





With Balch Springs Chamber Of Commerce



**9 DAY TOUR** | DEPARTURE DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2024

DALLAS | LISBON | OBIDOS | NAZARÉ | BATALHA | FATIMA | AVEIRO | PORTO | COIMBRA | LISBON | DALLAS

Discover breathtaking cityscapes, world-famous cuisine, beautiful beaches, and legendary attractions with this small-group tour of Portugal!

**DALLAS** 

\$ 2299

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** 

\$ 599



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# **TOUR SUMMARY:**

Discover the beauty and magic of Southwestern Europe with this small-group tour of Portugal! This breathtaking country is famous for its intertwining cobblestone streets, captivating coastal villages, world-class wines, golden beaches, and delicious cuisine. Begin your journey in Lisbon, known for its extraordinary mix of architectural styles and famous landmarks. Discover the Monastery of Jeronimos, a 16th century World Heritage Site, and explore Belem, where you may try a traditional Pastel de Nata. From there you will travel to Obidos, a medieval walled city in the north, home to a breathtaking hilltop castle and narrow cobblestone streets. Wander through the fishing village of Nazare and visit the Monastery of Santa Maria in Batalha. You will arrive Fatima, visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, one of the most important pilgrimage sites known to Christianity, where the Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared in 1917. Explore Aveiro, dubbed the Venice of Portugal thanks to its picturesque canals, and travel to Porto, a breathtaking coastal city situated on the Douro River and one of the top tourist attractions in Europe! Here you will be able to sample sumptuous foods and drinks as you take in the stunning scenery along the river before you arrive in Coimbra, home to the magnificent Mondego River and the oldest university in Portugal. From there you will make your way back to Lisbon to end your tour of Portugal filled with unforgettable memories!



# **TOUR LODGING INFO:**

07 Nights Hotel + 01 Night Onboard Flight Accommodation will be provided on double occupancy basis

CITY	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Lisbon	02 Nights	Hotel Marques de Pombal
Fatima	01 Night	Hotel Santa Maria
Porto	02 Nights	Hotel Axis Porto
Lisbon	02 Night	Hotel Marques de Pombal

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Wander through the cobblestone streets of Lisbon and try a traditional Pastel de Nata in Belem
- Visit Nazare, a Portuguese fishing village where you may see Atlantic waves up to 100 feet tall
- Discover the Monastery of Batalha, renowned masterpieces of Gothic architecture in Portugal
- Travel to Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal" home to incredible canals
- Explore Porto, most-visited destinations in Europe thanks to its incredible scenery, and atmosphere
- See the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, most pilgrimage sites in the world for Christians

# **INCLUDES:**

- International round trip flights from Dallas
- 07 nights' accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Private transportation by deluxe AC vehicles
- All Sightseeing tours in Lisbon and Porto
- All Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Service of English-speaking guide
- Custard Tart Tasting
- Tasting during Half day Lisbon Tour
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

#### **TOUR ITINERARY:**

## DAY 01/ WED: DALLAS – LISBON

Make your own way over to your gateway airport for your overnight flight to Lisbon. Enjoy complimentary meals and extra on-flight services. Overnight onboard flight

### DAY 02/ THU: LISBON ARRIVAL

Welcome to Lisbon! Upon arrival at the Lisbon International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you will spend the night.

Overnight in Lisbon

#### DAY 03/ FRI: LISBON (B/-/-)

Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a half day tour of the beautiful city of Lisbon. You will first discover Belém where the 16th century Monastery of Jerónimos is (UNESCO World Heritage Site), visit the Belém pastry "pastel" factory dated from 1837 where you will taste the delicious "pastéis de Belém". You will also stop at Belém Tower to take some photos and continue to hotel. Free afternoon at leisure to explore the city. We recommend a visit to Sintra, the most romantic Portuguese town, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also, we suggest you visit Piriquita coffee shop in the center and taste the delicious pastries: "Travesseiros and Queijadas" - not included. Perhaps you will book one of the following tours.

Overnight in Lisbon



# Optional Tour: Live Fado Show Ticket in Lisbon with return hotel transfers (1H) – USD 80 Per person based on min 2 pax on SIC basis

Experience the melancholic vibes of a stirring live Fado show in Lisbon's Chiado district. During the show soak up the sounds of a female and male singer alongside a pair of acoustic guitarists who bring soulful Fado to life. The talent of young performers shines under its own light, conceived for a show welcomed in a respectable and comfortable space, that propels the exclusive sound of Fado, giving away with emotion the 'Portuguese soul'. The Theatro Gymnásio in the Espaço Chiado arises restored with the mark of a new energy for the heart of Lisbon You will listen to Portugal's own music genre that's sure to inspire the rest of your stay in Lisbon.

# DAY 04/SAT: LISBON – OBIDOS – NAZARE – BATALHA – FATIMA (B-/-/)

After breakfast, you will drive to Northern Portugal with your first stop at the medieval walled city of Obidos. Obidos shows typical Portuguese charm, from the narrow-cobbled streets and the quaint houses to the imposing hilltop castle, which once guarded the region. You will continue to Nazaré, a typical fishing village and seaside resort, famous for its high waves. The tour will continue to Batalha, and you will have time to admire the Santa Maria monastery listed as a UNESCO heritage site. Overnight in Fatima

## DAY 05/SUN: FATIMA – AVEIRO – PORTO (B-/-/)

In the morning visit Fatima, counted among the largest centers of Mariano worship. You go explore the city on your own, get the chance to visit Aljustrel which is a hamlet located at the outskirts of Fatima. It is the birthplace of Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, who are known to have witnessed three apparitions of Angel of Peace in the year 1916. Departure to Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal". You will have some free time to visit the city, we recommend a Moliceiro boat tour along the river to admire the beautiful Art Nouveau buildings and the salt pans or taste the delicious "Ovos moles" typical local pastry. Then, you will be conduct toward Porto, you will be transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight in Porto



## DAY 06/MON: PORTO (B-/-/)

Your day will begin in Porto, a beautiful city situated next to the Douro River. Porto is a fascinating and vibrant city that is rapidly becoming one of Western Europe's most respected tourist destinations. The city boasts an extensive history, interesting tourist attractions, a buzzing nightlife, and outstanding tourist facilities. On the morning you will have a sightseeing to get familiar with the main attractions of the city. Then you will have the afternoon at leisure to explore the city on your own. There is a lot to see and do in Porto, and this diverse city will appeal to a wide range of visitors, find what suits your taste. Porto is a historic and varied city, from the warren of narrow streets that make up the ancient Ribeira district. The region is famed for producing Port, which is stored and matured in the vast cellars along the banks of the Douro River. You might finish your day by walking through Jardins do Palácio De Cristal to enjoy pleasant views of the Douro River, or maybe book one of the following optional tours:

Overnight in Porto

# Optional Tour: Tuk Tuk Tour and Six Bridge Boat Ride with return hotel transfers (1.5H) – USD 90 person Based on min 2 pax on SIC basis

Explore Porto through a Tuc Tuc Ride in the city and head on an hour-long boat ride on the breathtaking Douro River. Learn about the rich winery history of Porto and its fine options.

# Optional Tour: Walking food tour Porto with return hotel transfers (3.5H)— USD 110 per person on based on min 4 pax on Private basis

Get a true taste of Porto on this private food tour with a local guide. Come hungry and visit everything from local hot spots to hidden gems for a look into the authentic side of Porto. This tour includes: 10 tastings — a perfect balance of sweet and savory /visit the bustling Bolhão food market (Temporary Space — since original market is closed)/ Taste wines from Portugal's many undiscovered regions.

# Optional Tour: Fado and Folklore Dinner – USD 70 per person based on min 2 pax on SIC basis

Herança Magna Show & Traditional Dinner, gastronomic show whose



stage in an old Port Wine cellar. Located in Cais de Gaia, Douro River and prime area of the region, extolling the customs and traditions of the city of Porto. The show will lead a tour of the northern culture. Upon arrival, we welcome you with a toast with a glass of Port wine. The journey continues with the sound of the emblematic Portuguese songs sung alive, where all participates will have the opportunity to feel the true spirit of the traditional feast of Porto region.

The dinner, buffet and all inclusive, combines the best Porto cuisine has to offer.

The highlight of the night, The Fado, Intangible Heritage of Humanity, crown the show by the voice of great singers of the city, a unique performance that exposes you to the best of this ex-libris of Portugal. The party continues with The Folklore, in the rhythm of traditional dances inspired and born in the roots of the people of North.

Shuttle from/to hotel is included.

# DAY 07/TUE: PORTO – COIMBRA – LISBON (B-/-/)

After breakfast, drive to Coimbra. In Coimbra, bathed by Mondego river and known as the city of students, was created the first university of Portugal, also one of the oldest in Europe. You can visit the university (not included) which was once the residence of Portuguese Kings, with its Library, considered one of the most beautiful in the world and currently a World Heritage Site. Free time to walk in the city. After visiting, you will reach your final destination of the tour: Lisbon, Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon

### DAY 08/WED: LISBON (B-/-/)

After breakfast day free at leisure or take optional tours in Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon

# Optional Tour: Half-Day tour to Sintra, Cascais and Estoril Coast (Lunch Included) with return hotel transfers (5H) — USD 175 Per person based on min 2 pax on SIC basis

Meet your professional guide in central Lisbon and get ready for a wonderful half-day trip to Sintra, Cascais, and Estoril. Ascend eastward towards the town of Sintra and learn about Portugal's history. Pass Sintra-Cascais Natural Park and arrive at the opulent Sintra National Palace. Tour the palace and hear fascinating insight about the architectural design and elegant interior of this UNESCO World Heritage Site and former home to royal families of Portugal. Buckle-up aboard your



air-conditioned coach and enjoy views of the Tagus River as you drive the scenic coast of Portugal. Next, cruise to the westernmost extent of mainland Europe, Cabo da Roca (April to October only, weather permitting). Admire expansive Atlantic Ocean views alongside the lighthouse which sits upon a granite bluff of boulders. Then, cruise the coastline gazing over the golden beaches and turquoise waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Before you know it, reach the rocky chasm of Hell's Mouth cliff (Boca do Inferno), formed over millennia of crashing waves tearing away at the coastal bluff.

# Optional Tour: Boat Tour in Lisbon with Drinks and Snacks with return hotel transfers (2H) – USD 110 Per person based on min 2 pax on SIC basis

Discover Lisbon by water on this sailing tour. Meet your friendly crew at the harbor and find a seat to kick back on the vessel and watch the tide roll in. Admire the striking views of Lisbon as the vessel pulls away from land and you glide over the Tagus River's smooth waters. Relax with a glass of sparkling wine and enjoy light snacks for the ride.

# Optional Tour: Gastronomic & Cultural Tour (Tapas tasting) with return hotel transfers - (4H) – USD 125 Per person based on min 4 pax on Private basis

The best way to get familiarized with Lisbon historic district while tasting delicious snacks and Portuguese typical dishes. This includes a guided tour of the city and 10 tastings of local food.

## DAY 09/THU: LISBON – DALLAS (B-/-/)

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the Lisbon International Airport to check-in for your onward flight.

#### TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Local city taxes in Porto and Lisbon
- Luggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Travel insurance
- International round trip flights (for Land Only passengers)
- Visa fees if applicable
- Items not mentioned as being included