's iconic wines.

Optional activity: 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.

Overnight in Porto



DAY 4 - Nazaré, "SÍTIO", 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 will check into your hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon



DAY 5 - 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 6 - 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 7 - Lisbon, day at leisure**Optional: Alentejo Province, Évora, Monsaraz, Alqueva.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will enjoy your last day in Portugal on your own to enjoy more time in Lisbon.

Your guide will suggest many places to visit such as; Parque das Nações an amazing aquarium (Oceanário), one of the world's best, walking along the river, LX Factory, Time Out Market, Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology, Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Cafe A Brasileira and more.



Optional Tour Day: With you 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 8 - The Road to Algarve

Breakfast at the hotel.

After checking out of the hotel meet your driver, pick up your rental car or take the train and depart Lisbon on your way south to the Algarve. The Algarve, Portugal's southernmost region, is known for its Atlantic beaches and golf resorts. Whitewashed fishing villages on low cliffs overlooking sandy coves were transformed in the 1960s, and now its central coast between Lagos and Faro.

Full route itinerary with places to visit will be provided for you.

Overnight in Algarve



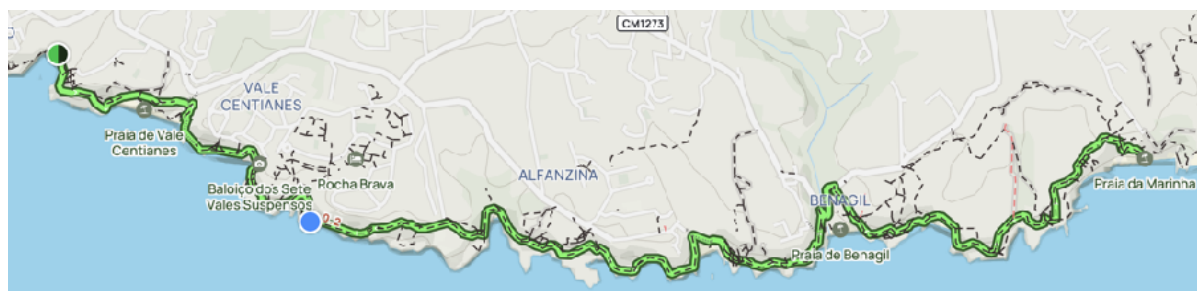
DAY 9 - The Algarve, Seven Hanging Valleys Trail

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure at the Algarve. Or choose to tour with a guide.

For the ones that like to hike, we highly recommend the “Seven Hanging Valleys Trail” (7.9 mile about 3.5-4 hours), one of the most famous and popular hike in the Algarve. It's known for its stunning scenery, including dramatic cliffs, hidden beaches, and caves. The trail also offers breathtaking views of the turquoise ocean and coastal landscapes.

Overnight in Algarve



DAY 10 - The Algarve

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure at the Algarve. We will suggest places to your can drive and visit on your own or enjoy a day with our private guide..

Overnight in Algarve

**DAY 11 - Faro, Lisbon or Porto, Departure****Optional extension to Madrid, Spain**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Private transfer to Faro Airport or Drive to Faro, return the rental. Flight to Lisbon or Faro connecting to your flight to the USA.

Optional Trip Extension to Madrid, Spain.

Flight to Madrid.

Arrival in Madrid. Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Madrid

DAY 12 - Madrid, History, Flavors and Art

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Spain's vibrant capital with your private local guide, who will bring Madrid's rich history and lively culture to life.

Your day begins with a visit to the majestic Royal Palace, the largest royal residence in Europe. Marvel at its opulent halls, grand staircases, and the Throne Room, as your guide shares tales of kings, queens, and centuries of Spanish royalty.

Next, step back in time as you stroll through the heart of Old Madrid. Wander the charming cobbled streets to Plaza de la Villa, one of the city's oldest squares, then on to the iconic Plaza Mayor, where markets and festivals have taken place for centuries. Feel the buzz at Puerta del Sol, the symbolic center of Spain, and explore hidden alleys dotted with boutique shops and artisan stores. Take a delicious break like a true Madrileño with traditional drinks and tapas, including the must-try bocadillo de calamares – Madrid's beloved fried calamari sandwich.

In the afternoon, you will have an option (not included) to elevate your cultural experience with a guided tour of the world-renowned Prado Museum. Discover masterpieces by El Greco, Velázquez, Goya, Rubens, Titian, and other legends of European art, as your expert guide reveals the stories and symbolism behind the brushstrokes.

Additions to Enhance Your Day:

Visit the lush Retiro Park, once the royal family's private garden, now a serene escape filled with sculptures, fountains, and a peaceful boating lake.

Explore the vibrant San Miguel Market for gourmet treats and local delicacies.

Catch panoramic views from the Círculo de Bellas Artes rooftop, one of the best spots to watch the sun set over the Madrid skyline.

Overnight in Madrid



DAY 13 - Toledo, A Journey Through Spain's Soul

Today, get ready to step into the pages of history with a magical day trip to Toledo, one of Spain's most enchanting and culturally rich cities. Just a short and scenic train ride from Madrid, Toledo is a city frozen in time – a stunning hilltop fortress once home to Romans, Muslims, Jews, and Christians, all of whom left their mark on its golden stone streets and awe-inspiring architecture.

Upon arrival, you will meet your private expert guide, who will lead you on an immersive 6 hour tour through this UNESCO World Heritage city, once the capital of Spain. Begin your adventure with a walk through the labyrinthine medieval streets, where every corner reveals centuries of history. You will visit the Toledo Cathedral, one of Europe's greatest Gothic masterpieces, the Church of Santo Tomé, home to El Greco's iconic painting The Burial of the Count of Orgaz. Zocodover Square, the lively central plaza that has been the social heart of Toledo since Moorish times.

As you explore, your guide will bring to life the fascinating stories of the city's multicultural past, when Toledo was known as the "City of Three Cultures", where Jews, Muslims, and Christians coexisted and thrived.

Midday enjoy a relaxing lunch break at one of Toledo's traditional taverns or modern terraces. Taste Castilian specialties such as partridge stew, manchego cheese, and marzipan — a local delicacy with Moorish roots.

The afternoon tour will focus on Jewish Heritage & Hidden Gems. The tour will delve deeper into Toledo's profound Jewish heritage. You will visit the beautifully preserved Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca, a unique blend of Moorish and Jewish design, the Transito Synagogue, walk through the historic Jewish Quarter, with its narrow alleys, stone houses, and stories that echo through the centuries. Along the way, you'll also catch panoramic views of the city and the Tagus River from stunning lookouts like the Mirador del Valle.

After some leisure time on your own return by train to Madrid.

Overnight in Madrid



DAY 14 - Madrid

Day in Madrid. Enjoy day at leisure in Madrid.

Additional places to visit will be provided for you.

Overnight in Madrid



DAY 15 - Departure

Check out of the hotel.

Private transfer to Madrid Airport for your flight back to the USA.

SERVICES

CUSTOMIZED TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Lodging)

14 nights / 15 days

3 nights in Porto including breakfast

4 nights in Lisbon including breakfast

3 nights at the Algarve including breakfast

4 nights in Madrid including breakfast

2 bottles of waters daily per person on car tour days

Private Transfers & Transportation

Private transfer from Lisbon International airport to hotel

Private transfer from hotel to Lisbon International airport

4 days private car and driver including fuel, tolls and parking

Tours and Guides

2 day private guide in Porto/Porto area

2 days private guide in Lisbon/Lisbon area

1 day private guide in Madrid

1 day private guide in Toledo

Entrance and activities fees:

- National Tile Museum – Lisbon
- National Coach Museum – Lisbon
- Quinta da Regaleira – Sintra
- National Palace – Sintra
- Winery tour and Wine tastings
- Mini cruise (none private) – Douro Valley

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