

6 Days
5 Nights

POST CONFERENCE TOURS

NORTH OF PORTUGAL

Day
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Lisboa – Óbidos – Alcobaça – Nazaré – Batalha - Fátima (around 217Km)


By a landscape rich in windmills and fruit trees we arrive to Óbidos (stop), surrounded by medieval walls where we can admire the harmony of the architecture, the diversity of the handicrafts and taste the famous ginja (bitter cherry liqueur). Visit Alcobaça (stop) with the first and largest gothic church in Portugal with the tombs of D. Pedro and Inês de Castro, known by its love story. Stop at Nazaré, a typical fishing village and seaside resort, with its traditions and legends. We continue to Batalha (stop) - visit the Monastery of Santa Maria de Victoria, a masterpiece of the gothic in Portugal where we can find the tomb of Henry the Navigator, the promoter of the maritime discoveries. After we arrive to Fátima (stop), the famous Marian Shrine. Possibility to assist the Candle procession.

Fátima- overnight.

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Fátima – Coimbra – Aveiro - Oporto (around 270Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards Coimbra (stop) – visit of the University, one of the oldest in the world, with its magnificent baroque library and its unique atmosphere characterized by ancient traditions and customs such as the black cape of the students 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 center you can admire the exclusive ceramic of Coimbra. In the afternoon we continue to Aveiro (stop), city of the canals, known as the “Portuguese Venice”, where you shall have time to see the graceful boats “moliceiros” and taste the local sweets “ovos moles”. Drive to Oporto.

Oporto – overnight.

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Oporto (around 25 Km)

Porto the 2nd city of Portugal and world heritage by UNESCO - a living amphitheatre inviting us to make a morning visit to discover the riverside area, old houses, palaces, churches that history has made eternal and Port wine, known worldwide. Afternoon free.

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Oporto - Guimarães – Braga - Barcelos - Oporto (around 178Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour to the Minho, the northwest region of Portugal that offers natural green sceneries and the sparkling “green wine”. Starting by Guimarães (stop) - the cradle of the nation, birthplace of the first king of Portugal, where, walking along the historic center, for moments one is plunged back into medieval times. Visit the Sacred Hill, crowned by the Castle, as well the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, which original building dates back to the 15th centuries. Drive to Braga (stop) known as the "Portuguese Rome" for its concentration of religious architecture, as the oldest Cathedral of the country, and the Bom Jesus do Monte, Sanctuary with famous baroque stairway and gardens. After we shall continue to Barcelos (stop), an historical city rich in popular handicraft where the Galo de Barcelos (the rooster of Barcelos) legend was born becoming, the rooster, a Portuguese icon. Return to Oporto.

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Oporto – Amarante - Vila Real - Douro Valley – Lamego – Viseu - Urgeiriça (around 254Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Amarante (stop), a pretty town proud of São Gonçalo known for the promotion of love and marriage were the monastery facing the river houses his tomb and his lively bustling market where you can find fruit, vegetables, chickens, cloths, and an immense variety of other popular items. After, drive to Vila Real (stop) – visiting the gardens of the manor of Mateus, which façade is still depicted on the well-known Portuguese Rose wine bottles. Then we enter in the Port wine region, travelling through the vineyards and the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Stop in Lamego (stop), overlooked by one of Portugal's most important shrines, Nossa Senhora dos Remédios with its magnificent baroque style staircase. Maybe you will try some of the local delicacies such as the local ham or the famous “Bola de Lamego” (a loaf baked in the oven with smoked ham). Continue to the mountainous hinterland to Viseu (stop), center of the Dão Vineyards and a city connected with Portugal’s oldest hero, Viriato, the Lusitanian chief. Arrival to Urgeiriça. **Urgeiriça/Caldas da Felgueira –overnight**

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Urgeiriça - Bussaco – Tomar - Lisboa (+/- 365 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive through the heart of Portugal till Bussaco, well known for the luxuriant forest, made up of a selection of rare trees and plants of exotic beauty, where was built a charming and romantic hotel, before a royal hunting lodge. We continue to Tomar. The development of the city is closely linked to the Order of the Templars, which received these lands in 1159 as a reward for the assistance they gave to Dom Afonso Henriques (the First King of Portugal) in the Christian reconquest of the territory. 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 centre piece of the city and classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. We follow the journey till Lisbon.

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What's included

- 5 Nights accommodation on 4 star hotels with buffet breakfast.
- English Speaking Guide during all tour.
- Transport by air conditioned bus or minivan, as per detailed itinerary.
- Entrance fees on the following monuments:
Batalha Monastery, Coimbra University, "Palacio da Bolsa"(Porto), St. Francisco Church (Porto), "Gardens of Palácio Mateus", Convento do Cristo (Tomar)

Prices



Single € 945,00

Per person



Double € 800,00

Per person

Notes

- Departures on Saturdays, subject to confirmation of date.
- This tour only operates with a minimum of 4 persons.
- Porterage fees at the hotels, lunches or dinners, personal expenses, entrances fees and others not mentioned on the programme are not included.
- Programme & prices are subject to changes and subject to confirmation.