



SP3. 9 Days Roads of Portugal – Driver Guided Small Group

Highlights: Porto, Douro, Lisbon, Sintra

2 nights in Lisbon, 1 night in Aveiro, 1 night in Douro Valley, 1 night in Guimarães, 2 nights in Porto, 1 night in Lisbon

DAY 1 LISBON

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Welcome to Lisbon. Meet our assistant and transfer to your hotel in town. Your afternoon will be free at leisure. For dinner (not included) we suggest one of the Lisbon typical restaurants of Fado, where you can dine and listen to the traditional Fado music. Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 2 SINTRA, CASCAIS, ESTORIL

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Meet your driver in the morning for a discovery tour of Lisbon. We will visit Belém quarter to see the 16th-century Monastery of Jerónimos and the Belém pastry “pastel” factory dated from 1837. We will later enjoy a photo stop next to the Belém Tower before motoring to Sintra, listed in the UNESCO Heritage. We will have free time around and learn more about this charming town. Later, continue to Cascais for a short independent visit before returning to Lisbon passing through Estoril. Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 3 ÓBIDOS, NAZARÉ, BATALHA, FÁTIMA, AVEIRO

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In and around Aveiro, Batalha

Today we will head towards the north of Portugal. Our first stop is in Óbidos, a small medieval town, set within Óbidos castle walls. Later, we will continue to Nazaré, a fisherman’s village famous for its giant waves. We will visit the highest part of the town to enjoy the breath-taking view of the city. The next stop will be Batalha to see the famous local Monastery, one of the most exquisite works of Portuguese Gothic architecture and UNESCO World Heritage Site, built to celebrate Portugal’s victory in the infamous battle of Aljubarrota. Later, we will reach Fátima, the famous Marian worship shrines, with a stop at Aljustrel, to visit the houses in which the three little shepherds were born. The tour will then continue to Aveiro, known as the Venice of Portugal due to its channels and traditional boats crossing them. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and free time to enjoy the evening.

Overnight in Aveiro

DAY 4 LAMEGO, WINERY ESTATES, AND THE DOURO

After breakfast, we will experience a Moliceiro boat tour (included) along the Aveiro river to admire the beautiful Art Nouveau buildings and the salt pans. We will continue our journey to Lamego and get to know its impressive 600 meters high baroque sanctuary, dedicated to Our Lady of Remedies. Time to visit the city center and to have lunch in an excellent local restaurant (included). In the afternoon, we will visit a winery estate in the Douro Valley to get familiar with the methods of producing the famous worldwide port wine (visit and wine tasting included). Overnight in the Douro

DAY 5 PINHÃO, DOURO RIVER & GUIMARÃES

Today, we will head towards Pinhão, the heart of the Douro Valley Wine Region, classified by UNESCO as Cultural Landscape. We will enjoy a boat ride on the Douro River through the vineyards and wine estates. We will also visit the small local Train Station, remarkably decorated with a collection of beautiful tiles showing typical scenes of the Douro valley all related to port wine production. We will then leave towards the city of Guimarães, known as the birthplace of Portuguese nationality, take a walk and see the historic city center, UNESCO Cultural Heritage. We will then explore the medieval Castle of Guimarães (1st place among the seven wonders of Portugal) and the Dukes of Bragança Palace. Free time and accommodation. Overnight in Guimarães

DAY 6 GUIMARÃES, BRAGA & OPORTO

Today we will head towards Braga and Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary, to which will climb with the help of a curious 19th-century water-powered elevator (included). Then we will continue to continuous to the historical city center, where the most ancient Portuguese Cathedral is located (not included). Departure to Oporto, the second most important city in Portugal. Upon arrival, we will have a panoramic sightseeing tour. Overnight in Oporto

DAY 7 PORTO

Free Day to wander around the city of Oporto. Schultz tip: Try the famous “Francesinha” one of the typical dishes. Visit the “Majestic Café,” Clérigos’ Tower, Lello’s bookstore, and Oporto’s Cathedral. On this Day (not included) you can choose to take an optional tour to Santiago de Compostela or visit Barcelos, Ponte de Lima and Viana do Castelo, a boat trip on the Douro river or a wine tasting of Porto in the wine cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia. Overnight in Oporto

DAY 8 OPORTO, COIMBRA & LISBON

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We say goodbye to Oporto, and we proceed towards Coimbra, where the first university of Portugal was created, being one of the oldest in Europe. We will have time in the city center. Departure to Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 9 DEPARTURE

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Check out and transfer to the airport.

FEATURED PROPERTIES				
Porto	Douro	Aveiro	Guimarães	Lisbon
<i>HF Fenix</i>	<i>Hotel Lamego, Règua Douro</i>	<i>As Americas</i>	<i>Hotel Guimarães</i>	<i>Turim Marques, HF Fenix Musica</i>

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Departure (Saturday)	DBL	TPL	DUS
January 10	1140	1095	
February 14	1140	1095	
March 20	1140	1095	
April 3, 17	1300	1150	
May 8, 22	1350	1210	
June 5, 19	1370	1270	
July 3,17	1330	1210	
August 7,21	1330	1210	
September 4, 18	1370	1270	
October 9, 23	1330	1210	
November 13	1140	1095	
December 11	1140	1095	

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