

## **Escorted Package Includes**

- 8 nights First Class accommodations
  - 3 nights Porto
  - 1 night Tomar
  - 1 night Evora
  - o 3 nights Lisbon
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 12 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing via modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager
- Services of local guides per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

# **Your Daily Itinerary**

DAY 1, Sunday, May 31, 2026 - Depart for Portugal Depart Hilton Head for Lisbon, Portugal

#### DAY 2, Monday, June 1 - Arrive in Porto

Arrive in Porto and transfer to your hotel. Most flights arrive in the early morning and your room may not be ready for you. In this case, leave your luggage with the concierge and your Tour Manager will provide suggestions for you to begin to explore the city on your own. Your tour will begin with an orientation with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 5 PM

Overnight: Porto Meals: Dinner







DAY 3, Tuesday, June 2 - Porto City Tour

Today, embark on a sightseeing tour of Porto with a local guide. Take a panoramic drive to the mouth of the Douro River and visit the Church of Sao Francisco and the Stock Exchange, renowned for its exquisite neoclassical façade and ornate gilded Arabian Hall. Finish the tour with a visit to a Port wine cellar for a tasting. Spend the balance of the day at leisure or choose to participate in the *optional* Douro River Cruise with meal. Embark on a boat ride along the colorful river valley, viewing the city from a new perspective. Pass by the numerous port wine cellars and under the magnificent bridges crossing the valley. Afterwards, a meal of local specialties in a typical restaurant with drinks is included

**Optional: Douro River Cruise with meal (PM)** 

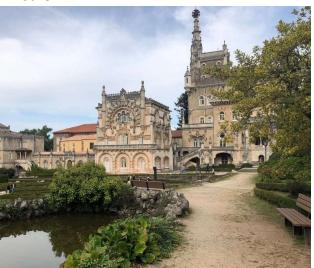
Overnight: Porto Meals: Breakfast

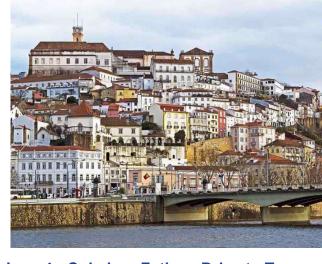
#### DAY 4, Wednesday, June 3 - Full Day in Porto

Spend the day at leisure to explore this UNESCO World Heritage city or choose to join the *optional* full day Medieval Portugal tour. Start with the town of Guimaraes for a walk through the medieval alleys. Then, head inland to the heart of Minho province to the former Roman 'Bracara Augusta'. Here, drive to the top of the 1,300 foot high hill of Bom Jesus, from where you can overlook the city of Braga and admire the famous Holy Way staircase, the most popular place of pilgrimage in the north of Portugal. Savor a delicious lunch before returning to the hotel late afternoon

**Optional: Full Day Medieval Portugal** 

Overnight: Porto Meals: Breakfast





#### DAY 5, Thursday, June 4 - Coimbra, Fatima, Drive to Tomar

This morning, drive south through the to Coimbra, the third-largest city in Portugal, to visit the University of Coimbra, among the oldest universities in Europe, with more than 700 years of history. In the afternoon, drive to Fatima, one of the most important Catholic shrines in the world dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Its Sanctuary welcomes millions of pilgrims from all over the world. Fatima's fame is due to the Apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in 1917. Here, visit the great Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary built in neoclassical style, flanked by colonnades linking it with the extensive convent. Continue your journey to Tomar, one of Portugal's historical jewels for dinner and overnight

**Overnight**: Tomar **Meals**: Breakfast, Dinner

# DAY 6, Friday, June 5 - Convent of Christ, Castelo de Vide, Drive to Evora

Start the day with a visit to the hilltop Convent of Christ with its famous Manueline window. Later, drive south and cross the Tagus river. Stop in Castelo de Vide and take a stroll through the old Jewish Quarter. Here you can find one of the oldest synagogues in the country, although all that remains is one modest little room. Stop at a cork factory to learn about how cork is harvested from the bark of a tree and processed into one of Portugal's major exports. Continue to Evora for dinner





#### DAY 7, Saturday, June 6 - Evora City Tour

This morning, take a guided tour of Evora. Discover the town's massive walls and Roman Temple, early Gothic Cathedral, and Sao Francisco Church that is famous for its Ossuary chapel, whose walls are decorated with thousands of human bones and skulls. Head on to see Evora's main square, the Praça do Giraldo and the cobbled streets of this former royal town. Later, continue to Lisbon, one of the oldest cities in Europe, over 2,000 years old, and the capital of Portugal since 1147. Tonight, attend the *optional* Fado Dinner. Travel to one of Lisbon's oldest districts and join one of the popular performances of local songs accompanied by a gentle guitar playing Portuguese melodies. Have dinner with wine before a brief drive through the illuminated city

**Optional: Fado Dinner (PM)** 

Overnight: Lisbon Meals: Breakfast





#### DAY 8, Sunday, June 7 - Lisbon City Tour

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, a monument to Portugal's Age of Discovery and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to visit the Jeronimos Monastery, an impressive symbol of the country's power and wealth and resting place of explorer Vasco da Gama. Time for lunch on your own in this delightful setting before an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps join the *optional* tour to quaint Sintra, the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. Then enjoy some free time in the Village Historical Center before returning to Lisbon

**Optional: Half Day Sintra Tour (PM)** 

Overnight: Lisbon Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 9, Monday, June 8 - Full Day in Lisbon's Countryside

Spend a full day excursion to explore the countryside around Lisbon. The first stop on the northbound journey is medieval Obidos, with its historic center, and a labyrinth of cobblestone streets, whitewashed houses, and beautiful vistas. Continue to Alcobaça to visit the Church of Santa Maria. It was the first building in Portugal to adopt the Gothic style and is the largest church in the country. See the decorated tombs of King Pedro I and his lover Inês de Castro. Lastly, stop at the charming fishing harbor of Nazaré before heading back to Lisbon. Tonight, a delectable dinner of Portuguese specialties awaits you at a local restaurant

Overnight: Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Tuesday, June 9 - Depart Portugal Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast



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