



Sunny Portugal

Estoril Coast & Algarve

Vacation Overview:

Explore sunny Portugal, with its miles of dramatic shoreline and legacy of global discovery. Enjoy a four night stay in the beautiful resort town, Estoril, with time to meander the narrow cobblestone streets and soft sand beaches. In Evora you'll find a medieval walled city with roman ruins. Travel to Algarve on Portugal's "Silver Coast," dotted with charming villages, castles and miles of scenery. Find a wealth of Portuguese hand-made crafts, like azulejos, hand painted tiles. Indulge in Portugal's fresh cuisine and be swept away by Fado tunes.

Tour Highlights

- Estoril, Sintra, Cascais, Folkloric Fado Dinner Show, Obidos, Nazare, Fatima, Lisbon, Jeronimo's Monastery, Evora, Algarve, Cape St. Vincente, Lagos, Azeitao

Collette Experiences

- Discover the narrow cobblestone streets and soft sand beaches in chic Estoril with a 4-night stay on "The Portuguese Riviera."
- Experience an entertaining evening featuring Portuguese cuisine, local wine and the moving sounds of Fado.
- Enjoy time on Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," dotted with charming villages, magical castles and miles of pastoral scenery.
- Spend three nights in the Algarve, the sunny coast that has been attracting travelers since the Phoenicians.
- Savor regional wine with every dinner.

Destination Facts & Stats

Time Zone

Portugal is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. Voltage for Europe is 220.

Elevation

Elevation on this tour will not exceed 1,500 feet.

Vacation Itinerary:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Portugal - a historic land of great explorers - is waiting for your own exploration. Discover ancient castles, Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and kind, gentle people.

Day 2: Estoril, Portugal

Your tour begins today in Estoril, a beautiful resort town on the “Portuguese Riviera.” The mansions scattered about Monte Estoril hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a welcome dinner.

Today dinner will be included.

Day 3: Estoril - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril

Begin your day exploring the picturesque towns surrounding Estoril. First, visit the magnificent Baroque Palacio de Mafra, a palace, basilica and monastery. It was from here that the last king of Portugal escaped in 1910. Next, visit the town of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the favorite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Hugging the beautiful shoreline, continue on to Cascais. **While in Cascais - a scenic resort with coastal villas on a sheltered bay - enjoy a stroll amongst the many specialty shops filled with Portuguese handmade crafts.** An entertaining evening awaits you beginning with dinner at Café Luso where you’ll savor excellent Portuguese cuisine and delicious local wine. Popular local artists will perform traditional folkloric dances and songs, including the *Fado*, plaintive songs of longing accompanied by the *viola*, a Portuguese string instrument shaped like a mandolin, and by the *guitarra*, an acoustic guitar.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 4: Estoril - Obidos - Nazare - Fatima - Estoril

Travel to Portugal’s beautiful “Silver Coast,” a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. **LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:** Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of Portuguese and teach you some key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Stop in picture-perfect Obidos, where white washed houses are held snug by medieval city walls. Continue to Nazare, a beautiful coastal fishing village, where local fishermen may be seen mending their fishing nets. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Estoril - Lisbon - Estoril

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Lisbon highlighting the Moorish Alfama Quarter. See Jeronimo’s Monastery, built in the 16th century with wealth from Portugal’s global trade, and the Monument to the Discoveries, which honors intrepid Portuguese explorers and their patrons. The impressive Belem Tower with its carved rope and balconies stands watch where great navigators once set forth. Later today, enjoy leisure time in Estoril. Stroll its narrow cobblestone streets, walk the wide beach promenade or shop for ceramics, lace, filigree, hand woven works and tapestries.

Today breakfast will be included.

Day 6: Estoril - Evora - Algarve

Travel through beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known as the “Museum City of Portugal.” Inside this medieval walled city lies a 2nd century Roman temple to Diana. Then, journey south to the famous Algarve on the pristine Atlantic coast.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 7: Algarve

The entire day is yours to experience the beautiful Algarve. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside cotton, rice and sugar cane. This is a paradise where fig, orange and almond trees abound and brightly colored fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve enjoys a pleasant climate and its beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over Europe. You may choose to take an optional tour along the coast of the Algarve aboard a refurbished caravel and return later to dine ashore.

Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Algarve - Cape of St. Vincente - Lagos - Sao Bras de Alportel -Algarve

In beautiful Cape of St. Vincente, 200 foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. View its quaint landscape as you travel to the historic resort town of Lagos. The light and maneuverable Portuguese caravels once bravely filled their sails and began early voyages of exploration from Lagos. Here, you can find the palace of the famous voyager, Prince Henry the Navigator. Explore this historic town on your own during free time here. **Later, travel to the historic town of Sao Bras de Alportel for a visit to a local cork museum. Learn about the many uses of cork and its importance to the local economy.** Your day concludes with a lovely dinner in the historic town center.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon

Return to Lisbon, Portugal’s capital set on seven hills overlooking the Tagus River. Stop en route to visit Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. **Visit a charming family-run shop that will show you how the Portuguese make their famous hand-painted tiles known as “azulejos.” Then, enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when you visit a centuries-old wine maker.** Later, bid “adeus” to your fellow travelers at a dinner celebrating the end of a wonderful tour.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends *Today breakfast will be included.*

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