



PORTUGAL

OLD WORLD CHARM, NEW ADVENTURES



Portugal is a country of sun-drenched coastlines, cobbled streets, and soulful traditions. Nestled on the Iberic Peninsula western edge, it offers golden beaches, historic towns, and vineyard-covered hills. The weather is Mediterranean, with mild winters and warm summers, with the Algarve perfect for beachgoers and Lisbon and Porto ideal for city explorers year-round.

Wander through medieval castles, explore ancient monasteries, or cruise the Douro River past terraced vineyards. Surf the waves in Nazaré, hike in the Azores, or ride tram 28 through Lisbon's hilly alleys. From UNESCO sites to unspoiled villages, Portugal balances old-world beauty with modern ease.

Culturally rich and deeply proud, Portugal is known for Fado music, azulejo tiles, and warm hospitality. Its cuisine is fresh, simple, and flavorful, think grilled sardines, bacalhau (salt cod), hearty stews, and the beloved pastel de nata. Every region from the cliffs of the Algarve to the wine valleys of the north, offers its own rhythm and flavor. Portugal's charm is quiet, authentic, and deeply captivating.


CAPITAL
Lisbon


AREA
35,603 SQ MI


CURRENCY
Euro


LANGUAGE
Portuguese

ICONIC PORTUGAL LANDMARKS



BELÉM TOWER (LISBON)

Standing proudly on the Tagus River's edge, Belém Tower is one of Portugal's most iconic landmarks and a lasting symbol of the Age of Discoveries. Built in the early 16th century, this fortress once safeguarded Lisbon's harbor, welcoming explorers back from distant lands. Its elaborate Manueline architecture, complete with stone carvings of ropes, shields, and crosses, offers a visual feast. From its terraces, sweeping river views capture the city's maritime spirit.

PENA PALACE (SINTRA)

Perched high on the lush hills of Sintra, Pena Palace is a riot of color, fantasy, and romance. Built in the 19th century, it blends Gothic, Moorish, and Renaissance styles into a whimsical masterpiece that feels plucked from a storybook. The vibrant red, yellow, and blue facades contrast beautifully with the surrounding forested slopes. From its terraces, panoramic views stretch to the Atlantic, while inside, lavishly decorated rooms transport visitors to a world of royal dreams.



JERÓNIMOS MONASTERY (LISBON)

A masterpiece of Manueline and late Gothic architecture, Jerónimos Monastery was built in the early 1500s to honor Portugal's great Age of Exploration. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, its intricate stonework—adorned with maritime motifs—tells stories of discovery and faith. Inside lies the tomb of Vasco da Gama, the legendary navigator who charted a sea route to India. This awe-inspiring monument offers a spiritual and architectural journey through Portugal's golden era.

RIBEIRA DISTRICT (PORTO)

The Ribeira District is Porto's most enchanting quarter, where colorful facades tumble down toward the lively Douro River. Narrow cobblestone streets lead to bustling riverfront cafes, while traditional rabelo boats recall the city's historic wine trade. The atmosphere is vibrant yet steeped in history, with centuries-old buildings, charming squares, and views of the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge. From here, it's just a short stroll to Porto's famous Port wine cellars for a tasting steeped in tradition.



DOURO VALLEY

The Douro Valley unfolds like a painting of rolling hills, terraced vineyards, and a silver ribbon of river winding between them. Recognized as one of the world's oldest wine regions, it offers not only breathtaking scenery but also a rich winemaking heritage. Visitors can explore by boat, train, or scenic drives that reveal quaint villages and dramatic viewpoints. No visit is complete without savoring the valley's crown jewel—its world-renowned Port wine—at an authentic estate.

MORE TO KNOW ABOUT PORTUGAL



TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE

Fado, Portugal's deeply soulful music, is an art form steeped in emotion, often performed in intimate venues in Lisbon and Coimbra. With roots dating back to the 19th century, it tells poetic tales of longing, fate, and love, carried by haunting vocals and the melancholic strum of the 12-string Portuguese guitar. Watching a live performance—often by candlelight—offers an unforgettable glimpse into the nation's heart and soul.

HANDCRAFTED SOUVENIRS

Portugal's artisanal heritage shines through in its unique souvenirs. Browse markets for cork handbags, wallets, and accessories—sustainable treasures from the country's famed cork oak forests. Discover embroidered linens, each stitch telling a local story, and admire ceramic tiles (azulejos) in brilliant blues. Hand-painted pottery from towns like Caldas da Rainha adds a burst of color to any home, carrying centuries-old craftsmanship into modern life.



PORTUGUESE CUISINE

Portugal's culinary scene is a feast for the senses, with seafood reigning supreme. Indulge in tender grilled octopus drizzled with olive oil, savor bacalhau (salted cod) prepared in countless regional recipes, or warm up with a hearty bowl of caldo verde, a kale and chouriço soup beloved across the country. End your meal with the iconic pastel de nata, a flaky, golden custard tart sprinkled with cinnamon—a sweet bite that embodies Portuguese comfort and tradition.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Portugal bursts into vibrant celebration during its many festivals. In Porto, the lively São João Festival fills the streets with music, fireworks, and playful traditions like tapping strangers on the head with plastic hammers. In Lisbon, the Santo António Festival sees neighborhoods decorated with colorful streamers, locals grilling sardines, and dancing until dawn. These events capture the joy, community spirit, and exuberant culture of the Portuguese people.



LANGUAGE & WARMTH

Portuguese is the official language of Portugal, a melodic tongue with Latin roots. While English is widely spoken in tourist areas, especially by younger generations, making the effort to greet with "Olá" (hello) or say "Obrigado/a" (thank you) is warmly appreciated. Visitors often find locals to be gracious, approachable, and eager to share their traditions, making every encounter a chance for genuine cultural connection and memorable exchanges.

OUR TRAVEL IDEAS

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EXCITING AZORES

SÃO MIGUEL | FAIAL

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THE NORTH OF PORTUGAL

LISBON | PORTO | FATIMA | URGEIRICA

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AMAZING PORTUGAL

LISBON | EVORA | COIMBRA | PORTO

Experience the soul of Portugal on this unforgettable 8-day adventure through its most captivating cities and towns. From the sunlit avenues of Lisbon to the vine-covered hills of the Alentejo, each stop reveals a new layer of Portugal's rich culture and heritage. Discover medieval castles, Gothic monasteries, and vibrant riverfronts. Sip world-famous port in Porto, cruise the canals of Aveiro, and stroll the storybook streets of Óbidos. With every moment steeped in history, beauty, and flavor, this is Portugal – amazing in every way!



THE BEST OF PORTUGAL

LISBON | PORTO | EVORA | FATIMA | URGEIRICA | LAGOS

Join an in-depth exploration of Portugal from its storied past to its bustling present and on to its natural wonders on this 13-day private deluxe chauffeur-driven Portugal tour package with stays in Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, and Evora. Delve into Lisbon on your trip to Portugal. This legendary capital city boasts more than 20 centuries of history. Have a spiritual awakening in the sacred pilgrimage town of Fatima. Savor the finest and freshest seafood and shellfish, as well as other tantalizing Portuguese dishes, wines and desserts.

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DAYS

