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# PORTUGAL

# WITH LIGONIER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DISCOVER BREATHTAKING CITYSCAPES, WORLD-FAMOUS CUISINE, BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, AND LEGENDARY ATTRACTIONS WITH THIS SMALL-GROUP TOUR OF PORTUGAL!

## PITTSBURGH | LISBON | OBIDOS | NAZARÉ | BATALHA | COIMBRA AVEIRO | PORTO | FATIMA | LISBON | PITT<u>SBURGH</u>

**9** DAY TOUR

Price per person on double occupancy: \$2949

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Single Person Supplement:

\$399



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Discover the beauty and magic of Southwestern Europe with this 8-day 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. Arrive in Coimbra, home to the magnificent Mondego River and the oldest university in Portugal. 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 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 make your way back to Lisbon to end your tour of Portugal filled with unforgettable memories!

### **TOUR LODGING INFO:**

7 Nights' hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Lisbon	2 Nights	Hotel Tryp Caparica/
		Hotel Mercure Almada
Coimbra	1 Night	Hotel Tryp Coimbra
Porto	2 Nights	Hotel Central Parque/ Hotel Axis
Lisbon	2 Nights	Hotel Tryp Caparica/
		Hotel Mercure Almada

Hotel may be replaced with similar superior property for operational reasons

### **TOUR 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 masterpieces of Gothic architecture in Portugal
- Travel to Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal" home to incredible canals
- Explore Porto, most-visited destinations 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
- A tapas tasting tour and Fado Show with dinner

### **TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES :**

- International roundtrip flights from Pittsburgh.
- 7 nights' accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed or similar hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Private transportation by deluxe AC vehicles
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Gastronomic & Cultural Tour (Tapas tasting) in Lisbon
- Fado and Folklore Dinner
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Service of English-speaking guide
- Air taxes, fuel surcharges & local taxes

### **TOUR ITINERARY:**

### DAY 1/ SAT: PITTSBURGH - LISBON

Arrive in time at Pittsburgh airport to check in and board your overnight flight to Lisbon. Enjoy complimentary meals and extra on-flight services.

Overnight onboard flight

### DAY 2/ SUN: LISBON ARRIVAL

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

Overnight in Lisbon

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

Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a tour of the beautiful city of Lisbon. You will first discover Belém, home to the 16th century World Heritage Site Monastery of Jeronimos. Next, you will visit the Belém pastry (pastel) factory from 1837 and enjoy a delicious "pastel de nata". There will be a quick stop at the Belém Tower, where you will be able to take pictures before ending your tour at the Ribeira Market. this market is now home to the Time Out Market, is the oldest in Lisbon, dating back to the 13th century. What started as a traditional market selling local produce has now grown to include a premier gourmet food marketplace featuring food stalls from Portugal's best chefs serving up pizza, codfish, sardines, sushi, and more. A visit to the Ribeira Market is essential for those wanting to learn about and experience Portuguese food.

We suggest you visit the Piriquita Coffee Shop and taste the delicious pastries of "Travesseiros" and "Queijadas" (not included).

### Included Tour: Gastronomic & Cultural Tour (Tapas tasting) - (4H)

Later in the day go on the best way to get familiarized with Lisbon historic district while tasting delicious snacks and Portuguese typical dishes. This includes a guided tour of the city and 10 tastings of local food. Overnight in Lisbon

### DAY 4/TUE: LISBON - OBIDOS - NAZARE - BATALHA - FATIMA - COIMBRA (B-/-/)

After breakfast, you will head north to the medieval walled city of Obidos. This is a captivating city with narrow cobblestone streets, quaint houses, and a breathtaking hilltop castle that once guarded the region. You will continue your tour to Nazare, a typical Portuguese fishing village and seaside resort famous for its high Atlantic waves. The tour will continue to Batalha, where you will have time to admire the Santa Maria Monastery (Monastery of Batalha) listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towards the end of the day, you will arrive in Fatima, where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three young shepherds and turned the town into one of Christianity's most important pilgrimage sites. From there you will continue your tour to Coimbra.

Overnight in Coimbra

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

Coimbra, bathed by the beautiful Mondego River and known as the city of students, is home to the first university built in Portugal and one of the oldest universities in Europe. You can visit the famous University of Coimbra (not included) which once served as the residence of Portuguese Kings. Its library is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was once considered one of the most beautiful in the world! You will have time to stroll through the city before departing for Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal". You will have free time here; we recommend booking a Moliceiro boat tour along the river to admire the beautiful Art Nouveau buildings and salt pans. Make sure you taste the delicious "Ovos Moles", a traditional local pastry in the Aveiro region. Your tour will then continue to Porto, where you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Porto

### DAY 6/THU: PORTO (B-/-/D)

Your day will begin in the beautiful city of Porto, situated on the Douro River. Porto is a vibrant and fascinating city that is rapidly becoming one of the most respected tourist destinations in Western Europe! The city offers an extensive history, captivating tourist attractions, a buzzing nightlife scene, and incredible tourist facilities. In the morning you will head on a sightseeing tour to become familiar with the city's main attractions. You will then have the afternoon at leisure to explore the city at your own pace. There is a lot to do and see in Porto - its diversity will appeal to a wide range of visitors! This region is famous for producing Port, which is stored and matured in the vast cellars along the banks of the Douro River. In the evening you will go for Fado show and dinner.

### Included Tour: Fado and Folklore Dinner

Herança Magna Show & Traditional Dinner, gastronomic show whose stage in an old Port Wine cellar. Located in Cais de Gaia, Douro River and prime area of the region, extolling the customs and traditions of the city of Porto. The show will lead a tour of the northern culture. Upon arrival, we welcome you with a toast with a glass of Port wine. The journey continues with the sound of the emblematic Portuguese songs sung alive, where all participates will have the opportunity to feel the true spirit of the traditional feast of Porto region.

The dinner, buffet and all inclusive, combines the best Porto cuisine has to offer.

The highlight of the night, The Fado, Intangible Heritage of Humanity, crown the show by the voice of great singers of the city, a unique performance that exposes you to the best of this ex-libris of Portugal. The party continues with The Folklore, in the rhythm of traditional dances inspired and born in the roots of the people of North. Shuttle from/to hotel is included. Overnight in Porto

### DAY 7/FRI: PORTO - FATIMA - LISBON (B-/-/)

After breakfast, you will head to Fatima, one of the largest centers of Mariano worship. Enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace. Consider paying a visit to Aljustrel, a charming hamlet situated on the outskirts of Fatima. This is the birthplace of Lucia dos Santos, Francisco, and Jacinta Marto, who are known to have witnessed three apparitions of the Angel of Peace in 1916. We will then depart to Lisbon later in the day. Overnight in Lisbon

### DAY 8/SAT: LISBON (B-/-/)

After breakfast day free at leisure or take optional tours in Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon

### **Optional Tour:** Half-Day tour to Sintra, Cascais and Estoril Coast (Lunch Included) with return hotel transfers (5H) - \$165 p/p based on min 2 persons on Seat-on-Coach basis

Meet your professional guide in central Lisbon and 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.

OR

### **Optional Tour:** Boat Tour in Lisbon with Drinks and Snacks with return hotel transfers (2H) - \$105 p/p based on min 2 persons on Seat-on-Coach basis

Discover Lisbon by water on this sailing tour. Meet your friendly crew at the harbor and find a seat to kick back on the vessel and watch the tide roll in. Admire the striking views of Lisbon as the vessel pulls away from land and you glide over the Tagus River's smooth waters. Relax with a glass of sparkling wine and enjoy light snacks for the ride.

### DAY 9/SUN: LISBON - PITTSBURGH (B-/-/)

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the Lisbon International Airport to check-in for your flight back home

### TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply, and vary by carrier
- Local city taxes in Lisbon & Porto
- Visa fees (not for US citizens)
- Any other items not under inclusions.

