

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Lisbon, Portugal. The foreground shows a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs and white walls. In the middle ground, a blue harbor is visible with several boats. The background shows a hazy cityscape across the water under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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DAY 1

Destination	Lisbon
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel through some of Portugal's most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira. Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Destination	Lisbon 🚗 Sintra 🚗 Cascais 🚗 Estoril 🚗 Lisbon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Enjoy a visit to the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine whilst local artists perform the traditional Fado.

DAY 3

Destination	Lisbon 🚗 Batalha 🚗 Nazare 🚗 Obidos 🚗 Lisbon
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, vineyards and age-old castles. You visit three distinct villages, each with its own cultural character. Venture to Batalha to see the magnificent Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), built to commemorate the Portuguese victory over the Castillians in 1385. Experience Nazare, a seaside community named for a small wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived here in the 4th century. Then it is on to picture-perfect Obidos, where whitewashed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. Return to Lisbon and enjoy an evening at leisure.

DAY 4

Destination	Lisbon 🚗 St. Michael, Azores 🚗 Ponta Delgada
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian

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Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), and join an Azorean at a pineapple plantation, where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses.

DAY 5

Destination	Ponta Delgada 🚗 Terra Nostra Botanical Park 🚗 Furnas Valley 🚗 Ponta Delgada
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Today, it's your choice! You may take a stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias -OR- you can rest and relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.* In Furnas Valley, experience a cozido das furnas lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth; you'll also explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. Afterwards, head to a tea plantation where you will learn about timeless methods of production. The day ends as you delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit.

DAY 6

Destination	Ponta Delgada
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale and dolphin watching boat trip, or kayak and hike around Sete Cidades. Later, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Your evening finishes with an incredible dinner.

DAY 7

Destination	Ponta Delgada 🚗 Sete Cidades 🚗 Ribeira Grande 🚗 Nordeste-Ponta Delgada
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most iconic national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). At Sete Cidades, it's your choice! You can explore the Sete Cidades Interpretation Centre -OR- you may prefer to take a leisurely hike inside the crater and admire the pristine Bay of Silence. Afterwards, journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th- and 17th-century buildings. See City Hall, the Church of Our Lady, and the eight-arch bridge, a symbol of the town. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, Nordeste. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira

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DAY 8

Destination	Ponta Delgada 🚗 Funchal, Madeira 🚗 Monte 🚗 Funchal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Fly to Madeira. The “Pearl of the Atlantic” boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Discover Madeira’s history during a panoramic tour of Funchal’s plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market. Tonight, celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire.

DAY 9

Destination	Funchal 🚗 Câmara de Lobos 🚗 São Vicente 🚗 Porto Moniz 🚗 Funchal
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Begin your day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village and picture-perfect bay. Along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards whilst en route to the world’s second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town with dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim* (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools.

DAY 10

Destination	Funchal 🚗 Camacha 🚗 Funchal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Camacha and Pico do Arieiro, the island’s third-highest point. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their delicate craft. Then, it’s time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. This afternoon you may choose to join a local guide on an exhilarating optional levada walk** and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains.

DAY 11

Destination	Funchal 🚗 Lisbon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid “adeus” to Portugal during a farewell dinner.

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DAY 12

Destination	Lisbon
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Meals included	Breakfast
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Accommodation	N/A
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Your tour ends today.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Enjoy multi-night stays on the remote islands of São Miguel, Azores and Madeira
Marvel at the geothermal wonders of the Furnas Valley, and take in the beauty of the twin lakes of Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake)
Take part in a wine tasting and an interactive cooking demonstration that lets you experience Azorean culinary traditions first hand
Explore charming Cascais and chic Estoril on Portugal's stunning Riviera
Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the fairy-tale town of Sintra
18 Meals - 11 Breakfasts - 1 Lunch - 6 Dinners
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$621 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

Portugal & its Islands Tour Gratuities \$257 pp
Whale-Dolphin Watching \$129 pp
Sete Cidades Kayaking & Hike tour \$117 pp
Swimming with Dolphins \$156 pp
Paradise Valley Levada Walk \$46 pp

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Lisbon - Eurostars Lisboa Parque
Sao Miguel - Azoris Royal Garden Hotel
Funchal - Pestana Casino Park Hotel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation
The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement
A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1200 subject to availability.

Triple Share
Not available.

Children
Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation
Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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