

PROGRAMA CIRCUITO PORTUGAL (10 days/09 nights) 2009

Day 1

OCT 2009 - PORTO

Arrive Porto Airport, after immigration and customs, transfer to hotel for check-in.

Depart hotel for "Discovering Porto - 2nd largest city of Portugal, built in an amphitheatre on the right bank of the Douro River, Porto is a rich city in historical monuments.

The high part of the city is where most of the historical sites are, and where you have a beautiful panoramic view of the city.

Visit the Roman Cathedral of 12TH century and the Clergy Tower.

Visit the lower part of the city, one of the most typical with an enormous labyrinth of streets and shops.

Free time for lunch on your own.

On the other part of the River are the Port Wine caves. Visit one of the caves with wine tasting.

Return to hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 2

OCT 2009 - PORTO / BRAGA / GUIMARÃES / PORTO

After breakfast, depart for BRAGA, known as Bracara Augusta in the Roman times.

Braga is proud of a long religious and commercial history.

In the 12th century, the city became the Archdioceses of Portugal.

Climbing the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte

Continue with the visit of GUIMARAES, considered the berth of the Portuguese nation.

As soon as D. Afonso Henriques proclaimed himself king of Portugal in 1139, he chose Guimarães as the capital.

Visit the castle and the center of town.

Return to Porto.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 3

OCT 2009 - PORTO / BUÇACO / COIMBRA

After breakfast, depart hotel for visit to SERRA DO BUÇACO, one of the nicest of the country where is the famous Hotel do Bussaco

Continue to COIMBRA, the city of the students, where you find one of the nicest Universities of Europe, visit the Library, an absolute jewel of barroque art and also visit the Roman Cathedral of the 12th century.

Arrive hotel - dinner and overnight.

DAY 4

OCT 2009 - COIMBRA / FÁTIMA / BATALHA / ÓBIDOS / LISBOA

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for Lisbon enroute visit

FATIMA - world pilgrimage center of the Catholic religion

BATALHA - visit Mosteiro de Santa Maria da Vitória, founded by D. João I.

Here we find the perfect link between the gothic and manueline style.

NAZARÉ - one of the most famous ports of Portugal, in the past the fishermen would take the boats to the sea for them to be pushed by ox. Today, Nazaré has progressed, but did not lose its charm.

There are possibilities of taking the cable car to the top "SITIO", for a beautiful view.

ÓBIDOS - one of the most picturesque villages of Portugal, with its castle and medieval forts, its Churches and Palaces witnessing a rich past.

Continue towards Lisbon, arriving at the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 5

OCT 2009 - LISBOA

After breakfast city tour of Lisbon, passing by PRAÇA DO COMÉRCIO, where the Royal Palace remained for 4 centuries, followed by a visit to the area of the ALFAMA, the oldest and most typical district of Lisbon,
followed by a climb up to the CASTELO DE S. JORGE, for one of the nicest views over Lisbon and the south margin.
Continue visit by bus towards the district of BELÉM, where we can see the TORRE DE BELÉM, a jewel in manueline architect and the famous MOSTEIRO DOS JERÓNIMOS, stone sculpture.
Lunch on your own during the visit time.
Around 6 pm return to hotel.
Evening dinner at typical ado restaurant with Portuguese folk songs.
Overnight hotel.

Day 6

OCT 2009 - LISBOA

After breakfast leave for SINTRA, preferred summer residence of the kings during the Discovery ages.
Sintra is a village full of charm with colored homes, fountains, palaces and enormous antiques - part of UNESCO world Heritage.
Visit the National Palace built in 13th and 14th century which was the residence of the Avis Dynasty.
Free time for lunch and continue our visit to CASCAIS and ESTORIL
Return to Lisbon - dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7

OCT 2009 - LISBOA / ÉVORA / ALBUFEIRA

Breakfast at hotel, depart to cross the bridge over the Tejo towards Setubal, famous fishing center.
Continue to Evora, known as the Museum City.
Roman Itinerary, depart for the south, towards the largest cork region of the world, in an exciting trip to the past.
In ÉVORA, capital of the Alentejo Province, visit the ruins of the Roman Temple, the Roman Gothic Sé, the chapel of the bones and the University. A walk on foot by its streets will help to appreciate the characteristic of this city, World Heritage by UNESCO.
Continue to the Algarve, towards Albufeira.
Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 8

OCT 2009 - ALBUFEIRA

Breakfast at hotel depart for half day tour to Loulé including visit to its famous Market - fruits, vegetables, fish and arts and crafts. Lunch.
Return to hotel. Free afternoon
Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 9

OCT 2009 - ALBUFEIRA / LISBOA

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Lisbon.
Free time for shopping and other activities in Lisbon (depending on arrival time at Lisbon).
Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 10

OCT 2009 - LISBOA

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Lisbon Airport for flight to Madrid.

End of services in Portugal

PRICE BASED MIN 40 PAX:

Per person double occupancy: € 950,00

Suplem. Single : € 344,00

Extra bed in room - triple share - do not recommend: € 923,00

PACKAGE

10 DAYS /9 NIGHTS

OVERNIGHT 4* HOTELS

8 DINNERS AT HOTELS (NO DRINKGS) + 1 DINNER AT A TYPICAL RESTAURANT IN LISBON
(WITH DRINKS)

BUS AND GUIDE FOR TRANSFERS AND MENTIONED VISITS DURING THE PROGRAM

ENTRANCE FEES TO MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS MENTIONED IN PROGRAM.

HOTEL BAGGAGE HANDLER FEES

TOUR LEADER FEE

OVERNIGHT THE FOLLOWING HOTELS

PORTO - BESSA HOTEL 4**** PORTO (2 NIGHTS)

COIMBRA - HOTEL TIVOLI COIMBRA 4**** (1 NIGHT)

LISBOA - HOTEL HOLIDAY INN CONTINENTAL 4**** LISBOA (3 NIGHTS)

ALBUFEIRA - HOTEL PORTO BAY FALÉSIA 4**** (2 NIGHTS)

LISBOA - HOTEL HOLIDAY INN CONTINENTAL 4**** (1 NIGHT)