

THE NORTH OF PORTUGAL

8 Days FROM \$2,706



National Pantheon in Lisbon

PRIVATE DELUXE CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN PROGRAM

(1) Lisbon • (1) Fatima • (3) Porto • (1) Urgeirica • (1) Lisbon



PORTUGAL

- No. of overnight stay
 ——— - By deluxe minivan

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Join an in-depth exploration of Portugal from its storied past to its bustling present and on to its natural wonders
- Delve into Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, a legendary city with more than 20 centuries of history
- Have a spiritual awakening in the sacred pilgrimage town of Fatima
- Savor the finest and freshest seafood and shellfish, as well as other tantalizing Portuguese dishes, wines and desserts
- Visit the medieval village of Obidos, discover the historic 13th century town of Coimbra, explore the “Portuguese Venice” of Aveiro
- Journey along to the capital of Galicia in Spain and the pilgrimage hub at the end of the Santiago Way – Santiago de Compostela
- Sip on sweet vintages in Porto, the world’s port wine capital – and sample sparkling green wine in Minho

DAY 1 | LISBON Welcome to Portugal! Upon arrival in Lisbon you will be transferred to your hotel and then enjoy the balance of your day at leisure.

DAY 2 | LISBON | OBIDOS | ALCOBACA | NAZARE | BATALHA | FATIMA After breakfast, travel along a landscape rich in windmills and fruit trees and arrive in Obidos, a town surrounded by medieval walls where you can admire the harmony of the architecture, the diversity of the handicrafts, and taste the famous 'ginginha' (bitter cherry liqueur). Visit Alcobaca and Nazare before heading on to wondrous Fatima, home to the famous Marian Shrine. Consider joining in the Candle procession this evening. Overnight in Fatima. (B)

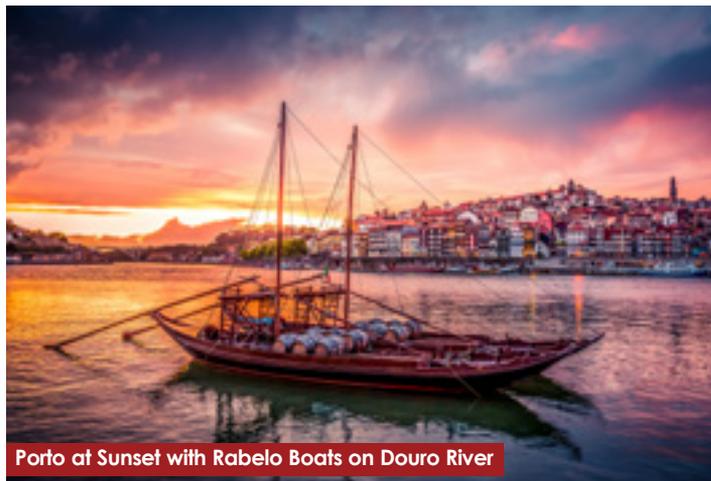
DAY 3 | FATIMA | COIMBRA | AVEIRO | PORTO Have breakfast at your hotel and then depart for Coimbra where you will visit one of the oldest universities in the world, featuring a magnificent baroque library and a unique ambiance characterized by ancient traditions and customs, such as the black capes of the students and the melancholic 'fado' music. Stop at St. Clara Church, where the tomb of Queen St. Isabel is found, protagonist of the "miracle of the roses." In the afternoon continue to Aveiro, known as the Portuguese Venice, where you can see the graceful boats "moliceiros" and taste the local sweets "ovos moles." Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 4 | PORTO | GUIMARAES | BRAGA | PORTO Enjoy breakfast at your hotel then venture out to discover riverside areas, old houses, palaces, churches, and famed Port wine. Continue to Minho, in the northwest region of Portugal, with its verdant nature and sparkling "green wine." Starting in the medieval center of Guimaraes, visit the Sacred Hill, crowned by the Castle and the Palace of the Dukes of Braganca. Drive to Braga, known as the Portuguese Rome, for its concentration of religious architecture before returning to Porto. (B)

DAY 5 | PORTO | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA | PORTO After breakfast at your hotel, set off for Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia and the pilgrimage hub at the end of the Santiago Way. In 1985, UNESCO declared Santiago de Compostela a World Cultural Heritage site. Take time to discover this fascinating city at your own pace with an entire day at leisure. Wander its historic streets and learn about its most extraordinary monuments before sampling some of the traditional local dishes. Overnight in Porto. (B)

DAY 6 | PORTO | AMARANTE | VILA REAL | VALE DO DOURO | LAMEGO | URGEIRICA After breakfast, departure to Amarante, with the great Serra do Marao rising above the city and the River Tamega below. Next, drive to Vila Real - visiting the gardens of the manor of Mateus, whose facade is still depicted on the well-known Portuguese Rose wine bottles. Then, enter the Port wine region, traveling through the vineyards and the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Stop in Lamego, featuring one of Portugal's most important shrines "N. S. Remédios" with its magnificent baroque style staircase. Continue through the mountainous hinterland to Viseu, center of the Dao Vineyards. Head on to Urgeirica for overnight. (B)

DAY 7 | URGEIRICA | BUSSACO | TOMAR | LISBON Savor breakfast at your hotel and then drive to Bussaco well known for its luxuriant forest. Continue on to Tomar, a city closely linked to the Order of the Templars, who received these lands in 1159 as a reward for the assistance they gave Dom Afonso Henriques (the First King of Portugal) in the Christian reconquest of the territory. It was Dom Gualdim Pais, the first Grand Master of the Order in Portugal, who founded the castle and the remarkable Convent of Christ inside. Enlarged and altered over the centuries, this retains the influences of various architectural styles; it is the centerpiece of the city and is classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. From here you will head on to Lisbon. (B)



Porto at Sunset with Rabelo Boats on Douro River

DAY 8 | LISBON TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Savor breakfast at your hotel before your departure transfer to Lisbon Airport for your flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast

INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned minivan
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional driver/escort for the entire length of the program
- Sightseeing, including entrance fees as follows:
 - Batalha Monastery
 - Coimbra University
 - Palácio da Bolsa
 - St. Francisco Church
 - Gardens of Palácio Mateus
 - Convent of Christ
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

PREFERRED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Lisbon	1	Heritage Avenida Liberdade	First Class
Fatima	1	Divine	First Class
Porto	3	PortoBay Hotel Teatro	First Class
Urgeirica	1	Hotel Urgeirica	First Class
Lisbon	1	Heritage Avenida Liberdade	First Class

2020 TOUR DATES & PRICES

January- March	Price
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$2,706
Minimum of 4 people	\$3,178
Minimum of 2 people	\$4,425
April- October	
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$2,840
Minimum of 4 people	\$3,338
Minimum of 2 people	\$4,644

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.