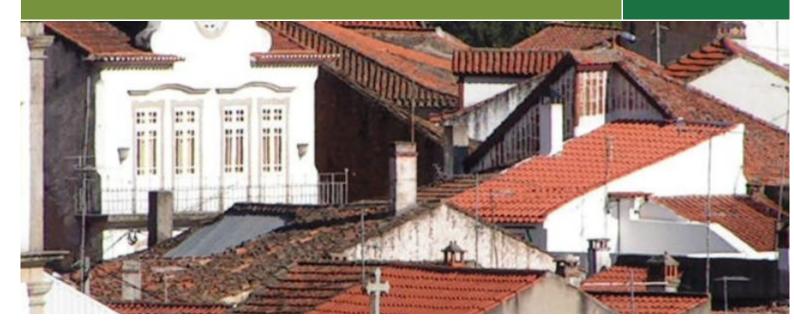


INSIGHT VACATIONS

11D10N Country Roads of Portugal

Price per person from MYR 16395



Tour Description

Tantalize your senses during this 11-day guided tour through Portugal. In Lisbon, a Local Expert will show you the historic downtown and the finest square in the city, Terreiro do Paço. From the hilltop perch of Monsaraz, see across the Spanish plains to Alqueva Lake — and meet a local boat captain, who will regale you with tales of water adventures during a cruise on its calm waters. In Tomar, see the Templar Castle, and explore its awe-inspiring rotunda with a Local Expert. Indulge in a farm-to-table dinner in the Douro Valley that will feature locally sourced ingredients, and taste a port produced onsite. Stroll Portugal's second city, Porto, a World Heritage town, and relax in your five-star hotel in the city's picturesque historic district.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1:- Arrive Lisbon

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel. Settle in and relax before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travellers during a pleasant evening of good food and wine.

Dinner

Day 2:- Lisbon

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belem Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belem Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pasties de Belem from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit the Cloister of Jeronimos Monastery. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner.

Breakfast

Day 3:- Lisbon - Lagos - Olhao - The Algarve

Cross the River Tagus and head for the sun-drenched southern coast to reach Lagos, a fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. Simplicity is in the soul of Algarve cuisine, along with seafood so fresh it still tastes of the sea. A short walk away specialized Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic.

Breakfast

Day 4 :- The Algarve - Almancil - Beja - Evora

Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past. Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 17th century chapel comprising the skulls and bones of 5,000 bones. Visit the cathedral with its attractive mix of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. With the rest of the afternoon at leisure, you may wish to continue to stroll through Évora's unique historical centre, or the serene city park, following the aqueduct inside the city walls?

Breakfast

Day 5 :- Evora - Monsaraz - Evora

Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz, situated on an imposing hilltop, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. From the castle ruins, admire the spectacular views across to the dry Spanish plains, contrasting with the blue of Europe's largest artificial lake. Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life. Sit down to a delicious Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant; cheerful atmosphere. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital.

Breakfast Lunch

Day 6 :- Evora - Tomar

This morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience as you visit Casa Relvas for a wine tasting. Despite the dry climate of the Alentejo region, they have been producing exceptional wine using innovative techniques to reduce the use of water. Continue to Tomar and visit one of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With your Local Expert, explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda in the cloister and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk in the domestic areas. Outside on the battlements, the Manueline Window is a national masterpiece. You also visit the Synagogue of Tomar, one of the best preserved medieval synagogues in Portugal, housing a small Jewish museum.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 7:- Tomar - Coimbra - Pinhao - Douro Valley

In Coimbra, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the Old Town, including the University of Coimbra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit its impressive baroque university library, one of the finest in the world. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table Dinner, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a port wine tasting.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 8 :- Duoro Valley - Guimares - Porto

Journey to Guimaraes to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cosy squares. Next, continue on to Porto, Portugal's second city, a World Heritage town and where Portugal originates. Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive through the city streets led by a Local Expert. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The decor is a mix of classic and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork. Alternatively, why not join an Optional Experience to see the pastel-painted houses in Porto's Ribeira district before cruising on a traditional Rabelo boat and finishing off the evening with a Portuguese dinner in the comfort of your riverside restaurant?

Breakfast

Day 9 :- Porto

With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-coloured houses and churches covered in beautiful glazed tiles. Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque. In the evening, enjoy a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 10 :- Porto - Fatima - Obidos - Lisbon

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon.

Breakfast

Day 11:- Depart Lisbon

After breakfast, your departure transfer arrives at Lisbon International Airport.

Breakfast

Tour Prices

Start Date	End Date	Group Size	Twin Sharing (RM)	Single Supplement
10 May 2024	20 May 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM20,458	RQ
24 May 2024	3 June 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM19,478	RQ
31 May 2024	10 June 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM19,723	RQ
7 June 2024	17 June 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM19,723	RQ
14 June 2024	24 June 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM19,723	RQ
21 June 2024	1 July 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM19,723	RQ
5 July 2024	15 July 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM17,785	RQ
2 Aug 2024	12 Aug 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM18,253	RQ
6 Sep 2024	16 Sep 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM21,046	RQ
13 Sep 2024	23 Sep 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM21,046	RQ
27 Sep 2024	7 Oct 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM21,438	RQ
4 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM20,458	RQ
1 Nov 2024	11 Nov 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM18,498	RQ
29 Nov 2024	9 Dec 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM16,415	RQ
13 Dec 2024	23 Dec 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM16,395	RQ
20 Dec 2024	30 Dec 2024	Up to 40 guests	RM17,718	RQ

What's included

Destination <u>Portugal</u> **Departure Location** Lisbon Lisbon **Return Location**

Price includes

- Accommodation
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 Insightful Encounters that enrich and inspire?
 Personal headsets. You can explore while listening to your guide
 Personal 24/7 service
 Expert Travel Directors providing an elevated service
 Knowledgeable Local Experts

Price does not include

- International air ticket
- Others not mentioned