

# EXPLORE PORTUGAL

## Featuring - Lisbon, Porto

<b>DURATION</b> 7 Nights / 9 Days	<b>GROUP SIZE</b> 15 People	<b>AIRPORT</b> New York	<b>PRICE STARTING FROM</b> Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$4,999.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$999.00
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### OVERVIEW

Start your tour by exploring Lisbon's historic Alfama district, the Jerónimos Monastery, the Tower of Belém, and the Monument to the Discoveries. Continue your journey through the medieval towns of Óbidos, Alcobaça, Nazaré, and Batalha, discovering the Monastery of Alcobaça, the coastal allure of Nazaré, and the Gothic Monastery of Batalha before reaching Porto. In Porto, enjoy a half-day guided tour of key sites such as São Bento Railway Station, Clerigos Tower, and the historic Ribeira Plaza. On your return to Lisbon, visit Coimbra, famous for its esteemed university and historic ambiance, and Fátima, a renowned spiritual destination.

### ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NO. OF NIGHTS
Lisbon	Hotel Marques de Pombal	Day-2	Day-5	3 Nights
Porto	HF Fénix Porto Hotel	Day-5	Day-8	3 Nights
Lisbon	Hotel Marques de Pombal	Day-8	Day-9	1 Night

### DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **Roundtrip economy class return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ 04 nights hotel accommodation in Lisbon in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
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- ◆ Daily Breakfast,
- ◆ Entrance fees in Jerónimos Monastery, Alcobaça Monastery, Batalha Monastery, Coimbra University, S. Francisco church, Stock Exchange Palace, Porto Cathedral
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver-guide
- ◆ Porterage at the hotels.
- ◆ Lisbon and Porto City taxes
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

## ADD-ON

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**Day 7 - Braga & Guimaraes Old Town TourÂ (Minimum 6 Pax) : \$125**

**Day 4 - Full day Sintra and Cascais tour (Minimum 6 Pax) : \$150**

**Day 4 - Full-day tour to Evora, the white city (Minimum 6 Pax) : \$165**

**Day 7 - Full-Day Tour to Santiago de Compostela and ValenÃ§a do Minho (Minimum 6 Pax) : \$125**

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart USA/CANADA [-/-/-]

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

## DAY 2 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. Evening Enjoy your dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Lisbon

## DAY 3 Lisbon - Sightseeing [B/-/-]

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of Lisbon. Explore the labyrinthine alleys and winding staircases of the old town, where the lively sound of colorful streetcars fills the air, a favorite mode of transport among locals. Your tour will include the historic Alfama district and continue to Belém, where you'll visit the Jerónimos Monastery, the final resting place of several notable Portuguese figures. You'll also see the iconic Tower of Belém, built in the 16th century to guard the city from naval threats, and the Monument to the Discoveries, celebrating Portugal's pioneering explorers. You'll have the remainder of the day to relax and explore Lisbon at your own pace, experiencing the charm of Portugal's historic coastal capital.

Overnight in Lisbon

## 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 Sintra and the E Cascais: - USD 185 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 S'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 Pra'a 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 - Porto [B/-/-]

Depart Lisbon for Óbidos, a charming town known for its romantic atmosphere, preserved castle, and quaint shops within its walls. Wander through its maze of alleys and picturesque white houses. Next, head to Alcobaca to visit the Monastery of Alcobaca, the oldest in the region and home to the tombs of Portugal's most renowned lovers. Around noon, arrive in Nazaré, famed for its vibrant fishing culture and its crescent-shaped beach where you can witness some of the world's largest breaking waves. After lunch (not included), continue to the Monastery of Batalha, a prime example of Late Flamboyant Gothic architecture, constructed in the 14th century. Conclude your tour and transfer to your hotel in Porto for a free evening

Overnight in Porto

#### DAY 6

Porto - Sightseeing [B/-/-]

This morning, following breakfast at your hotel, prepare for a half-day tour of Porto. This guided excursion will take you to the key landmarks of Portugal's second-largest city. Your guide will share the fascinating history of Porto, also known as Invicta (the Unbeaten City), with tales of its heroes and battles. You'll visit the city's most vibrant and culturally significant areas, including Boavista Avenue, a major thoroughfare, and Foz, where the river meets the sea and where some of Porto's top museums and modern attractions are located. Next, you'll explore the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and see its most famous Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, and Neo-Classical sites. Highlights include the São Bento Railway Station, Clerigos Tower, Church of St. Francis, Lello Bookshop, Sta. Catarina Street, Majestic Café, and Bolhão Market. The tour will conclude with a visit to the impressive Porto Cathedral, featuring a stunning silver altarpiece, and a stroll along the Douro Riverbanks, offering views

of Ribeira Plaza and the D. Luís Bridge. After the tour, you'll have the rest of the afternoon and evening free to further explore and enjoy the city at your own pace.

Overnight in Porto

#### DAY 7

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 Sã 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: Day trip to Douro Valley - USD 205 Per person (minimum 4 pax)**

This full-day tour of the Douro Valley, renowned as one of the most stunning wine regions in the world! The day begins with a visit to one of the premier vineyards in the Douro Valley, where you'll learn about the Port wine production process and enjoy several tastings. If Port wine isn't your preference, you can opt to explore vineyards known for their table wines instead.

Additionally, you'll visit a local olive oil producer, as olive oil is a cherished product in the region. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic boat ride along the Douro River, where you'll have time to relax and capture beautiful views from various points. After the boat trip, you'll return to Porto for your final night in the city before traveling south to the capital.

Overnight in Porto

## DAY 8 Porto -Coimbra - Fatima - Lisbon [B/-/-]

After breakfast and check-out, you will be picked up from your hotel in Porto for a 3-hour drive to Lisbon. En route, you'll stop in Coimbra for some free time to explore and enjoy lunch.

Coimbra, the medieval capital of Portugal, is renowned for its prestigious University of Coimbra, founded in 1290. The city, rich in Portuguese history, is characterized by its vibrant mix of buildings that reflect nearly a thousand years of heritage. The historic center of Coimbra cascades down a hillside, offering a picturesque setting along the Rio Mondego.

After lunch (own expense), continue your journey to Fátima, the spiritual center of Portugal famous for the Marian apparitions that began on May 13, 1917. Visit the Sanctuary, the Basilica, and the Chapel of the Apparitions. Following your time in Fátima, proceed to

Lisbon. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring and relaxing in the Portuguese capital.

### **Add-on - Evening Fado show with dinner and transfers - USD 215 Per person (minimum 6 pax)**

Enjoy an evening at a live Fado performance. Fado, a musical genre deeply embedded in Portuguese culture, is a symbol of the nation, with its rich tradition especially prevalent in Lisbon's historic neighborhoods. This music, often associated with the sea or the lives of the less fortunate, is known for its sorrowful melodies and lyrics, evoking a sense of resignation and melancholy. As you listen to Fado, you'll also have the opportunity to savor traditional Portuguese dishes, offering a complete immersion into Lisbon's cultural heritage. Recognized by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, Fado promises a memorable experience. After the show and dinner, you'll be taken back to your hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon

## DAY 9 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]**

50% Deposit: 145 Days prior departure

Full Balance: 90 Days prior to departure

(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 Policy

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**We encourage everyone who books a VOYAGES HUB TOURS package, regardless of age or tour choice, to obtain a travel protection plan. While you intend to take that once-in-a-lifetime trip, illness, family emergencies, and other factors can derail your best-laid plans.**

VOYAGES HUB TOURS has teamed up with Travel Guard to provide a Travel Protection Plan specifically designed for U.S. residents. Feel free to email us to receive a quote, without any obligation to commit.

## 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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