



# A Week in Portugal: Porto, Évora & Lisbon

9 days | 12 days with the Algarve Region & Lisbon extension

Charming cities perched on peaceful riverbanks. Elegant Old Towns laced with cobblestone lanes. Too many opulent churches, palaces, and architectural gems to count. And then there are the emerald countrysides and sparkling coastlines, not to mention the mouthwatering food and wine. Is there anything Portugal doesn't have? As you spend a week exploring the country, from Porto in the north to Lisbon—and the sunny Algarve—in the south on our tour extension, you'll discover that the tiny European country really does have it all.



## Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 food tasting
- 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
- 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.

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## 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—Portugal's second-largest city—like a true tripeiro, or Porto resident, as you explore the city on a walking tour with your local guide.

- Wander through the lanes of the medieval Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront
- Pass icons, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic São Francisco Church, and the wrought-iron Maria Pia Bridge
- Step inside the city's famed, neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace, which was built in the 19th century

Enjoy a free afternoon in Porto or add an excursion.

+ Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar Visit

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## Évora → 2 nights

### Day 4: Évora via Coimbra

*Included meals: breakfast*

Drive south and stop to explore Coimbra—a city perched on the banks of the Rio Mondego, and Portugal's former capital—on a guided walking tour.

- Visit Coimbra University—Portugal's first university and one of the oldest in Europe
- Marvel at the many Romanesque and Gothic buildings that stand in Coimbra's Old City and along the riverbanks
- Enjoy free time in Coimbra for lunch

Later, settle in to your hotel in Évora. Situated among cork groves in the Alentejo region, the town is known for its picturesque, rolling hills, its compact, walled city, and its Roman, Moorish, and royal roots. Here, you'll join your group for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Évora

*Included meals: breakfast*

Join a local guide for a walking tour of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities.

- Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework
- Wander through the city's quaint historic center
- See the Roman Temple of Diana
- Enter St. Francis Church and its 16th-century Chapel of Bones, the latter of which monks built to house human bones that had been taking up valuable land in the city's 40-plus cemeteries

Spend a free afternoon in Évora or add an excursion.

+ Olive Oil Farm, Alentejo Wine Tasting & Dinner

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## Lisbon → 3 nights

### Day 6: Lisbon via Alentejo cork factory

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

As you travel to Lisbon, stop to visit an Alentejo cork factory to learn how the material is harvested and used to seal wine bottles.

Continue on to Lisbon and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Fado Show & Dinner

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### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Set off on a guided sightseeing tour of Lisbon, Portugal's colorful capital city, aboard your coach.

- Stop at Eduardo VII Park to take photos and enjoy panoramic views of the city
- Back on board your coach, drive along Avenida de Liberdade and past Lisbon's important landmarks, including the busy

Praça Marquês de Pombal roundabout, the Rossio rail station, with its pair of horseshoe-shaped front doors, and the Santa Justa lift, a 19th-century Industrial Age marvel turned beloved visitor attraction

- Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower, the latter of which served as a point of embarkation and disembarkation for Portuguese explorers
- View the outside of the church at Jerónimos Monastery, which was built in honor of voyagers
- Visit a local bakery to taste pastéis de nata, a famous Portuguese custard tart
- Make your way to Placa do Comercio and walk to Casa de Bicos, or the House of Spikes, a 16th-century palace whose facade is covered with more than 1,000 spike-shaped stones

Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Lisbon Cooking Class & Dinner

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### 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

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## 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.

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## + the Algarve Region & Lisbon extension

Situated along Portugal's southern coast, the Algarve is known for its golden beaches, towering sea cliffs, lavish golf resorts, and charming fishing villages. And after a week spent exploring the country's bustling cities, it's the perfect place to slow down and enjoy a taste of laid-back living. During your visit, explore the

region's dramatic coastline, soak up the charm of its historic, small towns, and get your fill of freshly caught seafood in its waterfront restaurants and bars. Then, say “adeus” to this otherworldly paradise and spend one last evening in lively Lisbon before catching your flight home.

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## Algarve Region → 2 nights

### Day 9: Transfer to the Algarve Region & sightseeing tour of Silves

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Transfer to the sun-soaked Algarve region and join your Tour Director on a walk through the historic town of Silves, the Algarve's original capital. Then, enjoy free time to relax and explore Silves at your leisure. Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 10: 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 town of Lagos
- Marvel at the towering, coastal rock spires of Ponta da Piedade
- 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 southwesternmost point in mainland Europe

*Please note: On some departures the Algarve Coastal Cruise excursion may take place on the morning of day 11.*

+ Algarve Coastal Cruise

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## Lisbon → 1 night

### Day 11: Transfer to Lisbon

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free morning in the Algarve region before heading back to Lisbon this afternoon. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

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## Flight Home

### Day 12: 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/POT](https://goaheadtours.ca/POT) | 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.

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.

## Day 5: Olive Oil Farm, Alentejo Wine Tasting & Dinner

\$205CAD/\$215CAD\* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon, includes lunch)

Spend the day learning more about some of Portugal's signature exports on this excursion. Join a local guide for a tour of an olive grove and farm, where you'll learn about olive oil production and the importance of the olive grove ecosystem. Sample the olive oil, along with some regional tapas made with homemade products, before making your way to a local vineyard. With your guide, hear about viniculture and the history of the estate. After, sit down for a three-course dinner and wine tasting led by a sommelier. Enjoy free time to shop for wine and other local products before transferring back to your hotel.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 10: 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 6: 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 7: Lisbon Cooking Class & Dinner

\$175CAD (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Under the guidance of a professional chef, you'll cook a three-course meal featuring traditional Portuguese cuisine. Learn about the country's most famous foods and the flavors that make them unique to this corner of the world. Then, enjoy eating your meal for dinner alongside a glass of regional wine. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 8: Sintra & the Portuguese Riviera

\$135CAD (8 hours, departs in the morning)

\*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](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)