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TIMELESS PORTUGAL COACH TOUR 2020

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

28/2/20

11 DAY BEST OF PORTUGAL TOUR from Lisbon (CL11)

DEPARTS LISBON SATURDAYS 14 MARCH 2020 – 13 FEBRUARY 2020

Tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 passengers.

Day 1 (Saturday) LISBON / ÓBIDOS / ALCOBAÇA / NAZARÉ / BATALHA / FÁTIMA

Depart Lisbon through a landscape rich with fruit trees and beautiful windmills. Arriving in Óbidos surrounded by medieval walls to admire the architecture, the handicrafts and taste some famous Ginginha (bitter cherry liqueur). Next is Alcobaca with the first and largest gothic church in Portugal, housing the tombs of D. Pedro and Inês de Castro, known for their love story. Following this enjoy a stop in Nazaré, a typical fishing village, before continuing to Batalha to visit the Monastery of Santa Maria de Victoria - a masterpiece of the Gothic style. Visit the tomb of Henry the Navigator, promoter of the maritime discoveries. Upon arrival into Fatima visit the famous Marian Shrine with the possibility to assist in the Candle procession. Accommodation.



Day 2 (Sunday) FÁTIMA / COIMBRA / AVEIRO / PORTO

Today, depart for Coimbra, visit of the one of the oldest Universities in the world! Visit its magnificent baroque library with ancient traditions, such as the black cape of the students and the melancholic Fado music. Next visit the St. Clara Church and the tomb of Queen St. Isabel and in the city centre admire the ceramics of Coimbra. In the afternoon continue to Aveiro, the city of the canals known as the "Portuguese Venice", there will be time to see the "moliceiros" boats and taste the local sweets "ovos moles". Continue to Porto. Accommodation. (B)

Day 3 (Monday) PORTO / GUIMARÃES / BRAGA / PORTO

This morning, enjoy a tour of Porto, declared a world heritage city by UNESCO. Tour the riverside, old houses, palaces, churches and enjoy some Port wine! Continue to Minho, a region of northwest Portugal that offers lush green sceneries and sparkling "green wine". Start in the city of Guimarães, birthplace of the 1st king of Portugal, and walk through the historic centre. Visit the Sacred Hill, adorned by a Castle as well the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, the original building dates back to the 15th century. Next drive to Braga known as the "Portuguese Rome" for its concentration of religious architecture, visit the oldest Cathedral in the country and the "Bom Jesus do Monte". Accommodation. (B)

Day 4 (Tuesday) PORTO

Today is at leisure. *Optional activities available.* Accommodation. (B)

Day 5 (Wednesday) PORTO / AMARANTE / VILA REAL / VALE DO DOURO / LAMEGO / URGEIRIÇA

Depart for Amarante, a pretty town in the region of São Gonçalo, known for the promotion of love and marriage; next drive to Vila Real to visit the gardens of the manor of Mateus. Following this enter the Port



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wine region, travelling through vineyards and the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Stop in Lamego, overlooked by one of Portugal's most important shrines, "N. S. Remédios". Maybe try one of the local delicacies the famous "Bola de Lamego". Continue to the mountainous hinterland and Viseu, the centre of the Dão Vineyards and a city connected with Portugal's oldest hero, Viriato, the Lusitanian chief. Arrival to Urgeiriça. Accommodation. (B)

Day 6 (Thursday) URGEIRIÇA / BUSSACO / TOMAR / LISBON

Drive through the heart of Portugal to Bussaco, well known for the dense forest and plants of exotic beauty, continue onto Tomar. The city of Tomar is 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). 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 centrepiece of the city and classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Continue to Lisbon. Accommodation. (B)

Day 7 (Friday) LISBON / SINTRA / CABO DA ROCA / CASCAIS / ESTORIL / LISBON

Depart for Sintra for a visit of the palace of Sintra (Pena Palace), a walk through the village and to enjoy an amazing view from the westernmost point of Europe (Cabo da Roca). Along the coast pass by one of the most famous surfing beaches in Portugal, Boca do Inferno and the cosmopolitan Cascais and the gardens of Estoril Casino. Return to Lisbon. Accommodation. (B)

Day 8 (Saturday) LISBON / EVORA

Enjoy a day discovering the town of Évora. Leaving Lisbon, cross the bridge over the river Tagus, pass by the beautiful bucolic landscape of olive trees, cork oak trees and vineyards to arrive in Évora - a World Heritage of UNESCO. In the whitewashed town of Évora walk along the narrow streets visiting some of the most important monuments including the Roman Temple, the Romanesque-gothic Cathedral, Saint Francis Church with the "Bones Chapel", and the University. At the market see and feel the richness of products used to prepare traditional foods of the Portuguese cuisine. During the tour admire the diversity and authenticity of local handicrafts made with cork, ceramics and copper. Free time for lunch and exploring the city. Accommodation. (B)

Day 9 (Sunday) EVORA / BEJA / SILVES / LAGOS

The morning is at leisure in Évora before driving south, pass Beja to see the highest tower of a Portuguese Medieval castle. Continue through some small mountains to the Algarve, see the fields of orange trees and arrive in Silves, the renowned town dominated by its red sandstone castle dating back to Moorish times. Continue through the golden sands of the Algarve to Lagos. Accommodation. (B)

Day 10 (Monday) LAGOS / PONTA DA PIEDADE / SAGRES / CABO DE SAO VICENTE / LAGOS

The Algarve has the call of the sea that led to the discovery of the New World. Stop in 'Ponta da Piedade' and admire the magnificent view over the Atlantic Ocean and cliffs whose shapes have been sculpted by the erosive action of both the sea and time. Continue to Sagres, a fishing port, for a visit to the fortress and Prince Henry's School of Navigation. Continue travelling along the cliffs to Cabo São Vicente, the most southwestern point in Europe before arriving into Lagos. A cosmopolitan town with marina and fishing port, you can taste the delicious Algarve dishes such as the seafood cooked in a copper pan (cataplana). Never forgetting the fine sweets such as the famous marzipans, almond and fig cakes. Return to the hotel, the afternoon is at leisure; maybe take a dip in the sea. Accommodation. (B)

Day 11 (Tuesday) LAGOS / SETÚBAL / SERRA DA ARRÁBIDA / LISBON

Take a last look at the sea while traveling along the coast. The return trip to Lisbon will take you by the city of Setubal, a major port and industrial centre on the north bank of the Sado estuary. Continue along the scenic route over the Arrábida Mountain Range, an area preserved as a Natural Park. Cross the bridge over the Tagus River and arrive into Lisbon. (B) END OF TOUR.



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2020 Departure Dates Saturday	2021 Departure Dates Saturday	Per Person in Twin / Double	Per Person In Single
March: 14 April: 4, 18 May: 2, 16 June: 6, 20 July: 4, 18 August: 1, 15 September: 5, 19 October: 3, 17		AUD 3315	AUD 4020
November: 14 December: 12	January: 16 February: 13	AUD 3015	AUD 3580

*Regular departure seat-in-coach tour by air-conditioned vehicle with multilingual escort/guides.
Tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 passengers.*

*Tour departs central Lisbon (Marques de Pombal square)
Pick-up from selected Lisbon hotels may be included.
Pick-ups available at extra cost from other locations.*

Tour Includes:

Accommodation in 4* Hotels; daily breakfasts (B);
Entrances fees: Batalha Monastery, Coimbra University, Palácio da Bolsa (Porto),
St. Francisco Church (Porto), Gardens of Palacio Mateus, Convent of Christ (Tomar),
Pena Palace (Sintra), Chapel of Bones (Evora), São Francisco Church (Evora),
Évora Cathedral, São Vicente Fortress (Sagres)

Additional Information:

Passport details are required in advance
Tourist city taxes (in applicable cities) are to be paid locally

Generally, coach tours in Portugal use local guides in cities and destinations visited. Tours are also normally accompanied by a multilingual tour escort unless they are specifically listed as only 'English Speaking'. Your tour may comprise a combination of tours and other participants in your tour may be going to or leaving for other destinations. Your tour escort may also change during the course of your program. Your fellow travellers could be from all over the world, speaking various languages. Tour information and descriptions will be given in English, and possibly Spanish and other language(s) depending on those spoken by tour participants.

THE OPERATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER HOTELS OR ITINERARY IF NECESSARY



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