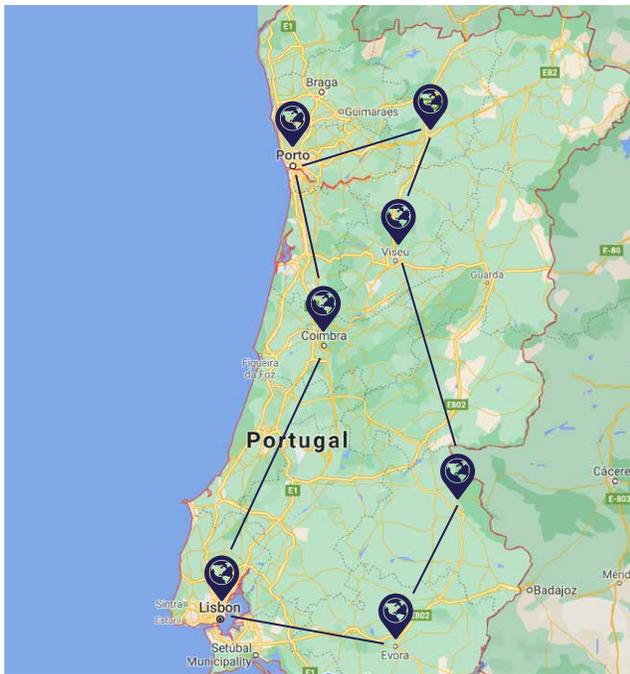


Portugal - Self-drive Return Lisbon 11 Day/10 nights

\$1319

Per person / Double occupancy.
For departures from Jan. 2 to March 31, 2022



The Package Includes:

- 2 nights at the 3* Hotel Saboia or similar in Estoril
- 1 night at the 3* Hotel Astoria or similar in Coimbra
- 2 nights at the 3* Grande Hotel do Porto or similar in Porto
- 1 night at the 5* The Vintage House Hotel or similar in Pinhao
- 1 night at the 4* Hotel Balacio dos Melos or similar in Viseu
- 1 night at the 3* Pousada do Marvao or similar in Marvao
- 1 night at the 3* Hotel Dom Fernando or similar in Evora
- 1 night at the 3* Hotel Expo Astoria or similar in Lisbon
- 10-day (EDMR Ibiza A/C) car rental – pick-up and drop-off at Lisbon Airport including Super Collision Damage Waiver and 2 drivers permitted

The package does not include:

- Airfare to/from Portugal
- Meals or beverages unless mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to sites and museums
- Road tolls
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses

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Day 1 : Lisbon - Estoril - Approximately 1/2 hour

After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, go to the Europcar Rental Desk in the arrivals area to pick-up your vehicle and drive for ½ hour to the seaside resort town of Estoril for your 2-night stay.

Overnight: 3* Hotel Saboia or similar



Day 2 : Estoril

Long established as the cosmopolitan holiday destination of the rich and famous on the Portuguese Riviera, Estoril has an elegance more commonly attributed to resorts on the Cote d'Azur.

Estoril's main beach is set just across the road from the palm-lined Parque do Estoril with its cafes and restaurants. Praia de Tamariz is a fine stretch of gold sand backed by a seafront promenade which runs all the way to Cascais in the west. This whole stretch of land at the mouth of the River Tejo abounds with elegant villas, grandiose hotels and quality bars and eateries all situated in a general atmosphere of luxury and tailored gardens.

If you wish, you can drive to the historic city of Lisbon with its World Heritage monuments, Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belem. Walk along the medieval quarters of Alfama and Mouraria, crowned by the magnificent St. George's Castle and feel the atmosphere of this "old" historical town.

Overnight: 3* Hotel Saboia or similar



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Day 3 : Estoril – Coimbra

Approximately 2 hours

After breakfast this morning you drive north towards Coimbra. Along the way you can visit the medieval walled town of Óbidos with its typical white houses, flowered windows and narrow streets paved with beautiful stone all encircled by the walls of a 12th century castle. This town is known for its Ginginha (cherry liqueur) in a chocolate cup.

If you have time, stop in Fatima which is home to the Sanctuary of Fatima, a Catholic pilgrimage site and a good lunch break might be in the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré.

Coimbra is home to one of Europe's oldest universities. It has a magnificent baroque library and has retained its secular academic traditions as seen in the black caped students.

Overnight: 3* Hotel Astoria or similar



Day 4 : Coimbra – Porto

Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes

You can have a leisurely breakfast this morning as it is just a 100km drive north to Porto.

Enjoy the beautiful landscape on the way, the lovely forest of Bussaco and Aveiro - known as the Portuguese Venice. It was once a great sea port known for the charm of its Canals and especially the "Ria" a lagoon

which links Aveiro to the sea where you can see the painted boats called Moliceiros which are similar to the gondolas of Venice.

The city of Porto has many lovely old buildings and the historic centre of the city has been classified as UNESCO world heritage. Perhaps visit an Oporto wine cellar which is just on the other side of the riverbank or take a bridges cruise on Douro River for a different view of the city

Overnight: 3* Grande Hotel do Porto or similar



Day 5 : Porto

Today is a day for exploring the greenest region of the country and discover towns where the history of Portugal was born.

Visit the historic and pleasant city of Guimarães, birthplace of the first king of Portugal, with its Medieval Castle and the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança which dates back to the 15th century.

Or perhaps Braga known as the "Portuguese Rome" with its concentration of religious architecture such as the oldest Cathedral in the country dating from the 12th century and the 18th century

Or Viana do Castelo famous for its handicrafts and the magnificent view from Santa Luzia hilltop.

Overnight: 3* Grande Hotel do Porto or similar

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Day 6 : Porto – Pinhao

Approximately 1.5 hours

After breakfast, it is time to head for wine country.

To get there, you cross the majestic Serra do Marão mountains. Do stop at Amarante with its picturesque bridge and the outstanding ancient houses with beautiful wooden and wrought iron balconies.

Continue on to Vila Real, a typical town of the Trás-os-Montes region – watch out for the palace “Solar de Mateus” with its winery dating back to the 16th century.

Visit the charming Mesão Frio, although small it is worth visiting and Peso da Régua, the official centre of the Port wine region - a peaceful town overlooking the valley of the River Douro.

All along the way to Pinhão admire the spectacular views with terraced slopes of vineyards leading down to the river.

Tonight’s hotel dates back to the XVIII century when it was an old Port Winery. The Vintage House is located in the heart of the Douro Valley overlooking the Douro River and the vineyards.

Overnight: 5* The Vintage House Hotel or similar

Day 7: Pinhao – Viseu

Approximately 3 hours

Drive south through the heart of Portugal into the mountainous hinterland to the city of Viseu – considered to be a city of warriors and artists but it is also known for great wine as it is at the center of the Dão vineyards.

Viseu, halfway between the ocean and the Spanish border, is surrounded by the Estrela Mountains which are the highest point of the country (6500'). Here you can find many local the local handicrafts particularly leather and woollen articles.

Overnight: 4*Hotel Palacio dos Melos or similar



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Day 8 : Viseu – Marva

Approximately 3 hours

After breakfast this morning, you leave the southeast part of Portugal and head towards the mountain top village of Marvao.

We recommend a brief stop in the town of Castelo Branco which is known for its embroidered quilts.

The medieval village of Marvão is one of Portugal's most spectacular fortified villages and is dominated by the 13th century Marvao Castle. From here you can see all the way to Spain which is one of the reasons the castle was constructed as it provided a clear view of any invaders.

Overnight: 3* Pousada do Marvao or similar

Day 9 : Marvao – Evora

Approximately 1.5 hours

There are some interesting stops of interest on the way today such as the beautiful town of Estremoz which is one of the "white cities" in Alentejo. You can recognize it from far away by its white homes spread across a hill. The name "white city" comes from not only the colour of the houses but also from the deposits of white marble. Estremoz marble made the city world famous and is the second largest exporter of this raw material in the world.

Once in Évora, we recommend a walking tour from Giraldo Square through to the handicraft streets to the Roman temple, the Cathedral and St Francis Church with its unique Bones Chapel.

During your stay in Évora you may wish to visit Arraiolos, a typical Alentejo village where you will find the famous and genuine Arraiolos carpets or the small fortified medieval village of Monsaraz that stands on a hill on the right side of the Guadiana River.

Overnight: 3* Hotel Dom Fernando or similar



Day 10 : Evora – Lisbon

Approximately 1.5 hours

After breakfast, you'll drive through the stunning the Serra da Arrabida Natural Park. Situated by the sea, the park offers some of the most stunning coastal scenery in the Lisbon area. The highest point is in the Serra do Risco, a magnificent cliff 380m high. If you want to stretch your legs, there are well marked hiking trails that you can take.

Sesimbra old town is a pleasant place with the usual cobbled streets and abundance of churches common to Portuguese towns. Sesimbra Castle is worth visiting – the construction was originally started in 1201, thanks to King Sancho II. Most of the castle now lies in ruins

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but the panoramic views of the bay and surrounding hills as you explore the battlements are impressive. As are the displays inside each of the towers.

In the evening, we would recommend a walk along the typical streets of Bairro Alto and Madragoa and enjoy dinner at a local Fado Restaurant for a last taste of Portuguese cuisine.

Overnight: 3* Hotel Expo Astoria or similar

Day 11 : Lisbon - Departure

Today you bid farewell to Portugal as you head to the airport to return your car before checking in for your flight.

Rates 10 nights

Price Per Person	Jan. 2 - Mar. 31, 2022	Mar. 31 - June 30, 2022 Sep. 16 - Oct. 31, 2022	July 1 - 14, 2022 Aug. 19 - Sep. 15, 2022	July 16 - Aug. 18, 2022
Twin occupancy	\$1319	\$1695	\$1895	\$2015
Single occupancy (Car single use)	\$2425	\$3155	\$3540	\$3875

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