

THE WINES OF PORTUGAL

8 Days FROM \$2,525



Porto wine and dessert with a view

PRIVATE DELUXE CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN PROGRAM

(1) Lisbon • (1) Evora • (1) Coimbra • (4) Porto



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour Lisbon, Evora, Obidos, Batalha, Coimbra, Porto, and beyond on this deluxe private chauffeured experience
- Trace the steps of the capital of Portugal's more than 20 centuries of history as you take in its beautiful buildings with tile-clad facades and narrow streets, restored palaces, majestic churches and the imposing hilltop castle, reflective of the city's rich origins
- Delve into the Alentejo region and sip on its red wines, ever-increasing in acclaim across the globe. Savor varietals from the fertile wine growing areas of Dão and Bairrada
- Visit ancient wine cellars in Porto, learn about the area's rich red wine, and sample a good glass of port
- Get to know Guimarães, the first capital of Portugal that has preserved a medieval atmosphere in its core
- Give your taste buds a new experience, trying Vinho Verde (green wine) in Ponte de Lima

DAY 1 | LISBON Upon arrival into Lisbon's Airport, you'll be met by your English speaking driver and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, embark on a panoramic tour of Lisbon where you will see: Jerónimos Monastery, the city's most prominent monument; Torre de Belém, ex-libris of Lisbon and jewel of Manueline art; and the Monument to the Discoveries, built in honor of Henry the Navigator who was instrumental in the success of the Portuguese explorations during the 15th century's Age of Discoveries. Admire Black Horse Square, Rossio, and Avenida da Liberdade before returning to your hotel.

DAY 2 | LISBON | EVORA After breakfast, head to Alentejo. It is here that Portugal's climate finally escapes the Atlantic influence and the scenery changes to large, gently undulating plains. Aside from the many tourist attractions in the region, it is wine that is currently putting the Alentejo region on the map, and more specifically, its red wines. Continue to Evora, the capital of Alentejo Province. This museum-city, whose roots go back to Roman times, reached its golden age in the 15th century, when it became the residence of the Portuguese Kings. Its unique quality stands in the whitewashed houses decorated with azulejos and wrought-iron balconies dating from the 16th to the 18th century. Overnight in Evora. (B)

DAY 3 | EVORA | OBIDOS | BATALHA | COIMBRA After breakfast, head north to Coimbra. On our way, we stop in the charming village of Obidos and in Batalha for a visit of its imposing 14th century Monastery. Coimbra, known as Portugal's most romantic city, was the inspiration for the song "April in Portugal." On the weather-washed right bank of the muddy Mondego, this city of medieval churches is also the educational center of the country, and is at its best when the university is in session and the city radiates youthful energy. Overnight in Coimbra. (B)

DAY 4 | COIMBRA | BAIARRADA AND DÃO | PORTO After breakfast at the hotel, we drive to the fertile wine growing areas of Dão and Bairrada. In the western part of the Beiras, between the mountainous Dão region and the surf-washed Atlantic beaches, Bairrada has a mild, maritime climate with abundant rainfall. Although much of the Bairrada region is hilly, the majority of the vineyards are on flatter land. Continue to the Dão region. This area is a fine example of the changes that are driving the rapid improvement in Portuguese wines. Once home to mostly large cooperative wineries that churned out wine en masse, it's now blossoming into a premier wine region with several small, quality minded producers. Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 5 | PORTO Start your day with an orientation tour of Porto, Portugal's second largest city. Sitting pretty among the hilly landscape at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto welcomes visitors looking for history, culture and a good glass of port wine. Porto's historic center is the Ribeira district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See its narrow, cobbled streets, pause for a cup of coffee and "pastel de nata" at one of many inviting cafes. Walk across the 19th century Ponte de Dom Luis Bridge to visit Porto's other half - the port-soaked Vila Nova de Gaia. Here you can tour one of the many ancient port wine cellars, learn about the beverage's history and sample some of the rich red liquid for yourself. Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 6 | PORTO | DOURO VALLEY | PORTO Today we drive to the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The valley is spectacularly beautiful with the hills falling steeply down to the water's edge becoming more and more sparsely populated and wild the further inland one travels, with more of the land being given over to terraces of vines and, to a lesser extent, olive groves. This is port country and was, in fact, the world's first demarcated wine region being established in 1756. Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 7 | PORTO | MINHO PROVINCE | PORTO Head to the province of Minho, a rolling province of lush river valleys, forested hillsides, trailing vines and long, sandy beaches, it is certainly pleasing to the eye, especially in the mountainous east where you can still see wooden wheeled ox-carts creak down cobbled lanes. Your first stop is in Guimarães, the first capital of Portugal that has preserved a medieval atmosphere in its core. Continue to Ponte de Lima, spread lazily along



The fortified village Obidos

the tree-lined banks of the Lima River, it is named for the Roman Bridge with 27 arches spanning the water. This is also the area where the famous Vinho Verde (green wine) is produced. Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 8 | PORTO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Today say "adeus" to Portugal or extend your stay. (B)

(B) Breakfast

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional driver/escort for the entire length of the program
- Transportation by private sedan/minivan
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

PREFERRED Pousadas (OR SIMILAR)

City	Nts.	Pousadas
Lisbon	1	As Janelas Verdes
Evora	1	Pousada dos Lóios
Coimbra	1	Quinta das Lágrimas Hotel
Porto	4	Pousada Palácio do Freixo

2019 TOUR DATES & RATES

January- February	Price
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$2,525
Minimum of 4 people	\$3,216
Minimum of 2 people	\$5,289

March-May	Price
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$2,959
Minimum of 4 people	\$3,650
Minimum of 2 people	\$5,723

June- October	Price
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$3,057
Minimum of 4 people	\$3,750
Minimum of 2 people	\$5,823

Single supplement: On Request
 Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: On Request
 Price is per person based on double occupancy, and not valid during Easter week.