

The North of Portugal

6 days / 5 nights

From
\$2,299

Per person/Double Occupancy/Land Package
For travel April to October, 2024 (see chart)

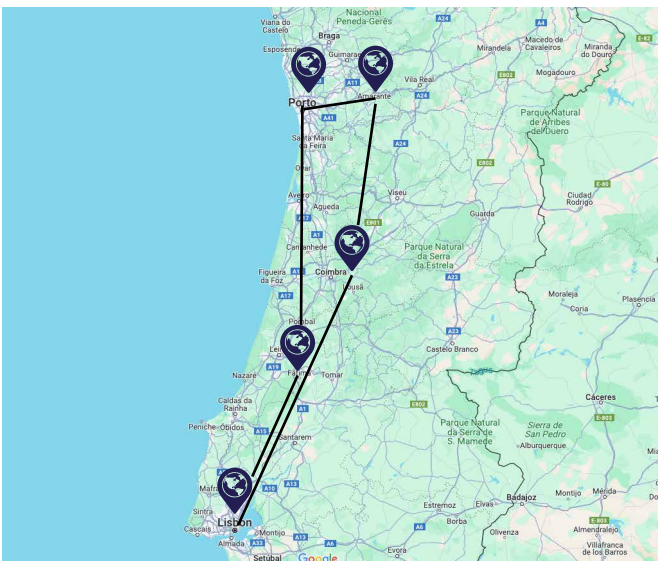
Guaranteed departures with minimum 2 passengers - multilingual guides

Day 1: Lisbon - Fatima

Depart from Lisbon through a landscape rich in windmills and fruit trees. Arrive in Óbidos surrounded by medieval walls and admire the harmony of the architecture, the diversity of the handicrafts and taste the famous ginginha (bitter cherry liqueur).

See Alcobaça, home of Portugal's first and largest gothic church and the final resting place of Pedro and Inês de Castro, two tragic lovers.

Stop in Nazaré, a typical fishing village and seaside resort immersed in tradition and legend.



Continue to Batalha - visit the Monastery of Santa Maria de Victoria, a masterpiece of the Gothic architecture in Portugal, and encounter the tomb of Henry the Navigator, the mastermind behind Portugal's era of maritime discoveries.

After arriving in Fátima, famous for the Marian Shrine, opportunity to assist in the candle procession.

Overnight: Fatima - 4* accommodation with buffet breakfast

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Day 2: Fatima - Porto

Depart to Coimbra and visit the University, one of the oldest in the world, with its magnificent baroque library and its unique atmosphere characterised by ancient traditions and customs such as the black student capes and the melancholic fado music. Stop at St Clara Church, where lies the tomb of Queen St. Isabel, the protagonist of the “miracle of the roses”.

In the city centre, you can admire the exclusive ceramic of Coimbra. In the afternoon the tour continues to Aveiro, a city of canals and known as the “Venice of Portugal”, with time to see the graceful boats and taste the local sweets “ovos moles”.

Overnight: Porto - 4* accommodation with buffet breakfast

Day 3: Porto

Porto, the 2nd city of Portugal and world heritage designated by UNESCO is a living amphitheater with the riverside area, old houses, palaces, churches, and port wine, known worldwide. Continue to the Minho, the northwest region of Portugal. Start by Guimarães - the birthplace of the first king of Porto. Visit the Sacred Hill, crowned by the Castle, as well the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança. Drive to Braga known as the “Portuguese Rome” for its concentration of religious architecture, the oldest cathedral in the country and the Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary with its famous baroque stairway and gardens. Return to Porto.

Overnight: Porto - 4* accommodation with buffet breakfast

Day 4: Porto

Today is a free day for you to explore on your own.

Overnight: Porto - 4* accommodation with buffet breakfast

Day 5: Porto - Urgeirica

Departure to Amarante, a pretty town proud of São Gonçalo, the patron Saint of Amarante, known for the promotion of love and marriage and where the river facing monastery houses his tomb. It has a lively bustling market where you can find fruit, vegetables, chickens, cloths, and an immense variety of other popular items. Drive to Vila Real and visit the gardens of the manor of Mateus. Continue to port wine region, travelling through the vineyards and the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Stop in Lamego, overlooked by one of Portugal’s most important shrines N. S. Remédios with its magnificent baroque style staircase. Continue to the mountainous hinterland to Viseu, center of the Dão Vineyards and a city connected with Portugal’s oldest hero, Viriato, the Lusitanian chief. In the shadow of the cathedral, narrow streets, and doorways with coats of arms carved in granite, make up the ancient town of Viseu. Along the centre you find a busy commercial area. Arrival in Urgeirica.

Overnight: Urgeirica - 4* hotel with buffet breakfast

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Day 6: Urgeirica - Lisbon

Drive through the heart of Portugal till Bussaco known for its luxuriant forest. Continue to Tomar, a city whose development is closely linked with the Order of the Templar's, which received these lands in 1159 as a reward for the assistance they gave to Dom Afonso Henriques (the first King of Portugal) in the Christian reconquest of the territory.

The castle and its amazing Convent of Christ were founded by Dom Gualdim Pais, the first Grand Master of the Order in Portugal. Enlarged and altered over the centuries, this retains the influences of various architectural styles; it is the centerpiece of the city and classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

This tour comes to an end upon arrival in Lisbon.

The Package Includes:

- 5 nights accommodation, 4* hotels with breakfast
- Transportation by air-conditioned bus or mini van
- Multilingual guide on the tour: (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese)
- Entrance fees into the following monuments: Bathalha Monastery, Coimbra University, Palacio da Bolsa and St Francisco Church in Porto, Gardens of Palacio Mateus in Vila Real and the Convent of Christ in Tomar
- Pick-up and drop-off at central Lisbon hotels

The package does not include:

- Porterage
- Lunch, dinner or beverages unless mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Lisbon city taxes, Eur 2 per person
- Gratuities
- Flights

Land package 6 days / 5 nights, price per person

Saturday - Departure dates 2024	Double Occupancy	Single occupancy
April 20	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
May 4, May 18	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
June 1, June 15	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
July 6, July 20	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
August 3, August 17	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
Sep.7, Sep. 21	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699
Oct.5, Oct.19	\$ 2,299	\$ 2,699

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