



## Highlights of Portugal Tour Itinerary

Discover diverse Portugal on this 14 day tour of the most charming corners of the jewel of the Atlantic. Spend your days exploring the ancient, winding streets of centuries-old towns like Evora and Chaves, and the spectacular architecture and history of Porto and Lisbon, all while indulging in petiscos, local wine tastings and soulful fado. Let the magical Portuguese air carry you away...

### Day 1 Lisbon and Evora

Enjoy a leisurely day recovering from your journey at your hotel, a refurbished 15th century convent. Relax in your modern suite or at the spa, wander the ancient olive groves and let your body adjust to Portuguese time.

### Day 2 Evora

Get to know the 2000 year old city of Evora on a private guided tour, exploring the largest cathedral in Portugal and architectural wonders ranging from Gothic to Neoclassical. End the history-packed day with a tasting of local wines in a former Gothic water reservoir, now your hotel's wine cellar.

### Day 3 Evora

Take a day trip to a herdade farm in Evora, where you will enjoy a tour of the spectacular grounds and animals, followed by a picnic lunch. Next, head to a local winery where you will learn about the region's variety of grapes and the techniques used to create their aromatic, unique wines.

### Day 4 Evora, Coimbra, Aveiro and Porto

Continue your journey in Coimbra, Portugal's former capital and now a major cultural center. Your private guide will lead you through the stunning campus of the local university, cathedral and Roman Aqueduct. After some leisure time and lunch, transfer to Aveiro for a guided tour of the sites. Finally, head to Porto to check into your hotel.





### **Day 5 Porto**

Spend the day learning about Porto's cultural treasures and history. You will visit the remarkable 13th century St. Francis Church, the Romanesque cathedral, the Neoclassical Stock Exchange and the striking Lello Bookstore, which served as the inspiration for Hogwarts' design in JK Rowling's "Harry Potter" books. Enjoy some time at leisure before a night of petiscos and local wine at one of the most charming spots in the city.

### **Day 6 Porto**

Enjoy a day of indulgence at a Portuguese cooking class where you will learn to prepare typical dishes paired with local wines, followed by a tour and port tasting across the Douro at two of Porto's most fabulous port wineries.

### **Day 7 Porto and Douro Valley**

Head to the Alto Douro wine region for a morning of hiking through lush hills, flanked by magnificent vineyards and the rushing Douro River. After tucking into a delicious picnic lunch, you're off to a family owned winery for a tour and tasting.

### **Day 8 Porto, Braga, Guimaraes and Vidago**

Say goodbye to Porto as you move on to Guimaraes, one of the most important cities in Portuguese history. After a private tour through the gorgeous historical quarter, you will transfer to elegant Braga. Portugal's third largest city is filled with a splendid array of Baroque churches and ancient, winding streets, which you will explore with your guide before heading to Vidago to check into your Belle Epoque-designed hotel.

### **Day 9 Vidago and Chaves**

Take a day trip to the Roman town of Chaves. Tour the dazzling narrow streets, colorful, charming houses and their carved wooden balconies, stunning churches and, finally, the 14th century castle that will make you feel like you've traveled back in time.

### **Day 10 Vidago and Douro Boat Excursion**

Discover the mystical Douro wine region by boat, the best way to take in views of the rolling green hills and alluring wineries. Enjoy a lunch of regional delicacies onboard while learning about the extensive history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.





### **Day 11 Vidago, Obidos and Lisbon**

Check out of your Vidago hotel and spend the morning marveling at the town of Obidos, which once served as the gift that Portuguese kings would give their brides on their wedding day. The glittering white buildings shine within the walled town, and it is no wonder the regal women were so taken with its beauty. Move on to sensual Lisbon where you will check into your spectacular hotel.

### **Day 12 Lisbon**

Explore glorious Lisbon with your guide, visiting the city's old quarter, famous neighborhoods, the Castle of Saint Jorge and the Belem Tower. Cap off your introduction to Portugal's crowning jewel with a traditional dinner and a fado performance. The dark, soulful music is representative of the nation's complex, but beautiful, roots.

### **Day 13 Lisbon, Sintra, Cascais and Estoril**

This morning your driver will take you to magical Sintra, where you will tour the magnificent Palacio da Pena and rustic Convento dos Capuxos with your private guide. Next, head to Cascais, a former fishing town and, now, vacation destination for artists and European nobility, to enjoy the sea air and breathtaking views. Your day will come to an end with a stroll around charming Estoril before transferring back to Lisbon.

### **Day 14 Lisbon**

Departure

