



TRAVELING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Highlights of Portugal

8-Day, 6-Night Journey

Lisbon, Evora, Lagos

Explore fabulous Portugal in one week. This journey reveals a nation's proud history, warm-hearted locals and soul-warming cuisine. Starting in Lisbon, you'll travel south to visit the Algarve at the extreme south-west of the European mainland.

◆ Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Site)

- ▶ Lisbon City Tour
- ▶ Belém
- ▶ **Jerónimos Monastery***
- ▶ Art Manueline
- ▶ **Tower of Belém***
- ▶ Alfama
- ▶ Rossio & Praça do Comércio
- ▶ **Evora City Tour***
- ▶ Roman Temple
- ▶ Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral
- ▶ Saint Francis Church
- ▶ Bones Chapel
- ▶ Evora University
- ▶ Beja
- ▶ Silves
- ▶ Lagos
- ▶ Ponta de Piedad
- ▶ Sagres
- ▶ Cape St. Vincent
- ▶ Setubal
- ▶ Serra da Arrabida

Why You'll Love This Tour



DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES AND COASTS

Under the endless sunshine there are sand dunes, cliffs and rock pools. Travel to the far south to view the Mediterranean Sea and the south-western most point of Portugal and mainland Europe.



BEAUTIFUL TOWNS AND AMAZING ARCHITECTURE

Lisbon has beautiful architecture with brightly painted houses. Outside of Lisbon you will find well-preserved medieval towns. Historic sites range from a Roman Temple to medieval cathedrals and even a chapel of bones (Capela dos Ossos).



FABULOUS GASTRONOMY & URBAN SCENES

Absorb the city's vibe and jump on one of the city's yellow trams. Enjoy the famous pastel da belém in a patisserie, bacalhau (salted cod fish), fresh seafood or shop for Portuguese tiles at market stalls. End your day listening to mournful fado singers on a restaurant patio.

Inclusions

- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Cathedral of Évora; Church of St Francis and The Bones Chappel, Évora

Exclusions

- ▶ Airfare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuity
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

Lisbon - Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS)

Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

DAY 1: MAJOR N. AMERICA AIRPORT - LISBON (LIS)

Depart from your North America airport to fly to **Lisbon**. Night on board the aircraft.

*If your flight departs in the early morning hours, you must arrive at the airport the night before the indicated departure day i.e. early Friday morning means Thursday night!



DAY 2: ARRIVE LISBON

Upon arrival into **Lisbon**, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

*Hotel check-in time is generally 4 pm or later. If your flight arrives in the early morning (e.g. midnight or 7 am) we suggest you add a pre-tour hotel night during booking for a well-deserved rest before starting your tour.

DAY 3: LISBON | CITY TOUR (B)

Full day tour exploring **Lisbon**, one of the oldest capitals in Europe with a sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues dot the seven hills of this romantic Portuguese capital. Today we will delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage. Visit the neighborhood of **Belém** between the Tagus River and the city. It was from Belém that the caravels of the Discoveries departed. You visit the **Church of the Jerónimos Monastery** (exterior visit), the splendor of **Art Manueline**, and the **Tower of Belém** (exterior visit). You will also taste the famous "Pastel de nata" pastry of Lisbon.

In the afternoon we will go to the typical Lisbon neighborhood of **Alfama** with its winding streets and flowered balconies. Continue the visit to **Rossio, Praça do Comércio**, downtown and the business center. After which there is free time to walk around and discover more of this wonderful city yourself.

DAY 4: LISBON – EVORA | EVORA HALF CITY TOUR (B)

Departing Lisbon, we cross over the river Tagus and drive by the beautiful and bucolic landscape of olive trees, cork oak trees and vineyards before arriving at the ancient city of **Evora** in Alentejo - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk along the whitewashed streets and visit some of the most famous monuments: the **Roman Temple**, the **Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral** (entrance included), **Saint Francis Church** with the **Bones Chapel** (entrance included), and the **University**. When visiting the market, you will sense the richness of products used to prepare one of the most elaborate and appreciated gastronomies of Portugal. Admire the diversity of authentic local handicraft with cork, ceramic and copper objects.

Free time for lunch and the rest of the day to discover the city yourself. We recommend you take the time to experience a wine and cheese tasting on your own.

DAY 5: EVORA - BEJA - SILVES – LAGOS (B)

Spend a morning at leisure in Evora before the tour departs heading south for **Beja** where you can see Portuguese medieval castles with their tall towers dominating the town and the region. Crossing small mountains, you enter the sun-kissed shores of the **Algarve**. Going by fields of orange trees, you travel to **Silves**, dominated by its red sandstone castle dating back to Moorish times. Continue to the golden sands of the Algarve, passing by Praia da Rocha. The last stop today will be in **Lagos**.

DAY 6: LAGOS | TOUR OF PONTA DA PIEDADE, SAGRES, CABO SÃO VICENTE (B)

After breakfast, see the dramatic cliffs and beautiful beaches of the Sagres Peninsula. They provide a stunning backdrop for our coastal drive. We proceed for an excursion to **Ponta de Piedad** for a magnificent view of the Atlantic. The cliffs have been sculpted by the erosive action of both the sea and time. The tour continues to **Sagres**, a fishing port, for a visit to the fortress which was once the mythical school for navigation. You will then proceed along the cliffs to **Cape St. Vincent (Cabo Sao Vicente)** for a stop at the most southwestern point of Europe. Upon your early return to the hotel, you will have time to explore cosmopolitan of Lagos on your own or relax at the beach and dip in the sea.

DAY 7: LAGOS - SETÚBAL - SERRA DA ARRÁBIDA - LISBON (B)

It's goodbye to the sea and the beaches as you travel along the coast and out of the Algarve. The return trip takes you to **Setubal**, a major port and industrial center on the banks of the Sado estuary. From there the drive is along the **Serra da Arrabida** Mountains which are preserved as a natural park. Arrive in Lisbon for the last night of the tour.

DAY 8: DEPART LISBON (B)

After breakfast the tour concludes. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Arrive in North America the same day.

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

