

Porto & Lisbon



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Arranged with Travel Editions Group Travel for The Arts Society Ebor

Porto

Tuesday 16th April 2024 – 7 days from *£1,855pp

This superb two-centre tour takes us to two of Portugal's most beautiful cities – glorious Porto, situated on the spectacular Douro River, and, the capital, Lisbon, one of Europe's most captivating and interesting cities. A series of tours will show you the highlights of our two base cities as well as taking you to some of the country's equally beautiful but lesser known cities – Braga, Coimbra and Sintra. This tour will truly give you a taste of all that Portugal has to offer and tempt you back for a repeat visit.



Tower of Belem



Sintra

This holiday is operated by Travel Editions Group Travel

To register your interest to join this tour please contact Peter Burnett of The Arts Society Ebor on drpburnett@btinternet.com 01347 878143 or 07985 930596

*Based on a minimum of 20 people travelling and 2 people sharing a twin room.

An initial deposit of £250 per person required by 15th December 2023. Single supplement £315.



Douro Valley

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1: 16th April 2024

Fly to Porto and transfer to hotel.

Fly from Manchester to Porto. On arrival at Porto airport you will be met by an English speaking guide and transferred to your hotel in Porto for a four night stay.

Welcome drink and welcome dinner (drinks included) at the hotel.

Day 2: 17th April 2024

Douro Valley.

Today we head northeast out of the city along the Douro valley, the first wine region to be demarcated in the world, with its landscape classified as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famous for its production of port

wine, the Douro valley is a scenic region with spectacular views of terraces of vineyards leading down to the Douro river. We will visit a local producer such as Quinta do Noval (or similar) to learn about the winemaking process and – of course – to taste the produce with a tasting of different wines. We'll also enjoy a traditional lunch of regional specialties accompanied with local wine. After lunch, drive to the small town of Pinhão, sited on a picturesque bend in the Douro river, surrounded by vine covered hillsides – here we will visit the beautiful train station ornamented with tiled panels representing images of the vindima (wine harvest). Dinner at leisure.

Day 3: 18th April 2024

Porto.

Our local guide will meet you at the hotel this morning for a guided walking tour that will show you the highlights of the city, whose old town is classified as an UNESCO World Heritage Site in its entirety. Highlights include: S. Bento Station with its atrium lined with tiles, the magnificent Cathedral proudly overlooking the city, the beautiful golden, baroque interior of the Church of S. Francisco, the 19th century Palácio da Bolsa (former Stock Exchange) built to impress potential European investors, the beautiful Lello & Irmão Bookstore, Majestic Café with Belle Epoque atmosphere and ornate interior featuring carved wood,



S. Bento Station



Lello & Irmão Bookstore



Rossio Square, Lisbon

mirrors and chandeliers and the Porto Ribeira waterfront. Dinner at leisure.

Day 4: 19th April 2024

Braga.

Today we head northwest out of the city to the province of Minho and Braga, a city founded by the Romans and one of the oldest Christian cities in the world. It is often referred to as the “Portuguese Rome” for its concentration of religious architecture, including the oldest cathedral in the country dating back to the 12th century, the 18th century Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte with its famous baroque staircase that climbs 116 metres and beautiful gardens reached by the Monte

Funicular. With free time for lunch an afternoon guided walking tour will be a historical journey back in time. Return to Porto for dinner at leisure.

Day 5: 20th April 2024

Porto – Coimbra – Lisbon.

Heading south to the capital, we stop off for a guided tour of the beautiful and historic city of Coimbra, rising majestically from the Rio Mondego. An ancient university city that has maintained its secular academic traditions as witnessed in the blackcaped students. The university is renowned for its magnificent 18th century Baroque library, Joanina, whilst elsewhere in the city, sights include its 12th century Cathedral

and hilltop church of Santa Clara. Continue to Lisbon for two night stay on bed and breakfast basis. Dinner with wine at the hotel

Day 6: 21st April 2024

Morning Sintra, afternoon Lisbon.

A delightful morning in store as we head out of the city to the lovely coastal town of Sintra, classified as an UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1995, with its array of palaces, ancient castles and stunning scenery. Sights here include the Moorish Sintra National Palace in Moorish style with beautiful ceramics. Time for lunch before heading back to Lisbon for a whistlestop guided tour of its most important sights,



Braga



Coimbra



Jerónimos Monastery, Lisbon

including the historic Belem District that is home to two of Lisbon's jewels, the Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belem - whose origins date back to the 16th Century, both World Heritage sites. We'll also take in the downtown area, passing by Edward VII park, Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, Alfama neighbourhood, old town, crowned by St. George's Castle, Cathedral that dates back to the 12th Century and the Blackhorse square - an immense square that overlooks the Tagus River. This evening there will be a farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant.

Day 7: 22nd April 2024

Transfer to the airport for return flight to Manchester.

Day free for independent exploration

until transfer to the airport for return flight to Manchester.

Where you stay

Porto Eurostars Heroismo – 4 nights

Modern four-star hotel, built in 2015, located a short walk from the old town within easy reach of the main sights. Facilities at this very well appointed hotel include bar/café, restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with all modern amenities.

Lisbon Turin Iberia Hotel – 2 nights

Modern four-star hotel, located close to Campo Pequeno and Saldanha, within easy reach of the main sights. Facilities at this very well appointed hotel include bar, restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with all modern amenities.



Porto

Included in the price

- Four nights' accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at the four-star Eurostars Heroismo Hotel, Porto, based on shared occupancy of twin/double room
- Two nights' accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at the four-star Turin Iberia Hotel, Lisbon, Porto, based on shared occupancy of twin/double room
- Transfers and visits according to the itinerary including guided tours and entrance fees to the wine cellar and wines tasting at Quinta do Noval winery or similar, Bom Jesus do Monte Funicular (to reach the Bom Jesus Sanctuary and gardens) in Braga and University and Library in Coimbra.
- Welcome drink and welcome dinner with wine at the hotel in Porto
- Lunch at Quinta do Noval winery or similar in the Douro Valley
- Dinner with wine at the hotel in Lisbon on Day 5
- Farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant

Not included

- Supplement for single occupancy £315
- Holiday insurance
- Meals other than those stated
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls etc
- Porterage and gratuities
- Entrance fees other than those stated



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