

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Discover Portugal: Porto, the Algarve & Lisbon

9 DAYS: Saturday, February 22-Sunday, March 1, 2020 \$3,039

Saturday, March 7-Sunday, March 15, 2020 \$3,089

Saturday, March 21-Sunday, March 29, 2020 \$3,089

Single Reservations: February \$3,379; March \$3,429

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.

Tap into Portugal's sunny, seafaring spirit. Journey through the cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has ever known. Sip Port in the city it's named for and soak up the historic neighborhoods along the Douro River Coast from beaches to tranquil fishing towns in the Algarve, and end your stay in Portugal's colorful capital city.



Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Porto's Old-World Ribeira district, Douro riverfront, Stock Exchange Palace, Coimbra
- Évora's Chapel of Bones, Sagres Fortress, Jerónimos Church

Tour pace

- You will walk for about 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills.
- The terrain in Lisbon is very hilly, with cobblestone streets that are sometimes slippery.
- Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour.
- You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at times.

Overnight Flight 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Porto today.

Porto 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Porto Included meal: Dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Settle in to your hotel in the heart of this 2,000-year-old, UNESCO-listed city. Later, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Porto Included meal: Breakfast

Get to know Porto like a true *tripeiro* (Porto resident) as you follow your local guide.

- Wander through the medieval lanes of the Old-World Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront
- Pass citywide icons, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic São Francisco Church, and the wrought-iron Maria Pia Bridge
- Step inside the city's famed neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace

Enjoy a free afternoon in Porto or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar (additional cost)

Float along the beautiful Douro, the Iberian Peninsula's third-longest river. Take in scenes of Porto's vibrant waterfront and historic Villa Nova de Gaia, home to the region's centuries-old Port wine warehouses. As you cruise, you'll drift under five of the river's most iconic Old-World bridges, passing colorful hillside villas and traditional rabelos (flat-bottomed boats) along the way. Back on shore, pay a visit to one of Porto's most prestigious Port wine cellars. During the guided tour, learn about the long-standing history of Port wine, as well as the ins and outs of Port production and warehousing. Then, sit down to taste three of the cellar's world-famous labels, paired with cheese.

Évora 1 night

Day 4: Évora via Coimbra Included meal: Breakfast

Drive south and stop to explore Coimbra on a guided walking tour of the city's chapel and the country's first university. Later, settle in to your hotel in Évora.

The Algarve Region 2 nights

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Évora & transfer to the Algarve Region Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Before making your way to the sun-soaked Algarve region, follow a local guide as you stroll through the streets of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities.

- Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework
- Pass the remains of the Roman temple and enter the Chapel of Bones
- Stop at the Alentejo Cork Factory for a tour to get a closer look at the way corks are made

Continue on to the Algarve region and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 6: Lagos, Sagres & Cape St. Vincent Included meal: Breakfast

Discover the white-sand beaches, dramatic coastline, and small towns of the Algarve region, southern Portugal's beachy hot spot.

- Visit the seafaring towns of Lagos and Sagres, as well as Cape St. Vincent
- Admire stunning views of the sea from Sagres Fortress

Lisbon 2 nights

Day 7: Transfer to Lisbon & sightseeing tour Included meal: Breakfast

Get to know the Portuguese capital on a tour with a local guide.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park, then pass the Plaza del Marqués de Pombal and the Mouraria District
- Discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém
- Enter Jerónimos Church, which was built to honor voyagers
- Walk through Chiado square to the Baixa district in the heart of the city

Enjoy a free afternoon in Lisbon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Fado Dinner & Show (additional cost)

Spend your evening at a Lisbon tavern listening to fado. Derived from the Latin word *fatum*—meaning “prophecy” or “fate”—fado is Portugal's national musical treasure. Fado's traditional theme is *saudade*, a word that doesn't quite translate to English but conveys a sense of both nostalgia and longing. Dinner is included during this memorable musical evening.

Day 8: Free day in Lisbon Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Spend a free day exploring Lisbon or add an excursion.

Later, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera (additional cost)

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Sintra and learn why the poet Lord Byron once called it a “glorious Eden.” Get a glimpse into royal life during a guided tour of the 19th-century, romanticist Pena Palace. Take a bus and mini-train ride up to this story-book, mountaintop site, which boasts picturesque gardens and sweeping views of the Portuguese countryside. After your tour, you'll have free time to stroll through Sintra, viewing its colorful villas, small shops, and impeccably manicured gardens. On your way back to Lisbon, take in the coastal scenery of the Portuguese Riviera. You'll also stop in the old fishing village of Cascais to enjoy free time to discover the town's winding, narrow streets, and pastel-colored buildings. Must book 20 days before departure

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)