



## Cultural and religious Tour in Portugal

8 days / 7 nights

### 1. Brief Itinerary

#### Day 1 (1 Nov) – Arrival in Lisbon

Welcome at Lisbon airport. Private transfer to your hotel in Lisbon.

Accommodation at **Hotel Heritage Avenida da Liberdade** – Double classic room with breakfast

#### Day 2 (3 Dec) – Lisbon

3h Private Guided Walking Tour of Lisbon. Free afternoon to self-explore. Fado dinner.

Accommodation at **Hotel Heritage Avenida da Liberdade** - Double classic room with breakfast

#### Day 3 (4 Dec) – Lisbon / Alcobaça / Batalha / Fátima (164Km ; 2h 30min)

Rental car pick up in Lisbon. Head to Fátima and visit Alcobaça and Batalha Monasteries on the way to Fátima.

Accommodation at **Hotel Dom Goncalo & Spa** - Double classic room with breakfast

#### Day 4 (5 Dec) – Fátima / Tomar / Coimbra / Porto (239Km ; 2h 45min)

Visit Fátima in the morning. Continue to Porto and visit Tomar and Coimbra on the way.

Accommodation at **Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel** - Double Plaza room with breakfast

#### Day 5 (6 Dec) – Porto

3h Private Guided Walking Tour of Lisbon. 2h Private Douro Cruise with degustation meal on board.

Accommodation at **Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel** - Double Plaza room with breakfast

**Day 6 (7 Dec)** – Porto / Braga / Porto (107Km ; 1h 15min)

Visit Braga and its unique Bom Jesus de Braga Sanctuary.

Accommodation at **Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel** - Double Plaza room with breakfast

**Day 7 (8 Dec)** – Porto / Lisbon (319Km ; 3h 15min)

Return to Lisbon. Rental car drop off.

Accommodation at **Hotel Heritage Avenida da Liberdade** - Double classic room with breakfast

**Day 8 (9 Dec)** – Departure from Lisbon Airport

Private transfer to Lisbon airport.

## 2. Programme Highlights

### Lisbon

Lisbon has a dozen different faces, of different urban landscapes, each and every one with its own urban rhythms and lifestyles. With an undulating topography, many of its monuments are seen from afar on top of their hills. It has seven hills, all of them densely urbanized. Some say that Lisbon is architecturally speaking a white city, which gives it its markedly Mediterranean character. Lisbon has a very good transport network, especially its underground lines, abundantly decorated with artworks: each station has its own color scheme and theme. Lisbon is also dotted with the picturesque yellow electric trams, whose trajectories are of great tourist interest.



### Alcobaça

Alcobaça sits at the meeting of two rivers, the Alcoa and the Baça, on the coast of central Portugal. The town is known especially for its monastery from the Cistercian Order, a Unesco World Heritage Site. Alcobaça is a picturesque, small town in which you can relax and unwind.



### Batalha

This village was developed alongside the Santa Maria da Vitória Monastery, whose construction was prompted by King João I, after the victory of Portugal against Castile, at the famous Aljubarrota Battle (14th century). This monastery is one of Unescos World Heritage Series.



### Fátima

A place of faith and devotion, Fátima attracts tourists from all over the globe. Fátima apparitions that occurred in the 20th century have transformed this small town into one of the most important centres of the 'cult of Mary' in Portugal, not only endorsed by the Catholic Church but also known around the world.



### Tomar

Tomar is one of Portugal's historical jewels and more significantly was the last Templar town to be commissioned for construction. Tomar was especially important in the 15th century when it was a centre of Portuguese overseas expansion under Henry the Navigator, the Grand Master of the Order of Christ, successor organization to the Templars in Portugal.

Tomar is a charming and historically outstanding town on the banks of the Nabão River. It is dominated by a 12th-century Templar castle containing one of the country's most significant and impressive monuments, the Convent of Christ (declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO).



### Coimbra

A medium-sized city on the banks of the River Mondego. The houses are arranged along the riverside and up the hillside. The city unfolds in small lanes, stairways and terraces, and endless hidden corners, from the lower to the upper zone. It is the city with the oldest university tradition in



Portugal and the University and its students have always shaped its urban life. Its University is the oldest in Portugal and one of the oldest in Europe. Coimbra is also a city famous for Fado.

### Porto

The Cidade Invicta, or Invincible City, has around a quarter of a million inhabitants and is the second city of Portugal. It has always displayed a spirit of great independence and entrepreneurialism. Focusing on trade and business, it also has a great deal of culture to offer, as well as being a city with its own distinctive



character. Locals are known as "tripeiros" (tripe-eaters) because during the time of the military expedition to Ceuta, they sent all the meat they had to the Kings soldiers and left only the offal for themselves, displaying the same spirit of sacrifice that the locals maintain to this day. The River Douro flows through the city, its powerful waters forging deep banks. As these are often sloped, the historic area of the city is an intricate medieval arrangement of houses and lanes. The city is most famous for its wine, which is produced much further inland, upstream on the banks of the river. Port wine is its spiritual legacy.

### Braga

This ancient city was once the seat of the local Roman government, the capital of Galicia, the capital of the Suevo-Bracara kingdom and an ecclesiastical centre. Even today, the Portuguese still call it the "archbishops city ". In the 16th century it was known as the Portuguese Rome and in the 18th century it was profoundly marked by a taste for Baroque. Today it is a young, dynamic university city with friendly inhabitants.



### 3. Accommodation

#### Lisbon

##### Hotel Heritage Avenida da Liberdade

"Heritage Av Liberdade is a small Luxury Boutique hotel in the historic center of Lisbon.

Located on Lisbon's main avenue - Avenida da Liberdade - this 18th Century Townhouse is decorated by the Portuguese architect Miguel Cancio Martins - a Portuguese architect who is renowned for his work on mythical spaces like the Thiou and the Buddha Bar in Paris, the Strictly Hush in London and the Man Ray in New York. His design combines the city's own traditions and lifestyle with the most modern technology.

The hotel was the winner of the Historic Rehabilitation Prize 2008 of Portuguese Real State

Oscars and was also listed in the Condé Nast Traveler Hot List 2007."



## Fátima

### Hotel Dom Goncalo & Spa

This 4-star boutique hotel is just 440 yards from the Sanctuary of Fátima. It offers free spa access and grounds with terrace. Rooms include satellite TV and a pillow menu.

Restaurant O Convite at Hotel Dom Gonçalo & Spa serves Portuguese cooked with fresh

ingredients. The international wine list includes a selection of local wine. Guests can relax in the Dom Spa Wellness Center's sauna, Turkish bath or jacuzzi. The indoor pool is heated. The lobby offers a fireplace, and a library and free public area Wi-Fi access are also available. Room service is available throughout the day, and all rooms at Hotel Dom include a sitting area and are air conditioned. Each private bathroom is stocked with a bathrobe, slippers and hairdryer.



## Porto

### **Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel**

"The Pestana Porto is one of the most charming hotels in Oporto, located in the Praça da Ribeira, heart of the historic city centre. This Oporto boutique hotel offers a splendid view of Douro River. It is part of a group of buildings dated from XVI, XVII, XVIII centuries, and it is classified by UNESCO as part of the World Heritage site. Located at the historical site of Porto, Pestana Porto is 20 minutes from Sá Carneiro International Airport and 5 minutes from the train and metropolitan station of S.Bento. The hotel enhances all the charming atmosphere of Ribeira, in a picturesque group of buildings with original trace over the Douro River."



#### 4. Other Services Included

##### Welcome at the Airport & Transfer to your Hotel

On arrival our **Representative will be waiting for you at the airport** with a sign. The Representative will **help you at the airport** (e.g. luggage, exchange money or other information), **give you your Travel Kit** and **take you to your hotel**.



##### Travel Kit

Our kit includes:

- **Exclusive 300 pages Travel Guidebook** (not for sale for general public);
- **Personalized Roadbook** (tips, suggestions and directions based on your interests and specific itinerary);
- **Portugal road map** (up to date road map of Portugal and Lisbon);
- **Reservation vouchers** for all items under price inclusions.



##### Pre-programmed GPS - Five clicks to every destination

As part of our self-guided tours, we will provide you with a GPS which will be pre-programmed according to your itinerary on a day-by-day basis. You do not have to be a technology expert, nor have to enter by hand any city names, addresses or coordinates. All you have to do is to start the engine, turn on the GPS and be prepared to enjoy your day with just a few clicks of the GPS.



### Help Line

While you are travelling with us, you will be just a phone call away should you need any **assistance, support, additional information**, or if you should just like to **check in along the way**.

The helpline will be answered **between 8am and 10pm** by an English-speaking member, available to speak with you for any advice or assistance that you may need or to let us know how things are going.



### Private Guided Walking Tour in Lisbon

You will have the opportunity to experience a 3 hours Private Walking Tour in the historic neighborhood of Lisbon with our local guide, who will tailor the tour to your interests and pace and will let you know about its history, culture, traditions, food etc. From the modern Chiado and Baixa to the historic Mouraria and Alfama, embrace the capital city of Portugal and learn more about the city and the country! A complete and unmissable experience!!



### Dinner with Fado

Enjoy a typical full course Portuguese dinner while listening to Fado music! Classified as World Heritage by UNESCO, Fado is one of the most emblematic features of the Portuguese culture! Not to miss!



### Private Guided Walking Tour of Porto

You will have the opportunity to experience a 3 hours Private Walking Tour in the historic and famous city of Porto with a local and qualified guide, who will tailor the tour to your needs and will let you know about our history, culture, practices, cuisine etc. Get to know the picturesque Ribeira



quarter, the iconic D. Luis I bridge, the Aliados Avenue and admire the scenic views over the Douro river. A complete and unforgettable experience!

**Private Boat Trip on the Douro River with Degustation Light Meal Included**

During 2h30min, you'll have the opportunity to take a private commented boat trip with a professional guide on the Douro River, accompanied by a snack's degustation with typical Portuguese flavors and the renowned Port and Douro Wine. A crew will accompany you during the trip to ensure your comfort and safety.



**Rental Car - Group CDAD - Compact Automatic (Renault Megane or similar) - 5 seats**

Air conditioned

Automatic transmission

5 doors

5 seats

**Europcar**



(Image is representative of car type, not necessarily that specific car)

## 5. Price Information

The total price for 2 people is: **3770.00 euros**

Prices are indicative, please confirm availability and cost for your specific dates and requests.

### Price Inclusions

- ◆ 7 nights of accommodation (breakfast included at all hotels);
- ◆ **Welcome at the Airport + Private transfer to your Hotel;**
- ◆ **Travel Kit:**
  - Personalized Roadbook;
  - Exclusive 300 page Travel Guidebook;
  - Portugal Road Map;
  - Reservation vouchers for all items under price inclusions.
- ◆ **Pre-programmed GPS according to your itinerary;**
- ◆ **In-country support via helpline (one member of our team will answer);**
- ◆ **Private Guided Walking Tour of Lisbon;**
- ◆ **Dinner with Fado - 3 course dinner with starters, wine service and Fado performance;**
- ◆ **Private Guided Walking Tour of Porto;**
- ◆ **2h30 Private Commented Boat Trip on the Douro River with a Degustation Meal, Douro and Port Wine, water, limonade, crew and insurance included;**
- ◆ **Transfer from your hotel to the airport;**
- ◆ **Rental Car - Group CDAD** - Automatic Transmission, with AC (Renault Megane or similar), provided by **EUROPCAR** including:
  - one additional driver;
  - unlimited mileage;
  - Basic protection package;
  - Theft protection;
  - Station Surcharge (e.g. Airport station), if applicable.
  - ◆ **V.A.T and all service taxes.**

### Price Exclusions

- ◆ All meals (except for breakfast and meals described in price inclusions);
- ◆ Early check-in and late check-out at all hotels;
- ◆ Extra activities that have not been previously booked through us;

- ◆ Entrance fees to museums and monuments (except if described in price inclusions);
- ◆ All flights;
- ◆ Travel insurance;
- ◆ Parking, tolls, gas, and other car expenses not described in price inclusions (does not apply to Private Driver services);
- ◆ Tourist accommodation tax charged at your accommodation on certain municipalities. This tax is to be paid by the Guest directly to the hotel before the end of the stay and cannot be prepaid. It is then remitted directly to the city council by the hotels;
- ◆ Personal expenses and additional expenses in case of force majeure.

**The prices and availability are subject to confirmation.**

## 6. Appendix

### FAQs

#### **Are there additional charges to use your service?**

No. There is no additional cost for our services. The total price in our proposal will include our services.

#### **How can I pay for my trip?**

You can pay by bank / wire transfer or by credit card.

#### **How will I know when my tour is booked?**

You will receive a confirmation email as well as your receipt of deposit.

#### **How can I cancel my tour?**

To cancel your tour you just have to send an email to your travel consultant requesting the cancellation.

#### **What happens if I cancel my tour?**

If you cancel 5 working days or more prior to your arrival date, your cancellation will be free of charge.

If you cancel between 1 and 4 working days prior to your arrival date, the first two days of hotels and services will be charged.

If you cancel on your arrival date or any date after the arrival date, the full amount will be charged.

If you do not show at hotels and service providers (no-show) the full amount will be charged.

If your tour includes services with different and stricter cancellation policies from the ones

mentioned above, those different cancellation policies will be mentioned on your proposal and shall prevail over the general cancellation policy.