



# GET AWAY FRIENDS ADVENTURE TO PORTUGAL

Featuring - Algarve- Lagos, Douro Valley, Lisbon, Porto

24 Mar, 2025 - 03 Apr, 2025

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
9 Nights / 11 Days	22 People	Los Angeles	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$ 4,799.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$ 799.00

## OVERVIEW

Begin your journey in Lisbon, exploring iconic landmarks like Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, and São Jorge Castle, and savoring authentic Portuguese cuisine. Next, visit Óbidos, a charming medieval town with well-preserved architecture and a historic castle. Continue to Nazaré, famous for its towering waves and fishing traditions, before heading to Coimbra, home to one of Europe's oldest universities and the stunning Joanina Library. In Évora, discover its historic center, featuring the Roman Temple and Cathedral of Évora, before journeying to the Douro Valley, one of the world's oldest wine regions. Explore terraced vineyards, visit a local winery for a tasting, and learn about Portugal's renowned Port wine. End your adventure in the Algarve, where you can relax on pristine beaches, admire dramatic cliffs, and soak in the charm of its coastal towns.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Lisbon	SMY Lisboa Hotel	3 Nights
Coimbra	Tivoli Coimbra	1 Night
Porto	Vincci Ponte de Ferro	1 Night
Douro Valley	The Vintage House	1 Night
Evora	M'AR De AR Muralhas	1 Night
Algarve- Lagos	Vila Gale Lagos	2 Nights

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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-Los Angeles (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ 09 Night's accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast,
- ◆ 2 Lunches in local restaurants (Nazaré and Coimbra);
- ◆ 1 Lunch and wine tasting in Douro (Quinta da Pacheca);
- ◆ 1 Lunch, visit and wine tasting in Monsaraz (Herdade do Esporão);
- ◆ Visits as per itinerary;
- ◆ Custard tart tasting (Pastéis de Nata) and Port wine tasting in Lisbon;
- ◆ Ginjinha tasting;
- ◆ Douro cruise in Pinhão (1hr);
- ◆ Moliceiro boat trip + ovos moles tasting + visit to the salt pans
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ Services of English-speaking Tour Manager
- ◆ Lisbon and Porto city taxes;
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges

## 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 | 24 Mar, 2025

Depart Los Angeles [-/-/-]

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

DAY 2 | 25 Mar, 2025

Lisbon Arrival [-/-/-]

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.

Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 3 | 26 Mar, 2025

Lisbon - sightseeing [B/-/-]

Following breakfast, convene with the tour guide to embark on an African Lisbon excursion. Join our African guide at the heart of Lisbon for a walking expedition lasting approximately 3 to 4 hours. Delve into the history of Portugal's involvement in the Atlantic Slave Trade, initiated in the early 15th century under the patronage of Prince Henry the Navigator. This abhorrent trade enslaved between 12 to 14 million Africans over four centuries, leaving an indelible mark on Portugal's trajectory.

During this guided stroll, explore the labyrinthine alleyways and grand boulevards, visit monuments, churches, and public squares entwined with the legacy of slavery. Gain insights into how Lisbon was shaped by this dark chapter of human history. Topics of discussion will encompass the origins of slavery in the Iberian peninsula, the genesis of the Atlantic Slave Trade, the Age of Discovery, the daily realities of enslaved individuals in historical Lisbon, Portugal's ties to Brazil, the path toward abolition in Portugal, the Portuguese colonies in Africa, and the resistance efforts led by African nationalists.

If time permits, we'll venture to the BelĂ©m quarter, renowned for its splendid 15th and 16th-century

landmarks. A brief pause at the BelĂ©m Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site and symbolic starting point of Portuguese maritime expeditions, and the Monument to the Discoveries, erected in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator's legacy, will be included. Additionally, indulge in a quintessential Portuguese treat, the Pastéis de BelĂ©m, accompanied by a glass of Port wine, tracing its origins back to a humble bakery established in 1837.

Afterwards, the afternoon will be yours to enjoy at your leisure back at the hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 4 | 27 Mar, 2025

Lisbon - Obidos - Nazare - Coimbra [B/L/-]

Following breakfast, complete your check-out and bid farewell to Lisbon as you set off for Ă©bidos, a picturesque destination near the capital known for its romantic ambiance. Renowned for its impeccably preserved castle, quaint handicraft shops nestled within ancient walls, and a captivating labyrinth of alleys lined with white houses, Ă©bidos offers an idyllic setting for leisurely strolls.

Upon arrival in Ă©bidos, a charming walled medieval town adorned with maze-like streets and historic dwellings, you'll have leisure time to admire the Gothic architecture. Take a moment to relax at a local cafĂ© or venture into one of the many wine shops to sample the renowned Ginja liqueur.

Next, pause for a delightful lunch in NazarĂ©, a charming fishing village, at the esteemed Restaurant Pangeia, where you can savor classic Portuguese dishes. Afterward, explore this beloved Portuguese vacation destination, taking in panoramic vistas of the rugged Atlantic coastline and capturing memorable photographs.

Following lunch, continue your journey to Coimbra, renowned as the birthplace of six Portuguese kings and home to one of the oldest universities in the world, Portugal's esteemed first university.

Check-in and relax. You have the entire evening at your

disposal to explore the charming city of Coimbra at your own pace. Take this opportunity to delve into the rich history and cultural tapestry of the city, perhaps by wandering through its cobblestone streets, soaking in the ambiance of its historic squares, or visiting notable landmarks such as the University of Coimbra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Alternatively, you may choose to indulge in a leisurely dinner at one of Coimbra's traditional restaurants, savoring delectable Portuguese cuisine paired with fine regional wines., or simply unwind with a quiet evening stroll along the banks of the Mondego River, taking in the city's illuminated skyline.

Overnight in Coimbra

DAY 5 | 28 Mar, 2025 Coimbra - Aveiro - Porto [B/L/-]

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll embark on a journey to Coimbra, a city steeped in history as the birthplace of six Portuguese kings and the esteemed location of Portugal's earliest university, renowned as one of the oldest in the world. Coimbra's venerable cathedral stands as a magnificent testament to Romanesque architecture in Portugal. Our exploration will lead us through the enchanting streets, staircases, courtyards, and medieval archways, immersing ourselves in the city's picturesque charm. We'll also traverse the bustling commercial center, brimming with lively cafes, pastry shops, restaurants, and boutiques.

For lunch, we'll dine at Restaurant Nacional in Coimbra, indulging in the flavors of Portuguese cuisine.

After lunch, our journey continues to Aveiro, often referred to as the 'Venice of Portugal'. This coastal gem is enveloped by salt flats, pristine beaches, and serene lagoons, with its central canal winding through the heart of the town. Here, you'll marvel at the iconic moliceiros, brightly painted fishing boats adorning the waterways. Aveiro's streets are adorned with pastel-hued Art Nouveau buildings, offering a blend of history, culture, and natural splendor.

During your time in Aveiro, you'll have the opportunity to explore the salt pans, delving into the rich history, traditions, and secrets surrounding this vital industry. Conclude your visit with a leisurely Moliceiro Cruise, where you'll have the chance to indulge in a tasting of

Ovos Moles, a delightful sweet specialty of Aveiro.

Our day culminates with our arrival 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 Lu s I Bridge, and indulge in a tasting of Porto's famed wines.

Upon arrival in Porto check in to the hotel and unwind after a day filled with exploration and discovery.

Overnight in Porto

DAY 6 | 29 Mar, 2025

Porto - Douro Valley - Pinhao [B/L/-]

Following breakfast, you'll begin your day with an introductory exploration of Porto before embarking on a journey to the breathtaking Douro Valley.

As you make your way through the picturesque Douro Valley Wine Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated as Europe's premier river destination, you'll be captivated by its stunning landscapes.

Your adventure continues with a guided tour of the exquisite Quinta da Pacheca, where you'll be warmly welcomed with a refreshing drink upon arrival. Indulge in a sumptuous lunch in a private setting.

Next, you'll venture to Pinh o and board a traditional Rabelo boat for a tranquil cruise along the serene waters of the Douro River. Navigate through the heart of the world's oldest demarcated wine region, also designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your journey begins in Pinh o, passing beneath the iconic Eiffel iron bridge, and continues upstream toward the scenic Tua area before returning. Along the way, marvel at the terraced vineyards cascading down the hillsides, uninterrupted by national roads or traffic. Despite retracing your steps, each perspective offers a fresh outlook on the mesmerizing landscapes of this remarkable region.

Conclude your day with a transfer to your hotel in Pinh o, where you can unwind and reflect on the day's unforgettable experiences.

Overnight in Douro Region/ Pinh o

DAY 7 | 30 Mar, 2025

Pinhao - Evora [B/-/]

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Porto at your own pace. Later in the morning, we'll journey to Évora, the capital of Portugal's Alentejo province.

Upon reaching Évora, delve into its UNESCO-listed compact historic center, a captivating museum-city with roots tracing back to Roman times. Flourishing during the 15th century as the favored residence of Portuguese kings, Evora boasts a unique charm characterized by whitewashed houses adorned with azulejos and ornate wrought-iron balconies dating from the 16th to the 18th century.

Strolling through the narrow streets of this pristine town, you'll be transported through the annals of time, passing by some of Evora's most iconic monuments. Marvel at the Roman Temple, the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral, the Saint Francis Church featuring its famed "Chapel of Bones," and the esteemed University. Immerse yourself in the rich history and beauty of this enchanting city..

Overnight in Évora

DAY 8 | 31 Mar, 2025

Evora - Monsaraz - Lagos (Algarve) [B/L/-]

After breakfast, embark on a journey to the breathtaking shores of the Algarve, Portugal's southernmost region. Along the way, pause to admire the awe-inspiring vistas from the quaint village of Monsaraz. Treat your senses to the rich flavors of full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during an immersive winery tour, tasting, and a delightful light lunch.

Experience a guided exploration of the esteemed wine estate, followed by a sumptuous lunch at Herdade do Esporão.

Upon reaching Lagos, revel in the fusion of Moorish and Renaissance influences amidst the backdrop of towering seaside cliffs. Lagos is a city steeped in history and intrigue, nestled within the scenic Western Algarve. With its vibrant seafaring heritage and captivating coastal scenery, Lagos promises an unforgettable experience.

Conclude your day with a warm welcome at the hotel,

where you'll check in and unwind after a day filled with exploration and discovery.

DAY 9 | 01 Apr, 2025

Lagos Day free at Leisure [B/-/ ]

You have the entire day to indulge in leisure activities and explore the stunning Algarve region at your own pace. Take advantage of this opportunity to bask in the sun-kissed beaches, where the golden sands meet the crystal-clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Whether you prefer to relax under a parasol with a good book or partake in thrilling water sports such as surfing, snorkeling, or kayaking, the Algarve offers endless opportunities for seaside enjoyment.

For those seeking cultural immersion, venture into the charming coastal towns and villages dotted along the coastline, each with its own unique charm and character. Explore historic sites, meander through picturesque streets lined with whitewashed buildings adorned with colorful tiles, and sample local delicacies at quaint cafes and restaurant

Overnight in Lagos (Algrave)

DAY 10 | 02 Apr, 2025

Lagos (Algrave) - Lisbon (B/-/-)

After breakfast, check-out and proceed to discover Lagos, renowned for its captivating inner-walled old town, picturesque harbor, imposing sandstone cliffs, and pristine beaches, as well as its authentic eateries and vibrant nightlife. Unlike other cities in the Algarve, Lagos prides itself on maintaining its unique character and relaxed atmosphere, resisting the pressures of mass tourism.

Embark on a Lagos Walking Tour, offering a leisurely exploration of the area's urban evolution and its significant role in world history. Uncover the secrets, stories, and myths of this ancient city, delving into its economy, society, and cultural heritage. Trace back to the Celtic Iron Age, where the first urban nucleus, Lacobriga, was established, and discover the Roman settlement's activities and archaeological treasures. Explore the medieval walls and urban layout, constructed by the Portuguese, before delving into the Modern Era and the influence of figures like Henry the Navigator in the age of discovery and slavery.

A pivotal moment in history awaits as you visit Europe's earliest slave market, the Slave Market (Mercado de Escravos), dating back to 1444, located within the old town. The Slave Market Museum provides insight into the history of slavery in Lagos and the Algarve since the arrival of the first African slaves in the mid-15th century. You'll also trace the path of the last individual convicted to death for a civil crime in Portugal and uncover the significance of King Dom Sebastião's statue in the main square.

Overnight in Lisbon

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: 25th April 2024**

50% Deposit: 25th September 2024 **[Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

Full Balance: 10th December 2024 **[Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

(Once the 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

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We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. Travel insurance is widely available to purchase. It is the personal responsibility of each traveler to ensure that they have adequate travel insurance coverage. Please read the policy details carefully. It is each traveler's personal responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover purchased is suitable and adequate for their particular needs. Voyages Hub will not be responsible or liable for any consequence of any nature arising from the failure to comply with the responsibility of providing adequate travel insurance cover.

Please contact Jean Freeman for your Travel Insurance Needs

**Please refer to the Get Away Friends Booking Agreement. Your booking and payment constitute acceptance of those terms.**

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## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ Starting from the booking date until September 25, 2024, a cancellation will incur a \$500 per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought and the cost of air ticket if issued
- ◆ Between September 26, 2024 and December 10, 2024, 50% of the tour price will be charged as a cancellation fee.
- ◆ From December 10, 2024, to March 24, 2025, canceling will result in the full tour price being charged with no possibility of a refund.

### 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.

### PLEASE NOTE

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