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Lisbon, Sintra, Estoril, Nazare, Aveiro, Douro Valley, Porto

10 days / 9 nights from \$4930pp | 1 May 24- 10 May 24

FEATURES

Portugal is a country that effortlessly combines natural beauty, culture, heritage and gastronomy. Although it is small in size, Portugal appeals to everyone with amazing sites and interesting attractions. In our tour we will discover the romance of the streets of Lisbon and Sintra, visit the Cascais and views over Estoril and the coast. We will visit Nazare: surfers paradise and the traditional village of Aveiro with an evening of Fado performance and dinner. A cruise on the Douro River and wine tasting in the Douro Valley

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 9 nights accommodation on twin / double share basis in boutique 4* properties
- Breakfast daily and 5 specialty dinners
- Full day Sintra tour from Lisbon
- Exclusive tour of Douro Valley with cruise
- Traditional Fado entertainers and dinner
- Ground transportation
- Licensed English-speaking local guides

*Conditions apply. Secure your spot with a non-refundable deposit of \$400. Balance due 10 January 24. Price is based on per person double/twin share. Single supplement of \$1430. Prices are correct at the item of publication. Cancellation fees will apply. Check for full terms and conditions. <https://www.travelmanagers.com.au/terms-and-conditions>.



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Your itinerary

Classic Best of Portugal

10 days/ 9 nights land tour

Lisbon, Sintra & Cascais, Aveiro, Nazare, Douro Valley, Porto and more.

Day 1: Arrive Lisbon – Welcome to Portugal. – a mesmerising capital filled with Gothic glamour and enthralling culture. After meeting the group at the hotel, we'll kick off our adventure with a group dinner accompanied by an atmospheric Fado performance. Here's to the journey ahead! Accommodation: Turim Terreiro do Paço Hotel (or similar)

Day 2: Lisbon - Sintra - Lisbon After breakfast, we'll pay a visit to a local tile painting atelier – where you'll have the opportunity to try your hand at producing your own keepsake before we move on to medieval Sintra. Here, we'll enjoy a guided tour of Sintra National Palace – a treasured regal residence and designated UNESCO World Heritage site. After enjoying an afternoon of free time to explore this captivating town, we'll return to Lisbon.

Day 3: Lisbon – Obidos and Nazare – Alvarados –. The gorgeous village of Óbidos will be our first point of call today – where we'll marvel at the historic architecture and explore the labyrinth of cobblestone streets on an orientation tour. Our next stop is the charming fishing town of Nazaré. Here, we'll enjoy some free time to wander at our leisure before continuing to Alvarados – where a Portuguese cookery lesson and sumptuous **dinner** awaits. Ready to roll up those sleeves? Accommodation: Cooking & Nature Emotional Hotel

Day 4: Alvarados – Tomar – Alvarados - Today we'll continue our journey to Tomar, where we'll visit the World Heritage-listed Convent of Christ. Known as the Knights Templar City, Tomar is a historic jewel just waiting to be uncovered – and we'll have some free time to do just that. Before returning to Alvarados, there's a treat in store for the food connoisseurs among us! We'll pay a visit to an olive oil producer, where we'll learn about their production processes and have the chance to taste some of the local oil. This evening is ours to enjoy the hotel facilities or explore the surrounding walking trails.

Day 5: Alvarados – Coimbra – Viseu - Along the road to Viseu, we'll travel to Coimbra – where a visit to the famous University and legendary Joanina Library awaits. Enjoy wandering the historic grounds and admiring the magnificent views over the River Mondego before having some free time to explore the city's medieval centre. Later, we'll make tracks to Viseu. Here, a traditional cheesemaker will let us in on the secrets behind Viseu's delicious buttery cheese and we'll have the chance to taste some for ourselves. Then, the evening is ours to enjoy at leisure. Accommodation: Hotel Palacio dos Melos (or similar)

Day 6: Viseu – Lamego, Pinhao and Peso Da Regua – Douro Valley - First up today, Lamego: a historic town nestled deep within the Douro Valley and home to an astonishing Baroque staircase. After an included visit to the beautiful 18th-century Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, we'll have some time to explore at our own pace. Later, we'll turn our attention to Pinhão –where a cruise in a traditional rabelo boat awaits. Bask in the cinematic scenery of the Douro Valley as we enjoy a leisurely ride to Peso da Régua. And tonight? There's another sumptuous dinner in store at our hotel. Accommodation: Quinta da Pacheca (or similar)

Day 7: Douro Valley – A full day of discovering yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site – the enchanted valley, the most magic of landscapes, terrace fields to taste the famous Port wines. The scenic, vineyard-dotted landscapes of the Douro Valley make a serene backdrop for our free day today. Enjoy the day relaxing by the pool at our hotel or exploring the surrounding landscape on a leisurely hike – there's plenty of time to indulge in a drop or two of the region's famous wines before we reconvene for a delicious dinner at the hotel.

Day 8: Douro Valley – Amarante and Penafiel – Brada - After breakfast, we'll head to Amarante – a sleepy riverside town dominated by its striking arched bridge and 16th-century São Gonçalo Church. We'll take some time to marvel at the lofty interiors of the church before exploring the town at our leisure. After lunch, we'll set a course for Penafiel where we'll savour a glass of the region's famous green wine and learn more about the winemaking process. An evening of leisure awaits once we arrive in lovely Braga. Accommodation: Hotel Vila Galé Collection Braga

Day 9: Braga – Guimaraes – Braga - This morning we'll set our sights on Guimarães – where we'll learn about the castle, the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza and the historic city centre on a guided walking tour. After our tour, we'll have time to roam the medieval streets at our own pace before returning to Braga for an afternoon of free time. While you're here, be sure to tick off the Bom Jesus Sanctuary – it's one of Portugal's most famous attractions for good reason! This evening, we'll tuck into one last dinner together – with a traditional folk performance as the grand finale.

Day 10: Braga – Porto - Our final destination will be Porto, where we'll tick off some important landmarks – including the Clérigos Tower, Aliados Avenue, the Ribeira district and the cathedral on an orientation tour. Later this afternoon we'll say our goodbyes as our journey comes to an end.



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