

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Portugal: Porto, the Algarve & Lisbon

Saturday, November 3-Sunday, November 11, 2018

From \$2659 per person double occupancy; from \$2919 for single reservations

Tap into Portugal's sunny, seafaring spirit. Journey through the cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has ever known. Sip Port in the city it's named for and soak up the historic neighborhoods along the Douro River. Coast from beaches to tranquil fishing towns in the Algarve, and end your stay in Portugal's colorful capital city.

Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts, 3 three-course dinners
- 5 guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Porto's Old-World Ribeira district, Stock Exchange Palace
- Douro riverfront, Coimbra
- Évora's "Chapel of Bones", Sagres Fortress
- Jerónimos Monastery,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few downhill inclines.



Overnight Flight

Day 1 Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Porto today.

Porto

Day 2 **Arrival in Porto** **Included meals: Dinner**

Welcome to Portugal! Settle in to your hotel in the heart of this 2,000-year-old UNESCO World Heritage-listed city. Later, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3 **Sightseeing tour of Porto** **Included meals: Breakfast**

Get to know Porto like a true tripeiro (Porto resident) as you follow your local guide. • Wander the medieval lanes of the Old-World Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront • Pass citywide icons, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic São Francisco Church and the wrought-iron Maria Pia Bridge • Step inside the city's famed neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace Enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar \$49/pp

Float along the beautiful Douro, the Iberian Peninsula's third-longest river. Take in scenes of Porto's vibrant waterfront and historic Villa Nova de Gaia, home to the region's centuries-old Port wine warehouses. As you cruise, you'll drift under five of the river's most iconic Old-World bridges, passing colorful hillside villas and traditional rabelos (flat-bottomed boats) along the way. Back on shore, pay a visit to one of Porto's most prestigious Port wine cellars. During the guided tour, learn about the long-standing history of Port wine, as well as the ins and outs of Port production and warehousing. Then, sit down to taste three of the cellar's world-famous labels, paired with cheese. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$59)

Évora

Day 4 **Évora via Coimbra** **Included meals: Breakfast**

Drive south, and stop to explore Coimbra on a guided walking tour of the city's chapel and the country's first university. Later, settle in to your hotel in Évora.

The Algarve Region

Day 5 **Sightseeing tour of Évora** **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Before making your way to the sun-soaked Algarve region, follow a local guide as you stroll through the streets of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities. • Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework • Pass the remains of the Roman temple and enter the Chapel of Bones • Stop at the Alentejo Cork Factory for a tour, and get a closer look at the way corks are made

Day 6 **Lagos & Cape St. Vincent** **Included meals: Breakfast**

Discover the white-sand beaches, dramatic coastline and small towns of the Algarve region, southern Portugal's resort living hot spot. • Visit the seafaring towns of Lagos and Sagres, as well as Cape St. Vincent • Admire stunning views of the sea from Sagres Fortress

Lisbon

Day 7 **Sightseeing tour of Lisbon** **Included meals: Breakfast**

Head back north to Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, and embark on a guided tour. • Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park, then pass the Plaza del Marqués de Pombal and the Mouraria District • Discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém • Enter the Jerónimos Monastery, built to honor voyagers • Walk from Bairro Alto through Chiado square to the Baixa district in the heart of the city Enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Fado Dinner & Show \$85/pp**

Spend your evening at a Lisbon tavern listening to fado. Derived from the Latin word fatum—meaning “prophecy” or “fate”—fado is Portugal's national musical treasure. Fado's traditional theme is saudade, a word that doesn't quite translate to English but conveys a sense of both nostalgia and longing. Dinner is included during this memorable musical evening. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Day 8 **Free day in Lisbon** **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Spend a full free day exploring Lisbon on your own or add an excursion. Later, say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera \$59/pp

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Sintra and learn why the poet Lord Byron once called it a “glorious Eden.” Get a glimpse into royal life during a guided tour of the 19th-century, romanticist Pena Palace. This mountaintop site boasts picturesque gardens and sweeping views of the Portuguese countryside. After your tour, you'll have free time to stroll through Sintra, viewing its colorful villas, small shops, and impeccably manicured gardens. On your way back to Lisbon, take in the coastal scenery of the Portuguese Riviera. Stop in the old fishing village of Cascais to eat lunch and discover the town's winding, narrow streets, pastel-colored buildings, and bustling fish market before continuing back to Lisbon. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$69)

Day 9 **Departure** **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Lisbon.

Add an extension to Lisbon from \$309 2 nights

Day 9 **Free day in Lisbon** **Included meals: Breakfast**

Enjoy another free day in Lisbon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Religious Heritage of Tomar & Fátima \$85/pp

Enjoy a short drive to Tomar where you'll take a guided tour of the city's UNESCO-listed church, the Convent of Christ. This 12th-century site served as a fortress for the Knights Templar and features eight cloisters which were built between the 15th and 16th centuries. Transfer to Fátima where you'll explore this religiously significant town, most widely known for the story of three young cousins who saw apparitions of an angel in 1916. After that, the village became a pilgrimage site and has drawn Christians for decades. Enter two of the young cousins' homes, known as the houses of Jacinta, and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Fátima. Later, enjoy free time to grab lunch, shop at stalls selling religious articles and explore on your own. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Day 10 Free day in Lisbon Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Old World Portugal: Medieval Óbidos and Nazaré \$99/pp

Escape Lisbon's bustle and spend the day relaxing by the sea in the medieval villages of Óbidos and Nazaré. Picturesque cobblestone streets and color-trimmed buildings make up the romantic village of Óbidos, where you'll pay a visit to Santa Maria Church to admire the colorful ceiling paintings and 17th-century tiles. You'll also have the chance to view the medieval Óbidos castle, known as one of the seven wonders of Portugal. Next, journey to the fishing village of Nazaré for lunch and spectacular coastline views. Spend some time looking out on Nazaré's brightly colored fishing vessels before continuing to Batalha, where you'll enter the UNESCO World Heritage-listed monastery before making your way back to Lisbon. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$109)

Day 11 Departure Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.