

Portugal 'Tale of Two Cities'

Duration – 7 days/6 nights

Our Portuguese tour takes you to experience the wonderful Cities of Lisbon and Porto, with trips to Sintra, Cascais, Cabo de Roca, the Douro Valley wine region and City Centre tours. The tour starts in Lisbon and ends in Porto from where you make your own onward departure plans. This tour is a Private tour for you and does not run to a schedule, we try to start it on the date you require. This tour is delivered by our Portuguese Partner.

WELCOME TO PORTUGAL



For this tour, you stay three nights in high quality City Centre accommodation in both Lisbon & Porto.

Portugal is one of the oldest Countries in the world.

With its political stability and low crime rates, it is ranked the most peaceful country in the EU and 3rd in the world.

Today's modern day continental Portugal, was part of the territory 'al-Andalus' between 711 AD – 1249

AD, following the Umayyad Caliphate Invasion.

Day 1: ARRIVAL LISBON

You are met and collected at the airport followed with a private transfer service to your 4* City Centre Hotel, You then have free time to enjoy Lisbon.

Lisbon, the Capital of Portugal, is one of the 'must visit' Cities of Europe. A wonderful and vibrant City, Lisbon has a host of sites to see and things to do.

Julius Caesar made it a municipium called *Felicitas Julia*, adding to the name *Olissipo*. Ruled by a series of Germanic tribes from the 5th century, it was captured by the Moors in the 8th century.



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In 1147, the Crusaders under Afonso Henriques conquered the city and, since then, it has been the political, economic and cultural centre of Portugal.

The City is filled with spectacular views and is one of Europe's most stunning Capital Cities.

Recommended restaurants for consideration for dinner include:



- Taberna da Rua das Flores
- Bairro do Avillez
- Belcanto (very expensive, two Michelin stars)
- Taberna Sal Grosso
- Ramiro
- Café de São Bento
- Cantinho Lusitano
- Alfaia
- O Frade

- O Velho Eurico

Day 2: LISBON CITY TOUR

Take breakfast in the hotel and you join a small group City tour.

Our Portuguese partners will show you Lisbon like if it was their own house !

This tour takes you on a journey in and around the city, telling you the historical background of Lisbon and Portugal while at the same time falling in love with it.

You get to understand its people, eat the local food and drink the local wine. You will experience an in-depth view of this growing capital while seeing the best views around and exploring the most exciting areas, street art, food and culture.



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Included in the trip: the famous 'Bifana' (that Anthony Bourdain loved), one drink (wine, beer or juice), local savoury pastries and a local treat.

Day 3: SINTRA, CABO DE ROCA & CASCAIS

A fantastic day out to the magical places around Lisbon. Early breakfast in the hotel and a private full day trip to Sintra, Cabo de Roca and Cascais.



This trip takes on a breath-taking journey out of Lisbon, where you will learn about Portuguese culture.

Sintra, a Unesco World Heritage Site and its fairy-tale-setting, you will visit the stunning Monserrate Palace.

Often referred to as the 'Edge of the World' Cabo de Roca is the most western point of Continental Europe.

You will stop at an awe-inspiring viewpoint.

Next is the coastal town of Cascais, located 20 kms outside of Lisbon. Pronounced 'Kush-Kaish') it was once a small fishing village. In the 20th century it became a haunt for artists, poets and writers. Due to Portugal's neutrality in World War II, and the town's elegance and royal past, Cascais became home to many of the exiled royal families of Europe, including those of Spain (House of Bourbon), Italy (House of Savoy), Hungary and Bulgaria.

Finally, to one of the best and unexpected hidden views in Lisbon to finish the day. The unique style, creativity and sites. makes this day perfect for first time visitors to the beautiful City of Lisbon, but also for repeat visitors looking for something more.

This trip has been called "the best tour in Portugal"

Included in the trip: the most famous pastry in Sintra, a Portuguese lunch experience in a rustic restaurant.



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The duration of the trip is around 7 hours.

Return back to your accommodation for your final evening and night in Lisbon.

Day 4: PORTO



After breakfast enjoy some free time before taking a taxi from your Hotel to Lisbon Santa Apolónia train station for your transfer to Porto. You will have first class seats on the 12:00 train from Lisbon arriving at the train station Porto Campanhã in Porto at 14:50.

Upon arrival in Porto, you will be met at the train station by a representative of our Portuguese partners.

They will provide a private transfer to your 4* Hotel accommodation, check-in and enjoy free time in Porto.

OR we offer a private transfer with driver and vehicle from the hotel in Lisbon to the hotel in Porto with three stops on the way. Most of our guests opt for the private chauffeur transfer.

Porto is a beautiful coastal city in northwest Portugal known for its stately bridges and port wine production.

In the medieval Ribeira (riverside) district, narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafes.

São Francisco Church is known for its lavish baroque interior with ornate gilded carvings and the palatial 19th-century Palácio de Bolsa, formerly a stock market, was built to impress potential European investors.



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Also known as *Oporto* (the Port), it is the second-largest city in Portugal after Lisbon. The City has a population of nearly 300,000.



The historic centre was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996.

Its settlement dates back many centuries, when it was an outpost of the Roman Empire. Its combined Celtic-Latin name, *Portus Cale* has been referred to as the origin of the name Portugal, based on evolution from Latin.

Port wine, one of Portugal's most famous exports, is named after Porto, since the metropolitan area, and, in particular, the cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia, were responsible for the packaging, transport, and export of the fortified wine.

In 2014 and 2017, Porto was elected *The Best European Destination*.

Recommended restaurants for consideration for dinner include:

- Tapabento S Bento
- Restaurante Casario
- A Cozinha de Manel
- Casa de Chá da Boa Nova
- Taberna dos Mercados
- Bacalhau
- The Yeatman (Two Michelin Stars, expensive, tasting menu)
- O Gaveto



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Day 5: PORTO

After breakfast, you meet your guide for a private, half day, walking tour of Porto.

This trip gives you a fantastic introduction to Porto, the culture, the people, the city and the surroundings, so you experience the best of Porto and its local area.

Learning the historical background of Porto, while at the same time falling in love with it and trying some of

the best local food in the city.

You experience the real Porto, a rapidly changing City with great views and exciting areas.

We are sure that, not only we will you fall in love in the city, but in the end you will never want to leave.

The tour is about 3 hours in duration and you will taste some local snacks.

Day 6: DOURO VALLEY

Today is a private tour by vehicle through the stunning Douro Valley, the main wine producing region of Portugal. You will be collected from your accommodation after breakfast.

This Unesco World Heritage Landscape area is not only the oldest officially recognised wine region in the world, and home to the famous Vinho do Porto, but it's also a beautiful area to drive around. Breath-taking views are around every turn.

The river carved deep valleys out of the Schist mountains and plantations of vineyards were created in the fertile soil. The vines, emerald green in the summer and flame red in the autumn are set in



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inclined terraces to expose the vines to the sun assisting the grapes to ripen and produce some lovely wines.

You will visit a Premium Winery with tasting.



The trip takes a very scenic route following the river Douro, however, there are some quite long stretches of driving time.

Often the driver of this tour will be the same as in the Porto city tour, so because this is a private tour, you can discuss any final details for the trip the day before. The duration is 7 to 8 hours.

At the end of this trip, you will be returned to your hotel where you can enjoy your final evening and night in the beautiful City of Porto.

Day 7: PORTO You have free time in Porto to enjoy before your onward departure. Porto has an airport with many European City destinations or take the train back to Lisbon for more flight options. The tour includes the final night in the hotel in Porto, with breakfast, but no further onward travel.

We are sure that your 'Tale of Two Cities' Tour of Portugal with us will be a fabulous trip with wonderful memories.



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What's included

- Guided City tour Lisbon
- Guided City tour of Porto
- 3 nights bed & breakfast accommodation in a high quality 4* City Centre hotel in Lisbon
- 3 nights bed & breakfast accommodation in a high quality 4* City Centre hotel in Porto
- Meet and greet airport transfer at Lisbon to hotel
- First class train transfer between Lisbon & Porto
- Meet and greet transfer from Porto train station to hotel
- Light lunch in Sintra
- Wine tasting in Douro Valley Winery with collection and transfer to/from your hotel



What's not included

- Any other meals, drinks, subsistence not detailed in the itinerary
- Any shows, performances
- Monument entrance fees
- Any transportation not detailed in the itinerary
- Flights to/from Lisbon and Porto
- Any other expenditure not detailed above or in the itinerary

Portugal 'Tale of Two Cities'	Per person	Single Supplement
7 day/6 night tour of Lisbon & Porto	£2,250	£590
additional days/nights	£310	£75

Optional Private Transfer by car from Lisbon to Porto, alternative to train transfer, to include a visits to three locations on the way, for up to 4 guests. Per person supplement £210 GBP.



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Notes

- We aim to run this tour to meet your required dates and we run it for a minimum of two guests
- Wear comfortable shoes, drink lots of water and use sunscreen cream
- All bookings are subject to our terms and conditions
- Prices are based on two guests sharing a room
- Prices are in £GBP



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