A Seven-Day Getaway to Portugal

(March 18-25, 2019)

Portugal's remoteness from the capitals of Europe and its close relationship to the sea have contributed to her unique cultural traditions. Visitors will discover a land blessed with a lush fertile countryside, antique villages, fairy-tale castles, fine wine, magnificent palaces, elegant gardens-qualities that have helped to make Portugal Travel and Leisure's destination of the year for 2017. Yet, despite these distinctions, Portugal remains one of the least-known nations in Europe. Through such great explorers as Prince Henry the Navigator and Vasco de Gama, Portugal inspired and led the European discovery of the world. Her Golden Age lasted well over 100 years. But then, like a Sleeping Beauty, she receded from the world stage, enclosed and apart.

In this generous two-city getaway, we'll explore her rich history and her surprisingly vibrant contemporary life. Our journey begins with the cultural wealth of Lisbon. Our panoramic tour will discover many broad boulevards, parks, and cultural monuments, including the Jeronimos Monastery, that befit one of the great world capitals. The beautiful palaces of Sintra and Ajuda are also jewels in Portugal's crown. During our stay in Lisbon, we'll enjoy dinner in one of the city's Fado houses, where we'll discover Portugal's soul revealed in her music. After three nights in Lisbon, we'll head north. Central Portugal holds many delightful surprises, including the great university town of Coimbra and the Douro River Valley. Our journey culminates with three nights in northern Portugal in the cultural capital of Porto with its medieval cathedrals, Renaissance guild halls, and Art Deco gardens. Highlights include Braga Castle, the religious sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, and the 10th-century Castle of Guimaraes. Throughout the tour, to complement a superb cultural introduction, we'll discover the delectable Portuguese cuisine and its renowned wines. The accommodations in Lisbon and Porto feature well-located five-star properties.

With round-trip international airfare included, a welcome and farewell dinner, full breakfasts daily, two additional dinners, two lunches, and full sightseeing, this seven-day getaway is an excellent travel bargain.
A Seven-Day Getaway to Portugal Itinerary (March 18-25, 2019)

Day 1: Mon, Mar 18: Flight to Lisbon

Upon arrival to Lisbon Airport, we’re met by our guide and transferred to our hotel in the city center. After check-in and time to freshen up, we’ll experience an afternoon panoramic tour of the Portuguese capital, during which we’ll see the tree-lined Avenida da Liberdade, Sao Jorge Castle, the Jeronimos Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Belem Tower. Time permitting, we’ll have a stroll through the historic Alfama neighborhood and the Baixa Pombalina district. We then return to our hotel for a welcome dinner followed by an overnight stay. (D)

Day 2: Tues, Mar 19: Lisbon - Arrival

Day 3: Weds, Mar 20: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais & Estoril

Following breakfast, we’ll journey to the verdant hills of Sintra where we’ll visit the Royal Palace, explore the historic town, and enjoy lunch at a the charming Cafe Paris. We’ll then continue to the nearby seaside resorts Cascais and Estoril, after which we return to Lisbon for an overnight stay. (B,L)

Day 4: Thurs, Mar 21: Lisbon - Fernando Pessoa Museum & Palacio da Ajuda

After breakfast at our hotel, we’ll visit the former home and museum of Fernando Pessoa, one of Portugal’s most renowned literary figures. After free time for lunch, we’ll visit the Palace of Ajuda, a neoclassical monument which contains important collections of the decorative arts from the 15th to the 20th century. In the evening, we’ll be transferred to a local restaurant for a special dinner accompanied by Fado music, after which we return to our hotel for an overnight stay. (B,D)

Day 5: Fri, Mar 22: Lisbon - Porto

Following breakfast, we depart Lisbon for Porto. En route, we’ll stop in the the city of Coimbra and visit its university - one of the oldest in Europe, founded in the 13th century. After free time for lunch in Coimbra, we’ll continue to Porto where we’ll gather for dinner at our hotel followed by an overnight stay. (B,D)


Following breakfast, we’ll experience a morning tour of Porto, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, we’ll travel to Braga, where we’ll visit the Torre de Menagem of Braga Castle, the Baroque-Rococo Palacio do Raio and the Jardim de Santa Barbara. We then continue to the spectacular religious sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte for a visit. Our final visit will be to the 10th-century Castle of Guimaraes before we return to Porto for an overnight stay. (B,L)

Day 7: Sun, Mar 24: Porto - Duoro River Valley

Following breakfast, we’ll journey to the fertile Douro River Valley for a full day tour during which we’ll visit the wineries of Quinta do Panascal and Quinta de la Rosa, with wine tasting included. After returning to Porto and some free time to freshen up, we’ll gather for a farewell dinner including a pre-dinner cocktail, wine, mineral water, and coffee or tea. (B,D)

Day 8: Mon, Mar 25: Porto - Departure

After breakfast at our hotel, we’ll be transferred to Porto airport at the appropriate time to board our return flight home. (B)
RESERVATION FORM  
W&L Traveller: PORTUGAL: A Seven-Day Getaway  
March 18-25, 2019

PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS:

Passenger 1:  
First Name: ____________________  Middle Name: ____________________  Last Name: ____________________  Date of Birth: __________  Country: ____________________ 
City: ______________________________________  State: __________________  Zip: ___________________   Country: ___________________

Street Address:  
__________________________________________________________  ____________________________________________  ____________________________________________  
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Passport #: ______________________  C ountry of Issue: _____________________ Date issued: ________________________  Expiration date: _________________

Name on Credit Card: _____________________________           I authorize a payment in the amount of $:______________________

Credit Card #: ______________________________________  Security Code: __________ Expiration date:______________          Signature_______________________________ ________________

I am rooming with: ____________________  I am traveling with: ____________________

Please reserve me in a single room at a supplement (Add US$795 for single supplement - limited availability)  
I/We request Business class upgrade  
Book my air from:____________________

Optional Jeronimos Monastery & Coach Museum Tour: $95/person

I authorize payment in the amount of: ________________

By signing this form, participants waive any charge back rights and, in the event of dispute, request for refund must be made in writing to Keytours Vacations.

Notes (Diet, special accessibility etc.): ____________________

PAYMENT: Deposit: A $500 ** per person non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the space. Final payment amount to Keytours Vacations (address below) is due 90 days prior departure. I authorize Keytours Vacations to charge my credit card on the final payment day. Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis. I have read the schedule of activities and accept and abide to the general terms & conditions as outlined below.

Amex  □  Discover  □  Visa  □ MasterCard

Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic fares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-changeable and non-refundable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and revising fares vary depending upon the type of fare purchased. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Tariff, fuel surcharges and Exchange Rate Fluctuations: All prices are quoted using the prevailing rate of exchange between the Euro and the USD from the date the original offer was made. If the rate of exchange changes by more that 4%, the USD from the date the original offer was made. The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above: Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - airline penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Cancellation Policy: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Keytours Vacations shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Keytours Vacations within eight days of the date of Keytours Vacations written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Keytours Vacations failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows: Initial deposit: non-refundable after 120 days. From 91 to 45 days prior to departure: 25% penalty of the total cost per person. From 44 to 28 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person. From 27 to 8 days prior to departure: 70% penalty of the total cost per person. From 7 day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of the total cost per person. Deposit to hold the space and First deposit is non-refundable after 120 days before departure date. All subsequent deposits are non-refundable. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner’s cancellation must pay the single supplement. NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above: Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - airline penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Travel Documents: Travel documents will be sent approximately 2 weeks prior to departure, providing full payment has been received. Keytours Vacations is not responsible for lost or stolen documents; therefore, any re-issue of documents may be assessed their full face value and may include increase in cost. A special handling fee of $35 will be assessed to bookings that require overnight express delivery. No Saturday or Sunday deliveries. Some trip documents are sent as E-Documents by email. For all trip documents, it is your responsibility to check the accuracy of your airline tickets and all other documents. You are responsible to ensure that your full, official name is provided to us at the time of booking, exactly as it appears on your valid passport. It can cost up to $350 or more per person for a name change or other ticket adjustments, plus any fare increase if applicable, due to re-ticketing. The airline will deny boarding if your airline ticket or documents do not match your passport. CST#: 209702-40

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (Full Terms and Conditions are available in your group leader’s group master contract.)

Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of the traveler(s) to ensure that the hotels and venues in this proposal are adequate for them. Keytours Vacations will not be responsible for room sizes, room air condition, room amenities, room service which vary and differs throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise traveler(s) to peruse hotel rating web sites such as Tripadvisor.com to get an approximate "feel" and "judgment" on each properties, to insure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate for them. Traveler(s) understand that no refund nor legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and i/s will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Hotels Check-in times: Hotel rooms are usually not ready for check-in until after 3 pm. If your flight is arriving early, especially European flights, you should plan for the day's activity until your room is available. Most hotels will store your luggage until your room is ready. Hotels Air Conditioning and other amenities: Keytours Vacations is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Some hotels amenities/facilities are seasonal such as swimming pools, terraces, rooftops etc. and may not be opened or hotels may have renovations during the course of the year. Keytours will not be responsible for hotel renovations, noise and/or closure of certain hotel areas – facilities.

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