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## 12 Days Itinerary

# Discover Portugal & Spain, The Ultimate Tour

- Day 1** Welcome to Portugal and Lisbon!  
Lisbon roots, food and cultural private walk 2:00 PM (3hr 30min)
- Day 2** Private guided tour of Lisbon
- Day 3** Private tour of Sintra & Lisbon Coast 8:00 AM (8hr 30min)
- Day 4** Transfer from Lisbon to Porto stopping in Obidos & Aveiro
- Day 5** Private guided tour of Porto
- Day 6** Full day tour of Douro Valley
- Day 7** Porto - Seville  
Seville Flamenco & Tapas Experience
- Day 8** Private guided tour of Seville Old Quarter
- Day 9** OPTION 1: Seville - Olive Oil Mill Tour with Tasting  
OPTION 2: Seville - Iberian Ham Tour  
OPTION 3: Southernmost Spain's beaches, villages and delicacies!
- Day 10** Seville - Grazalema whitewashed villages - Granada
- Day 11** Private guided tour of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens  
Free time in Granada. Optional: Granada Hammam Baths

Day 1



Welcome to Portugal!

Upon arrival at Lisbon Airport, our driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals hall to transfer you to your hotel.



2:00 PM

Start Time

5:30 PM

End Time

3hr 30min

Duration

In the afternoon, our guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for a private foodie route of Lisbon.

You will stroll around ancient off-the-beaten-path neighborhoods of Lisbon, where you will feel and taste what locals taste and enjoy every day, out of the crowded and touristy places.

Along this foodie walk, not only will you taste real Portuguese food, but our guide will also give you a unique glimpse into the fascinating history of ancient Lisbon, taking you further into the origins of fado music, local culture, architecture and history of the city.

You will stop in different local bars, taverns and restaurants, where you will be introduced to the local cuisine, its culture and its influences, and where you will taste the icons of Portuguese food.

## Day 2



Today morning, your guide will meet you at your hotel for a private guided tour of Lisbon.

You will discover the beauty of Lisbon's old quarter. You will also visit Belém Tower, sitting at the Tagus riverside, and the imposing Jerónimos Monastery, both elevated to World Heritage status by UNESCO, and two of the '7 Wonders of Portugal' that have dominated this landscape for 500 years.

In the afternoon, free time to explore the city.

## Day 3



8:00 AM

Start Time

4:30 PM

End Time

8hr 30min

Duration

## Meeting Point

At the lobby of your hotel

Today, you will enjoy a day away from the hustle and bustle of Lisbon on a visit to nearby sites of natural and architectural beauty.

Your guide will take you on a visit to the main highlight in Sintra, the colorful Pena Palace, considered one of the most beautiful palaces in the world. Located on the top of Sintra Hill, this 19th-century palace is a symbol of Romanticism in Portugal.

The historical village center is pedestrian so you will have some free time for shopping and walking around.

It's lunchtime and we recommend a sea view at the beach close to the westernmost cliff in Europe, where you can have the best fresh fish.

The tour will continue in Roca Cape, the westernmost point of Continental Europe and a perfect place for a photo. And then straight to Cascais and stop for a walk through its pedestrian streets, the charming resort area with a lot of stories to tell.

The tour ends with a fantastic trip along the coast, by the Portuguese Riviera from Cascais back to Lisbon.

## Day 4



Today morning, our driver/guide will meet you at your hotel to transfer you on a private car/van from Lisbon to Porto. On the way, you will make a halt in some of the most beautiful villages in Portugal.

On today's journey, you will get to know the medieval town of Obidos and its castle, and the Portuguese Venice, Aveiro.

The medieval town of Obidos is one of the most picturesque and well preserved in Portugal.

The town has had strategic importance in the territory. It had already been settled prior to the Romans' arrival in the Iberian Peninsula, and the town prospered after being chosen by the royal family.

King Dinis offered it to his wife, Queen Isabel, in the 13th century, and it became part of Casa das Rainhas (Queens' Estate), who improved and enriched it throughout the various dynasties. This is one of the main reasons for the high concentration of churches in this small place.

Here you will visit a very well preserved castle, and stroll amongst the maze of streets and squares within the walls, passing by the typical white houses decorated with Manueline porticoes and colorful windows.

Your last stop before reaching Porto will be Aveiro. The capital of the Ria, a vast lagoon where the freshwater of the River Vouga joins with the sea, Aveiro is intersected by canals, genuine streets of water, along which can be seen gliding the brightly colored boats known as barcos moliceiros. Today you will embark on a moliceiro and enjoy the views from the canals. Aveiro was originally founded in the time of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius and is now one of the most interesting cities on the Portuguese coast.

Of course, you won't leave this village without trying the regional pastries, in which eggs and sugar are magical. Let "ovos moles" conquer your taste as if they were little pieces of sweet gold!

## Day 5



Today morning, our guide will meet you at Porto's Town Hall for a half day tour of Porto city.

You will first visit the famous Harry Potter Bookshop (Lello Bookshop) and the Clérigos Tower. Your tour will continue through the Old Jewish Quarter, be amazed by the breathtaking views!

After wards you will go to the Railway Station of Saint Bento, here you will discover the meaning and history of the city and the Portuguese Age of Exploration through the tiles that surround the inside of the building.

The tour will finish at the Cathedral, where you will visit the old alleys and narrow streets, where locals do still live nowadays. Through the stairway of Verdades, you shall go to the Ribeira quarter where you'll discover the iron bridge of Luís I, colorful UNESCO houses and the Douro River.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.

## Day 6



Today morning our driver/guide will pick you up in your hotel for a full day Private tour at the Douro Valley region.

The Douro Valley could easily be called the enchanted valley, due to the beauty and magic that its landscapes offer. Boundaries were determined for the Douro Valley's vineyards in 1756, making it the oldest demarcated wine region in the world. Grape harvest and wine production goes back 2,000 years, however, and the support of the people led to the vineyards' recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The terraced fields on either side of the Douro River are breathtaking and unique to the region. Strong and sweet, Port wine is the Douro Valley's cultural treasure and has been attracting international wine aficionados since the 18th century.

After visiting the terrace fields, you will visit the oldest winery in Douro Valley where you will taste the famous PORT wines.

You will enjoy a typical lunch in a local restaurant, where lunch will start with a tasting of the gold delicacy, the olive oil.

After lunch, you will discover the Douro from a different point of view, as you will embark on a semi-private boat for an unforgettable ride along the river.

Before going back to the hotel, you will stop at the viewpoint of the Casal de Loivos, where you could take breathtaking pictures of the landscape.

## Day 7



Today morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to the airport, where you will take a plane to Seville. Upon arrival in Seville, our local driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



In the evening, you will enjoy a small-group passionate evening of tapas and flamenco in the magical old town of Seville. Along this tour, you will discover why Seville is the true home of tapas, and experience the mysteries, the emotion and the power of true flamenco.

First, you will dive into two family-run taverns where your expert English-speaking guide will give you the keys to eat tapas like a local. Over the places of delicious acorn-fed Iberian ham and local wines, your guide will then lead you through a fascinating explanation of the roots and mysteries of flamenco - from its unclear origins to its current worldwide fame.

After the tapas experience, you will head for the show, which is tucked in the city's gorgeous Santa Cruz neighborhood, in a fabulous 15th-century building, where you will experience the power, passion and sheer drama of real flamenco.

After the performance, you will sit down for dinner at a hidden family-run tapas bar that serves up incredible freshly cooked tapas, local wines and, of course, dessert. The perfect end to a magical evening in Seville!

## Day 8



Today morning, our guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of the old part of the city and its most emblematic monuments. Along this tour, you will have a walking tour around the Sta. Cruz quarter, where you will visit the Cathedral and Giralda Tower, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Royal Alcazar, which was one of the film settings of Game of Thrones...

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city and some other heritage sites such as Spain Square, Maria Luisa Park or Triana Quarter.

## Day 9



Today morning, you will head to the Hacienda Guzmán for one of the most unique experiences in Spain.

You will enjoy a visit to Hacienda Guzmán, where you will learn and taste the Spanish golden liquid.

The olive history of the Hacienda Guzmán goes back more than five centuries ago, when Hernando Colón, son of Cristóbal Colón, exported the olive oil produced in the Hacienda to the Americas.

Between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, each of the three towers of the farm housed a beam mill, which made it one of the largest olive oil factories in the world. Today, Hacienda Guzmán, which has a 15-meter-long mill and mahogany beam dating back to the 17th century, offers a faithful recreation of the traditional process and is a reflection of the reality of the current olive sector, with innovative facilities that allow to obtain the most select olive oil.

Hacienda Guzmán opens its doors to a center of world reference in the field of oil. Visit its facilities and you will appreciate the extraordinary richness and complexity of the world of olive oil in a unique environment.





Today morning, together with our guide/driver, you will dive into the Andalusian countryside, the Aracena Mountains, and one of its deepest food traditions, which you will be able to get to know from the origins.

You will explore Aracena area, where you will visit the Iberian pigs grazing lands and the ham curing rooms of a family-run business.

After touring the facilities, you will end up of course, tasting some of this excellent local produce at the dining room of the family.

Definitely, a great local approach to our culture and people and to two of the most valued Spanish produce.

After this experience, you will have lunch in a local restaurant off the beaten track and crowds, and then back to Seville.



This day trip will take you on a discovery journey of the coastline, towns and gastronomy of this rather undiscovered part of the country, with a native local host.

You will start your day by being driven from Seville to the colonial city of Cádiz, which hosts one of the liveliest and authentic local markets in Andalusia. Once in Cadiz, you will do a tour of the market, stopping in selected stalls to buy a series of local delicacies for a gourmet picnic on the beach. Iberian ham, payoyo cheese, olives, mojama, chicharrones, fresh fruits, freshly baked bread, wine and sweets will fill your picnic basket for today's beach feast!

After discovering the charm of Cádiz and of its market, you will travel to the quaint little village of Vejer de la Frontera or simply Vejer. There you will be taken on a guided tour that will make you understand why it is considered by many people the most beautiful village of Spain.

Your adventure will continue with a short drive to an unspoilt beach where you will be able to swim, sunbathe, walk and/or simply relax while your local host fixes you a cocktail and prepares your gourmet picnic. You will be able to enjoy a selection of local treats overlooking the Atlantic ocean and the African continent.

After lunch and some more time to relax, you will be driven back to Seville.

## Day 10



Today, our driver/guide will take you around the beautiful Grazalema Mountain, where the green landscape, the rocks and the rivers merge with the beautiful whitewashed villages...a real immersion into the Andalusian countryside and traditional villages.

You will absorb the tranquillity as you meander through the narrow, charismatic streets and open squares, noting the blend of Arabic layout and design with eighteenth century grandeur and ornamentation.

From village to village, you will pass through the stunning surroundings of lush Mediterranean woodlands and high mountain passes, with each white-washed population cluster separated by impressive scenery.

You will reach Ronda, dramatically perched on top of a deep gorge and considered one of the most beautiful villages in Spain.

In the afternoon, transfer to Granada.

\*\*You will have lunch in a traditional local restaurant, but not included.

## Day 11



Today morning, our driver and guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

It was originally created for military purposes, but it became a residence of kings. It was a fortress, a palace, Arab, Christian...all these features explain many distinctive features of this impressive World Heritage Site, which, as a historic monument, is unlikely to be surpassed. This place where fountains trickle, leaves rustle, and ancient spirits seem to mysteriously linger, enchants all expectant visitors.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.



Today afternoon, free time to keep exploring and enjoying the beautiful city of Granada.

Do not miss a walk around the old quarters of Albayzin and Sacromonte.

You can also visit the **Alcaicería**, which is the Arabic-style bazaar featuring vendors selling miniatures, purses, souvenirs & jewelry. (Address: 1, Alcaicería St.).

If you wish a more natural stroll, do not miss the **Paseo de los Tristes**, which offers stunning views of the Alhambra and begins at the point where it crosses the Bridge of the Chirimias; the Chirimias are a kind of flute that was once played from a balcony or veranda built there for such use. Although the Paseo de los Tristes is officially called Andres Manjon, it is known by this name because funeral processions on the way to the cemetery once passed through it.

If you wish to have a sensory experience, you can attend the **Old Hammam Baths**, the first old Arab Baths (15th century) to be reopened in Europe, where you will be able to feel the scents of the past.

## Day 12



Today, at the scheduled time, our driver will transfer you to Malaga airport to take your flight back home.





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## 10 Days Itinerary

# Ultimate Portugal Tour for Foodies

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- Day 1** Welcome to Lisbon!
- Day 2** Private half-day tour of the Old Lisbon, Gastro and Culture  
Dinner at a local home in Lisbon
- Day 3** Countryside Lunch in Bucelas
- Day 4** Private guided tour of Evora & Estremoz with a visit to a traditional Quinta
- Day 5** Private walk through olive oil trees with tasting & picnic lunch by the lake
- Day 6** From Alentejo to the Douro Valley Exploring the Schist Villages of Portugal
- Day 7** Full-day tour of Douro Valley 8:30 AM (8hr)
- Day 8** Porto for Food and Wine Lovers
- Day 9** Local Matosinhos Market Tour & Cooking Class
- Day 10** Porto - USA

## Day 1



Welcome to Lisbon!

Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.

## Day 2



Today, our guide will pick you up to enjoy a gastronomic, cultural and historical journey around the streets of Lisbon.

You will stroll through the main squares and avenues on a walking tour in the old district of Alfama, St. Jorge Castle (visit included), Baixa and Chiado.

During this tour, your guide will take you to taste some of the finest specialties of Portuguese gastronomy and local typical cuisine, as well as a pairing with Portuguese wines.



Today evening, you will enjoy a unique experience. You will share an informal and relaxed dinner in a private home. Our local family hosts will welcome you and prepare a traditional Portuguese meal for you. Besides sharing the dinner table with them, you will learn about daily life in Portugal, exchange experiences and stories, and feed lasting bonds.

**Menu:**

Starters: Portuguese olives, smoked sausages plate, mackerel fillets in vinaigrette sauce, Alheira (bread and poultry sausage) puff pastry

Main course: Octopus à Lagareiro or Duck Rice

Desserts: Curd cheese with homemade pumpkin jam and family recipe of chocolate mousse

Drinks: Selection of Portuguese wines (red, white, and Verde), beer, water, Port dessert wine, coffee.

### Day 3



Today, you will get to know the story of a place. An event to taste and savor, where substance and story meet charm and bonding with local farmers and charming hosts Veronica and Vitor around a communal dining table.

During this countryside lunch/dinner served at this private estate, not open to the public, you will be able to unwind, enjoy the farm, and unwind in a serene and charming environment that brings together local food, nature, and enjoyable conversation and laughter.

The meal, cooked by the lady of the house, brings the freshest ingredients to the table in a home-cooked feast. Food will be authentic and rustic Portuguese flavors, fresh fish and seafood, meats and smoked sausages, lots of salads, and roasted vegetables. Traditional Portuguese desserts to end your lunch on the sweetest of notes.

An experience that leaves hosts and guests as lifelong friends.

After lunch, our driver will transfer you back to your hotel in Lisbon.

## Day 4



Today morning, our driver/guide will pick you up at your hotel in Lisbon and transfer you to your hotel in the Alentejo region, but on the way you will make some halts to discover the heartland of Alentejo.

First, you will explore the UNESCO World Heritage City of Évora, where you will experience a walking tour around this historical town. Its neuralgic center was founded in the Roman period and holds an architectural pearl of this period: a very well-preserved Roman temple. Another singular gem is the biggest chapel of bones in Portugal, which may impress sensitive minds because the interior of this Franciscan Chapel is entirely covered by human bones.

Your next stop will be the village of Estremoz, known for its white houses and marble stone quarries. You will enjoy a walk around its amazing historical center, stage of several battles and home Kings and Queens of Portugal.

After visiting this charming city, your next stop will be the winery of the traditional Quinta. It is an old estate built exclusively for a King's mistress and to use when the King was traveling around there. Today, they produce great prize-winning wine.

Nevertheless, the most unique thing is that you will be having lunch inside the 18th century family Manor House, covered with Portuguese baroque white and blue tiles and decorated with many other pieces of art and old furniture...a real travel back in time. Mrs. Isabel, the owner of the "hacienda", will be your host. She will explain everything about the history of her family and their wine. You will not feel merely as a guest, you will feel at home.

After lunch, our driver will transfer you to your hotel in the Alentejo region.



## Day 5



Today, together with our guide, you will discover the natural and agricultural landscape of the estate - including its old olive oil mill room, the ancient bee garden, the winery and the bullring. You will go across the olive trees trail, some of them with more than a thousand years old, and the estate's own vineyards.

This tour will allow you to get to know the productive activities of the Alentejo and try its local produce: organic olive oil, the estate's hand-harvested olives seasoned with orange, the artisanal bread of the nearby village of Baldio and the very traditional olive oil cake.

You will end up your guided hike at the Alqueva lake, where you will enjoy a picnic lunch consisting of traditional local produce and wine.

## Day 6



This amazing and unexpected tour will take you completely “off the beaten track” to one of Portugal’s hidden gems. The schist villages are located along the center of the country, and because of their remote location and not easy access, they remain still a secret, even for Portuguese tourists.

Schist is the characteristic rock for specific regions along Portugal’s countryside. A long time ago, shepherds and farmers from those areas found a use for this stone to keep their small houses warm mainly over winter. These villages and their unique architecture are now preserved and still have the authenticity of the real Portugal. Today’s adventure, on the way to Douro Valley, will take you to one of these charming places.

After leaving Évora, and with a long way ahead of us, we’ll drive you through the plains of Alentejo, and have a farewell sightseeing tour heading north. This is a very special moment for you because everything is about to change! The “Drylands” will stay behind, and the landscape will turn hilly, with plenty more water from streams and small waterfalls.

But, before that, we’ll make a short stop in Golegã. This small village is known as the capital of the Lusitano horse. If we are lucky, you’ll be able to see a few horses around.

You’ll arrive in Lousã around lunchtime. Besides having lunch in a traditional restaurant, you’ll visit the schist village of Candal and its unique features. Our tour guide will explain everything about the place, the people, and their way of life, past and present.

When you are ready, we’ll get back on the road. Always heading north, the 2-hour drive will take you to your next Destination the Douro Valley.

**Day 7**



<p><b>8:30 AM</b> Start Time</p>	<p><b>4:30 PM</b> End Time</p>	<p><b>8hr</b> Duration</p>
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**Meeting Point**  
At the lobby of Pousada do Porto Hotel

This morning, our driver/guide will pick you up at your hotel for a full-day tour of the Douro Valley, where you will discover this UNESCO World Heritage Site, its wineries, and national cuisine at the highest level!

The Douro Valley could easily be called the enchanted valley, due to the beauty and magic that its landscapes offer. Boundaries were determined for the Douro Valley’s vineyards in 1756, making it the oldest demarcated and regulated wine region in the world.

The terraced fields on either side of the Douro River are breathtaking and unique to the region. Get ready to admire incredible landscapes that only locals know where to find and hear stories of brave people who became the forefathers of the oldest wine region in the world.

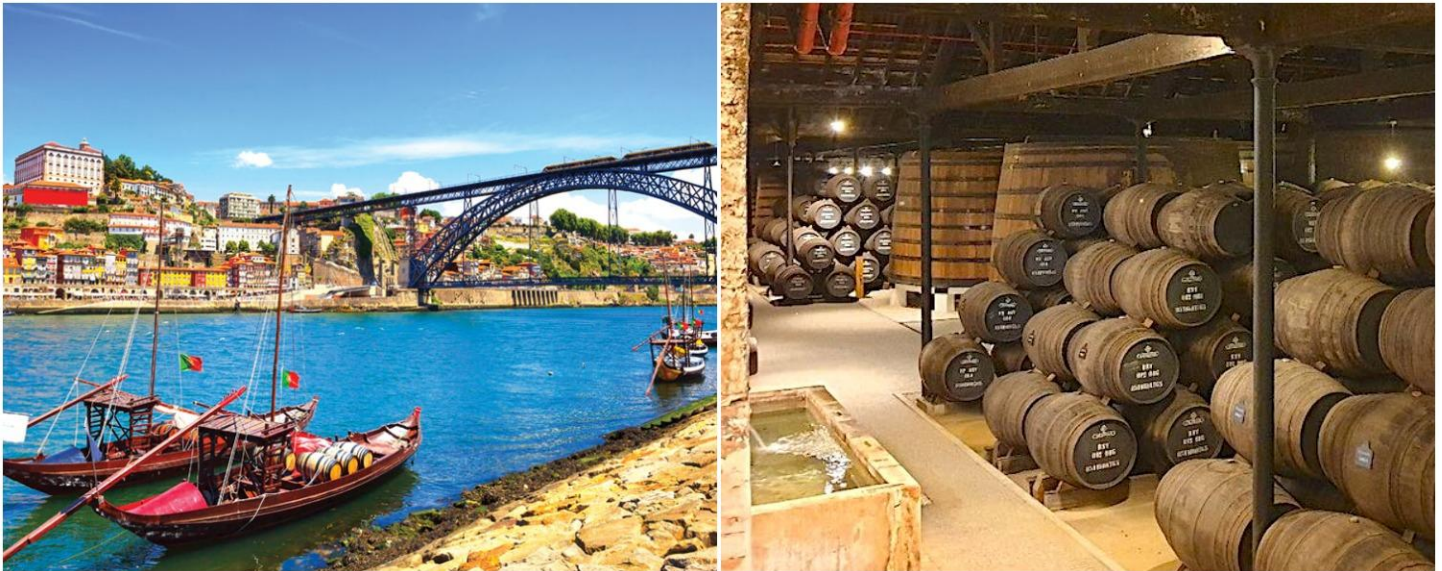
After exploring the terrace fields, you will visit an extraordinary winery in Douro Valley, where you will taste the famous Port wines. Strong and sweet, Port wine is the Douro Valley's cultural treasure and has been attracting international wine lovers since the 18th century.

Then, you will be ready for a unique lunch at the winery.

After lunch, you will discover the Douro from a different point of view, as you will embark on a private boat for an unforgettable ride along the river.

You will also stop at the viewpoint of the Casal de Loivos, where you will be able to take breathtaking pictures of the landscape before heading to your hotel again.

## Day 8



Today, together with our local expert guide, you will discover how a wine changed the faith of a city (Porto), and of an entire country (Portugal). The Port Wine trade gave the people of Porto the power and the money necessary to create a brand new territory and send its name and brand out to the world.

A nice stroll around Porto's World Heritage Site will show you the old Porto (the historical neighborhoods) and the "modern" part (the 18th and 19th century new avenues, squares and parks) built to accommodate a new lifestyle and also new "modern" families.

Starting by the modern Porto, you will visit the Clérigos Tower (the symbol of Porto), the main square (Aliados Avenue), the unforgettable São Bento train station and a short stop nearby Porto's cafés for a treat.

In the old town, the main attraction is Porto's Cathedral and the picturesque narrow cobblestone streets running downhill towards the Douro river. We'll use the most beautiful one to take us down to the riverbank, where the Port Wine related history and stories took place. This part of the city was all about trade, merchants, wine and money. And, in a lot of details, still reflects that.

Along this morning walk, you will also be stopping in some of the iconic food stops of the city: Bolhao Market and traditional shops, where you will be sampling some bites.

A food tour of Porto couldn't be complete without a traditional francesinha for lunch.

After lunch, the adventure continues. First with a short sightseeing tour to the place in the city where some British families decided to settle in Porto. Today, it is one of the fanciest places to live in the city, still. Driving slowly along the river, you will head towards the Port Wine district, located across the river from Porto, in the city of Vila Nova de Gaia. By car, you will witness the size and grandeur of all the huge warehouses where all the Port Wine is stored, aging, and getting ready to be shipped around the world.

From all the companies located here, we have selected for you a very special one. Here, you will go on a private tour to their warehouses and private vintage cellar, ending the tour with a very complete Premium tasting and experience (from a simple Ruby to a complex Tawny and Colheita).

To end today's adventure on its higher note, we'll take you to another Port Wine company for a special tasting of Vintage Port Wines.

## Day 9



Matosinhos is the idyllic scenery of beach and ocean, and a paradise for seafood lovers.

Open since the first half of the 20th century, Matosinhos Market manages to combine the tradition of the old markets, where visitors fill their eyes with the variety of delicacies and fresh products exposed in small stalls, with stunning architectural beauty.

Open your appetite and learn from the Chef instructor all the clues to get the best and freshest ingredients for your Practical Class of Portuguese Cuisine.

With appetizer, soup, main dish and dessert, you will be enchanted with the menu, dully accompanied by some of the best Portuguese wines.

You will enjoy a ride in a Land Rover Defender by the coastline, where the noise and the smell of the sea precede the calmness of the river waters, awakening all the senses necessary to enhance the Culinary experience that will follow.



Today, at the appointed time, our driver will transfer you to Porto airport to take your flight back home.





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## 15 Days Itinerary

# Unforgettable Portugal, A Journey to Remember

- Day 1 Welcome to Portugal and Lisbon!
- Day 2 Private tour of the Old Lisbon: Gastro and Culture 09:00 (6hr)
- Day 3 Private guided tour of Sintra & Lisbon Coast
- Day 4 Transfer from Sintra to Porto stopping in Obidos
- Day 5 Private sidecar tour of Porto 14:30 (3hr)
- Day 6 Foodies tour in Porto old town
- Day 7 Full-day tour of the Douro Valley with hiking 08:30 (8hr 30min)
- Day 8 Porto - Faro
- Day 9 Private sailing experience in the Algarve Coast 09:15 (5hr 15min)
- Day 10 Private hiking tour of the Seven Hanging Valleys 12:00 (8hr)
- Day 11 Algarve to Comporta along Algarve and Costa Vicentina
- Day 12 Option 1: Horse-back riding on the beach of Comporta  
Option 2: Ebike tour Comporta
- Day 13 Alentejo Offroad Jeep Tour: a trip into a wild nature and traditions paradise

Day 14 Free day in Comporta

Day 15 Lisbon - USA

## Day 1



Welcome to Portugal!

Upon arrival at Lisbon Airport, our driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals hall to transfer you to your hotel.

After checking in, you'll have as much time as you'd like to unwind after your long journey. Still, we recommend heading out for a quick stroll around the city.

You'll find Lisbon to be an unheralded gem of a European capital. The hilly waterfront neighborhoods are dotted with grand plazas and pastel-colored buildings, many of which date back hundreds of years. Old cable cars lurch up winding cobble roads, and medieval castles sit perched atop the highest points in the city. In their heyday, they served as defensive outposts protecting the Port of Lisbon and all those Portuguese galleons returning from the New World laden with pilfered gold and silver.

## Day 2



09:00

Start Time

15:00

End Time

6hr

Duration

### Meeting Point

At the lobby of your hotel

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During this tour, your guide will take you to taste some of the finest specialties of Portuguese gastronomy and local typical cuisine, as well as a pairing with Portuguese wines.

## Day 3



Today, you will enjoy a day away from the hustle and bustle of Lisbon on a visit to nearby sites of natural and architectural beauty.

Your guide will take you on a visit to the main highlight in Sintra, the colorful Pena Palace, considered one of the most beautiful palaces in the world. Located on the top of Sintra Hill, this 19th century palace is a symbol of the Romanticism in Portugal.

The historical village center is pedestrian so you will have some free time for shopping and walk around.

It's lunch time and we recommend a sea view at the beach close to the western most cliff in Europe, where you can have the best fresh fish.

The tour follows to Roca Cape as the western most point of Continental Europe, a perfect place for a photo. And then straight to Cascais and stop for a walk through its pedestrian streets, the charming resort area with a lot of stories to tell.

You will end the tour in a hotel in Sintra.



## Day 4



Today morning, our driver/guide will meet you at your hotel to transfer you on a private car/van from Sintra to Porto. On the way you will make a halt in a beautiful village of Portugal.

On today's journey, you will get to know the medieval town of Obidos and its castle.

The medieval town of Obidos is one of the most picturesque and well preserved in Portugal.

The town has had a strategic importance in the territory. It had already been settled prior to the Romans' arrival in the Iberian Peninsula, and the town prospered after being chosen by the royal family.

King Dinis offered it to his wife, Queen Isabel, in the 13th century, and it became part of Casa das Rainhas (Queens' Estate), who improved and enriched it throughout the various dynasties. This is one of the main reasons for the high concentration of churches in this small place.

Here you will visit a very well preserved castle, and stroll amongst the maze of streets and squares within the walls, passing by the typical white houses decorated with Manueline porticoes and colourful windows.

## Day 5



14:30

Start Time

17:30

End Time

3hr

Duration

### Meeting Point

At the lobby of your hotel

In the afternoon, you will explore Porto on a fun and different experience: you will enjoy a sidecar tour along the beautiful neighborhoods and viewpoints of Porto!

Your guide will pick you up at your hotel, and with him, you will explore Porto through the old neighborhoods of the historical centre. Riding the sidecar, you will be able to get through the narrow cobblestone streets, where you will be able to admire the building facades and see the evolution of the city from the river up to the hills, from the 1100's to the 1750's.

You will start by making your way to Ribeira, the oldest neighborhood in the city, which is located by the river. Here, you will stop to explore and take photos.

From there, you will follow the river all the way to the ocean stopping a few times in beautiful viewpoints of the mouth of the river.

Then, you will head back to the historical centre and start riding up the hill. The ride will always be at a slow pace so that you can talk with your guide and he can answer any question that you may have, while you enjoy the ride. There will be lots of stops for photos and enjoying the views too.

You'll go through Miragaia and Virtudes neighborhood and stop at Vitória neighborhood to enjoy a beautiful viewpoint in the middle of the hill.

From there, you will cross the historical centre and the bridge to Gaia, the city on the other side of the river. This will be the icing on the cake, since here you will get the best view of Porto!

## Day 6



Foodies tour in Porto old town



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In the afternoon, you will enjoy a food tour of Porto.

Porto as the nickname of being "the city of labor".

Being a city of Merchants since the 14th century, poor hard working people struggling to survive or to make money was, for many centuries, the "soul" and reason to exist of this stronghold of northern Portugal.

Even today, the local gastronomy still reflects that, and most of our local food was recently being discovered and became trendy among the locals ... and the travelers (no the tourists) that want to taste the real Porto.

So, forget about light meals or fancy food. Porto's dishes were created to feed the people, to make them strong and hard working inhabitants.

By change or fate, the base of Porto's local dishes is the Pork/Pig. From a simple sausage to a rich simple stewe, the locals developed the art of cooking fully flavoured dishes with basic ingredients.

In this unique food tour our tour guide will take you to try a little bit of all this, in places that have a strong tie with Porto's history and survived until today. From a local tavern to a more modern restaurant, you'll taste the popular cod fish fritters, an octopus salad, the Porto style hotdog (released to the world by Anthony Bourdain), Porto style Bifana (hot pork sandwich) and the famous Francesinha, and more if there's still stomach for it!

This food adventure is the real deal, and the most interesting way to discover Porto!

## Day 7



08:30

Start Time

17:00

End Time

8hr 30min

Duration

### Meeting Point

At the lobby of your hotel

This morning, our driver/guide will pick you up at your hotel for a full-day tour of the Douro Valley, where you will discover this UNESCO World Heritage Site, its landscapes and its wineries.

The Douro Valley could easily be called the enchanted valley due to its landscapes' beauty and magic. Boundaries were determined for the Douro Valley's vineyards in 1756, making it the oldest demarcated and regulated wine region worldwide.

In the morning, you will enjoy a hiking experience that will allow you to discover the terraced fields on either side of the Douro River. They are breathtaking and unique to the region. So, along a hike along vineyards and wineries, from the upper side down to the river, get ready to admire incredible landscapes that only locals know where to find and hear stories of brave people who became the forefathers of the world's oldest wine region.

After exploring the terrace fields, it will be time for lunch. Today's lunch will take place in a very special setting. Your table will be set in one of the traditional Rabelo boats, from where you will enjoy a different perspective of the Douro Valley while you taste delicious local treats.

In the afternoon, after lunch and your river cruise, it will be time to visit an extraordinary winery in Douro Valley, where you will taste the famous Port wines. Strong and sweet, Port wine is the Douro Valley's cultural treasure and has attracted international wine lovers since the 18th century.

You will also stop at the viewpoint of the Casal de Loivos, where you will be able to take breathtaking pictures of the landscape before heading to your hotel again.

## Day 8



Today, at the appointed time, our driver will transfer you to the airport, where you will take your flight to Faro Airport, in the Algarve.

Flight schedules (only Ryanair does this connection):

- 2:10 pm - 3:20 am
- 6:20 pm - 7:30 pm

Upon arrival, our driver will transfer you to your accommodation in the Algarve.

## Day 9



09:15

Start Time

14:30

End Time

5hr 15min

Duration

**Meeting Point**

Lobby of the Vila Vita Hotel

Today morning, our driver will pick you up at your hotel and drive you to the port, where you will meet your skipper.

After leaving Albufeira Marina, you can just relax and feel the breeze when we start to cruise along the coast towards Benagil /Carvoeiro area. On the way, we will show you all the special places our coast has to offer and the unique landscape with a contrast of colors between the rocky cliffs and native flora. Our experienced captain and crew will give you detailed historical and geographic information about important locations along the coastline. We will visit and marvel at the caves, approaching as much as we can, while keeping safety as our priority.

Once we arrive in Benagil/Carvoeiro area we will start cruising back to Albufeira Marina, making a quick stop so you can refresh yourself while going for a swim in our ocean.

Is not allowed to bring drinks on board.

To wrap up the experience, you will be offered a cup of Espumante (sparkling wine) while still enjoying the view. The trip will end once we are back at the Marina of Albufeira.

Approaching the coastline, stopping for a swim, and sailing with the wind are possible if the weather permits.

After your sailing tour, our driver will be waiting for you at the port to transfer you back to your hotel.

**Day 10**



12:00

Start Time

20:00

End Time

8hr

Duration

**Meeting Point**

At the lobby of your hotel in the Algarve

Today, together with our local guide, you will enjoy a hike along the scenic coastal trail of "The Seven Hanging Valleys. Clinging to the coast the whole time, this spectacular walk stretches between the Praia da Marinha beach and Praia de Vale Centianes beach.

- **Starting Point:** Praia da Marinha
- **Ending Point:** Praia de Vale Centianes
- **Distance:** 5.7 km point-to-point / 11.4 km out-and-back
- **Time Needed:** 2 2:30 hours one-way / 5-6 hours out-and-back

- **Elevation Gain/Loss:** 340 m ascending/descending
- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Route:** Praia da Marinha Praia de Benagil Alfanzina Lighthouse Carvalho Beach Praia de Vale Centianes

From the Seven Hanging Valleys Trail, there are many gorgeous lookout points where you'll see limestone stacks and natural arches around Marinha Beach. As you progress, you'll encounter wooden barriers. Please respect these restricted zones, as they are in place to protect the cliffs and sinkholes from further erosion and for your safety.

From the start of the trail, it takes about an hour to reach Benagil Beach. Before you reach Benagil, you'll see the untouched Praia da Corredoura beach, which can only be reached from the sea.

Benagil Beach is beautiful in its own right, but it's popular because of its proximity to Benagil Cave (Algar de Benagil). Note: Benagil cave can only be accessed from the sea. On the trail, you can see the cave from above, but it's unremarkable. The barrier prevents you from getting too close, so there's nothing really to see from the trail vantage point.

If you want to visit the Algarve's most famous cave, you can either rent a standup paddleboard or hop on a boat tour from the beach. You can also swim. However, with the number of boats entering the cave, you'll want to take special care if you're swimming.

From Benagil Beach, the trail continues on the other side of the small parking lot. You'll have to walk across the outdoor terrace of Casa Lamy (café) to continue the hike.

Next, the Seven Hanging Valleys Trail continues to **Carvalho Beach**. This beautiful golden cove framed by limestone cliffs is accessible via a man-made tunnel.

The coastal trail rises above Carvalho Beach and continues to **Alfanzina Lighthouse**. The lighthouse is fenced off, so you'll have to walk around it. After the lighthouse, you're on the final stretch to Praia de Vale Centianes. You'll pass by white-washed residential homes and one massive apartment complex before descending a series of stairs to **Vale Centianes**.

## Day 11



Today morning, your driver/guide will pick you up at your hotel in the Algarve to transfer you to Lisbon.

From the Algarve to your hotel in Lisbon, you will go along the southwest coast of Portugal, the last wild coast in Europe, protected along most of its length by strict environmental laws. The Costa Vicentina, as it is known, is rich in pristine beaches, and small fishing villages with the freshest fish and seafood.

You will start admiring the viewpoint of Ponta da Piedade and the beautiful beach of Meia Praia.

You will arrive in Lagos, a fishing small village with two thousand years of history, from where the explorers' routes departed.

You will continue with Sagres, a must-see destination for its beaches and the immensity of its landscapes. Its fortress, classified as a National monument was built in the 15th century.

You will put your feet in Cape St. Vincent, the most southwestern point of Europe and considered for many years "the end of the world", and you will see its lighthouse, one of the most powerful lighthouses in Europe which looks out one of the busiest trade routes in the world.

You will make a stop at the coastal village of Zambujeira do Mar, to stretch your legs, breathe the fresh air, and have lunch in a typical seafood restaurant by the beach.

## Day 12



The route runs along the rice paddies, through the pine forest and the dunes until the beach is reached, a paradisiacal sandy Atlantic coast as far as the eye can see.



### Meeting Point

At the lobby of your hotel

Enjoy a private ebike tour in middle of a natural reserve, discovering the diverse environment that this region has to offer: natural park, lagoons, rice fields, cork tree forests and of course, the sea.

You will go up to the highest point in the mountains where you will be able to observe the entire Alentejo coast.

Then you will go down through magnificent roads to Lagoa de Santo André, where we will be able to observe different species of birds.

You will cross cork fields where our guide will explain the whole process of growing the cork and you will learn all about this ecological industry.

The entire track is done on rural offroad paths.

## Day 13



Alentejo stands out as one of the hidden gems in Portugal, and this tour will allow you to uncover its best-kept secrets: traditions and natural scenery!

This tour will take you deep into Alentejo traditions and natural scenery, with our experienced guide, knowledgeable in all corners, you will discover dams and streams, agricultural fields, mountains, a beach with an island and string in history, hills and valleys, winding paths, waterfalls, traditions and customs, arts, and meet with local people.

For lunch, you will head to a typical restaurant with the best of local cuisine. (Lunch not included).

## Day 14





Today, free time to relax and enjoy some beach time.

## Day 15



Today, at the appointed time, you will drive to Lisbon airport to take your flight back home.

