

The Best of Portugal

ECO TRILHA VIAGENS E TURISMO

Highlights: • Lisbon • Fátima • Porto • Braga • Bom Jesus do Monte Shrine • Douro Valley • Lamego • Sintra • Nazaré • Óbidos.

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon Airport

Today at the appropriate time, an Eco Trilha representative will be met you at the airport to assist and transfer you to your hotel. There are no activities planned for this day. Overnight in Lisbon.

Day 2: Lisbon – Sintra – Lisbon

See the 16th-century Jerónimo's Monastery (UNESCO); the Monument to the Discoveries, honouring intrepid Portuguese explorers and their patrons; and the impressive Belem Tower (UNESCO). Visit an old patisserie that has managed to hold on to the secret recipe of Portugal's finest pastry for over 100 years and enjoy a demonstration and tasting of the famous 'pastéis de Belem'.

Its unique narrow streets, lined with whitewashed chapels and white houses edged in blue, are the perfect place for thoughtful wandering. Continue to the town of Sintra, a UNESCO site and the favorite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Here, peruse specialty shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. Overnight in Lisbon.

Day 3: Lisbon – Óbidos – Nazaré – Fátima – Porto

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the the medieval walled town of Óbidos. After that we visit the quaint town of Nazaré. It is said that the picturesque village of Nazaré got its name from a statue of the Virgin Mary brought to town from Nazareth by a monk in the 4th century. High above the town is Sitio, reached by a funicular that climbs 110m (360ft). All of Nazaré can be seen from here, and across the square is the 17th century Nossa Senhora da Nazare Church with two Baroque belfries and 18th century tiles depicting Biblical scenes. It also contains a revered image of Our Lady of Nazareth that is taken down to the sea in a traditional procession every September. Nazaré is famous for its women who wear skirts with seven petticoats, women would sit on the beach waiting for their fishermen to sail home. To keep warm in the face of a cold sea wind while staying modestly covered, they'd wear several petticoats in order to fold layers around their backs and legs.

Today Nazaré is Portugal's most famous fishing village, having always drawn visitors to its beach and genuinely colorful life.

Finally we visit pilgrimage town of Fatima. Join the faithful at one of the world's holiest sites and pay homage at the Chapel of Apparitions. Overnight in Porto.

Day 4: Porto

Elected Best European Destination 2012 by the European citizens, Porto, is history, architecture, culture, gastronomy, trade, encounters and discoveries. Walking tours in Porto, visits to the city's

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historical centre of world heritage and monuments of Porto. Itinerary: Torre dos Clérigos, Livraria Lello e Irmão, Avenida dos Aliados, Estação de S. Bento, Ponte Luís I, Sé Catedral, Bairro da Sé and Ribeira. Overnight in Porto.

Day 5: Porto - Braga

After breakfast, we have a small briefing about Bom Jesus do Monte Shrine. Ascent will be made on the lift; this is the first funicular of the Iberian Peninsula, built in 1882 by Swiss engineer Nikolaus Riggerbach. This lift uses the system water balance, and it is currently the world oldest, in service, use this ecological system. The cabins have a water tank, full when you are at the top level, and emptying at the bottom. The difference in weight allows the obtained displacement, the amount of water being calculated depending on the number of passengers. The descent of the mount will be done on foot. In the afternoon, we will visit The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sameiro and the cathedral. Overnight in Porto.

Day 6: Douro Valley

Some of the best vineyards in Portugal opens the doors for you to the culture and community that are behind a country's history. This is an unforgettable journey through the beautiful landscapes of scenic mountains and wonderful seaside views – taste Portugal with a hiking experience and taste the regional flavours that will make a feast for your senses! Lunch is included. After lunch, we visit Shrine of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios. From one of the central avenues in Lamego, climb to the top of the hill up an imposing baroque staircase with 686 steps ending in a shrine built in the rocaille style in the mid-eighteenth century for the worship of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, although it was not completely finished until 1905. The same Nicolau Nasoni who painted the cathedral ceilings designed some of the baroque works that decorate this monument, in particular a very beautiful granite fountain next to the shrine itself. Various landings enrich the monumental staircase with interesting sculptures, making the long climb of the pilgrims less arduous. Overnight in Porto.

Day 7: Porto Airport

End of the program. There are no activities planned for this day. Lunch and dinner are not included.

Prices

Twin room (since): 1299 € per person

Single room (since): 1899 € per person

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Hotels

Olissippo Marquês de Sá (4 stars – Lisboa) or similar.
Exe Almada Porto (4 stars – Porto) or similar.

Notes

- Minimum number: 2 persons;
- Validity: 2017/2018. Please ask special rates for National Holidays, Carnival, Easter, Christmas and New Year's Day.
- Please note that while we operate successful trips in this region throughout the year, some changes may occur in our itineraries due to inclement weather and common seasonal changes to timetables and transport routes. This can happen with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to the route.

Departure Dates

- 13-July-2017 to 20-July-2017
- 08-November-2017 to 15-November-2017
- 25-January-2018 to 31-January-2018
- 15-February-2018 to 21-February-2018
- 16-March-2018 to 22-March-2018
- 09-November-2018 to 15-November-2018

Included

- Transfers: Airport – Hotel – Airport;
- 6 nights in a twin room;
- Breakfast is included every morning in all multi-day tour packages;
- Lisbon: Enjoy a demonstration and tasting of the famous 'pastéis de Belém';
- 1 Lunch and wine tasting;
- City tour in Lisbon, Sintra, Porto, Braga, Fátima, Douro Valley, Nazaré and Óbidos;
- Fátima: Join the faithful at one of the world's holiest sites and pay homage at the Chapel of Apparitions;
- Private transfers and Guide throughout the tour.

Not Included

- Flight;

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- Airport taxes, security and fuel;
- Travel insurance;
- Drinks and meals not specified;
- Entrances other than mentioned;
- Tourist tax in Lisbon. From 1 January 2016, you will pay 1 euro per person / per night up to a maximum of 7 euros;
- Telephone and personal expenses.