

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Portugal: Porto, the Algarve & Lisbon

9 DAYS: Saturday, March 9-Sunday, March 17, 2019 pp/do \$3,069 single \$3,309

Tap into Portugal's sunny, seafaring spirit. Journey through the cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has ever known. Sip Port in the city it's named for and soak up the historic neighborhoods along the Douro River. Coast from beaches to tranquil fishing towns in the Algarve, and end your stay in Portugal's colorful capital city.

Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Porto's Old-World Ribeira district, Douro riverfront, Stock Exchange Palace, Coimbra,
- Évora's Chapel of Bones, Sagres Fortress, Jerónimos Monastery,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few downhill inclines.



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Porto today.

Porto

Day 2: Arrival in Porto

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Settle in to your hotel in the heart of this 2,000-year-old, UNESCO-listed city. Later, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Porto

Included meals: Breakfast

Get to know Porto like a true tripeiro (Porto resident) as you follow your local guide. • Wander through the medieval lanes of the Old-World Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront • Pass citywide icons, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic São Francisco Church, and the wrought-iron Maria Pia Bridge • Step inside the city's famed neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace Enjoy a free afternoon in Porto or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar +\$59/pp

Float along the beautiful Douro, the Iberian Peninsula's third-longest river. Take in scenes of Porto's vibrant waterfront and historic Villa Nova de Gaia, home to the region's centuries-old Port wine warehouses. As you cruise, you'll drift under five of the river's most iconic Old-World bridges, passing colorful hillside villas and traditional rabelos (flat-bottomed boats) along the way. Back on shore, pay a visit to one of Porto's most prestigious Port wine cellars. During the guided tour, learn about the long-standing history of Port wine, as well as the ins and outs of Port production and warehousing. Then, sit down to taste three of the cellar's world-famous labels, paired with cheese. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$69)

Évora

Day 4: Évora via Coimbra

Included meals: Breakfast

Drive south and stop to explore Coimbra on a guided walking tour of the city's chapel and the country's first university. Later, settle in to your hotel in Évora.

The Algarve Region

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Évora & transfer to the Algarve Region

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Before making your way to the sun-soaked Algarve region, follow a local guide as you stroll through the streets of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities. • Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework • Pass the remains of the Roman temple and enter

the Chapel of Bones • Stop at the Alentejo Cork Factory for a tour to get a closer look at the way corks are made

Day 6: Lagos, Sagres & Cape St. Vincent

Included meals: Breakfast

Discover the white-sand beaches, dramatic coastline, and small towns of the Algarve region, southern Portugal's beachy hot spot. • Visit the seafaring towns of Lagos and Sagres, as well as Cape St. Vincent • Admire stunning views of the sea from Sagres Fortress

Lisbon

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon

Included meals: Breakfast

Head back north to Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, and embark on a guided tour. • Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park, then pass the Plaza del Marqués de Pombal and the Mouraria District • Discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém • Enter the Jerónimos Monastery, built to honor voyagers • Walk from Bairro Alto through Chiado square to the Baixa district in the heart of the city Enjoy a free evening in Lisbon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Fado Dinner & Show

+\$85/pp

Spend your evening at a Lisbon tavern listening to fado. Derived from the Latin word fatum—meaning “prophecy” or “fate”—fado is Portugal's national musical treasure. Fado's traditional theme is saudade, a word that doesn't quite translate to English but conveys a sense of both nostalgia and longing. Dinner is included during this memorable musical evening. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Day 8: Free day in Lisbon

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Spend a full free day exploring Lisbon on your own or add an excursion. Later, say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion

Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera +\$65/pp

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Sintra and learn why the poet Lord Byron once called it a “glorious Eden.” Get a glimpse into royal life during a guided tour of the 19th-century, romanticist Pena Palace. This mountaintop site boasts picturesque gardens and sweeping views of the Portuguese countryside. After your tour, you'll have free time to stroll through Sintra, viewing its colorful villas, small shops, and impeccably manicured gardens. On your way back to Lisbon, take in the coastal scenery of the Portuguese Riviera. You'll also stop in the old fishing village of Cascais to eat lunch and discover the town's winding, narrow streets, pastel-colored buildings, and bustling fish market. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.