



## **DAY 1**

Jun 23, 2024: Travel Day

Traveling you lose a full day.

## **DAY 2**

Jun 24, 2024: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Say hello to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Dinner*

## **DAY 3**

Jun 25, 2024: 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.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*

## **DAY 4**

Jun 26, 2024: 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.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch*

## **DAY 5**

Jun 27, 2024: 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.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch*

## **DAY 6**

Jun 28, 2024: Lagos

It is your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly colored 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 will get you closer to some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner*

## **DAY 7**

Jun 29, 2024: Lagos - Silves - Lagos

This morning, venture to Silves. Allow your senses to take over when you see the contrast of dark red castle walls with the whitewashed buildings as you climb the hills of this sleepy town, once the capital of Moorish Portugal. During your stop, explore the town at your own pace or choose to climb up to the castle and see for yourself one of the best-preserved examples of Moorish defensive architecture in Portugal. Venture into a local farm nestled among rich landscapes, to learn secrets of regional bread and fruits and sample the results with a savory lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialties. Continue down the coast to discover the importance the canning industry held in the Algarve. After, return to Lagos for an evening at leisure.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch*

## **DAY 8**

Jun 30, 2024: Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais

En route to the Portuguese Riviera, make a stop in Setúbal a colorful 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, but 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. After, 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.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*

## **DAY 9**

Jul 01, 2024: 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 Lisbon, stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the western most point of continental Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner*

## **DAY 10**

Jul 02, 2024: Cascais - Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira

Your time on tour comes to a close today, but there's more of the world to see. Now it's off to make new memories. Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic" where you will arrive in the early afternoon. Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. After some free time for lunch on your own in the colorful Santa Maria district, be led on a walking tour of Funchal's old downtown with its quaint narrow streets and historical sites, such as the 15th-century cathedral. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*

## **DAY 11**

Jul 03, 2024: Funchal

The day is yours. During your free time, you may choose to visit the Sacred Art Museum and learn about how the sugar cane trade allowed for the purchase of Flemish art dating back to the 15th century. Or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an espetada. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favorite local dish cooked over an open fire.

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## **DAY 12**

Jul 04, 2024: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a tour that will take you to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with on a picture-perfect bay that served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It was here that Madeira's natural beauty captivated him and inspired many of his paintings of the Island. Drive along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. After, visit a sugar mill and learn about the importance of sugar cane production to the island in the early 15th century. Sample some local specialties made at the mill before leaving for the fishing village of Porto Moniz. Here, enjoy free time for a swim\* (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic rock pools before returning to Funchal.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*

## **DAY 13**

Jul 05, 2024: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy your afternoon as you please.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*

## **DAY 14**

Jul 06, 2024: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today.

*INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast*