



PORTUGAL

BOUTIQUE HOTELS: MADRID, LISBON, PORTO & FATIMA (TOUR CODE: 11944)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

03 Apr 2022 - 26 Mar 2023 -
Departure on Sundays

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Two indisputably wonderful European countries: Spain & Portugal. An itinerary to discover their rich historical and cultural heritage.

Highlights

- Travel in the comfort of a **Private Luxury Mini Van** equipped with air conditioning, panoramic windows and reclining seats. Throughout guided by an experienced driver-guide with safety and comfort in mind!
- Enjoy a boat ride **along the Douro River** while sampling some world-famous wines at a local Porto **wine cellar**
- Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Batalha, Alcobaça** in Portugal
- Stay in handpicked boutique accommodations throughout your itinerary
- Exploring the city of **Fatima**, famous destination of Christian pilgrimage
- Sejour in the vibrant city of **Madrid**, capital of Spain
- Unveil the stunning **Sintra**, a romantic town with its incredible Royal Palace

Madrid, the Spanish Capital, with its extensive variety of history, art, food, fashion and nightlife; Lisbon, an unforgettable city with its impressive bridges, squares, monuments and museums; Fatima, one of the most important places in the world for Christian pilgrimage; Porto, Portugal's second largest city with its enchanting streets and historical heritage. On this trip, you will witness the beauties of Spain's capital city, Madrid, and the jewels of Portugal.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Madrid - 4* Hotel
- 2 nights in Porto - 4* Hotel
- 1 night in Fatima 4* Hotel
- 2 nights in Lisbon - 4* Hotel
- Private transfers between the airport and your hotel as per itinerary
- Air-conditioned deluxe minivan/minibus
- Daily Breakfast
- Evening Tapas Tour in Madrid
- Guided visits in Madrid, Porto, Lisbon & Sintra
- Private driver-guide during the tour

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Madrid

Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to your hotel for the check-in and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in **Madrid** in a 4* hotel.



Day **2**

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **guided city tour of Madrid**: explore the medieval origins of the city, such as the Arabic fortress at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterised by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Admire the XIX century works, such as Prado Museum; the contemporary Madrid, with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Free afternoon to explore the other wonders that the city has to offer.

In the evening, take part to a **Tapas Tour**: an historical, gastronomic experience, strolling through the Madrid of the Austrians and discovering its most curious legends and stories. You will visit several typical Madrid establishments where you can taste the most classical tapas of the capital. In each tavern, you will try some of the most characteristic tapas, accompanied by local wines (our suggestion, however you can request any another type of drink).

Overnight in **Madrid**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 3 Madrid Salamanca Porto

After breakfast, proceed to check-out of the hotel for your departure to **Salamanca**. Free time in this **UNESCO World Heritage** university city of great architectural and artistic interest.

Then depart towards the Portuguese border and arrive in **Porto**, where you will check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight in **Porto**.

Breakfast



SALAMANCA, SPAIN

Day 4

Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your guided sightseeing tour of Porto and discover its **UNESCO World Heritage historical centre**.

In Particular, you will admire the breath-taking Cathedral of Porto, the beautiful Palacio da Bolsa (former Stock Exchange of the city) and Santa Clara Church. Afterwards, enjoy a different perspective of the city along the Douro River aboard the BlueBoats Cruise. Continue your visit by stopping at a well-known **Port wine cellar**, with wine tasting included. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in **Porto**.

Breakfast



PORTO, PORTUGAL

Day 5

Porto Coimbra Fatima

After breakfast, travel to **Coimbra**, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of *Fado*, the famous

traditional music. Enjoy some free time and then continue onto **Fatima**, important centre of the Christian faith with its wonderful Sanctuary and the impressive Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Cova da Iria, where the Virgin Mary appeared. Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Overnight in Fatima at **Hotel Sainte-Marie**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Fatima Batalha Nazare Alcobaca Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to the **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and Manueline style, declared **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**, one of the most popular seaside resorts along The Silver Coast, where you will have some free time. Then, continue to **Alcobaca**, another impressive **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, with its famous gothic Monastery. You will then proceed towards **Lisbon** and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight in **Lisbon**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Lisbon Sintra Cascais Estoril Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo** (the name given to **Lisbon** when it was part of the Roman Empire), driving through its main squares and avenues. Witness the beauties of the city, such as The Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, the National Coach Museum, The Monument to the Discoveries, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to wander through the nostalgic corners of the Alfama Quarter, the oldest and most historical part of Lisbon.

In the afternoon, you will depart towards the **romantic town of Sintra** and visit the outside of its wonderful Royal Palace during the walking tour. Then, you will continue to Cabo de Roca, the easternmost point of the European continent where you can enjoy wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean. You will return to Lisbon through the coastal town of **Cascais** and the cosmopolitan city of **Estoril**, known for its famous Casino (the largest in Europe).

Overnight in **Lisbon**.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Lisbon Cáceres Madrid

Overnight in **Madrid**.

Breakfast



Day 9

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Catalonia Gran Vía

Madrid

The Catalonia Gran Vía hotel is located in the heart of Madrid , a few meters from Plaza Cibeles and Puerta del Sol. Located in an early 20th century building very close to the Prado Museum and the Thyssen Gallery , this hotel with charm allows you to fully enjoy the cultural offer of Madrid. The hotel offers all its visitors, a terrace with a swimming pool, Bloved and Veggie Corner restaurant , free WiFi connection throughout the hotel , a terrace with views of Gran Vía, 4 rooms to celebrate all kinds of events and a fitness area. The Catalonia Gran Vía hotel is located in a building dating from the early 20th century. Its eclectic style is visible on the façade and the main marble staircase, which have been preserved in their original version. To accommodate the facilities of a hotel, expansion works were carried out linking the adjoining building, achieving a warm and comfortable hotel.



Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa

Lisbon

Welcome to Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa, the Grande Dame of hotels in central Lisbon, Portugal. A true landmark, delivering exceptional hospitality since 1933. Today, as ever, the place to see and be seen, a natural meeting point for celebrities, heads of state and royalty alike. Discover Lisbon's best kept secrets with our Experience Teams, shop till you drop in Avenida da Liberdade and Chiado's luxury stores, or simply unwind by the oasis of the hotel's unique swimming pool amidst the fronds of its semi-tropical garden. Discover the wealth and variety of rooms and views at our luxury hotel in Lisbon - from Deluxe Rooms to the stunning Presidential Suite, which make each stay an unforgettable experience.



Hotel Sainte-Marie

Fatima

With a prime location, just 2 minutes walk from the Sanctuary of Fatima, Hotel Santa Maria follows the most modern concepts of architecture and contemporary design, providing the guests peace and tranquility. The Hotel Santa Maria has 173 rooms spread over 120 Santa Maria Jardim rooms, of which 91 have twin beds, 12 double rooms - double bed, 9 single rooms and 8 suites; 53 Santa Maria Plus rooms, of which 49 are twin rooms - two beds, 3 double rooms - double bed and 1 Suite Plus. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free wifi, safe box, TV, minibar, telephone, electronic door locks, full bathroom, hairdryer and amenities. Surrounded by a garden, the restaurant of Hotel Santa Maria offers a modern and cosy atmosphere where you will be able to taste delicious Portuguese and International cuisine prepared by chef Cristina Figueira, who will invite you to enjoy the wonderful regional cooking. Come and discover good wines or just have a light snack. The bar offers a pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy a drink or a light meal.



NH Collection Porto Batalha

Porto

Located in a newly renovated 18th-century palace, the NH Collection Porto Batalha hotel is in the heart of Porto. Once the home of a prominent

wine-producing family, and most recently city's main Post office, the hotel has the feel of old Porto, from its historic façade to the elegant décor. It is also within easy reach of everything that makes this city a UNESCO World Heritage site. Great location in the heart of UNESCO's city centre, overlooking the famous Batalha Square. Short walk to Ribeira district and Torre dos Clérigos bell tower. Near Ponte do Infante, the city's main access point, and Alfândega do Porto Congress Center. Choose from a wide variety of brand-new rooms spread across hotel's 5 floors. Each room takes inspiration from the history of the building. Sophisticated décor and pictures of historic postage stamps allude to the building's past heritage. Cozy elegant décor, family rooms available, working desk and free Wi-Fi in each room.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Portuguese	EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- This tour might be a combination of different programs. Change in the tour escort and passengers may occur in-between the programs.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package