



# PORTUGAL

## Lisbon & Porto Explorer

Pick your date!

### A 7-Day Experience:

Your journey includes round-trip airfare, tourist and superior first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner as outlined, guided tours.

### Getting To See:

- Feel the emotion of an unforgettable Fado performance.
- Wine tasting in the Douro Valley.
- Tour Porto with private guide, and its UNESCO-listed historic city center.
- Private guided tour of the capital Lisbon.
- Expert selection of premium accommodations.



# ITINERARY DAYS 1

## DAY 1 | LISBON

Meet your driver for a private airport transfer. For your added comfort, an English-speaking assistant will greet you outside the customs with personalized signage. Your representative will help coordinate meetings with your private driver and accompany you to your accommodation.

A Welcome Package will be provided and will include any relevant documents or tickets required for your trip.

You will be picked up tonight by your private driver and transferred to a local authentic Fado show. Indulge in an immersive cultural experience this evening in the vibrant heart of Chiado, Lisbon's bustling shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Let the melancholic sounds of Fado, Portugal's national song style, transport you to the early 19th century, when this beautiful art form first emerged in Lisbon.

Delight in an hour-long performance by two talented local musicians and a captivating singer, showcasing Lisbon's rich musical heritage. Fado's essence lies in the captivating synergy between the Portuguese guitar and the viola de Fado, which, together with the poignant lyrics and soulful vocals, convey a profound sense of longing and nostalgia.

This unique art form has been rightfully recognized by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, making it a true treasure of Lisbon's cultural heritage. Come and immerse yourself in the world-renowned sounds of Fado in the charming district of Chiado and discover the true essence of Lisbon's musical soul. Return transfer to your hotel at the end of your show.







# ITINERARY DAYS 2-3

## DAY 2 | LISBON

Accompanied by your knowledgeable private guide and driver, embark on a half-day tour of Lisbon, the city of seven hills. Portugal's stunning capital city is home to layers of rich history, dating back to the occupation of the Phoenicians, the Romans, the Visigoths and the Moors. Visit the heart of the city, Rossio Square, then spend some time in Alfama, the Old Quarter. See the Lisbon Cathedral, with history dating back to the 12th century, and admire views of St. George's Castle, a Moorish fortification. Catch a stunning panorama over the city from the Miradouro da Senhora do Monte lookout. In Belem, the city's monumental district, walk alongside a pair of UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the stunning 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery, and the Belem Tower, nestled on the bank of the Tagus River. Enjoy a short stop at the Monument to the Discoveries, celebrating the influential 15th-16th century Portuguese Age of Discovery before a transfer back to your hotel. Enjoy time at leisure to explore at your own pace or relax at your hotel.

## DAY 3 | LISBON

Depart Lisbon for a scenic coastal drive, spotting several sandy beaches hidden within the cliffs, protected by 17th-century fortresses along the coast. Visit the beautiful resort town of Estoril, known as the home of Casino Estoril and Hotel Palácio, former rendezvous points for WWII spies and their handlers at a time when Portugal remained politically neutral. Stroll the Tamariz Beach promenade, admiring the 17th-century Forte da Cruz castle, set behind a backdrop of palm trees. Continue to Cascais, a small fishing village transformed into a luxurious resort town on the Portugal Riviera. Pass through its animated town center and witness cosmopolitan life amid stunning Atlantic beaches. Next, head to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe, and gaze out over the Atlantic from the end of the world. Sintra, home to hundreds of years of history and culture, awaits your discovery. After a short walk in the old city center, find yourself surrounded by old houses now converted into small quaint handicraft boutiques and traditional pastry shops. Ascend the mountain by shuttle for a visit to the 19th-century Pena Palace, Sintra's undisputed highlight. Boasting an incredible combination of architectural styles, colors, and shapes, you'll feel as if you've entered a fairytale.



# ITINERARY DAYS 4-5

## DAY 4 | LISBON TO PORTO

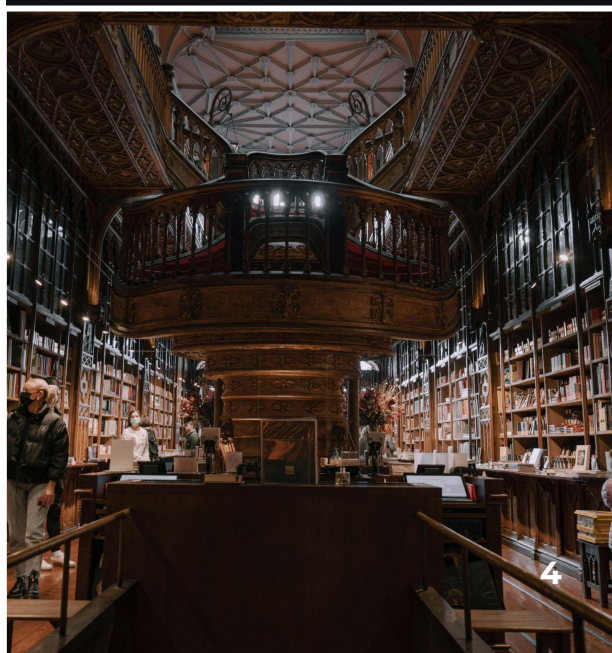
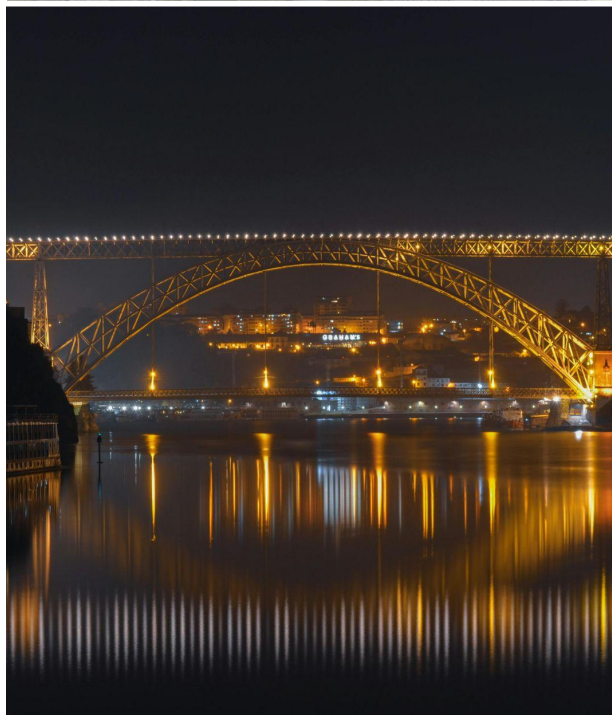
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Enjoy a train ride from Lisbon to Porto. The regular trains take around 3 hrs., while the highspeed trains take a little less than 3 hrs.

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## DAY 5 | PORTO

A private guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel to escort you on a half-day tour of Porto and its historic city center, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the exterior of the 18th century Porto Cathedral, one of Porto's oldest monuments, followed by a panoramic viewpoint over the Douro River where you can take in views across to the city Gaia. Head to Batalha Square where you can spot the 18th century Batalha Palace, then walk Santa Catarina Street, the city's main shopping street, buzzing with action. Head to Liberdade Square where the monument to King Peter IV is centralized within several beautiful neoclassical facades, and continue to see the Clerigos Church and Tower, dominating the city at 250 feet tall. Enjoy a skip-the-line visit to Livraria Lello, likely the world's most stunningly beautiful bookshop, and the point of inspiration behind the Hogwarts library in the revered Harry Potter series. Venture to Ribeira Square, with its river view and three-storey high monumental fountain, and if desired, speak with your guide about making an optional visit to Porto Wine Cellars for a wine tasting (payable on the spot). Conclude with a return transfer to your hotel.







## ITINERARY DAYS 6-7

### DAY 6 | PORTO

Set out with a private tourism driver on a full day discovery of the scenic Douro Valley. Head to Amarante, an important pilgrimage town, where you'll visit the historic city center, spotting houses overhanging the Tamega River. Visit the 16th century Church of Sao Goncalo Monastery, its chapel home to the tomb of revered Dominican friar, Saint Goncalo. Enjoy the views as you continue through the picturesque Douro Valley, a rich agricultural area known for its wine production and distinct terroir. In Regua, take a walk along the Douro River and catch views of the terraced vineyards that line the riverside, then head to Pinhao for a visit of its famous railway station renowned for its iconic, blue-painted tiles. Over the course of your day, you'll make visits to a pair of local wineries, where you'll be treated to wine tastings of different local wines, as well as a locally inspired lunch. Conclude your day on arrival back to Porto. Note: alternate wineries may be used if required for availability purposes.

### DAY 7 | FAREWELL

Meet your private driver for an airport transfer. Please note drivers may or may not speak English as their sole responsibility is to transfer clients from one location to another. If you would like to have the presence of an English-speaking Assistant or Guide for your transfer this can be pre-arranged upon request and would be subject to an additional supplement.



# TRIP DETAILS

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person.
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Handpicked, high quality hotels, all tried and trusted.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers, and Local Experts.

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in / late check out.
- International, domestic, and internal airfares, unless specified.
- Travel insurance, visas, and items of a personal nature.

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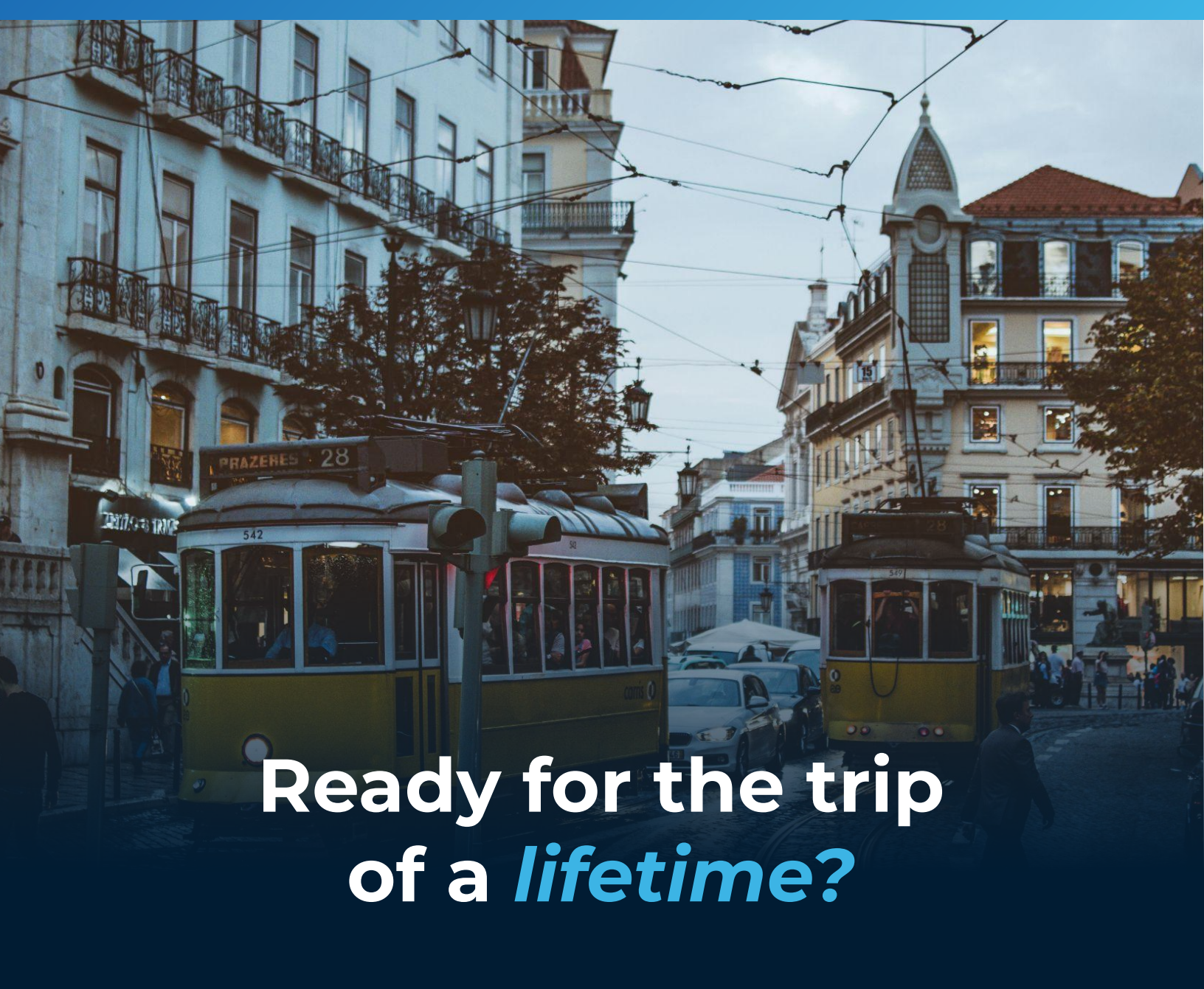
## PRICING

Full Tour	Varies
Land Only	Varies
Single Supplement	Varies
Deposit	Varies

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Deposit payment of \$750 per person to hold space.
  - Final payment due
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