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11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lisbon, Choice on Tour: “Calcadas” Walking Tour or “The Way of the Cod” Tour, Belem, Cork Factory, Evora, Winery Visit, Alentejo, Lagos, Algarve, Setúbal, Portuguese Riviera, Obidos, Sintra, Choice on Tour: National Palace of Sintra or Free Time, UNESCO World Heritage Sites

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
 Days 2 – 4 Turim Marques Hotel , Lisbon
 Day 5 Vila Gale Evora , Evora
 Days 6 – 8 Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve
 Days 9, 10 Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, Cascais

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Virtuoso Exclusive amenity per person

- \$100 credit towards tour add-ons (anything beyond land package and waiver; including pre/post nights, pre/post tour extensions, optional excursions, ect.)

*These are combinable with any other offer in market.

*If land only and no pre/post or option purchase, the \$100 does not get credited toward anything else

Day 1: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 Overnight Flight

Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of orange and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

Day 2: Thursday, April 3, 2025 Arrive Lisbon, Portugal

Your tour begins today in Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment.

Day 3: Friday, April 4, 2025 Lisbon

Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Saturday, April 5, 2025 Lisbon

Choose how you want to explore Lisbon today, because **it's your choice!** Discover the art and tradition of the Portuguese sidewalks during a locally led walking tour - **OR-** venture with your Tour Manager on foot and discover the city through the lens of the country's most loved fish, *bacalhau* (salted codfish). After, travel to Belem where you'll see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO) and the Monument to the Discoveries. Witness the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery* (UNESCO) and learn about the importance of this iconic monastery. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *Fado* music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, April 6, 2025 Lisbon - Evora

Today, you'll make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) – the “Museum City of Portugal.” A traditional Alentejo lunch will be waiting for you, accompanied by *Cante Alentejano* music (UNESCO). In the afternoon, take time to explore this medieval walled city and see its well-preserved Roman temple up close. (B, L)

Day 6: Monday, April 7, 2025 Evora - Lagos

Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve - the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and light lunch. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. Many celebrated voyagers began their explorations from this bustling port city. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Lagos

It's your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob in the sea. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional boat tour** today that gets you closer to some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Toronto Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$200 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YYZ

Day 8: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Lagos - Portimão - Monchique - Lagos

This morning venture along the coast to discover the importance the sardine canning industry in the Algarve. Then, continue to Monchique, a mountain village nestled among rich landscapes, to learn the secrets of regional bread and fruits. Sample them with a savoury lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialties during a picnic. After, return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Thursday, April 10, 2025 Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais

En route to the Portuguese Riviera, stop in Setúbal a colourful industrial city and one of southern Europe's best-kept secrets. See the *Mercado* (Farmers Market) do Livramento up close. It is considered one of the best fish markets in the world, and it's also rich with displays of fresh fruits and vegetables. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, *azulejos*, are made. Then, head to the Portuguese Riviera. Mansions scattered throughout Cascais and Monte Estoril all hint at this

area's history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. (B)

Day 10: Friday, April 11, 2025 Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore this quaint hilltop village and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries - **OR-** venture into the National Palace of Sintra and learn about its 1000-year old history. On your return to Cascais, stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the western most point of continental Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Cascais and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 11: Saturday, April 12, 2025 Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

Experience It! The Algarve

Postcard-worthy coastlines brushing against crystal clear water, stunning cliffs plunging into the rocky waves below, and awe-inspiring vistas that will leave you speechless – this is the Algarve. The southernmost region of Portugal, the Algarve is home to the perfect combination of historical architecture and sandy beaches. Although every area of the Algarve offers unique charms and is the perfect setting for a relaxing getaway, some of the preferred cities of this region include Lagos for its charm and good food. While in the Algarve, make sure you sample some of the fresh seafood, indulge in the local figs and oranges, and maybe even buy a piece of intricately painted pottery.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Oct 04, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. During your Choice on Tour in Lisbon, one of the walks offered requires walking 2 miles on cobblestone streets and uphill at times. Lisbon is a hilly city and all sidewalks are cobblestoned which can get slippery when wet. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travellers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with a group size of an average of 37 travellers, up to a maximum of 44 travellers.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*Please note that you will only see the Jeronimos Monastery from the exterior.

**Due to inclement weather or challenging sea conditions, operation of the optional boat tour will only be reconfirmed on the day of service.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. All transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40-minute drive).

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 27, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 03, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until October 04, 2024.

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