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TIMELESS PORTUGAL COACH TOUR 2023

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

22/5/23

6 DAY NORTH OF PORTUGAL TOUR (CL5)

DEPARTS LISBON SATURDAYS 04 MARCH 2023 – 10 FEBRUARY 2024

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 in windmills and fruit trees, we arrive in Óbidos, surrounded by medieval walls where we can admire the harmony of the architecture, the diversity of the handicrafts and taste the famous gínginha (bitter cherry liqueur). Visit Alcobaca with the first and largest gothic church in Portugal with the tombs of the doomed lovers Pedro and Inês de Castro. Stopping in Nazaré, a typical fishing village and seaside resort immersed in tradition and legend. We continue to Batalha - visit the Monastery of Santa Maria de Victoria, a masterpiece of gothic architecture in Portugal where we also encounter the tomb of Henry the Navigator, the mastermind behind Portugal's era of maritime discoveries. After we arrive in Fátima, the famous Marian Shrine, there is the opportunity to attend the candle-lit procession. Accommodation.



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

After breakfast at your hotel depart for Coimbra - visit the University, one of the oldest in the world, with its magnificent baroque library and its unique atmosphere characterised by ancient traditions and customs such as the black student capes and the melancholic fado music. Stop at St Clara Church, where lies the tomb of Queen St. Isabel, the protagonist of the "miracle of the roses". In the city centre, there is a chance to admire Coimbra's exclusive ceramics. In the afternoon, we continue to Aveiro, a city of canals and known as the "Venice of Portugal", where you shall have time to see the graceful "moliceiro" vessels and taste the local sweet delicacy "ovos moles". Drive to Porto. Accommodation.

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

Breakfast at the hotel. Porto, the 2nd city of Portugal and UNESCO classified world heritage site - a living amphitheatre inviting us to make a morning visit to discover the riverside area, old houses, palaces and churches that history has made eternal and served up with a glass of the world famous port wine. We continue to Minho, the northwest region of Portugal that offers natural green sceneries and sparkling "green wine". Starting in Guimarães - the cradle of the nation and birthplace of the first king of Portugal where, walking through the historic centre, one is plunged for moments back into medieval times. Visit the Sacred Hill, crowned by the Castle, as well as the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança with its original buildings dating back to the 15th century. Drive to Braga known as the "Portuguese Rome" for its concentration of religious architecture, including the oldest cathedral in the country and the Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary, with its famous baroque stairway and gardens. Return to Porto. Accommodation.

Day 4 (Tuesday) PORTO

Today is at leisure. *Optional activities available.* Accommodation.



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

After breakfast depart for Amarante, a pretty town proud of its Saint Gonçalo, renowned for promoting love and marriage and where the river facing monastery houses his tomb and with a lively, bustling market where you can find fruit, vegetables, chickens, fabrics and an immense variety of other popular items. Afterwards, we drive onto Vila Real - visiting the gardens of the Mateus estate, whose façade is still depicted on the well-known Portuguese rosé wine bottles. Then, we enter the demarcated port region, travelling through the vineyards and the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Stop in Lamego, overlooked by one of Portugal's most important shrines N. S. Remédios with its magnificent baroque style staircase. Here, you can sample some of the local delicacies, including the local ham and the famous "Bola de Lamego" (a loaf baked in the oven with smoked ham). Continue on through the mountainous hinterland to Viseu, centre of the Dão Vineyards and a city connected to Portugal's oldest hero, Viriato, a Lusitanian warrior. In the shadow of the cathedral, narrow streets and doorways with coats of arms carved in granite make up the ancient town of Viseu. We tour the centre and its busy commercial zone. Arrival in Urgeiriça. Accommodation.

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

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive through the heart of Portugal to Bussaco well known for its luxuriant forest, made up of a selection of rare trees and plants of exotic beauty, and hosting a charming and romantic hotel, formerly a royal hunting lodge. We continue to Tomar, a city whose development is closely interlinked with the Order of the Templars, which received these lands in 1159 as a reward for the assistance given to Dom Afonso Henriques (the first King of Portugal) in the Christian reconquest of the country. It was Dom Gualdim Pais, the first Grand Master of the Order in Portugal who founded the castle and the remarkable Convent of Christ within. Enlarged and altered over the centuries, the complex displays the influences of various architectural styles; it is the centrepiece of the city and classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. We continue our journey until Lisbon. Accommodation.

2023 Departure Dates Saturday	2024 Departure Dates Saturday	Per Person in Twin / Double	Per Person In Single
March: 4, 18 April: 1, 15 May: 6, 20 June: 3, 17 July: 1, 15 August: 5, 19 September: 2, 16 October: 7, 21		AUD 2190	AUD 2535
November: 11 December: 9	January: 13 February: 10	AUD 2150	AUD 2420

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:

Fatima: Hotel Aurea; Porto: Hotel Vila Gale Porto; Urgeiriça: Hotel da Urgeiriça;

Transportation by bus or minivan as per itinerary;

Entrances fees: Batalha Monastery, Coimbra University, Palácio da Bolsa (Porto), St. Francisco Church (Porto), Gardens of Palacio Mateus, Convent of Christ (Tomar)

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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