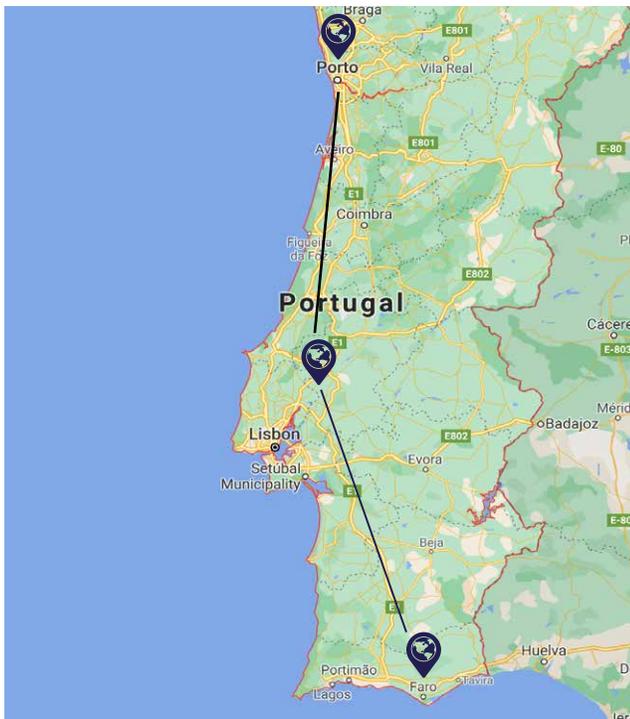


# Portugal Self-drive Porto to Faro 8 days / 7 nights

# \$929

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



## The Package Includes:

- 2 nights in 4\* Hotel Vila Gale in Porto
- 1 night in 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Ericeira
- 2 nights in 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Sintra
- 1 night in 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Club de Campo – 25kms from Beja
- 1 night in 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Tavira
- Breakfast daily
- 7 Day EDMR (Ibiza with A/C or similar) with Super Collision Damage Waiver Insurance and pick-up at Porto Airport and drop-off at Faro Airport

## The package does not include:

- Any airfare
- Road tolls, if applicable
- Entrance fees to sites or museums
- Gratuities
- Meals and beverages, unless mentioned
- Hotel taxes: Lisbon & Porto (2 Euro per person/night) city taxes, paid locally to the hotel (other cities might apply city tax without previous notice and the ones mentioned here can change without prior notice).

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### Day 1 : Porto

After arriving at the Porto Airport, clearing customs and collecting your luggage, go to the Europcar Rental Desk in the arrivals area to pick-up your car. It's about a 20-minute drive to the city center. Public parking is available at the hotel for a fee.

Porto is the capital of the north of Portugal and a UNESCO world heritage site located on the right bank of Douro River that crosses the Porto wine region and is the city that originated Port wine.

The rest of the day is at leisure

**Overnight: 4\* Hotel Vila Gale or similar**



### Day 2 : Porto

After breakfast, the day is free to explore Porto on your own – but you might be interested in checking some of the areas mentioned below.

Avenue dos Aliados is one of the central points of Porto - the wide boulevard is surrounded by impressive Neoclassical buildings. Close to the Avenida dos Aliados, there's Torre dos Clérigos, the symbol of Porto dating back to the 18th century. Not far away is the Lello bookshop with a neo-gothic façade and Carmo church with its splendid architecture.

Visit the Estação de Sao Bento - Porto main train station which is worth visiting to see the 20,000 tiles.

In Ribeira, Porto's riverside quarter with its tiny houses painted in colourful tones, you will see the Dom Luis I Bridge that dates back to the 19th century and which is built on two levels - the lower part connects the Ribeira with the wine cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia. You are able to walk from one side to the other and we recommend a visit to a Port wine cellar featuring Port wine tasting in an atmosphere that takes you on a journey to the past.

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### Day 3 : Porto - Ericeira

It is about a 300km drive to Ericeira so you may wish to get an early start as there is lots to see during the drive. Some interesting stops on the way include:

- Aveiro - known for the charm of its Canals where you will see the painted boats called Moliceiros, similar to the gondolas of Venice.
- Coimbra - this historical charming city has one of Europe's oldest universities complete with a magnificent baroque library.
- Joanina - that has kept its secular academic traditions as seen in the black caped students.
- Nazaré - a picturesque fishing town.
- Óbidos - with its typical white houses, flowered windows and narrow streets paved with beautiful stone all encircled by the walls of a 12<sup>th</sup> century castle.



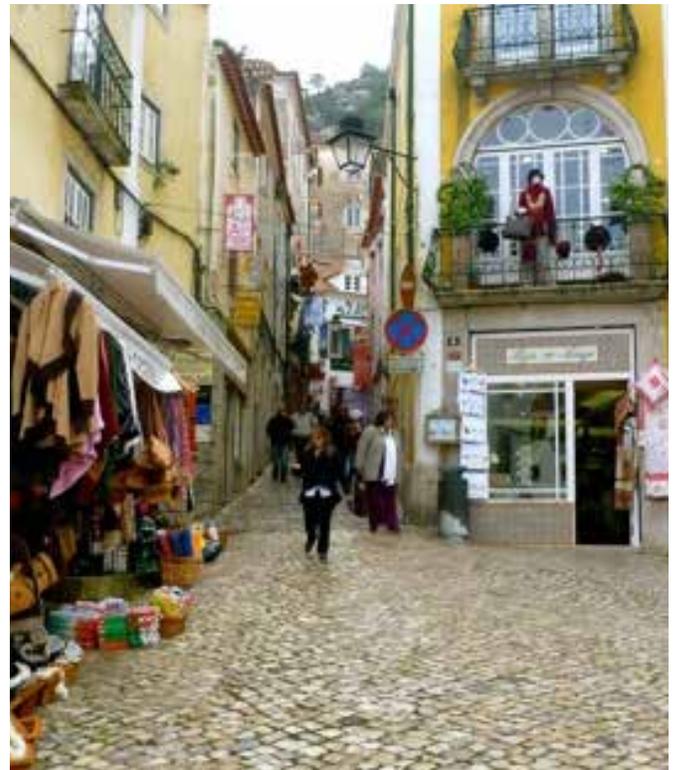
Arrive in Ericeira just in time to enjoy a seafood dinner while you take in the spectacular ocean views of this well-known surfing town.

**Overnight: 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Ericeira or similar**

### Day 4 : Ericeira - Sintra

It is just a 21km drive to the lovely town of Sintra with its unique palaces, exuberant vegetation and historical legends. Your hotel for the next 2 nights has breathtaking views over the mountains and the iconic Pena Palace on top of one of Sintra's hills. You may just choose to spend time at the hotel to enjoy the views or walk to the center of the village to see the National Palace built in the Moorish style with its conic chimneys and Manueline style windows and its tile panels.

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### Day 5 : Sintra

Take some time to walk around the narrow streets of Sintra full of small shops selling Portuguese tiles and ceramics, or locate a shops that serve the delicious tarts known as Queijadas. Visit nearby Cape Roca (westernmost point in Europe) to admire the view or visit the cosmopolitan seaside area of Cascais.

While you are in Sintra, visit the Portuguese Capital, Lisboa “the Seven hills City” with its world heritage sites and medieval quarters of Alfama and Mouraria. Walk along the typical streets of Bairro Alto and Madragoa and enjoy one evening in this lively area with perhaps a dinner in a local Fado Restaurant.

**Overnight: 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Sintra or similar**



### Day 6: Sintra - Beja Area (Alentejo Region)

Today you head inland towards the city of Evora which has been classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. It is the capital of Portugal’s south-central Alentejo region. In the city’s historic center stands the ancient Roman Temple of Évora (also called the Temple of Diana). Nearby, whitewashed houses surround the Cathedral of Évora, a massive Gothic structure begun in the 12th century. Take a walk from Giraldo square to taste the delicious Alentejo cuisine and wine, the regional “migas” a type of crumb with bread, lamb stew and Carne de Porco à Alentejana (Pork with clams) which are the most traditional dishes - not forgetting the cheeses, sausages and olives.

Continue on to Albernoa located near the city of Beja for a 1-night stay in a unique rural environment.

Within the Hotel complex you find “Santa Vitória” winery, the wine producer of the wine that belongs to the Vila Galé Hotel Group. It is surrounded by a large area of vineyards and has a wine cellar where you may taste the brand’s wines and get to see the production processes of wines.

**Overnight: 4\* Hotel Vila Gale Clube de Campo or similar**

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### Day 7 : Beja Area / Tavira (Algarve Region)

It's only about a 157 km drive in a southerly direction to the coastline and the Algarve region, one of Europe's destinations with the warmest Mediterranean climate and beautiful sandy beaches.

Your hotel is located in Tavira, one of the most charming towns in the Algarve, and lies along the Gilão River with a delightful mix of traditional Portuguese heritage combined with deep-rooted Moorish influences.

Take a walk through the narrow streets where houses have tiles on the walls and roof terraces, and you can see the 4th century Roman bridge and the best remnant from the town's Moorish era, Tavira's castle.

If you leave early enough, we suggest you visit at least one of the closer cities such as:

- Olhão - a city built under Arabic influence - a traditional fishing village, famous for the white cube-shaped houses, the market seafront and the old town center.
- Faro - the capital of the Algarve province, with marvellously preserved medieval quarters and an historical old town surrounded by ancient Moorish city walls.

While in the Algarve region try to taste one of the most traditional dishes, the cataplana, a stew made with seafood, fish or meat and cooked in a clam-shaped cooking pot.

**Overnight: 4\* Hotel Vila Tavira or similar**

### Day 8 : Departure

Today is the day you bid farewell to Portugal as you head to the Faro Airport to return your car and catch your onward flight.



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### Rates 7 nights

Price Per Person	Jan 2 - Mar 31, 2022	Apr 18-June 30, 2022 Sep 16 - Oct 31 ,2022	July 1 - 15, 2022 Aug 19-Sep 15, 2022	July 16 - Aug 18, 2022
<b>Twin Room</b>	\$929	\$1295	\$1525	\$1619
<b>Single Room</b> (Car single use)	\$1699	\$2359	\$2799	\$2995

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