

# PORTUGAL

with Paul Farmer of MCBC

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Price per person on double occupancy:

\$3699 + Taxes & Fees \$190

Total: \$3889

**Single Person Supplement:** 

\$1179





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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. Next discover Coimbra, home to the magnificent Mondego River and the oldest university in Portugal and continue to 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 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. From there you will drive to the Algarve beach Area, where sunny skies, gorgeous coastlines, and golden beaches are commonplace. Return to Lisbon to enjoy Tapas Tasting tour and end your tour in style with the Fado dinner!



### **TOUR LODGING INFO:**

9 Nights accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITY	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Lisbon	2 Nights	Hotel Holiday Inn Lisboa
Coimbra	1 Night	Hotel NH D Ines
Porto	2 Nights	Hotel Holiday Inn Porto Gaia
Algarve	3 Nights	Hotel Villa Gale Ampalius
Lisbon	1 Night	Hotel Holiday Inn Lisboa

Hotels may be replaced with similar standard hotels for operational reasons

### **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 masterpiece of Gothic architecture in Portugal
- Travel to Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal" home to incredible canals
- Explore Porto, most-visited destination 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
- Go swimming and sunbathing in the Algarve as you unwind on Portugal's most beautiful beaches

### **INCLUDES:**

- International round-trip airfare from San Francisco
- 9 nights accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed or similar hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Private transportation by deluxe AC vehicles
- All Sightseeing tours as per the itinerary
- Entrance Fees to
- o Batalha Monastery
- o Coimbra University
- Service of English-speaking guide
- Fado Dinner in Porto
- Tapa Tasting in Lisbon
- All air taxes, fuel surcharges & local applicable taxes

### **TOUR ITINERARY:**

### DAY 1: SAN FRANCISCO – LISBON

Please arrive in time at San Francisco International Airport to check-in and board your international flight to Lisbon. Enjoy complimentary meals and extra on-flight services.

Overnight onboard flight

### DAY 2: LISBON ARRIVAL

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

### DAY 3: LISBON (B/-/-)

Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a tour of the beautiful city of Lisbon. Start a sightseeing tour in 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 photos and continue to the hotel. Free afternoon at leisure to explore the city. We recommend visiting Sintra, the most romantic Portuguese town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also, we suggest you visit the 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: Half-Day tour to Sintra, Pena Palace, Cascais and Estoril Coast with return hotel transfers (5H) - \$100 P/P based on min 6 pax

Around 1 pm, 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.

## DAY 4: LISBON – OBIDOS – NAZARE – BATALHA – COIMBRA (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 Coimbra

#### DAY 5: COIMBRA – AVEIRO – PORTO (B-/-/)

This morning visit 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. 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" a typical local pastry. Then, you will be directed toward Porto, you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight in Porto

### DAY 6: 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. In the morning you will go sightseeing to get familiar with the main attractions of the city. Then you will have the afternoon at your 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, to 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. As the night unfolds, you'll find yourself at a cozy restaurant, where a delightful meal awaits. The highlight of the evening is a live Fado show, a poignant and soulful music tradition also recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage. This unique combination of scenic exploration, culinary delight, and musical heritage ensures an unforgettable experience.

Overnight in Porto

### DAY 7: PORTO – FATIMA - PORTIMAO– ALGARVE (B-/-/)

After breakfast, drive to Fatima. Arrive and visit Fatima, counted among the largest centers of Mariano worship. You go explore the city on your









own and get the chance to visit Aljustrel which is a hamlet located on 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. Later drive to Algarve to arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening is at leisure.

Overnight in Algarve

DAY 8: ALGARVE (B-/-/)

After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure on the beach or you have a choice to take the following full day Historical Tour of Algarve.

Overnight in Algarve Area

### **Full day Historical tour of Algarve**

If you only have time for one tour, then this one has it all. In Silves, the former Moorish capital, you can visit the oldest part of the city where the largest castle in the Algarve and the oldest Cathedral are located. Climb the Serra de Monchique to Fóia, visiting the highest point of the Algarve, with time for spectacular photos. On your way down, we will make a stop for lunch (not included in the tour price). In the afternoon we will visit Lagos, where sightseeing includes the former slave market dating back to the 16th century, the golden church of Santo António, the fortress and the old town. The tour continues to Cape St. Vicente, the most south-western point of Europe, once known as "the End of the World". Landmarks include the great lighthouse, the great fishing port of Baleeira, and the fortress of Sagres, formerly home to School of Navigation founded by Infante D. Henrique, better known in English as Prince Henry the Navigator.

DAY 9: ALGARVE (B-/-/)

After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure or choose to book one of our optional tours.

Overnight in Algarve Area

DAY 10: ALGARVE - LISBON (Tapas Tasting)

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Drive back to Lisbon, Arrive and check in at the hotel. Afternoon enjoy Tapas Tasting tour, the best way to get familiarized with Lisbon's historic

district is while tasting delicious snacks and Portuguese typical dishes. This includes a guided tour of the city and 10 tastings of local food. Spend the evening at leisure.

Overnight in Lisbon



DAY 11: LISBON – SAN FRANCISCO (B-/-/)
After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Lisbon International
Airport to check-in for your flight back home.

### **DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Optional Tours
- Visa fees if applicable
- Any other items not under inclusion