

Circuits :: **Explore the Portuguese Roots**



Our roots, our people! This circuit is the perfect chance to discover the major Portuguese Secrets. We have combined Lisbon's flavour of seduction with the natural charm of Oporto and Guimarães together with the mystical ambience of Fátima and Santiago de Compostela. Aveiro Coimbra and Nazaré bring a spice of maritime tradition, ethnography and culture to the program!

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Day 1 – The arrival!

Early Arrival. Our representative will welcome you at Lisbon's airport, assist and transfer you to your accommodation. Check-in. Tour in the historical quarters of Lisbon! The visit starts in the downtown district, then the romantic Alfama and the Moorish quarter. Later we follow to Saint James Castle, relax and admire the panoramic view over the city. Our tour ends up by the river Tagus, where lay two of Lisbon's symbols; Tower of Belem and the Monastery of the Hieronymites, both Human Heritage.

Day 2 – Fátima & Viana do Castelo

Check-out from the Hotel. We drive to Fátima, "the sanctuary of the World".

Fátima an important point of pilgrimage for the Roman Catholic religion due to the vision of the Virgin Mary by three young children in 1917 is involved in an electric atmosphere created by the respectful reference. Every year, thousands of pilgrims make their way from all over the world to celebrate this occasion.

We follow north; in direction to Viana do Castelo. Check-in at your accommodation and free time to

explore on your own a city full of maritime tradition, amazing patrimony and luxurious vegetation.

Day 3 – Viana do Castelo, Santiago de Compostela & Guimarães

Check-out from the Hotel. We drive into Spain, to Santiago de Compostela, another “Sanctuary of the World”. We visit the cathedral, where arrive daily numerous pilgrims that follow the ancient routes of Santiago. There will be free time for you to explore the city on your own and then we return to Portugal.

It is time to discover the beautiful Guimarães, the birth of the Portuguese Nation, classified by UNESCO as World Heritage.



Day 4 – Guimarães, Braga & Porto

Check-out from the Hotel. We follow to Braga, the charismatic “city of the archbishops” (ancient and very important city in the Portuguese religious life and monuments). We visit the historical centre as well as the Sanctuary of Sameiro and Bom Jesus. We leave to Oporto. Check-in at the hotel and free time.

Day 5 – Porto, Aveiro & Viseu

Check-out from the Hotel. We start our morning with a panoramic tour in the city. We explore the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce of Porto area, then the wine cellars and the Oporto historical centre. We descend to Aveiro, where the “Ria” (lagoon) meets the city. Its “canals” enter the city and it’s possible to “sail” in the typical “moliceiros” or take a ride in the taxi boats. The city is full of small and very interesting bridges that cross the several canals. Now we drive to the mountains, to Viseu, where remains the legend of Viriato, an ancient Lusitanian hero that fought against the Roman Empire. Check-in at the Hotel. Free time.

Day 6 – Viseu, Coimbra, Nazaré, Óbidos & Lisboa

Check-out from the Hotel. We drive to Coimbra, the city of Students!! Coimbra is a historical city where you can appreciate one of the oldest universities in the World! Always a focus of culture (since the Roman period) this is a magic city for everybody. We follow to Nazaré, one of the most charismatic and charming Portuguese fishermen villages.



Óbidos is our next direction. Completely enclosed by lofty medieval walls, this is a small town with whitewashed houses brightened up by colourful bougainvilleas.

By the end of the day we drive back to Lisbon through the colourful farming region.

Day 7 – Lisboa

Free day! Optional tours available under request. (Sintra, Cascais & Estoril, the Blue Coast and the Plains)

Day 8 – Departure

Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport
End of our services.