

Portugal's Old-World Charms featuring Douro Valley, Alentejo & Lisbon

Highlights...

Douro Valley • Porto • Amarante • Douro River Cruise • Market Visit and Home-Hosted Lunch • Aveiro • Alentejo • Lusitano Stud Farm • Olive Press Experience • Winery Visit • Évora • Lisbon • Belem • Alfama Walking Tour • Fado Performance



11 Days • 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 3 Lunches • 4 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- Venture to Alter do Chão, a small village with ties to the Lusitano horse breed.
- Explore an old oil press in Marvão and learn about traditional olive oil production.
- Experience a night of *fado* and learn about this traditional art form.

Must-See Highlights

- Embark on a Douro River cruise through the breathtaking terraced landscape (UNESCO).
- Enjoy a tour of the walled city of Evora (UNESCO).
- Discover the picturesque, lively neighborhood of Alfama in Lisbon.

Culinary Experiences

- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally sourced dinner at a winery.
- Savor the cuisine of Portugal during a home-hosted lunch full of local flavors.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ancient castles, historic cityscapes, groves of olive trees, quiet whitewashed villages, delightful cuisine, fragrant wine, and welcoming locals – Portugal awaits with open arms.

Day 2: Porto, Portugal - Amarante

Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante – your home for the next three nights. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante

Explore the charming town of Amarante, famous for its sweets, set on the banks of the Rio Tâmega. Walk across the Sao Goncalo bridge, a symbol of the town's heroic defense against Napoleon's troops. Then, travel to Regua and embark on a cruise of the Douro River, taking in the incredible scenery of the Douro Valley. Follow the river along the Port Wine Route, admiring the terraced vineyards (UNESCO) and enjoying lunch onboard. Disembark in Pinhao and travel back to Amarante for an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Amarante - Porto - Amarante

Set out to explore the local flavors as well as the captivating city of Porto today. Begin with a stop at a local market to pick up some fresh ingredients alongside your hosts for the day. Explore the local produce, considering how it shapes Portugal's regional identities, traditions, and gastronomy. Next, arrive at your host family's home and join them in preparing a market-fresh lunch together. Then, it's on to Porto where you'll join a local expert to discover the hilly city on a walking tour. Take in the sights and sounds of the lively Ribeira neighborhood in the heart of the old town along the riverfront. Return to Amarante for a free evening. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 5: Amarante - Aveiro - Alentejo

This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its much-loved egg-yolk desserts as well as its colorful canal boats, traditionally used for harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal to the village of Alter do Chão for a three-night stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Marvão - Alter do Chão)

Begin your day in the charming hilltop village of Marvão, where breathtaking views stretch across the plains - on a clear day, you might even see as far as Spain. Your journey into local culture continues at a nearby olive grove, where you'll learn about traditional olive oil production, visit a historic press, and enjoy a tasting of the region's unique oil over lunch. Later, return to your hotel for a brief visit to the historic Alter Stud Farm, established in 1748 and home to the renowned Lusitano purebred horse. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure - relax and make the most of your hotel's amenities. This evening, you may choose to dine on your own in nearby Alter do Chão; round-trip transportation will be provided. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 7: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chão)

Start the day like a true local at the Estremoz city market, an exciting place to be on a Saturday, when the countryside comes to town with baskets full of fruit, vegetables, grains, olive oil, cheeses, olives, and livestock. Peruse the adjacent flea market where browsing can feel like traveling back in time. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Enjoy more time in the picturesque Portuguese village of Estremoz to visit a local tile museum **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour and tasting. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon

Say goodbye to Portugal's charming countryside as you travel to the vibrant capital of Lisbon. On the way, your journey takes you to the medieval walled city of Evora (UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Arrive in Lisbon in the late afternoon. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Lisbon

Travel to Belém to visit the exterior of two of Lisbon's most iconic landmarks: the UNESCO-listed Belém Tower and the stunning façade of the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery. With your local expert, delve into the rich history and significance of this remarkable monastery before continuing on to a guided tour of the elegant Ajuda Palace. After some free time to enjoy lunch on your own, head to the vibrant Alfama district - Lisbon's oldest quarter - where stories, legends, and hidden corners await. Are we all descendants of Ulysses? How many of Lisbon's hills can you climb? Follow your expert guide through narrow alleyways and shadowy courtyards as you uncover the mysteries of this captivating neighborhood. Return to your hotel in the evening for a night at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Lisbon

It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer a guided experience today, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra. From the windswept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra, you'll hear many fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travelers for an unforgettable farewell dinner of Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! The Alentejo

The Alentejo is Portugal's rural interior, where rolling hills combine with the sun, the heat, and a slower pace of life. It's a vast landscape dotted with cork oaks and olive trees that withstand time. Here and there, you'll find a walled town, such as Marvão, or ancient stone monuments (dolmen) that recall the magic of the past. Around the hills, low, whitewashed houses stand on small knolls, castles evoke echoes of old battles and conquests, and yards and gardens reveal the Arab influences in the region. Savor the unique Alentejo gastronomy, from olives to meats and cheeses and especially the local breads. This is Alentejo.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Monverde Wine Experience Hotel, Amarante, Douro River Valley
Days 5 – 7	Vila Galé Collection Alter Real, Alter do Chão, Alentejo
Days 8 – 10	Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Important Tour Information:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

The Lisbon walking tour will take approximately 3 hours, and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Porto and Lisbon are compact cities with many hills, cobblestone streets, and uneven ground. Lisbon is a hilly city, and all sidewalks are cobblestone, which can get slippery when wet.

The Monverde Wine Experience Hotel has rooms spread across the vineyards, which may require walking up to 650 feet to access from the front desk.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to

change based on availability.

Due to traffic regulations, buses cannot reach historic city centers. This means at times the bus may drop the group off at one location but pick it up elsewhere. If you opt out of an activity, you'll need to arrange your own transfer to the next bus pick-up spot, as travelers cannot remain on the bus during stops due to European regulations.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our transfers will depart from Porto airport for Amarante (approximately a one hour drive).

Our air travelers will arrive into Porto, Portugal airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of

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