

DISCOVER PORTUGAL ITINERARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: FARO AIRPORT TO ALBUFEIRA

Welcome to Portugal. Arrive in Albufeira. (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8: ALBUFEIRA - SAGRES - LAGOS - ALBUFEIRA



Travel to Ponta da Piedade to see the rock formations. Continue to Cape St. Vincent in Sagres which is the southwestern most part of Europe and considered a Holy place. Continue to the charming city of Lagos which is the former capital of the Algarve. (B, D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9: ALBUFEIRA - OLHÃO - TAVIRA - ALBUFEIRA



Drive to Olhao to discover the fish market with its unique atmosphere. Continue to Tavira, one of the most beautiful and authentic towns in the Algarve. In the old neighborhood visit the Misericordia church, the ruins of the Moorish castle, and the Roman Bridge. Take a boat across the Ria Formosa to the Island of Tavira for a lunch of grilled fish. Afternoon on your own. (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10: ALBUFEIRA – AZARUJA - ÉVORA



Depart to Azaruja and visit a traditional Cork factory. Move on to Évora where the streets and buildings are virtually unchanged over the centuries. You will see the Temple of Diana, the Cathedral (exterior), walk through the “Giraldo Plaza” and visit the São Francisco Church and the Bones Chapel. Finally, enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting of the Alentejo flavors. (B, L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11: ÉVORA – AZEITÃO - LISBON



Head towards Lisbon with a quick stop in Azeitao where you will enjoy a tour around the small village and taste one of the traditional sweets Torta de Azeitão. You will have a walking tour on the Serra Arrabida and then enjoy some free time in the afternoon. Your evening will consist of dinner and a show featuring live melancholic Fado music. (B, D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12: LISBON



Start your day with a visit to Alfama which is a typical district of Lisbon. You will go to the downtown area of Rossio and the Praça do Comércio which is the central business district. At the riverside suburb of Belém, you'll visit the church and cloisters of the Hieronymus Monastery and view the Belém Tower. Enjoy a pastel de Belém pastry. Experience lunch in a fish restaurant on the docks of Lisbon. The remainder of the day will be on your own to explore this luminous city. (B, L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13: LISBON

Visit the Museum Fondation Caloust Gulbenkian followed by a walking tour to admire the Chiado and Bairro Alto. In the afternoon we will visit the Palace of Queluz and the gardens. After we invite you to enjoy a sunset sailing trip along the Tagus River. (B, L)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14: LISBON - SINTRA – CABO DA ROCA - ÓBIDOS



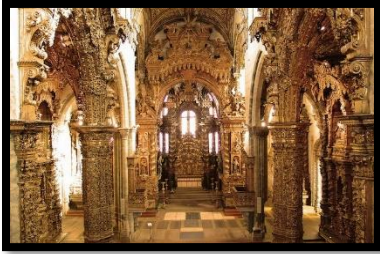
Depart towards Sintra, a village with a fairytale-like atmosphere and visit the Quinta da Regaleira, a World Heritage Site. Sample the delicious queijada which is a traditional dessert from the village. For lunch you will get to try Suckling pig, which is a traditional dish of roasted pig. Continue towards Cabo da Roca and admire the outstanding views from this western point of Europe. Head to Obidos, which has countryside consisting of green valleys and heights topped by the occasional windmill. Obidos has managed to keep a proud medieval character through the ages. Sample the traditional Liquor Ginginha. (B, L)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15: ÓBIDOS – NAZARÉ – FATIMA - TOMAR – COIMBRA



Visit Nazare, a typical fishing village and a colorful beach. Continue towards Fatima for a walking tour of the sanctuary. Depart towards Tomar that stretches along the banks of the Nabão. Visit the Cristo Convent. Continue towards Coimbra to visit the main buildings of Portugal's oldest university. (B, D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16: COIMBRA – PORTO



Head to Porto where you begin your tour in the city centre, walking through Avenida dos Aliados and the Train Station São Bento. Visit the Church of São Francisco, which is famous for its rococo style and the 19th Century Stock Exchange (Palácio da Bolsa) with its famous Arabian Hall. Walk through the quarter of Ribeira, the most typical and picturesque spot. Visit one of the traditional Caves of Port wine in Gaia and enjoy a port wine tasting. (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17: PORTO – FAVAIOS – PINHÃO - PORTO



Travel to the Vila Real Region at Favios. Upon arrival at the Vineyard, you will enjoy a taste of Moscatel wine and the sound of the traditional musical instrument Concertina. Experience harvesting of the grapes the traditional way. Before lunch enjoy a wine tasting from the wines Quinta da Avesada followed by lunch in the winery. In the afternoon we would like to invite you to participate on the crushing of the grapes with your bare feet which enjoying the sound of traditional singers. Finish your visit by tasting the liquor wines. After, continue towards Pinhao to see the train station to admire the unique tile panels. There are two dozen panels that cover almost all the walls of the main building, representing some of the ancient aspects of the Douro Vinhateiro. (B, L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18: PORTO – PORTO AIRPORT

Transfer to the airport. (B)