



Portugal for Families Tour Itinerary

Portugal is the perfect place for a family getaway as it truly offers something for everyone. While parents discover ancient cathedrals and incredible wines, children will be treated to gripping tales of explorers and conquerors, chocolate tastings and plenty of outdoor activities, from hiking to surfing. The mix of rich history, a welcoming culture, excellent gastronomy and diverse landscape guarantees a thrilling adventure for all.

Day 1 Porto

Check into your fabulous hotel and enjoy some leisure time to recover from your journey. Once your energies are up, head out for a tour of the highlights of the city, visiting the remarkable Saint Francis Church, the Romanesque cathedral, the Neoclassical Stock Exchange and the magical bookstore that allegedly inspired JK Rowling's Hogwarts.

Day 2 Porto

Make your way to a local chocolate shop for a private tasting, including lots of delicious local chocolate, to the children's delight, and a glass of port, to the parents'! Next, it's off to explore the city by bike with your guide, riding along Porto's gorgeous gardens, the tree-lined streets dotted with charming cottages, architectural wonders and the stunning seaside.

Day 3 Porto, Braga and Guimarães

Take a break from vibrant Porto with a day trip to Guimarães, where you will be treated to a private tour through the outstanding historical quarter, and the children's jaws will be wagging at fabulous tales of royalty and conquerors. After lunch, transfer to Braga, Portugal's third largest city, to explore a splendid array of Baroque churches and ancient, winding streets with your guide.

Day 4 Porto and Douro Valley

Spend a day on the water in the sublime Douro Valley, a dazzling region that unfolds around the rushing river of the same name, and produces some of the peninsula's best wine. Enjoy a traditional lunch on board and relax as the younger crowd plays "I spy" with the knowledgeable guide, pointing out the diverse landscapes in the area. Once you reach the dock, transfer to your Douro Valley hotel.





Day 5 Douro Valley

Get back to nature on a hike through the Alto Douro wine region. Your expert guide will lead you on a route that winds between lush vineyards and the sapphire river, answering any questions you may have about the area's flora and fauna. Towards the end of your hike, stop for a picnic lunch of northern Portuguese delicacies while enjoying incredible views.

Day 6 Douro Valley

Today you will have the chance to learn all about organic and sustainable alchemy in a hands-on herbal workshop. The guide will teach you about different herbal properties, and how to blend such herbs into organic, sustainable cosmetics. Children will love creating their own "potions" and goods to take home with you, such as creams, body scrubs, laundry detergents and lip balms.

Day 7 Douro Valley, Aveiro, Coimbra and Lisboa

Say goodbye to the Douro Valley and move onto beautiful Aveiro to visit the sites with your local guide. Next, head to Coimbra, Portugal's former capital and now a major cultural center. Visit the stunning campus of the local university, the cathedral, and the Roman Aqueduct. Finally, check into your spectacular hotel in Lisboa.

Day 8 Lisboa

Spend the day exploring Lisboa with your private guide. Visit the Castle of Saint George, the extraordinary Belem, Baixa, Alfama and Chiado neighborhoods, and many marvelous monuments from the Age of Exploration. Youngsters will love munching on creamy and sugary pastéis while images of explorers and sailors dance in their heads. End your introduction to Lisboa with a taste of local cuisine during a petiscos dinner walking tour with a local host.

Day 9 Lisboa and Sintra

This morning your driver will take you to magical Sintra, a fairytale town filled with architectural gems, and crowned by a stunning backdrop of rolling green hills, where you will tour the glorious Palacio da Pena, with your private guide. After the tour, head to a stunning country estate where your fascinating host will show you the grounds and talk about his family's history before inviting you to a traditional lunch in the lavish dining room.





Day 10 Lisboa and the Algarve

It's time to bid farewell to Lisboa and head south to the breathtaking Algarve. Your hotel is located in the heart of the seaside region, making it the perfect place to set out on any adventure you choose, from golfing and spa treatments, to surfing and cliff-hiking.

Day 11 Faro and Ilha Deserta

Spend the morning in the ancient city of Faro, one of the jewels of the Algarve. Visit the cathedral, old quarters and the Archeological Museum on a private tour before hopping on a speed boat for your journey to the enigmatic Ilha Deserta. Discover the island's unique flora and fauna with your expert guide, and end the adventure with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 12 Algarve

Spend the day cruising the Ria Formosa Lagoon Barrier Islands on a private boat. Enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding area and unique wildlife before stopping off for lunch at a traditional restaurant. Spend the afternoon at leisure enjoying the hotel installations or endless opportunities for outdoor activities.

Day 13

Departure

