



## **The Magic of Portugal 2024 Itinerary**

### **Day 1 – 04 JUNE (TUE) – DEPART FOR LISBON, PORTUGAL**

**Note:** *Group needs to arrive during the same arrival window (preferred arrival window is 60-90 minutes of TBD) to utilize the included group transfer from the airport. Any flights falling outside of that window are not eligible for the group transfer. Please talk to Taylor Twine regarding timing if not booking through Meredith College's preferred travel agent.*

### **Day 2 – 05 JUNE (WED) – ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL**

#### **Welcome to Portugal!**

- Tour Director will greet the group upon arrival in Lisbon.
- After time for lunch on your own, take a coach orientation sightseeing tour of Lisbon.
- Board your River Tagus sightseeing cruise to admire the city landmarks from a spectacular vantage point.
- After the cruise celebrate with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant (Dinner included)

### **Day 3 – 06 JUNE (THU) – LISBON**

- The stunning capital city of Portugal is a treasure trove of historic and architectural masterpieces. Lisbon is home to the 16th-century Monastery of Jerónimos, with its 100-foot façade featuring images of St. Michael the Archangel and Our Lady of Belém
  - Begin the day with guided sightseeing of Jerónimos Monastery and cloister.
  - Visit Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries with a guided tour.
  - 16th-century Belém Tower served as a fortress but also as an embarkation point for sailors and was their last sight of land before the start of their journey.
  - Lisbon's Monument to the Discoveries pays homage to great Portuguese explorers with a spectacular carved prow of an ancient ship.
  - The balance of your day is at your leisure, with your Tour Director on hand to help you make the most of your day.
- (Breakfast, Lunch included)

### **Day 4 – 07 JUNE (FRI) – LISBON**

- Take the tram to visit the Chiado neighbor for time to shop and browse.
- Visit the Museu do Fado with a guided tour.
- Visit Castelo de São Jorge with entrance ticket included (no guide)
- This evening enjoy an unforgettable evening of classic Fado music, traditional Portuguese dishes, and locally produced wine at a local Casa de Fado (Fado restaurant)
- A unique blend of Portuguese folk music with Moorish and African influences, Fado originated in Lisbon, and is considered the country's musical treasure.
- Enjoy the melancholic tunes performed by 12-string Portuguese guitars and other traditional

instruments as singers croon about love, pain, and longing.  
(Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 5 – 08 JUNE (SAT) – LISBON – INTRA VACATION AIR – FUNCHAL, MADEIRA**

- Head to Lisbon airport for an Intra Vacation Air flight to Funchal
  - Upon arrival, make a stop at the hotel.
  - Visit the Madeira Botanical Garden to explore exotic flowers and plants found on Madeira.
  - Enjoy dinner this evening
- (Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 6 – 09 JUNE (SUN) – FUNCHAL**

- Visit to Câmara de Lobos, a fishing village on the island's south coast for lunch.
  - Stop at Pico de Torre viewpoint before continuing to the neighboring vineyards, with a stop for a tour and tasting\*
  - Continue to an altitude of 1900 feet to admire the stunning views of Cabo Girão, the highest cape in Europe.
  - Arrive in Ribeira Brava to stroll around the lovely village.
  - Continue through the Paul da Serra plateau.
  - Follow the route to the Northwest coast into Ribeira da Janela valley.
  - Travel to the Vêu da Noiva viewpoint for striking views of the waterfalls and cliffs
  - Stop for an included lunch.
  - Drive through UNESCO-listed terrains of the Laurissilva forest
  - Take a leisurely walk to the observation point (*subject to weather conditions*)
  - Return to Funchal after a photo stop from a mountaintop.
- (Breakfast, Lunch included)

**Day 7 – 10 JUNE (MON) – FUNCHAL**

- Experience the “must-do” attraction in Madeira: take the funicular to Monte and then go downhill on a traditional wicker basket ride.
  - Visit the Monte Palace Tropical Gardens
  - The balance of your afternoon is at your leisure.
  - Tonight, enjoy a “farewell to Madeira” dinner.
- (Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 8 – 11 JUNE (TUES) – FUNCHAL – INTRA VACATION AIR – PORTO**

- Transfer to the airport for flight to Porto
  - Guided sightseeing includes a panoramic drive to the mouth of the Douro River and the cathedral.
  - Visit the Church of São Francisco and the Arabian Hall in the Stock Exchange
  - Enjoy a Port wine tasting at the famous Sandeman & Co Port Wine Cellar
  - Enjoy dinner at your hotel.
- (Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 9 – 12 JUNE (WED) – PORTO**

- Take a walking tour of the Ribiera neighborhood.
- Get a whole new perspective of Porto on this delightful early evening dinner and Douro River cruise excursion.
- Embark your sightseeing boat and admire the passing monuments and scenery.
- Afterward, disembark and enjoy a delicious, authentic Portuguese dinner with drinks at a local restaurant.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 10 – 13 JUNE (THU) – PORTO. EXCURSION TO REGUA**

- Travel to Regua to visit the Douro Museum
- Enjoy a guided tour with lunch.
- Visit a winery for a tour and tasting.
- Return to Porto for an evening at your leisure.

(Breakfast, Lunch included)

**Day 11 – 14 JUNE (FRI) – PORTO. EXCURSION TO GUIMARAES**

- Discover the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site of Guimarães, settled in the 9th century and widely regarded as the Cradle of Portuguese Nationality
- Take an orientation walk through the medieval district.
- Enjoy free time with your Tour Director on hand for suggestions.
- Visit Citana de Briteiros
- Visit the Museu da Cultura Castreja
- Return to Porto for an evening at your leisure.

(Breakfast included)

**Day 12 – 15 JUNE (SAT) – PORTO – COIMBRA**

- Travel to Coimbra to visit the Conímbriga Roman Ruins and Museum
- Experience an evening of Fado dancing with dinner.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 13 – 16 JUNE (SUN) – COLIMBRA – FATIMA – GRUTAS DE MIRA DE AIRE – CLADAS DA RAINHA – OBIDOS**

- Start the day with an orientation tour of Fatima.
- Continue to Grutas De Mira De Aire for a tour of the caves.
- Take a walking tour of Cladas Da Rainha
- Visit the Casa Museum
- Visit Bardallo Pinheiro for a factory tour.
- Continue to Obidos for your overnight stay.

(Breakfast included)

**Day 14 – 17 JUNE (MON) – OBIDOS – SINTRA – LISBON**

- Arrive in Sintra which is situated at the foot of the Sintra Mountains, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is famous for its lavish villas, gardens, and palaces.
- Visit the massive white Sintra National Palace\* with its twin conical chimneys, the best preserved medieval royal residence in Portugal.
- Afterward, you have time to shop or explore more of Sintra on your own.
- Continue to Lisbon to celebrate with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.  
(Breakfast, Dinner included)

**Day 15 – 18 JUNE (TUE) – DEPART LISBON, PORTUGAL**

- After breakfast a group departure transfer is included to the airport  
(Breakfast included)

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