

## Portraits of Portugal - Itinerary and Optional Tours

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Join Tour Plan in exploring the picturesque country of Portugal! Award winning wines, too many castles to count, amazing food, gorgeous sunsets and inspiring views of the beautiful cities are waiting for you in September. Find out why Portugal was voted “Best European Country” to visit by USA TODAY (2014). Our first stop of **PORTO** is spectacularly situated on the steep banks of the Douro River. Spend 4 nights exploring Porto’s historic sites and medieval architecture while sampling the port wine and local food. Visit the Marian shrine in **FATIMA** and experience the divine nature of this tiny town. Our final destination, **LISBON**, the capital of Portugal, was once the center of the spice trade route and meeting point for people from all over the world. Spend 4 nights exploring Lisbon, a city that embraces modern culture while celebrating its unique heritage and rich history.



**Monday, September 3**

**US Departure Day**

**Tuesday, September 4 - Porto**

**Arrive in Porto**

Check into [Pestana Porto – A Brasileira](#)



**Included Tour**

**Half Day Panoramic Tour of Porto**



Porto, also known as Oporto in English, is the second largest city on Portugal and one of the major urban areas of the Iberian Peninsula. Visit this unique and unforgettable city by touring its many neighborhoods from the medieval times like the Cathedral quarter, Aliados Avenue, Santa Catharina Street, Ribeira and more. Before returning to the hotel, we will visit one of many wine cellars to taste the famous Porto wine.

**Welcome Dinner featuring local cuisine.**

## Wednesday, September 5 –Porto

### Breakfast at hotel

### Optional Evening Tour

#### Sunset River Cruise of the 6 Bridges of Porto

This journey on a traditional Portuguese riverboat offers you a unique view into Porto. In addition to the rich landscape and spectacular views, sail past the six bridges that make the connection between Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia. Start by passing the Ribeira district, then the famous Dom Luís I bridge, The Serra do Pilar Monastery, the stylish Infante Bridge, the Don Maria Pia - the oldest bridge, its "replacement" the São João bridge, and the Freixo bridge. Discover the story-telling bridges that have helped intertwine cultures and reveal the scenery of a World Heritage city.

**(Tour Cost: \$120 US)**

## Thursday, September 6 - Porto

### Breakfast at hotel

### Optional Full Day Tour

#### Douro Valley Wine

This is a 9-hour tour visiting the beautifully terraced vineyards along the Banks of the Douro River. Visit one of the wineries for a tour and tasting. Then head over to Amarante—a medieval village formed by the Tamega River featuring the Saint Gonçalo Monastery. Proceed to Lamego, famous for its Our Lady of Remedies Church. We will also stop at the picturesque villages of Pinhao and Regua before we return to Porto.



**(Tour Cost: TBD)**

## Friday, September 7 - Porto

### Breakfast at hotel

### Optional Half Day Tour

#### Coimbra

Dating back to the 13th century, Coimbra is the former capital city of Portugal and home of the oldest University in Portugal. The University's library is housed in the former Royal Palace and is a must-see. Climb to the top of the bell tower for panoramic views. Also visit the old Romanesque cathedral, the Quinta das Lagrimas gardens and the Almedina Arch and Tower.

**(Tour Cost: \$60 US)**

## Saturday, September 8 – Porto to Lisbon

**Breakfast at hotel**

**9:00 AM Depart from hotel en route to Lisbon**

### Included Tour

#### **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Visit to Fatima**

Visit Fatima, the pilgrimage altar and center of Christian faith to visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, including the Apparition Chapel. Housed in the Chapel is the Our Lady of Fatima Statue representing the spot of the apparition. You will also visit the Basilica where the tombs of the children are located and Holy Trinity Church, considered the fourth largest in the world in terms of capacity.



Proceed to Lisbon and Check In at the [Iberostar Lisboa](#).

## Sunday, September 9 - Lisbon

**Breakfast at the hotel**

### Included Tour

#### **Panoramic Orientation Tour**

This is a 4 hour tour. Discover Lisbon and its must-see monuments. Experience the Belem neighborhood, the Belem tower and the Discovery monument. Visit Jeronimo's Monastery with its richly ornate architectural style. Follow the river bank towards Commerce Square and the Alfama neighborhood of Moorish Legacy. Continue to the Pombalina Downtown area towards Rossio Square, Liberty Avenue and Marques of Pombal Roundabout.



### Optional Dinner

#### **Fado Dance and Dinner Show**

Fado, the "heart of Lisbon", is a style of music and dance that originated in Lisbon in the early 19th century. Performed in small restaurants and in the streets and squares of the old parts of the city like Alfama and Mouraria, it represented a way for the poor and uneducated (like the fishermen) to express themselves. As it gained in popularity, Fado became one of the most revered aspects of the Lisbon experience. It is still one of the most emotional and touching experiences for visitors to Lisbon. Experience Fado while enjoying dinner at a traditional Portuguese restaurant.

**(Cost: \$152 US)**

## Monday, September 10 - Lisbon

**Breakfast at the hotel**

### Optional Full Day Tour

#### **Full Day tour of Sintra, Cascais and Estoril**

This is an 8-hour tour. Sintra is a magnificent medieval village with a 14th century Royal Palace and offers a quaint atmosphere. Some of the highlights of the tour include the Palacio da Pena, a walking tour of the medieval village and Regaleira Palace. Tell your friends about heading over to Cabo da Roca, the Westernmost point in Europe. Follow towards Guincho beach and the coastal road to Cascais, an upscale beach resort with a beautiful panoramic bay. Finally, visit Estoril which is famous for its Casino and for the James Bond movies!



**(Tour Cost: \$62 US)**

## Tuesday, September 11 - Lisbon

**Breakfast at the hotel**

**Day at Leisure**

**Farewell Dinner (Included)**

## Wednesday, September 12 – Departure Day

**Breakfast at the hotel**

**This morning we bid farewell to Lisbon and depart for the US.**