



TIMELESS PORTUGAL COACH TOUR 2023

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

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# 4 DAY SOUTH OF PORTUGAL TOUR (CL4)

DEPARTS LISBON SATURDAYS 11 MARCH 2023 – 17 FEBRUARY 2024

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

### Day 1 (Saturday) LISBON / EVORA

Enjoy a day discovering the town of Évora, a mosaic of culture, history and traditions. Leaving Lisbon, we cross the bridge over the river Tagus and head through a beautiful and bucolic landscape of olive trees, cork oak trees and vineyards before arriving at Évora - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the narrow streets of this whitewashed town we walk back through time visiting some of Évora's most important monuments: the Roman Temple, the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral, Saint Francis Church with its "Chapel of Bones" and the University. At the market, we see and feel the richness of the products applied in preparing one of the most elaborate and best appreciated gastronomies of Portugal. Throughout the visit, we also get to admire the diversity and authenticity of local handicrafts with cork, ceramic and copper objects. Time for lunch. In the afternoon, there is free time to better discover this city. Our suggestion: gourmet standard wine, cheese and olive oil. Accommodation.



#### Day 2 (Sunday) EVORA / BEJA / PORTIMAO / SILVES / LAGOS

The morning is at leisure in Évora before driving south, pass Beja where the highest tower in any Portuguese medieval castle dominates the town and the region. Crossing the low mountain range, we enter the Algarve. Alongside fields of orange trees, we arrive in Silves, the renowned town dominated by its red sandstone castle dating back mainly to Moorish times and by the memories of its former cork industry. We continue onto the golden sands of the Algarve passing Praia da Rocha en route to Lagos.Accommodation.

#### Day 3 (Monday) LAGOS / PONTA DA PIEDADE / SAGRES / CABO DE SAO VICENTE / LAGOS

Breakfast at your hotel The Algarve has the call of the sea that led to the discovery of the New World. We stop in Ponta da Piedade to admire the magnificent views over the Atlantic Ocean, and cliffs whose shapes have been sculpted by the erosive action of both the sea and time. Continuing onto Sagres, a fishing port, for a visit to the fortress that was the mythical "navigation school" forever linked to the presence of Prince Henry the Navigator during the first days of Atlantic navigation and the discovery of the African coast. Proceeding along the cliffs to Cabo São Vincente, the most southwestern point in mainland Europe. The city of Lagos, a cosmopolitan town with a marina and fishing port and home to some of the most delicious Algarve dishes, such as the fish and shellfish cooked in a cataplana copper pan, - and not forgetting the fine sweets such as the famous marzipan, almond and fig cakes. Return to the hotel, where an afternoon at leisure invites you to take a dip in the warm sea. Accommodation.

#### Day 4 (Tuesday) LAGOS / SETÚBAL / SERRA DA ARRÁBIDA / LISBON

A last look at the water while travelling along the coast before bidding farewell to the Algarve. The return trip to Lisbon takes you through the city of Setúbal, a major port and industrial centre on the north bank of the Sado estuary. Then comes a scenic route over the Arrábida Mountain Range, an area preserved as a Natural Park, with amazing scenery and unique vegetation at the gates of Lisbon and incorporating sweeping views of the Troia Peninsula. Crossing the Tagus River bridge, we arrive in Lisbon. END OF TOUR.









## FOR THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER

2023 Departure Dates Saturday	2024 Departure Dates Saturday	Per Person in Twin / Double	Per Person In Single
<b>March</b> : 11, 25			
<b>April</b> : 8, 22			
<b>May</b> : 13, 27			
<b>June</b> : 10, 24		AUD 2095	AUD 2420
July: 8, 22		AUD 2095	AUD 2420
August: 12, 26			
September: 9, 23			
October: 14, 28			
November: 18	January: 20	AUD 1620	AUD 2005
December: 16	February: 17	AUD 1020	AUD 2005

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 with daily breakfast in 4\* hotels or similar: Evora: Hotel Evora Olive; Lagos: Hotel Marina Club; Transportation by bus or minivan as per itinerary; Entrances fees:

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



