

The Trent Hills Chamber of Commerce and Marlin Travel take you to:

HISTORIC PORTUGAL 12 days/11 nights

Porto, Lisbon, Fatima, Coimbra, Nazare, Obidos and the Algarve



Departs Toronto - September 28th, 2020

Includes: Return airfare with Air Transat Airport transfers in Porto and Faro

4 and 5 star hotels

11 breakfasts and 2 lunches

Fully guided tour with English speaking guides

Entrance fees to all attractions listed

Member Price: \$3625 per person
(double occupancy)

Non-Member: \$3725 per person
(double occupancy)

Single Supplement: \$949

Not included in the price are: Travel insurance, tipping and meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary.

DISCOVER THE HISTORIC CITIES OF PORTUGAL

SEPTEMBER 29 - Arrive in Porto where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Today around 14:00, enjoy a half day tour of Porto, visiting a Porto wine cellar for wine tasting. Accommodation at The 4-Star Fenix Porto Hotel.

SEPTEMBER 30 - Today after breakfast we will start our full day tour of Minho. First stop will be in Guimaraes "The Birth Place of Portugal". Arrive in Guimaraes for a Calm Walk through the Medieval City and enter the Castle, which is known as the Birth of the Kingdom of Portugal. Then visit the Palace of the Dukes and be dazzled by the Luxuries of Royalty through the centuries. Your guide will tell you the whole history of Portugal. A delicious meal will be served in a restaurant where you will taste the famous "Green Wine" which is produced in the region. Travel to the City of Braga, known as the City of the Arch Bishops, visiting the historical centre and the interior of the Cathedral. Go to the top of the mountain and visit the most magnificent sanctuary in Portugal called "Bon Jesus Do Monte" at the end of the day, return to tour hotel.

OCTOBER 01 - Morning departure to Coimbra. Enroute we will stop and visit Aveiro, known as the Venice of Portugal. Also, today you will travel through the salt fields and fishing port from where brave men departed to go cod fishing in the distant seas of Norway. Then arrive at Costa Nova where houses full of color and beauty stand on a beautiful natural landscape. Nearby is the town of Aveiro, travel along its canals where you can see typical Moliceiros and have the opportunity to taste the famous "Ovos Moles" (soft eggs), a delicacy of the region. Then travel towards Coimbra and visit The Bucaco Forrest / Luso / Mellsfada. Enjoy a meal, the famous "Suckling Pig", and also a Fado show. Finally arrive in Coimbra for an overnight at the 4 Star Tivoli Coimbra.

OCTOBER 02 - After breakfast we will explore the university town of Coimbra. Walking and enjoying, mingling with its students who still wear the traditional black capes. Coimbra, a city that was once the nation's capital and is still home to one of the oldest universities in the world. It's narrow streets hide the love stories of thousands of students from the university. Wonder at the Roman aqueducts and gardens to convents and monasteries, all while exploring the city of Coimbra. Overnight at the Tivoli Coimbra.

OCTOBER 03 - After breakfast we start touring, travelling towards Nazare, stopping and visiting Fatima and it's sanctuary, one of the most important Mariae Sites in the World "The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima". You will visit and admire the original Basilica where "Francisco and Jacints" De Marto were buried, then get to know the "Trindade" Basilica. Next stop will be Batalha, a small town with its majestic monastery now honored as a Unesco World Heritage site. This gigantic pearl of gothic architecture occupied Portugal's most accomplished tradesmen under royal command for about two centuries. The monastery is a stunning example of filigree stone work and beautiful design in gothic. After visiting Batalha we will drive towards Nazare. Overnight at 4-star Sul Miramar in sea view rooms.

OCTOBER 04 - Morning departure to Alcobaca to visit the famous "Mosteiro of Alcobaca" then visit Nazare. Spend the afternoon exploring this old and famous fishing village. Overnight at the 4-Star Sul Miramar hotel.

OCTOBER 05 - This morning our first stop is Obidos, one of the most beautiful medieval villages in the country. Obidos is surrounded by fortifications with castle walls dating from the 12th century. This real gem of medieval art will leave you speechless with its multitude of small houses of bright colours. After visiting Obidos our next stop will be Sintra, known for the tropical flora, lush gardens and estates called "Quintas". We will then visit the Pena Palace with rooms decorated and inspired by Manueline, Gothic and Renaissance style. Free time in Sintra will allow you to get to know this pretty borough at the foot of the hill and the Arab Castle as well as the forest, a Unesco Biosphere Reserve. Then to Lisbon, check-in at the 4-Star Mundial Hotel

OCTOBER 06 - Today we start touring Lisbon, visiting St. George Castle, the Cathedral of Lisbon, Jeronimo Monastery and the Belem Tower plus more. Overnight at Mundial Hotel

OCTOBER 07 - Say goodbye to Lisbon as we depart to the Algarve. We will stop and visit the historical town of Evora, a World Heritage City. Explore the remains from the Roman Empire to the Renaissance and witness evidence of ancient civilization at the sprawling megalithic complex where we visit the church of St. Francisco and the famous Bone Chapel. We continue towards the Algarve, overnight stay at the beautiful 5-star Hotel Algarve room with sea view.

OCTOBER 08 - Today after breakfast we start our half day tour to Western Algarve visiting Lagos and Sagres. We will walk the Cape of Sagres and visit the place where Henry the Navigator had his navigation school. Return to the hotel in the afternoon to be free to enjoy Praia Da Rocha.

OCTOBER 09 - After breakfast we depart to explore the Eastern Algarve visiting Faro, Olhao, and Tavira (another World Heritage City) then on to Vila Real St. Antonio. Stop and enjoy this city on the west bank of Guadiana River. Lunch will be served today at a typical restaurant at your hotel.

OCTOBER 10 - After Breakfast, transfer to Faro airport and fly back to Toronto

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