

#### Day 1 – Welcome to Porto

Arrive in the vibrant riverside city of Porto, where history, wine, and culture come together. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your elegant hotel before enjoying a Tuk Tuk ride through the city's colorful streets. In the evening, raise a glass at a festive welcome dinner with your fellow travelers — the perfect beginning to your Portuguese adventure.

**Overnight:** Porto (Hotel Infante Sagres 5\* or similar)

#### Day 2 – The Flavors of Porto & Ribeira

This morning, set off on a walking tour through Porto's historic heart. Marvel at the Baroque beauty of the **Clérigos Tower**, explore the world-famous **Lello Bookshop**, and step inside Porto's twin churches, Carmo and Carmelitas. Then, dive into the traditions of Port wine with a guided cellar tour and tasting, before enjoying a riverside lunch in the lively Ribeira district. The afternoon is yours to wander at leisure, perhaps stopping for a café by the water.

Overnight: Porto

#### Day 3 – Medieval Guimarães & Sacred Braga

Step back in time in **Guimarães**, the birthplace of Portugal. Stroll its cobbled medieval streets and climb the towers of its imposing 10th-century castle, where stories of kings and knights still echo. Continue to **Braga**, Portugal's spiritual capital, and take in the grand **Bom Jesus Sanctuary**, with its dramatic stairway winding up through lush green hills.

**Overnight:** Guimarães (Pousada Mosteiro de Guimarães 5\* or similar)

#### Day 4 – The Magic of the Douro Valley

The day begins in **Amarante**, a charming town with colorful balconies overlooking the river. From here, journey into the **Douro Valley**, where terraced vineyards climb steep hillsides in a breathtaking landscape. Visit a traditional winery for a tour, tasting, and a delicious lunch of regional flavors. In the afternoon, relax on a **Rabelo boat cruise** along the Douro River, soaking in endless views of vines, olive groves, and rustic villages.

Overnight: Guimarães

## Day 5 – Aveiro, Óbidos & Arrival in Évora

Travel south to **Aveiro**, often called the "Portuguese Venice," where gondola-like boats glide through canals lined with pastel houses. Sample the city's famous sweets, like **Ovos Moles** and Tripa, before continuing to **Óbidos**, a walled medieval jewel where cobblestones, whitewashed cottages, and flowering balconies create a fairy-tale setting. Try a sip of the local cherry liqueur, **Ginjinha**, served in an edible chocolate cup. By evening, arrive in **Évora**, your enchanting home for the next three nights.

**Overnight:** Évora (Convento do Espinheiro 5\* or similar)

## Day 6 - UNESCO Évora & Alqueva's Tranquil Waters

Wake up in beautiful **Évora**, a city of Roman ruins, Moorish echoes, and medieval walls — so rich in heritage it's listed by UNESCO. This morning, set out for **Alqueva Lake**, the largest artificial lake in Europe, and enjoy a tranquil boat ride through its serene waters. Back in Évora, visit highlights such as the **Bone Chapel**, St. Francisco Church, and the iconic Roman Temple. End the day with a winery visit and tasting, followed by a cozy group dinner.

Overnight: Évora

## Day 7 - Olive Oil, Cork & Ancient Stones

Today, discover the traditions that make the Alentejo region so unique. Taste golden local olive oil with fresh Alentejo bread at a boutique farm, sitting beneath an ancient 2,000-year-old tree. Learn how cork is harvested and transformed at a family-run cork factory — Portugal produces more than half the world's supply. Finally, stand among the **Almendres Cromlech**, one of Europe's oldest megalithic sites, where mysterious stone circles have stood for millennia.

Overnight: Évora

## Day 8 – Highlights of Lisbon

Journey to Portugal's lively capital, **Lisbon**, where old-world charm meets modern vibrance. Begin with a Tuk Tuk ride through the winding streets of the Old Town, pausing at panoramic viewpoints and landmarks like São Vicente's Church and the National Pantheon. After lunch, explore the grand monuments of **Belém**, including the Jerónimos Monastery, and treat yourself to a warm **Pastel de Belém** — Lisbon's famous custard tart. As evening falls, gather for a tapas dinner paired with wine and the soulful sounds of a live **Fado performance**, followed by a night tour of Lisbon's illuminated streets.

Overnight: Lisbon (H10 Duque de Loulé Hotel 4\* or similar)

#### Day 9 – Enchantment of Sintra & Portugal's Coastline

A magical day awaits in **Sintra**, where castles and palaces crown misty green hills. Wander the town center, gaze at the Moorish Castle and the colorful **Pena Palace**, then explore the mysterious **Regaleira Estate**, with its underground initiation well and lush gardens. Stop at elegant Seteais and Monserrate Palaces before heading to the coast for a winery visit and lunch. Continue to the dramatic cliffs of **Cabo da Roca**, the westernmost point of Europe, and the postcard-perfect seaside village of **Azenhas do Mar**. End with free time in stylish **Cascais** before returning to Lisbon.

Overnight: Lisbon

## Day 10 - Royal Grandeur & Farewell to Portugal

This morning, step into the refined beauty of the **National Palace of Queluz**, with its rococo halls and landscaped gardens once beloved by royalty. The afternoon is yours to shop, sightsee, or relax in Lisbon before gathering for a farewell dinner to toast the unforgettable memories you've made.

Overnight: Lisbon

# Day 11 – Departure

As all great journeys do, your adventure comes to an end today. After breakfast, transfer to the airport with the assistance of your guide, carrying with you the warmth, beauty, and flavors of Portugal.