

# JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL & SPAIN

May 27, 2018 - June 6, 2018



## Portugal & Spain

Santiago de Compostela • Lisbon • Sintra • Coimbra • Porto • Braga • Fatima Barcelos •  
Batalha • Obidos • Douro River Cruise • Fado Dinner



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Double Occupancy \$3,599pp • Single Rate \$4,249pp

Included in Tour Price: Roundtrip airfare from Boston; 9 nights at 4-star hotels; deluxe motorcoach sightseeing tours; bilingual guide; River Douro Cruise; breakfast daily; 5 lunches; and 7 dinners including a Fado evening

Not included in price: Cancellation & Waiver Insurance (upon request)

**Departure: Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Overnight Flight to Lisbon

**Day 1: Monday, May 28th**

Welcome to Lisboa! After arrival, a panoramic visit around the city and the Tagus River. Before arriving at the hotel, we will enjoy delicious "Pasteis de Belem". After lunch at the Hotel Mundial, the afternoon is free.

**Day 2: Tuesday, May 29th**

During a locally guided tour of Lisbon's main monuments, we will learn more about this city's heritage. Sites will include the Tower of Belem, the Discoverers' Monument, Saint Jerome Monastery, and the National Coach Museum. After lunch a local restaurant, we will visit the Alfama district, Saint George's Castle, and end at the birthplace of Saint Anthony. In the evening we will take a "Lisbon by Night" Tour and enjoy the sounds of Fado at dinner.

**Day 3: Wednesday, May 30th**

Today, our journey continues to Sintra where the royal family spent the summer and enjoy some free time there. After lunch at a local restaurant, we head to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Europe and then head to Cascais for a panoramic view of the Bay of Biscays and the coast. Before returning to Lisbon, we will end the day at Estoril and have dinner at the panoramic restaurant at our hotel.

**Day 4: Thursday, May 31st**

Today, we depart Lisboa and begin to make our way north with a stop at Obidos. There we will see its medieval walls, rustic white houses, and the varied traditions of the town. After our visit, we will stop in the sanctuary at Fatima where there will be time for Mass, prayer, and lunch on your own. After lunch, we continue our journey to Coimbra and visit its university, one of the oldest in the world. At Saint Clare Church we will visit the tomb of Saint Isabel of Portugal. After our visit to Coimbra, we will end the day in Porto where we will enjoy dinner at our hotel, the Eurostars das Artes.

**Day 5: Friday, June 1st**

Today, we will enjoy a day cruise on the Douro River. We will enjoy breakfast and lunch on board. At the end of the cruise, there will be free time at Regua. We then board a train for the ride back to Porto and our hotel. Dinner tonight is on one's own.

**Day 6: Saturday, June 2nd**

After breakfast, we will depart our hotel and enjoy a full day tour of the Minho region of Portugal. Stops will include Guimaraes, a historic and medieval town and the birthplace of the first king of Portugal. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will drive to Braga, known as the "Portuguese Rome" for its concentration of religious architecture.

There we will enjoy a funicular ride up to the Bom Jesus Monastery. Our day ends with dinner at our hotel, the Mercure Braga Centro Hotel.

**Day 7: Sunday, June 3rd**

After breakfast, we will depart for Viana do Castelo, a town combining the natural and historic with the tranquility and security of urban living. We will continue to Santiago de Compostela with its imposing Cathedral and the end point of "El Camino," the pilgrimage walk in honor of Saint James. We will enjoy dinner at our hotel, the San Francisco Hotel.

**Day 8: Monday, June 4th**

After breakfast, we will explore the historic center of Santiago de Compostela including the cathedral. The afternoon is free for personal prayer, exploration, and enjoyment. Dinner will be at the hotel this evening.

**Day 9: Tuesday, June 5th**

After breakfast, we will return to Porto and visit the city and its monuments. We will set out to discover its streets, avenues, and characteristic places of Portugal's second largest city. We enjoy a Port wine tasting and end our day with dinner at the hotel, the Eurostars das Artes Hotel.

**Day 10: Wednesday, June 6th**

After breakfast, we will depart for the airport at Porto and begin our journey home to Boston.