



# SMALL GROUP TOURS



# FANTASY OF PORTUGAL



# Fantasy of Portugal Tour Summary

Picture yourself on the best small group tours of Portugal—wandering cobblestone streets, basking in golden sun, and savoring pastéis de nata. Bem-vindo a a land rich in culture, history, and natural beauty waiting to be explored!

Start your journey in **Lisbon**, where vibrant neighborhoods like Alfama and Bairro Alto beckon with their lively atmosphere and stunning views of the city. Marvel at the iconic São Jorge Castle, lose yourself in the maze of narrow alleys, and treat your taste buds to a culinary feast at the local taverns.

Next stop, **Porto**! Embark on a scenic boat ride along the Douro River, passing by terraced vineyards that produce the world-renowned Port wine. Explore the charming Ribeira district, where colorful buildings line the waterfront, and don't forget the historic wine cellars for a tasting session.

For a dose of culture and history, venture to the university city of **Coimbra**, home to one of the oldest universities in the world. Wander through its medieval streets, visit the stunning Joanina Library, and immerse yourself in the rich academic atmosphere that has inspired generations of scholars.

Explore charming towns like **Cascais**, Lagos, and **Nazaré** for a glimpse of the stunning beauty that awaits along Portugal's coastline. You'll find colorful houses perched on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, picturesque harbors dotted with fishing boats, and sun-drenched beaches that invite you to relax and unwind. These coastal villages capture the essence of Portugal's maritime heritage and offer an idyllic backdrop for a memorable travel experience.

So what are you waiting for? Pack your bags and get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey through Portugal, where every corner reveals a new adventure and every moment is filled with magic. Obrigado for choosing Portugal – we can't wait to welcome you!



11 days / 10 nights



Maximum of 12 travelers



Fully escorted with full-time tour leader

Start: Lisbon  
Finish: Porto

Stay: 4 nights Lisbon, + 2 nights Douro region, + 4 nights Porto

# Tour Itinerary - Fantasy of Portugal

## Day 1 | Friday

Bem-vindo a Portugal! Arrival at Humberto Delgado Airport in Lisbon. In the afternoon, meet your fabulous local Journey Director, who will accompany you throughout your adventure in Portugal. Together with your fellow travelers, begin discovering the charm of the city. A private transfer will take you to the monumental district of Belém, where your exploration continues with a walking tour.

**Meals included:** Dinner

## Day 2 | Saturday

Meet our fabulous local Journey Director who will accompany you throughout your adventure in Portugal and take a stroll through the historical streets of Lisbon, sampling tasty Portuguese gastronomical treats along the way. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dinner along with a **Fado music show**. Our local expert will explain how the Fado lyrics and food blend together providing an unforgettable and truly authentic experience.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## Day 3 | Sunday

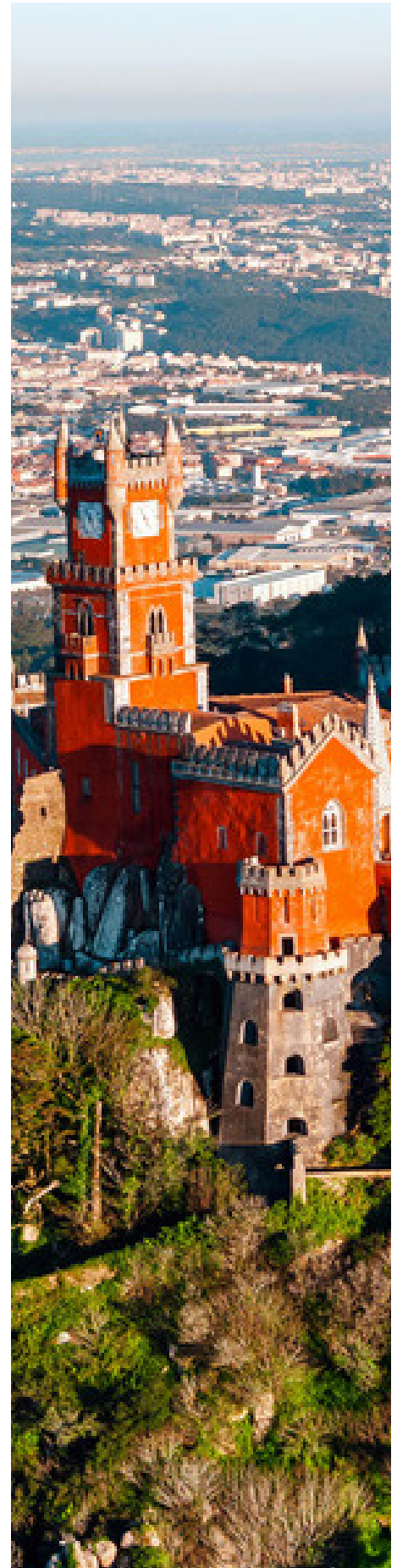
Today's exciting excursion will take you to **Sintra and Cascais** and the marvelous views of the Castelo dos Mouros (Moorish Castle) and of the Palácio da Pena (Pena Palace). Stroll through the Sintra's narrow streets, where you'll have the opportunity to taste the traditional Queijadas and/or Travesseiros de Sintra in the classic pastry shop Piriquita. We will then enjoy a group lunch at **Quinta do Pisão**, followed by a scenic drive through the Natural Park of Sintra-Cascais, along the dramatic coastline road of Cabo da Roca (the westernmost part of the European continent) leading to the pretty fishman's village of **Cascais**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4 | Monday

Today is all about Portuguese cuisine! Get your hands in the dough during a fun group **cooking class** with a local chef, learning to make traditional Portuguese dishes, followed by a relaxed group lunch with local wine.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Lunch



## Day 5 | Tuesday

Today the journey continues to the **Douro Valley**, known for the ports and wines, winding scenic roads, postcard-pretty villages and excellent regional restaurants. We'll stop in **Pinhao** as well as the charming town of **Óbidos**. Explore the Manueline porticoes, and a maze of streets and white houses with colorful window boxes and a well-preserved Castle within the ancient walls. We continue to the picturesque seaside village of **Nazaré**, take in the amazing views from El Sítio district along with the long sandy beaches, considered among the best in Portugal.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 6 | Wednesday

Today you will discover the UNESCO World Heritage **Douro Valley Wine**. You'll get to know the wineries (Quintas) and the people, learn where and how the wine is produced and enjoy a delicious group lunch. A lovely **private boat excursion** along the Douro River, passing by stunning landscapes of vineyard slopes and the famous terraces, while sipping delightful wine of the areas accompanied by local cheeses and cold cuts.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 7 | Thursday

Today we head to **Porto** for the last segment of the tour. After hotel check in in Porto, enjoy a guided tour and culinary experience through the old part of the city, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Get immersed in the local food scene, visit the local market and eateries while sampling delicious food.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 8 | Friday

Free morning to relax, admire unbeatable views of Porto from the rooftop of your hotel, lay by the pool or go for a stroll and explore more on your own free time. In the afternoon we'll go visit a Wine Cellar and learn all about the winemaking process in this area, the famous Port Wine.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Dinner



## Day 9 | Saturday

Today features an exciting excursion to **Aveiro** and **Coimbra**. We first stop in Aveiro, a city on the west coast of Portugal set along a lagoon **Ria de Aveiro**, distinguished by its canals navigated by colorful boats. Experience the network of water channels crossing Aveiro on a traditional moliceiro boat ride.

Next, we'll continue on to the nearby town of **Costa Nova** to enjoy lunch and some time at leisure. Next stop: **Coimbra**, on the banks of the river Mondego, was once the capital of Portugal all the way back in the 13th century and is famous for its University, which is one of the oldest in Europe. Your visit includes a guided tour of the **University** and the old town of Coimbra.

Group gathers again in the evening for a delicious dinner. Although bitter-sweet, this is the last day with your Journey Director, so make sure to say your good-byes.

**Meals included:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 10 | Sunday

Get ready for a short trip to the town of **Braga** to discover the **oldest city in Portugal**, with over 2000 years of history! Braga is a live museum which will take you on a journey throughout centuries, visiting stunning iconic places such as the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus (UNESCO), the Braga Cathedral (Sé de Braga), the gorgeous and peaceful Santa Barbara Garden. We will walk through the medieval streets of the historical center, among its traditional squares, always surrounded by the unique architecture of the “city of Barroque”, lively streets and cozy cafe.

We'll return back to our hotel in the early afternoon to freshen up and get ready for our **farewell dinner** in the Matosinhos District, along one of the beautiful “esplanades” overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The area features amazing seafood restaurants.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner.

## Day 11 | Monday

After breakfast, the tour ends, and passionate travelers depart as friends. So, until next time, THANK YOU for choosing Nada's Italy for your Portugal adventure. We hope to see you again soon and explore more amazing destinations with you. Boa viagem!

**Meals included:** Breakfast





## What's included ?

**Small group travel:** maximum of 12 travelers per group!

**Fully escorted day trips** with a full-time English-speaking Tour Leader and professional private drivers.

**Meals included:** all *breakfasts*, some *lunches* and *dinners* (included meals are shown at bottom of each day's itinerary.)

**Beverages included:** bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per meal (choice of red or white wine)

**Private Walking Tours** by licensed English-speaking City Guides, including **PRIORITY** entrance & tickets to attractions.

**Private Transportation** for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Executive vans (does not include: transfer from and to the airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

**A+ Rated Customer Service** with Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

**Return Traveler Program:** receive up to \$800 credit per person towards any future trips you take with Nada's Italy!

**No bag limit** (many tour companies have a 1-bag limit per person).

**Taxes & Fees:** Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

**Staff & restaurant tips** (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each traveler).

## Important information

- Some tours start and end in different cities, make sure to book your flights accordingly.
- Reminders, hotel information, and arrival instructions will be sent only by email, please make sure we have your current email address.
- You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip! There will be extended standing and walking over uneven pavement. An average walking tour is about 2-3 hours without sitting.
- We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance for your trip. For suggestions on policies and a quote, please contact us.
- You should know that air conditioning in Italy, as well as WIFI connection, are not always as reliable as they are in the United States.
- The hotel staff assigns rooms to guests, some rooms may include stairs. A view is not guaranteed. As we work mainly with small upscale boutique hotels, rooms can differ in size and layout. Please contact us if you have specific requests/needs.
- Even though tips to staff and restaurants are included, it is suggested that you put aside approximately \$100 in combined gratuities for your driver & Tour Director for your trip.
- It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents to travel to Italy. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- In the unlikely event your tour does not reach the minimum participation requirement of 6 travelers, we will work with you to choose another available tour or tour date. We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- Please note: while we do our best to adhere to our published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the Tour Leader due to weather conditions and other unforeseeable circumstances.
- Unless stated otherwise, all rates are per person, based on double occupancy, land only, in USD, and subject to availability. Rates may vary by departure date and are subject to change without notice.