

Wonders of Portugal

VEFA
TRAVEL

VISITS | Lisbon / Sintra / Cascais / Estoril / Belém / Óbidos / Alcobaça / Batalha / Fátima / Coimbra / Braga / Guimarães / Oporto

7
days

DAY 1

ORIGIN > LISBON

Arrival at Lisbon airport and reception by a VEFA Travel representative. Transfer to the hotel, dinner and accommodation.

DAY 2

SINTRA / CASCAIS / ESTORIL / BELÉM / LISBON

After breakfast, departure to the village of **Sintra** to visit the **Pena National Palace** (entrance included). It represents one of the best architectural expressions of Romanticism of the 19th century in the world, besides being the first palace of this style in Europe. Panoramic tour along the coast passing through **Cascais**, which in the past was an old fishermen's village and today is one of the most elegant residential areas in the country. Then a visit to **Estoril**, where you will find the famous Casino Estoril, one of the most prestigious in Europe. Lunch (included) and departure towards Lisbon, stop in **Belém** to visit the **Jerónimos Monastery** (entrance included). Continue to the center of Lisbon for an opportunity to get to know this city, founded about 3200 years ago by Phoenician merchants and later inhabited by Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. In Baixa Pombalina, which includes the entire commercial area, rebuilt after the great earthquake of 1755, where we will admire Praça do Comércio, Praça do Rossio, Praça dos Restauradores (with its obelisk commemorating the restoration of independence), Avenida da Liberdade and Praça Marquês de Pombal. Return to the hotel for dinner.

DAY 3

ÓBIDOS / ALCOBAÇA / BATALHA

After breakfast, departure towards **Óbidos**, which is a fascinating medieval town surrounded by 13th century walls. Walk through the town, located within the walls of its castle, characterized by several architectural interventions over the centuries. Free time.

Then departure to **Alcobaça**, where we will visit the Monastery of Alcobaça, classified as World Heritage by UNESCO and National Monument (entrance included). It is in this monastery that lies D. Pedro and his beloved, D. Inês de Castro. Lunch (included). After lunch, departure to **Batalha** to visit the church and cloister of the Dominican Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória (entrance included). This masterpiece of Portuguese late Gothic architecture or Manueline style from the 14th to 16th century is also classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Departure to the hotel for dinner and accommodation.

After dinner free time to participate in the International Rosary and Candlelight Procession at the Shrine of Fatima (to be confirmed by the Shrine).



DAY 4

FÁTIMA / COIMBRA

After breakfast, visit to the Shrine of **Fátima**, which is a place of devotion on a prodigious scale and one of the main pilgrimage sites in the world. Visit to the Wax Museum and the Museum of the Life of Christ (not included). Lunch (included). In the afternoon, visit to **Coimbra**, which is one of the most important cities in the country. Located on the banks of the Mondego river, it saw six Portuguese kings born, was Portugal's capital until 1256, and is also home to the oldest university in the country (founded in 1290 by King Dinis). Possibility to take a boat trip on the Mondego river (not included). In the late afternoon we will continue towards the city of Porto, arrival at the hotel dinner and accommodation.

DAY 5

BRAGA / GUIMARÃES

After breakfast, departure to the city of **Braga**. This town was an important capital of the Roman Empire and was called "Bracara Augusta", in addition, it is characterized by its long past as a religious center and, in 2019 the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, was declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Lunch (included). In the afternoon, visit to the city of **Guimarães**, which besides being the first capital of the country, is considered the cradle of the nation, since 2001, its historic center is considered a World Heritage Site. During the visit, we will also see its castle, dated from the 10th century, where the first king of Portugal (D. Afonso Henriques) was born. Arrival at the hotel for dinner and accommodation.

DAY 6

OPORTO

After breakfast, departure to visit the riverside area of **Vila Nova de Gaia**, for a cruise on the Douro River (6 bridges cruise) and a guided visit to one of the many Port Wine cellars (included). Lunch (included). In the afternoon we will take a panoramic tour of the city of Porto, which is the second most important city in the country, and regional capital of northern Portugal. The city of Porto prospered from the maritime commerce, due to its location near the mouth of the Douro River, and later took advantage of the riches generated by the Portuguese maritime discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries. In the 17th century it started the wine trade with England and, since then, the famous Port wine never stopped gaining fame worldwide. We will pass through the Avenida dos Aliados, the Torre dos Clérigos and the old part of the city, classified as World Heritage by UNESCO. Return to the hotel for dinner and accommodation.

DAY 7

OPORTO | LISBON > ORIGIN

Breakfast, free time until transfer to the airport. End of our services.

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PRICES AND DATES ON REQUEST

CONDITIONS

EXPERIENCES

- Panoramic view of the village of Sintra;
- Visit to Pena Palace;
- Panoramic view of Cascais and Estoril;
- Panoramic view of the city of Lisbon;
- Visit to Jerónimos Monastery;
- Panoramic view of the town of Óbidos;
- Visit to the Alcobaça Monastery;
- Visit to Batalha Monastery;
- Visit to the Sanctuary of Fátima;
- Participation in the International Rosary and Candlelight Procession;
- Panoramic view of the city of Coimbra;
- Boat trip on the Mondego River;
- Panoramic tour to the city of Braga;
- Panoramic tour to the city of Guimarães;
- Visit to the Castle of Guimarães;
- Trip aboard a Rabelo boat on the Douro River (6 Bridges).

TAILORED PROGRAM

Possibility to make a program for smaller groups, with transportation according to the number of participants. Consult prices and conditions.

INCLUDED

- Hotel 4* (6 nights);
- 5 Traditional lunches;
- 6 Dinners at the Hotel;
- Entrance to the Pena Palace;
- Entrance to the Jerónimos Monastery;
- Entrance to the Alcobaça Monastery
- Entrance to Batalha Monastery;
- Cruise along the Douro River (6 bridges);
- Travel insurance;
- Vefa Tour Guide.

NOT INCLUDED

- Individual supplement;
- Accommodation fees;
- Lunches or dinners not specified in the program;
- Other drinks not specified in the program;
- No services not specified in the program.

Note: drinks (water and wine) are included in all meals;



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Preventive measures and sanitization on all trips.

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