Enchanting PORTUGAL

2024 April 29 — May 14

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2024 September 16 — October 1

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DAYS 1 & 2 GOODBYE CANADA, BOM DIA PORTUGAL!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport, where travellers departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your dedicated Group Guru and fellow travellers and fly overnight to Lisbon. Upon your arrival, our luxury coach takes you to your hotel to settle in, before an afternoon toast and welcome cocktail. Overnight in Lisbon. (L,D)

DAY 3 - DISCOVER LISBON & BELÉM

Spend the morning drawn in by the bohemian neighbourhoods of Bairro Alto and Chiado, decorated by pastel-hued buildings and yellow street cars. After lunch, follow the soft ocean breeze and travel to the Age of Discoveries on a guided tour featuring Santa Maria Church and the adjoining Jerónimos Monastery. Experience Pastéis de Belém, a local institution famous for its take on the sumptuous custard-filled pastel de nata. We promise your first bite won't be your last! After a stop at the Belém Tower, enjoy some time to explore Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 · EXPLORE ALFAMA & NATIONS PARK

Begin the morning by exploring the pedestrian avenues around Comércio Square, Rossio Square and the winding Alfama district. After a short break, make your way to the Parque das Nações neighborhood, a redeveloped area known for the striking Camões Theatre and Lisbon Oceanarium. After lunch, amble around Lisbon at your leisure or join us for a tour of the Oceanarium, the largest indoor aquarium in Europe. Overnight in Lisbon. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 DAY TRIP TO SINTRA, CASCAIS & ESTORIL

Fairytale Sintra is home to exotic gardens and exquisite palaces. Appreciate the Moorish architecture of Palácio Nacional before reaching Cabo da Roca, the striking viewpoint forming Europe's westernmost point. A relaxing afternoon tour takes you through the scenic resort towns of Cascais and Estoril. Overnight in Lisbon. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • MEDIEVAL ÓBIDOS & ROUTE TO PORTO (350 KM)

Walking tour of the medieval village of Óbidos, initially a Roman settlement during the peak of the empire. Enjoy seaside scenery in the resort towns of Nazaré and Batalha, where you will visit the famous Batalha Monastery, built in 1386. Overnight in Porto. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 TASTE PORTO

The colourful Baroque-influenced city of Porto will tickle your senses. Visit the Dom Luís I bridge, the Clérigos Church, the Porto Cathedral, the Church of São Francisco, as well as the lively Ribeira Square. Tour a leading port wine cellar, and learn about its unique production method before partaking in a deliciously orchestrated tasting. Overnight in Porto. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • WINE TASTING & DOURO CRUISE (272 KM)

Marvel at the enchanting towns surrounding Porto. Begin with Amarante,

famous for its pastries and the São Gonçalo Church. On to the town of Vila Real to explore its Casa Mateus gardens before sitting down for wine tasting in a Sabrosa winery. Set off on a river cruise from the port town of Pinhão and glide along the scenic Douro Valley. Overnight in Porto. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 AVEIRO, COIMBRA & TOMAR (266 KM)

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Aveiro, the "Venice of Portugal". On to history-filled Coimbra to discover its Moorish-era city center as well as its spectacular medieval university, dating back to 1290. In the afternoon, visit the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. Overnight in neighbouring Tomar. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 TOMAR, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR & ÉVORA (191 KM)

Explore the city of Tomar, former seat of the Knights Templar. Visit the Cristo Monastery located inside the Castelo de Tomar, the Synagogue, and the vast 17^{th} -century Pegões Aqueduct. Continue to the quaint town of Évora for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 DISCOVER ÉVORA

Guided tour of Évora, where you will see the Giraldo Square, Rua 5 de Outubro, the Roman Temple, São Francisco Church, as well as the chilling but appropriately named Chapel of Bones. Overnight in Évora. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 WINE TASTING & ALBUFEIRA (279 KM)

Enjoy a guided tour and wine tasting in a traditional Monsaraz cellar before heading south to the beautiful seaside resort town Albufeira, in the Algarve region. Overnight in Albufeira. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 · LAGOS & PONTA DA PIEDADE (188 KM)

Day trip to the fortified city of Lagos, where you will explore the old city as well as the Ponta da Piedade, a series of unique, jagged coastline arches and caves carved by the ocean over thousands of years. Enjoy a boat tour and explore these golden sea caves that contrast dramatically with the green crystal-clear water. Overnight in Albufeira. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 - ALBUFEIRA WANDERLUST

Discover the beaches on this idyllic coastline. Albufeira is a favourite for tourists and locals alike – the perfect place to relax, enjoy the sun and sample tasty Portuguese specialties. Overnight in Albufeira. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 ALBUFEIRA & FADO SHOW IN LISBON (255 KM)

Relax in Albufeira before making your way to Lisbon for our farewell dinner and authentic Fado show. Overnight in Lisbon. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 ' HOME SWEET HOME

Fly from Lisbon to Canada, with a same day arrival. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. (B)



THIS TOUR INCLUDES



TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Air Canada
- 14 nights in first class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage porterage throughout



FOOD & DRINK

- All 42 meals, including: 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 14 dinners
- Fado show and farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Specialty lunch in a Quinta (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Port wine tasting
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Savour your first Pastéis de Belém pastry
- Stroll through enchanting Sintra and its unique National Palace
- Navigate among vineyards while drifting through the Douro Valley
- Discover one of the world's most pristine beaches during your stay in Albufeira