



Portugal Pre-Stay 5-night Itinerary

2025 May 10 - 15

3-nights Lisbon; 2-nights Porto

◆ May 10th Arrive into Lisbon

One group transfer provided. Time to be determined.
Hotel check-in after 2pm. Explore. Get a good nights sleep!

◆ May 11th Tuk Tuk City Tour of Lisbon Late morning

With it's narrow and steep streets, the city center of Lisbon is not the easiest one to navigate. If discovering a city on foot is not your thing and if you prefer not to get lost (even though Lisbon is not that big, so that you would be lost for long), exploring with a tour in a eco Tuk Tuk is a great and fun option. Going to the more inaccessible viewpoints, being able to stop where a car can not, some things are only possible to do in these tiny and eco-friendly vehicles.



◆ May 12th Wine Tasting & Culinary Walking Tour 3 hours / Late Afternoon

6 Tasting Stops – 15 Tastings

- This tour will introduce you to the Portuguese cuisine and its incredible mix of Mediterranean traditions and exotic influences from all corners of the World.
- Bring your appetite because the next 3 hours will be full of good flavors.
- Have the true local experience of sipping Ginginha and learn the meaning of "With or without?".
- Indulge in the most beloved Lisbon snack, known all over the country as Bifana, while you learn how to ask for a draft beer in Portuguese.
- Taste some of the main Portuguese traditional snacks, appetizers and wine passing by on local taverns, groceries shop and venues of Lisbon.
- Intimate experience with a local guide and maximum of 14 people per group



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2025 May 13th Tuesday - Adventure day to Porto!

Private driver Mercedes Sprinter Vans – 5 – 6 travelers per van – pick your friends



Check-out of hotel and Leave **Lisbon** 9am

Stop #1: Pena Palace in Sintra

1½ hour stop

9:45 – 11:15

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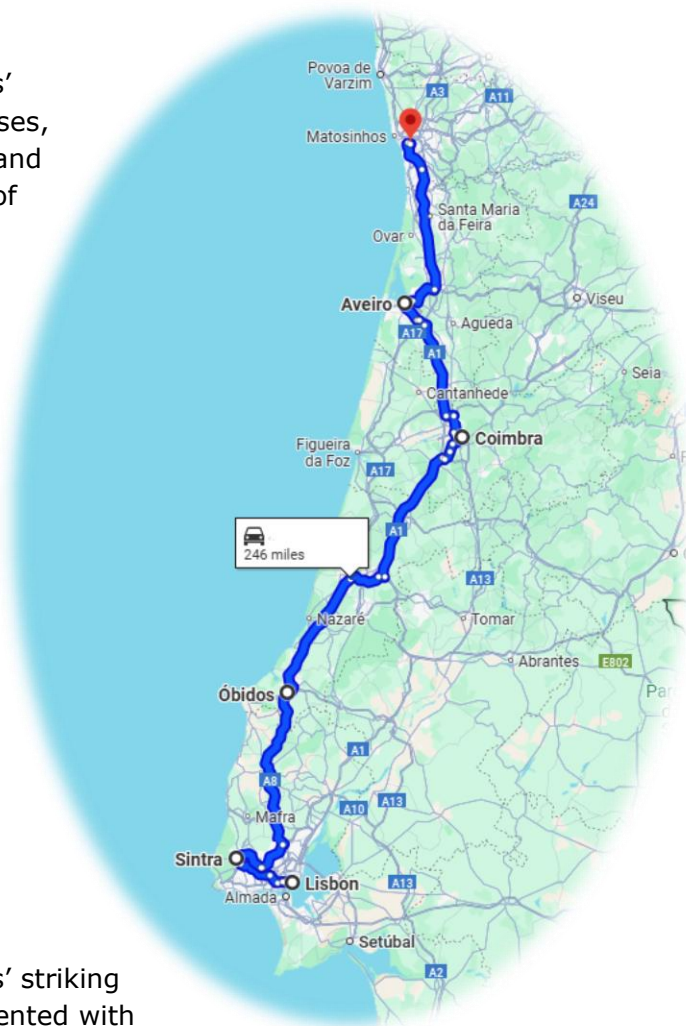
Stop #2: Obidos

1 hour stop

12:30 – 1:30

Suggest street food – quick bite

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Stop #3: Coimbra

1½ hour stop

2:50 – 4:20

Coimbra's long history is visible by the Roman Cryptoporticus on display in the town's Museu Machado de Castro. When the Moors conquered the city in the early 8th century, it served as a trading center for almost three hundred years – today's Arco de Almedina gateway marks the entrance to a former Moorish medina. Shortly after the Christian Reconquista of 1064, Coimbra became the country's capital. During this time, the Sé Velha was built, along with the Convento de Santa Cruz. The Universidade de Coimbra opened its doors in 1290, and is reputed to be the second oldest university in the world, producing many nationally and globally acclaimed academics. Immerse yourself in medieval houses "sobrado" cascading down a hillside on the east bank of the Rio Mondego: it's a multicoloured collage of buildings spanning nearly a millennium.

Stop #4: Aveiro

1½ hour stop

5:15 – 6:45

Aveiro upholds an ancient fishing tradition as well as boasting thriving salt and seaweed industries. Visitors may wander along the canals, making their way to the fish market to enjoy a view of colorful tiled cottages facing each other across the canal. The gonda-like boats to be found there, known as "barcos moliceiros", are traditional flat-bottomed boats used for fishing and collecting seaweed from the lagoons. It is also worth stepping into the Convento de Jesus to admire its renaissance cloisters and 17th century gilded carvings. Though not exactly Venice, this Portuguese fishing town certainly has a unique charm of its own.

Final Destination: Porto

Arrive approx 7:30pm

Not included: gratuity for Driver May 13th (suggested 5€ - 10€ pp depending on the quality of service)

◆ **May 14th** afternoon

Porto: 4x4 Mountain Tour

- Enjoy Land Rover 4x4 vehicle on a mountain adventure
- 5 to 6 adventurers per jeep
- Connect with nature and visit a traditional community
- Make your way to wonderful panoramic viewpoints at the mountain summits
- Come across ancient Roman excavations in Oporto Mountains Park
- Enjoy the mountains and discover Portugal countryside
- Indulge at a local Tavern stop to mingle with the locals and enjoy a beer or wine



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◆ **May 15th**

Late morning board Porto Mirante [ship]. Transfer/Taxi not included. Arrive at ship at your leisure (but before 5pm!). Arrange with hotel for taxi pick-up.



You can check-in and drop your luggage, have a complimentary light lunch and enjoy the ship. Or have the afternoon on your own exploring Porto. Or both! Complimentary evening city tour of Porto included with ship itinerary. Note: we stay in dock at Porto for this night.

NOT INCLUDED

Does not include international flight to/from Portugal; gratuity for Driver May 13th; (suggested 5€ - 10€ pp); transfer/taxi from hotel to Porto Mirante ship May 15th.; transfer/taxi from ship to Porto airport May 22nd ; transportation back to Lisbon.

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