GO AHEAD TOURS



Portugal: Porto, the Algarve & Lisbon

9 days | 11 days with Lisbon extension

Journey through the cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has ever known. Sip Port in the city it's named for and soak up the historic neighborhoods along the Douro River. Coast from beaches to tranquil fishing towns in the Algarve, and end your stay in Portugal's colorful capital city.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine
5 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Porto's Old-World Ribeira district
Douro riverfront
Stock Exchange Palace
Coimbra
Évora's Chapel of Bones
Sagres Fortress
Jerónimos Church

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Porto today.

Porto → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Porto
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Portugal! Settle in to your hotel in the heart of this 2,000-year-old, UNESCO-listed city. Later, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Porto
Included meals: breakfast
Get to know Porto like a true *tripeiro* (Porto resident) as you follow your local guide.

- Wander through the medieval lanes of the Old-World Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront
- View citywide icons, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic facade of the São Francisco Church, and the double decker Luís I Bridge steel-framed bridge
- Step inside the city's famed neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace

Enjoy a free afternoon in Porto or add an excursion.
+ Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar Visit

Évora → 1 night

Day 4: Évora via Coimbra
Included meals: breakfast
Drive south and stop to explore Coimbra on a guided walking tour of the city's chapel and the country's first university. Later, settle in to your hotel in Évora.

Algarve Region → 2 nights

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Évora & transfer to the Algarve Region
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Before making your way to the sun-soaked Algarve region, follow a local guide as you stroll through the streets of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities.

- Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework
- Pass the remains of the Roman temple and enter the Chapel of Bones
- Stop at the Alentejo Cork Factory for a tour to get a closer look at the way corks are made

Continue on to the Algarve region and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 6: Lagos, Sagres & Cape St. Vincent
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free morning in the Algarve region or add an excursion.
Then, discover the white-sand beaches, dramatic coastline, and small towns of the Algarve region, southern Portugal's beachy hot spot.

- Visit the seafaring towns of Lagos and Sagres
- Enter Sagres Fortress and admire stunning views of the sea
- Make a photo stop at Cape St. Vincent to soak in the scenery from the southwestern-most point in mainland Europe

Please note: The order of today's schedule my vary based on weather.
+ Algarve Coastal Cruise

Lisbon → 2 nights

Day 7: Transfer to Lisbon & sightseeing tour
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to Lisbon and get to know the Portuguese capital on a tour with a local guide.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park and pass the Praça Marquês de Pombal as you travel along Avenida da Liberdade
- Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém
- Enter the church at Jerónimos Monastery, built to honor voyagers
- Walk from Praça do Comércio through the heart of the city to Casa dos Bicos

Enjoy a free evening in Lisbon or add an excursion.
+ Fado Show & Dinner

Day 8: Free day in Lisbon
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Spend a free day in Lisbon or add an excursion. Later, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.
+ Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Lisbon.

+ Lisbon extension

Why's it so easy to fall in love with Lisbon? There's the stunning seafront, incredible architecture, the captivating history—plus, we've heard a lot of good things about pastel de nata. Keep your adventure going and look to your expert Tour Director for ways to fill your time in Portugal's capital.

Lisbon → 2 nights

Day 9: Free day in Lisbon
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Lisbon or add excursions.
+ Religious Heritage of Tomar & Fátima
+ Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 10: Free day in Lisbon
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Lisbon or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Old World Portugal: Óbidos, Nazaré & Batalha

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/POR | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar Visit
$125CAD/$135CAD* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Float along the beautiful Douro, the Iberian Peninsula's third-longest river. Take in scenes of Porto's vibrant waterfront and the historic city of Vila Nova de Gaia, home to the region's centuries-old port wine warehouses. As you cruise, you'll drift under five of the river's most iconic Old-World bridges, passing colorful hillside villas and traditional rabelos (flat-bottomed boats) along the way. Back on shore, pay a visit to one of Porto's most prestigious wine cellars. During the guided tour, learn about the long history of port wine, as well as the ins and outs of its production and warehousing. Then, sit down to taste three of the cellar's world-famous vintages.

Day 6: Algarve Coastal Cruise
$75CAD/$85CAD* (2 hours, departure time varies)
The Algarve Coast is incredible from the land—and even more impressive from the water. Board a boat in Lagos and sail along spectacular cliffs and beaches, including the natural rock formations and caves of the famous Ponta da Piedade. You may catch a glimpse of birds and dolphins as you cruise. Please note: This excursion is dependent on both sea conditions and the weather.

Day 7: Fado Show & Dinner
$145CAD/$155CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Spend your evening at a Lisbon tavern listening to fado. Derived from the Latin word fatum—meaning "prophecy" or "fate"—fado is Portugal's national musical treasure. Fado's traditional theme is "saudade"—a word that doesn't quite translate to English but conveys a sense of both nostalgia and longing. Dinner is included during this memorable musical evening. Please note: This excursion typically ends around 11pm.

Day 8: Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera
$135CAD (8 hours, departs in the morning)
Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Sintra and learn why the poet Lord Byron once called it a "glorious Eden." Get a glimpse into royal life during a guided tour of the 19th-century, romanticist Pena Palace. Take a bus and mini-train ride up to this story-book, mountaintop site, which boasts picturesque gardens and sweeping views of the Portuguese countryside. After your tour, you'll have free time to stroll through Sintra, viewing its colorful villas, small shops, and impeccably manicured gardens. On your way back to Lisbon, take in the coastal scenery of the Portuguese Riviera. You'll also stop in the old fishing village of Cascais to enjoy free time to discover the town's winding, narrow streets, and pastel-colored buildings. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Religious Heritage of Tomar & Fátima
$135CAD/$145CAD* (9 hours, departs in the morning)
Enjoy a short drive to Tomar, where you'll take a guided tour of the city's UNESCO-listed church, the Convent of Christ. This 12th-century site served as a fortress for the Knights Templar and features eight cloisters, which were built between the 15th and 16th centuries. Then, transfer to Fátima, where you'll explore this religiously significant town—most widely known for the story of three young cousins who saw apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1917. After that, the village became a pilgrimage site and has drawn Christians for decades. Enter Jacinta and Francisco's House, home of two of the children, and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Later, enjoy free time to grab lunch, shop at stalls selling religious articles, and explore on your own.

Day 9: Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner
$125CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local in their home in Lisbon to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Lisboeta. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Portuguese culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 10: Old World Portugal: Óbidos, Nazaré & Batalha
$189CAD/$199CAD* (9.5 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Escape the hustle and bustle of Lisbon and spend the day relaxing by the sea in the medieval villages of Óbidos, Nazaré, and Batalha. Picturesque cobblestone streets and color-trimmed buildings make up romantic Óbidos, where you'll pay a visit to the Church of Saint Mary to admire its colorful ceiling paintings and 17th-century tiles. You'll also have the chance to view the medieval Castle of Óbidos, known as one of the Seven Wonders of Portugal. Next, journey to the fishing village of Nazaré for lunch and spectacular coastline views. Spend some time looking out on Nazaré's brightly colored fishing vessels before continuing to Batalha, where you'll enter the UNESCO-listed monastery before making your way back to Lisbon.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms