

TRIP START DATES

| 2023 | 2024 |
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| APR 07, 14, 21, 28 | APR 05, 12, 19, 26 |
| MAY 05, 12, 19, 26 | MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 |
| JUN 02, 09, 16, 23 | JUN 07, 14, 21 |
| JUL 07, 21 | JUL 05, 19 |
| AUG 04, 18 | AUG 02, 16, 30 |
| SEP 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 | SEP 06, 13, 20, 27 |
| OCT 06 | OCT 04 |

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∞ COUNTRY ROADS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

15 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Monsaraz: Join a local boat captain for a tranquil cruise of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Porto: Choose to visit the iconic São Bento Railway Station and walk on the Dom Luís I Bridge in Porto. Alternatively, see the Clérigos Tower, the Atlantic coast at the mouth of the Douro and the main Liberdade Square.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Monsaraz: Enjoy a memorable Alentejo Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Indulge in dish-after-dish of the tastiest tapas in a vibrant setting.

Welcome Dinner in Lisbon • Farm-to-Table dining in Douro Valley • Celebration Dinner in Porto.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the Jerónimos Monastery • Capela dos Ossos in Évora • Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima • Templar Castle • Convent of Christ and Synagogue in Tomar.

City tours of Lisbon, Tomar, Évora, Coimbra and Porto all with Local Experts.

COUNTRY ROADS OF PORTUGAL

"Portuguese custard tarts, pastéis de nata, only exist because of the nuns' laundry room. Egg whites were used to starch clothing and the remaining egg yolk was used to make the tarts."

– Dom, Travel Director



MONUMENT TO THE DISCOVERIES, LISBON



MONSARAZ CRUISE, ALQUEVA DAM RESERVOIR



DAY 1 WELCOME TO LISBON

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant and the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travellers.(DW)

Corinthia Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 2 LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belém Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries.

Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you enjoy a Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit Jerónimos Monastery. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner. (B)

Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 3 THE ALGARVE

Cross the River Tagus to reach Lagos, a coastal fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. A short walk away, specialized Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic. (B)

Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve.

DAY 4 EVERLASTING ÉVORA

Relaxed Start. Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past.

Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the cathedral as well as the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 17th century chapel made of bones. (B)

M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora.

DAY 5 MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA

Relaxed Start. Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz and take in the spectacular views from the castle ruins.

Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life.

Sit down to a delicious Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant, cheerful atmosphere.

Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. (B) (LW)

DAY 6 FÁTIMA AND ON TO TOMAR

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions.

In Tomar, visit the Templar Castle and the Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join your Local Expert to explore the Templars' Rotunda and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. See the Manueline Window, a national masterpiece and visit the Synagogue of Tomar and its small Jewish museum. (B) (DW)

Hotel dos Templários, Tomar.

DAY 7 COIMBRA AND THE DOURO VALLEY

Relaxed Start. In Coimbra, your Local Expert will guide you through the Old Town, before visiting the baroque university library, one of the finest in the world.

Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro river.

Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table Dinner, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a port wine tasting. (B) (DW)

Douro Palace Hotel Resort & Spa, Douro Valley.

DAY 8 GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

Relaxed Start. Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cosy squares.

Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge. Alternatively, explore the Clérigos Tower, Liberdade Square and the nearby Atlantic beaches, also led by a Local Expert. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The decor is a mix of classic and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork.(B)

Pousado do Porto Rua Das Flores.

DAY 9 PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

Relaxed Start. With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-coloured houses of Porto? Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque.

In the evening, bid adeus to your Travel Director and fellow travellers with a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant. (B) (DW)

DAY 10 ÓBIDOS AND ONTO LISBON

Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos where there is free time to explore.

This afternoon your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B)

Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon.

DAY 11 DEPART LISBON

After breakfast, your departure transfer arrives at Lisbon International Airport at 07:00 or 09:30. (B)



INSIGHT CHOICE Delight in a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém. (Photo by @Chilly20four, Day 2, Lisbon)



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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