

# DISCOVER PORTUGAL WITH NOVELLA TASCOE

Featuring - Fátima, Coimbra, Douro Valley, Lisbon, Porto

15 Oct, 2024 - 24 Oct, 2024

## DURATION

8 Nights / 10 Days

## GROUP SIZE

15 People

## AIRPORT

Atlanta

## PRICE STARTING FROM

Twin Sharing Price - \$ 4,099.00

Single Supplement Price - \$ 799.00

## OVERVIEW

Exploring Lisbon, Fatima, Nazare, and Porto on a tour unveils Portugal's diverse treasures. Commence in Lisbon, the vibrant capital blending historical districts with modern culture. Discover landmarks such as Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, and the bustling Baixa streets. Continue to Fatima, a renowned pilgrimage site exuding spiritual serenity at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. Next, immerse yourself in Nazare's coastal charm, renowned for its picturesque beaches and traditional fishing roots. Concluding in Porto, savor the UNESCO-listed city's allure. Stroll ancient streets, tour Port wine cellars, and soak in the Douro River panoramas. Don't overlook iconic sites like the Clerigos Tower and the lively Ribeira district. This tour encapsulates Portugal's diversity, merging historical richness in Lisbon and Fatima, coastal splendor in Nazare, and the captivating essence of Porto.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Lisbon	Turim Av. Liberdade	4 Nights
Fátima	Essence Inn Marianos Hotel	1 Night
Porto	The Editory House Ribeira Porto	3 Nights



## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 08 Night's accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast,
- ◆ 2 Lunches (1 in Nazare and 1 in Coimbra)
- ◆ Admissions -Jerónimos Monastery, Alcobaça Monastery, Batalha Monastery, Coimbra University, Aveiro Museum
- ◆ Custard tart tasting
- ◆ Duro Cruise in Pinhao
- ◆ Moliceiro boat trip
- ◆ Ovos moles tasting
- ◆ Wine tasting and lunch in Douro
- ◆ Fado Show with Dinner
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver-guide
- ◆ **International return airfare ex-Atlanta (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fees and travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Local city taxes if applicable to be paid directly at hotels upon check-out
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart Atlanta [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Lisbon to start your unbelievable Best of Portugal Journey.

## DAY 2 Lisbon Arrival [-/-/D]

Upon arrival in Lisbon, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

Check-in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city throughout the remaining part of the day. Evening Enjoy your dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Lisbon

## DAY 3 LISBON - SIGHTSEEING [B/-/-]

Enjoy your morning meal at the hotel as today marks an exciting start to your Lisbon exploration. Get ready for a comprehensive city center tour, promising stunning views of the city's seven hills. Our journey will begin in downtown (Baixa), allowing you to immerse yourself in the significant squares of Lisbon. This includes the grand Trade Square (Praça do Comércio), the bustling heart of the city—Rossio Square, and the iconic Restauradores Square. We'll delve into the historic Belém district, where you'll encounter exquisite monuments dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries.

We'll pause briefly at the UNESCO World Heritage site, Belém Tower (Torre de Belém), known as the departure point for numerous Portuguese maritime expeditions. Our visit continues to the Monument to the Discoveries (Padrão dos Descobrimentos), a tribute to Prince Henry the Navigator's legacy on its 500th anniversary.

Of course, a trip to Lisbon wouldn't be complete without indulging in the well-kept secret of Portuguese pastries—the Pastéis de Belem. Dating back to 1837 in a charming bakery, you'll have the chance to savor one of these delicious treats (included in the package). Our next stop will be the UNESCO World Heritage site, San

Jerónimo Monastery (Mosteiro dos Jerónimos), renowned for its stunning "Manueline" architectural style. Afterwards, the afternoon will be yours to enjoy at your leisure back at the hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4 LISBON - Day free at leisure [B/-/-]

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel and relish a full day to yourself in this charming city. Explore at your leisure by strolling to the port and relishing the picturesque views along the Tagus River. Delight your taste buds with local cuisine, embark on a culinary journey, or simply wander the quaint streets, immersing yourself in the town's romantic ambiance. Alternatively, consider pre-booking one of our recommended optional tours for an enhanced experience.

**Add-on: Full-day tour to Sintra, the fairytale city, and Cascais: - USD 200 Per person (minimum 4 pax)**

Discover the palaces and gardens of Sintra through a guided bus tour departing from Lisbon. Follow the coastline to Cabo da Roca, Cascais' beaches, and trace the paths of poets and exiled royalty. Your journey begins with a hotel pick-up, venturing towards the enchanting Sintra Hills, where fairytale palaces and castles await exploration. Step into the renowned Pena Palace, celebrated as one of Europe's most stunning castles. Take a leisurely stroll through its grounds and savor sweeping views of Lisbon from its balconies. Subsequently, delve into the picturesque village of Sintra, pausing to sample local pastries and peruse souvenir shops. Continue to Cabo da Roca, standing at mainland Europe's westernmost point, navigating less-traveled roads away from tourist hubs. Travel along the coastal route, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Tagus River. Along the way, pause at Cascais, once a haven for exiled royalty and a site of intrigue during World War II. Conclude the tour by returning to Lisbon via the majestic Avenida Marginal, reveling in vistas of the Estoril Coast throughout the journey.

**Add-on: Full-day tour to Evora, the white**

**city: USD 230 Per person (minimum 4 pax)**

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Town, uncover a 2nd Century Roman Temple, and venture across the expansive Ponte Vasco da Gama, among Europe's longest bridges, offering stunning vistas of the Tagus River Bay.

Upon arrival in Evora, take a guided stroll through the city, visiting significant landmarks. Begin at São Francisco church, where the Chapel of Bones (Capela dos Ossos) awaits—a hauntingly adorned chapel featuring bones from overcrowded graveyards, adorned with the eerie inscription "We bones await yours."

Next, venture to Praça do Giraldo, Evora's central square surrounded by al fresco cafes catering to tourists. The city's unique Cork trees make for another intriguing stop. Explore the Cathedral Se, a medieval cathedral constructed between the 13th and 14th centuries, deemed one of the country's most significant.

Don't miss the Roman Temple, a highlight of Evora, revered as the best-preserved Roman structure on the Iberian Peninsula. The tour concludes with a return journey to Lisbon via the Ponte Vasco da Gama Bridge, offering splendid views of the

Overnight in Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 5**

**LISBON - OBIDOS - ALCOBACA - NAZARE - BATALHA - FATIMA [B/L/-]**

Depart from Lisbon for Óbidos, an ideal spot for romantic getaways near the capital, renowned for its well-preserved castle, handicraft shops within ancient walls, and a charming labyrinth of alleys and white houses perfect for leisurely strolls. Following this, proceed to Alcobaca to explore the Monastery of Alcobaca, the region's oldest monastery, housing the tombs of Portugal's most famous lovers.

Around noon, arrive at Nazaré, a town steeped in vibrant fishing traditions and boasting a crescent-shaped beach, known for hosting the world's largest beach-breaking waves. After lunch, journey to the Monastery of Batalha, an exceptional example of Late Flamboyant Gothic architecture in Portugal, dating back to the 14th century.

The tour's pinnacle is a visit to Fátima, renowned for the 1917 sighting of the Virgin Mary by three young shepherds. Each year, Fátima draws millions of Christian pilgrims who pay homage at the Sanctuary of Fátima, also recognized as Our Lady of Fátima (Nossa Senhora de Fátima). Upon arrival in Fátima, check-in and immerse yourself in the opportunity to participate in the candle-lit procession in Fátima.

Overnight in Fatima

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

**DAY 6**

**FATIMA - COIMBRA - AVEIRO - PORTO [B/L/-]**

Embark on an enriching journey from Fátima to Porto, passing through Coimbra and Aveiro, each destination offering its own unique allure and cultural treasures.

Begin in Fátima, a significant pilgrimage site renowned for the Sanctuary of Fátima, attracting millions of pilgrims annually. Experience the serene ambiance and witness the spiritual devotion at this revered site.

Next, venture to Coimbra, a city steeped in history and home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Explore the university's captivating Joanina Library and revel in its Baroque architecture. Stroll through the city's ancient streets, uncovering its rich heritage and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere.

Post lunch, continue your journey to Aveiro, often referred to as the "Venice of Portugal," renowned for its picturesque canals lined with colorful moliceiro boats. Explore the charming town, sample local delicacies like ovos moles, and admire the exquisite Art Nouveau architecture.

Finally, arrive in Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage city celebrated for its historic center, captivating Douro River, and renowned port wine cellars. Explore the Ribeira district, marvel at the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge, and indulge in a tasting of Porto's famed wines.

Overnight in Porto

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

**DAY 7**

**PORTO - PINHAO - DOURO VALLEY - PORTO [B/L/-]**

Following breakfast, embark on a captivating journey to the Douro Valley, a UNESCO Heritage Site renowned as

Europe's premier river destination. The excursion commences in the historic town of Amarante, where you'll marvel at the impressive Bridge and the Sao Goncalo Church, steeped in rich heritage.

Continuing the adventure, a stop in Regua, the epicenter of the Port wine region, awaits. A tour highlight awaits at Quinta Do Seixo from Sandeman, famed for its panoramic mountain-top views overlooking vineyards. Delight in a wine tasting paired with a delectable lunch, immersing yourself in the region's flavors.

The exploration continues to Pinhão, offering free time to independently discover the charming village. Wander through its streets or head to the Pinhão train station renowned for its striking blue-and-white tile murals depicting the region's scenic landscapes and vineyards that define the Douro panorama.

Experience a serene 2-hour traditional Rabelo boat tour along the tranquil Douro River, navigating through the heart of the world's oldest demarcated wine region. Departing from Pinhão, the journey passes under the Eiffel iron bridge, unveiling breathtaking vistas as you head upstream towards the Tua area before returning. Admire the terraced vineyard-clad hillsides, immersing yourself in the region's beauty with no national roads or traffic in sight. Witnessing the same stretch from different viewpoints offers a new perspective, highlighting the region's stunning allure.

After the cruise, relax on your return drive to Porto, arriving at your hotel in the evening, having experienced the wonders and tranquility of the Douro Valley, a region steeped in natural beauty and rich cultural heritage.

Overnight in Porto

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

## DAY 8 PORTO - DAY FREE AT LEISURE [B/-/-]

Enjoy an entire day at your leisure in Porto, granting you the freedom to design your day just the way you like it. Explore the city's charming neighborhoods and discover its hidden gems. Wander through the colorful streets of Ribeira, soaking in the lively atmosphere and admiring the picturesque houses that line the Douro River. Traverse the winding alleys of the historic

center, uncovering architectural marvels, from grand cathedrals to quaint squares adorned with local cafes.

For history buffs, delve into Porto's rich past by visiting iconic landmarks such as the imposing Sé Cathedral or the Clerigos Tower, offering panoramic views of the city. Stroll along the bustling Avenida dos Aliados, immersing yourself in the vibrant local culture and perhaps indulging in some shopping at traditional markets or modern boutiques.

Immerse yourself in the city's culinary scene by savoring traditional Portuguese cuisine at local eateries or enjoying a delightful meal at one of the riverside restaurants offering delectable seafood dishes paired with regional wines.

If relaxation is on your agenda, opt for a leisurely walk along the riverfront promenade, basking in the serene ambiance and taking in the splendid views of the Douro River. Alternatively, unwind at one of Porto's charming parks or gardens, offering a tranquil escape from the bustling city life.

Alternately, pre-book one of our suggested add-ons

### ***Add-on: Full-Day Tour to Santiago de Compostela and Valença do Minho : USD 180 Per person (minimum 4 pax)***

Embark on a full-day journey to Santiago de Compostela and Valença do Minho, immersing yourself in the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of these captivating destinations.

Begin your adventure by departing from Porto, setting off towards Santiago de Compostela, a renowned pilgrimage site and the final stop on the Camino de Santiago. Upon arrival, delve into the city's religious significance, exploring the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, an architectural masterpiece adorned with intricate details and religious symbolism. Marvel at the ornate façade and embrace the serene ambiance within this revered pilgrimage site.

Wander through Santiago de Compostela's charming streets, lined with centuries-old buildings, picturesque squares, and traditional cafes. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you encounter pilgrims from around the world who have completed their spiritual journey.

Following your exploration of Santiago de Compostela, continue your adventure to Valença do Minho, a picturesque town steeped in history and known for its well-preserved fortress. Discover the impressive Valença Fortress, a striking military structure with massive stone walls, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes and the neighboring country of Spain.

Stroll through Valença do Minho's cobbled streets within the fortress walls, perusing local artisan shops offering traditional crafts and souvenirs. Indulge in local delicacies at charming eateries or cafes nestled within this historic setting.

As the day draws to a close, return to Porto, reflecting on the cultural richness and historical significance experienced during your exploration of Santiago de Compostela and Valença do Minho.

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**Add-on: Braga & Guimaraes Old Town Tour : USD 170 Per person (minimum 4 pax)**

Embark on a captivating tour exploring the old towns of Braga and Guimarães, two historically significant cities in Portugal, renowned for their cultural heritage and architectural marvels.

The tour commences in Guimarães, often referred to as the "birthplace of Portugal" due to its pivotal role in the country's foundation. Begin by visiting the iconic Guimarães Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, steeped in medieval history and boasting breathtaking views of the city. Explore the castle's grounds and delve into the legends surrounding its origins.

Continue your journey to the historic center of Guimarães, characterized by narrow cobblestone streets, charming squares, and well-preserved medieval buildings. Discover the Largo da Oliveira, a picturesque square adorned with a beautiful fountain and surrounded by historic structures, including the Nossa Senhora da Oliveira Church, showcasing intricate Gothic architecture.

Next, venture to Braga, a city known for its religious significance and rich cultural heritage. Explore the Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary, an architectural gem featuring a Baroque staircase adorned with ornate sculptures and offering panoramic views of the city

below.

Visit Braga's historic center, home to the Sé de Braga, one of Portugal's oldest cathedrals, boasting a blend of architectural styles spanning centuries. Wander through the vibrant streets, taking in the atmosphere of Praça da República and absorbing the city's lively ambiance.

As the tour concludes, take in the sights, sounds, and stories of Braga and Guimarães, reflecting on the rich history and cultural treasures discovered in these enchanting Portuguese cities.

Overnight in Porto

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 9** POROT [B/-/D]

Following breakfast, we'll collect you from your hotel and guide you through the historic center, starting with the magnificent Cathedral. Take a moment to soak in the breathtaking view and explore the cathedral itself. Our next stop is the S. Bento Railway Station, a marvel of beauty and historical significance. Learn more about its intriguing history and its pivotal role in the city.

Discover the essential landmarks, streets, and sites that shape our remarkable historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As Porto Wine stands as an emblem of the city, we'll conclude the tour with a guided visit to a renowned wine cellar. Immerse yourself in wine culture, uncover the wine-making process, delve into the cellar's history, and indulge in a delightful wine tasting with a magnificent view!

After lunch, we'll transfer you to Lisbon. As evening approaches, prepare for a panoramic tour to witness the city illuminated by enchanting lights. Experience the splendor of Lisbon at night, capturing the captivating panorama.

Conclude your evening in a traditional restaurant, savoring a delightful dinner accompanied by the captivating sounds of Fado music, an essential part of our national culture. Enjoy a live Fado performance during dinner, allowing the essence and beauty of this Portuguese musical tradition, accompanied by the soulful notes of the Portuguese guitar, to enchant you.

Overnight in Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast & Breakfast

DAY 10 LISBON - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

You've delved into Portugal's rich history, relished the

enduring tastes of the Mediterranean that will linger in your memories, and forged lasting connections with newfound friends. You will be transferred to Lisbon airport as you bid a heartfelt goodbye as you get ready to embark on your homeward journey.

## Payment Policy & Insurance

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**Deposit: US\$ 500 Per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

**Deposit Date: 20th Dec, 2023**

**50% Deposit date: 23 May 2024**

Full Balance: 17th July 2024

*(Once the initial deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)*

## Insurance Policy

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## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ From the date of booking to 145 days before departure: \$500 per person Non-Refundable / Non-transferrable Deposit + interruption insurance cost (if purchased) + Cost of Air ticket if issued
- ◆ 144-90 days before departure: 50% of the cost per person
- ◆ 89 days or fewer before departure: **No refund is available.**

### Note:

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

All payment cut-off dates are firm, and missing deadlines without approved extensions will result in cancellations without refunds being offered.

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