

Best of Portugal

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As rated by Past Guests

11 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

This Best of Portugal journey reveals a nation's proud history, warm-hearted locals and soul-warming cuisine. Starting in Lisbon, you'll travel north and south to explore a Templar stronghold, watch thoroughbreds perform at an Alentejo farm and visit the Algarve.



DAY 1 Welcome to Lisbon A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues saturates the seven hills of the romantic Portuguese capital, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and orientation. **(D) Hotel: Turim Av Liberdade/Olissippo Marques de Sa**

Transfers: Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Colourful Lisbon Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today. With our **Local Specialist**, see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the Tagus, and Belém Tower. Dive into Culture on a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. There's time to join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the sounds of the fado. **(B)**

DAY 3 Journey to the Algarve Region

We journey across the Tagus this morning and drive south towards the Serra da Arrábida Mountains and to the golden pastures of the Alentejo. The hearty aroma of Portuguese chicken fills the air at our **Be My Guest experience** at a stud ranch. Our journey continues further south, bound for the sun-kissed shores of the Algarve. **(B, L) Hotel: Real Bellavista/Agua Riverside**

Be My Guest

Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love, and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.



DAY 4 Cliffs, Beaches and More in the Algarve

During our morning coastal drive, admire spectacular views across Baleeira Beach, before continuing along the coast to Cape St. Vincent. We end our excursion with a visit to the resort town of Lagos. **(B)**

DAY 5 Onwards to Elegant Évora

Journeying north, we travel to the ancient Alentejo city of Évora. Join your **Local Specialist** and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the Chapel of Bones.

Spend the rest of your day by joining an Optional Experience to the medieval village of Monsaraz. This evening, we dine at our hotel in Évora. **(B, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas**

DAY 6 Venture Past Mountains to Viseu

Our first stop today is in the hilltop town of Castelo de Vide. Travel north towards the Serra de Estrela mountains and arrive later in Viseu. Explore the city's rich art and architectural history, and see the 12th-century Sé, standing imposingly on a hill overlooking the city. **(B) Hotel: Grão Vasco**

DAY 7 Through the Douro Valley to Porto

Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for our journey today through the Douro Valley, where Port wine is produced. We explore the magnificent gardens at the Baroque-style Palácio de Mateus. We then continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10th-century castle. **(B) Hotel: Turim Oporto/Carris Porto Ribeira**

DAY 8 Explore Vibrant Porto

Join a **Local Specialist** today for a sightseeing tour of Porto. See the remarkable bridges and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace, before we Dive into Culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of local port production at a tasting in a port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto. **(B)**

DAY 9 On to Coimbra and Pilgrimage to Fátima

Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe's greatest and oldest universities with a **Local Specialist**, then stroll through the ancient streets and squares of Coimbra, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar. Join a **Local Specialist** to visit the Convent of Christ. Later, you will arrive in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima. **(B, D) Hotel: Fátima/Santa Maria**

DAY 10 Experience Village Life Returning to Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, with a **Local Specialist** we stop at the imposing monastery of Batalha – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our next stop is the fishing village of Nazaré, before we visit the medieval walled city of Óbidos. Celebrate our last evening in Portugal over dinner at a family-run vineyard, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. **(B, D) Hotel: Olissippo Oriente/Smy Lisboa/Olissippo Marques de Sa**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Bid farewell to your Portuguese adventures at the award-winning organic vineyard Vale da Capucha which prides itself in producing organic and biodynamic wines. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 11 Farewell Lisbon Say a fond adeus to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable Portuguese holiday. **(B)**

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:30.

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists

Lisbon, Évora, Porto, Coimbra and Tomar

Discover on City Orientations

the Algarve, Lagos, Castelo de Vide, Viseu, Nazaré and Óbidos

Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the cathedral in Évora, the Palace Gardens at Palacio de Mateus, the Stock Exchange Palace, Arabian Hall and a local port wine cellar in Porto, the University Library of Coimbra, the Convent of Christ in Tomar and Batalha's Gothic Monastery

View Must-see Landmarks

The Castle of Guimarães and the Shrine at Fátima

One-of-a-kind Experiences

See day 3 for your unique local encounter

Travel Responsibly

See day 10 for how you'll make a positive impact

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To tour through Portugal and learn so much about the vast history truly was a treat. My favourite part was our knowledgeable tour guide Pedro.

Geneviève

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Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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