

Discoveries of Portugal

May 5-16, 2023



Sun-drenched beaches of the Algarve, exclusive golf resorts, medieval hilltop towns, colorful fishing villages, a cosmopolitan capital, the vine-filled valley of the Douro, wild remote mountains—Portugal has it all. But Europe's oldest country, which has had its eyes melancholically set on the sea and on a lost and glorious past, has turned its head toward Europe and is undergoing a profound modernization. Still, things move a bit slower in Portugal, "devagar" as residents say, and most tourists seem to like the pace.

Day 1, Fri., May 5: Depart the U.S. Depart on your flight from Chicago and travel overnight to Portugal.

Day 2, Sat., May 6: Lisbon. Welcome to Lisbon! You'll have some free time in the afternoon to explore before meeting your Tour Director and fellow travelers tonight to get ready for your adventure. Overnight at Mundial in Lisbon city center or similar for 2 nights. (D)

Day 3, Sun., May 7: Lisbon. Today starts with a guided sightseeing tour throughout Lisbon—the capital city of Portugal. You'll visit the 16-th century Monastery of Jeronimos and continue on to the Monument of Discoveries and pay homage to Portuguese explorers. Tonight, the choice is yours for dinner, more exploring, an optional excursion, or relaxing. (B)

Day 4, Mon., May 8: Obidos- Nazaré - Içobaça - Fátima- Tomar. Today you will make your way to Tomar with a few stops to discover the medieval town of Obidos, have some free time in Nazare, visit the Church of Santa Maria Monastery in Alcobaca, and take in the sights of one of the world's largest Catholic pilgrimage sites at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Overnight in Tomar at Dos Templarios or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 5, Tues., May 9: Tomar - Coimbra - Porto. Today is a day for culture and tradition as you make your way to Porto! You'll start your day with breakfast before a visit the Convent of Christ in Tomar. You'll then make your way to Coimbra where you'll visit the University of Coimbra—the oldest in Portugal and one of the oldest in the world! Afterwards, you can sit back and relax on your motorcoach on a scenic drive to the second largest city in Portugal, Porto. Overnight in Porto at NH Collection Porto Batalha or similar for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6, Wed., May 10: Porto. After breakfast you are heading out on a guided sightseeing tour of Porto which includes a drive to the mouth of the Douro



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Estimated Air from Chicago
- Transfer from Madison to Chicago
- Professional Tour Guide in Portugal
- Free time in Lisbon and Porto
- Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Wine tasting at Sandeman & Co Port Wine Cellar
- Visit to Cape St. Vincent
- Douro River Cruise & Dinner (additional cost)
- Daily Breakfast and 5 dinners
- Burkhalter Travel Host, Mary Kay Harmon

River—the highest-flow river of the Iberian Peninsula. Afterwards, you'll be able to taste internationally recognized Porto wines at Sandeman Wine Cellars. Enjoy free time this afternoon in this beautiful coastal city. Couldn't get enough of the Douro River? Sign up for the river cruise and dinner optional excursion this evening! (B)

Day 7, Thurs., May 11: Guimaraes - Penafiel - Viseu. Today you leave Porto and head to Guimaraes where you'll go on an orientation walk of this medieval district. Next you'll visit the gardens of the Quinta da Aveleda winery and enjoy a Portuguese tapas tasting in Penafiel. Enjoy a scenic drive through the vineyards on your way to Viseu where you'll have dinner before tucking in for the night. Overnight at Grao Vasco or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 8, Fri., May 12: Belmonte - Castelo de Vide - Evora. You'll begin your day with breakfast before heading to Belmonte where you'll visit the Jewish Museum and then have the opportunity to taste locally made olive oils. Later today, you'll have free time in the Jewish quarter in Castelo de Vide before arriving in Evora where you'll visit a traditional cork factory, have dinner with your fellow travelers, and spend a night. Overnight at M'ar De Ar Muralhas or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 9, Sat., May 13: Evora - Algarve. After breakfast, you'll take a guided walking tour of the historical city of Evora while stopping at the Gothic cathedral, the Sao Francisco Church, and the Ossuary Chapel. After lunch, you'll head to the coastal city of Algarve where you'll have the rest of the day to explore on your own! Overnight at Tivoli Lagos or similar for 2 nights. (B)

Day 10, Sun., May 14: Algarve. Today you'll have the opportunity to take in the breathtaking views of the southern coastline of Portugal in Algarve. Algarve is known for soaring cliffs, sea caves, and golden beaches—a picture perfect location. Tonight you can choose to join an optional excursion for a traditional Portuguese dinner or spend the evening exploring on your own. (B)

Day 11, Mon., May 15: Azeitão - Lisbon. Enjoy a scenic drive along the deep blue sea and green hills of the Serra da Arrábida— another stunning coastal area in Portugal. You'll visit a traditional tile workshop in Azeitão before arriving in Lisbon for a farewell dinner at your hotel. Overnight at Mundial or similar. (B,D)

Day 11, Tues., May 16: Depart Home. Your journey has come to an end, but you will have many wonderful memories of the people, history, and culture of Portugal. If you are not ready for the vacation to end, as your Burkhalter Travel agent about visiting another country before heading home! (B)



Tour Price (double occupancy)

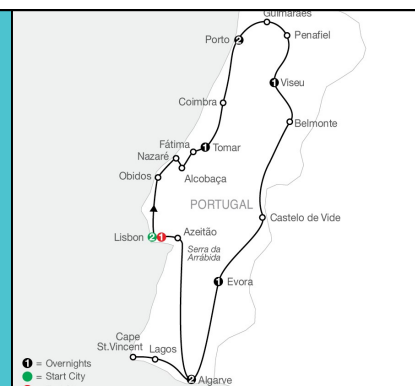
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