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12 DAY ITINERARY

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THE JOURNEY

Tour Portugal, Day by Day

Tour Portugal Embark on a captivating exploration of Portugal's historical treasures through a meticulously guided tour that unveils the splendor of this enchanting country. Led by a knowledgeable guide, immerse yourself in the allure of Portugal much like the glory of Ancient Rome. Traverse through...

12	Tour Portugal	Portugal
DAYS	DESTINATION	REGION

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 01

Lisbon - Torre de Belém

01

Begin your adventure in Lisbon with a visit to the iconic Torre de Belém, a UNESCO World Heritage site that stands as a symbol of Portugal's Age of Discoveries. This stunning tower, located on the banks of the Tagus River, was built in the early 16th century to defend the city and serve as a ceremonial gateway. As you explore its intricate architecture, you'll be transported back to a time when explorers set out to discover new worlds. Don't forget to take in the picturesque views of the river and the surrounding area, making it a perfect spot for photography and reflection.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Lisbon - Mosteiro dos Jerónimos

02

After visiting Torre de Belém, head to the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, another UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases the stunning Manueline architecture. This monastery was built in the 16th century to honor the explorers who played a significant role in shaping Portugal's maritime history. As you walk through its ornate cloisters and chapels, you'll be captivated by the intricate stone carvings and historical significance. The adjoining Maritime Museum and the nearby Monument to the Discoveries further enhance the experience, providing a deep dive into Portugal's rich maritime past.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Sintra - Palácio da Pena

03

Travel to the enchanting town of Sintra to visit the Palácio da Pena, a colorful Romanticist castle perched high on a hill. This architectural marvel combines various styles, from neo-Gothic to Moorish influences, making it a feast for the eyes. As you wander through the palace's opulent rooms and lush gardens, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. The vibrant colors and whimsical design make it one of the most photographed landmarks in Portugal. Allow yourself to be swept away by the fairytale atmosphere that permeates this UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAY 4

Algarve - Ria Formosa Natural Park

04

Experience the natural beauty of the Algarve at the Ria Formosa Natural Park, a stunning coastal lagoon known for its diverse wildlife and scenic walking trails. This protected area is a haven for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts, offering opportunities to spot a variety of species in their natural habitat. Enjoy a leisurely hike along the trails that meander through salt marshes, sandy islands, and lagoons, while taking in the breathtaking views of the coastline. The park also features charming fishing villages and local seafood restaurants where you can savor fresh dishes after your explorations.

DAY 5

Lisbon - Mercado da Ribeira

05

Return to Lisbon and immerse yourself in the vibrant culinary scene at Mercado da Ribeira, a bustling food market that showcases local cuisine and culinary culture. Here, you'll find a variety of stalls offering everything from traditional Portuguese dishes to innovative gourmet experiences. Engage with local chefs and artisans, and taste a diverse array of flavors, including fresh seafood, pastries, and regional wines. The market's lively atmosphere, combined with the opportunity to sample different foods, makes it a must-visit destination for food lovers. Spend your afternoon indulging in the rich culinary heritage of Portugal.

DAY 6

Tomar - Convento de Cristo

06

Travel to Tomar to explore the Convento de Cristo, a UNESCO World Heritage site that reflects the history of the Knights Templar in Portugal. This monumental complex is a fascinating blend of architectural styles, including Romanesque, Gothic, and Manueline. As you wander through its cloisters, churches, and chapels, you'll uncover the mysteries of the Templars and their influence on Portuguese history. The round church is particularly noteworthy, featuring a unique design that captivates visitors. This historical site offers a deep insight into the religious and military past of the region.

DAY 7

Fátima - Fátima Sanctuary

07

Visit the Fátima Sanctuary, one of the most significant pilgrimage sites in the world. This site is renowned for the reported apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in 1917. As you explore the expansive sanctuary grounds, you will encounter impressive basilicas and chapels, as well as the iconic Candlelight Procession that takes place during the evenings. Take a moment for reflection and prayer in this serene environment, where millions of pilgrims come each year to seek solace and inspiration. The rich spiritual atmosphere and historical significance make this an essential stop on your journey through Portugal.

DAY 8

DAY 08

Douro Valley - Wine Tasting

08

Journey to the picturesque Douro Valley, renowned for its terraced vineyards and stunning landscapes. This UNESCO World Heritage site is perfect for wine enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Spend the day tasting some of the finest Port wines produced in the region, and enjoy a scenic river cruise that offers breathtaking views of the vineyards and rolling hills. You'll have the opportunity to visit local wineries, learn about the winemaking process, and indulge in gourmet food pairings that highlight the flavors of Douro Valley. This experience will leave you with unforgettable memories of Portugal's enchanting countryside.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Lisbon - Azulejos of Lisbon

09

On your return to Lisbon, delve into the vibrant world of azulejos, the stunning ceramic tiles that adorn many buildings throughout the city. These colorful tiles are a key aspect of Portuguese artistic heritage, showcasing intricate designs and patterns that tell stories of history and culture. Spend your day exploring neighborhoods such as Alfama and Bairro Alto, where you can admire the beautiful facades and even visit workshops where artisans create these remarkable tiles. Engage with local artists and learn about the significance of azulejos in Portuguese architecture. This immersive experience will deepen your appreciation for Lisbon's unique artistic expression.

DAY 10

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Lisbon - Livraria Bertrand

10

Visit Livraria Bertrand, recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest operating bookstore. This charming bookstore has been a haven for literature lovers since its establishment in 1732. As you browse through the extensive collection of books, you will find works by both Portuguese and international authors. Take a moment to enjoy a coffee in the cozy café located within the bookstore, where you can reflect on your reading discoveries. The rich literary history and inviting atmosphere make Livraria Bertrand a must-see destination for any book enthusiast visiting Lisbon.

DAY 11

DAY 11

Lisbon - Departure

11

As your incredible journey through Portugal comes to an end, take some time to reflect on the unforgettable experiences and memories you've created. Before your departure, you might want to revisit some of your favorite spots in Lisbon, perhaps enjoying a final meal of traditional Portuguese cuisine or relaxing in a local café with a view of the bustling streets. Consider picking up some souvenirs or local delicacies to take home as a reminder of your travels. As you prepare to leave, cherish the moments spent in this beautiful country and the rich culture that you have experienced.

DAY 12

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Lisbon - Final Reflections

12

On your last day in Portugal, take a leisurely stroll through the charming streets of Lisbon, allowing time to soak in the vibrant atmosphere and perhaps revisit a few favorite spots. Consider visiting a local market or artisan shop to pick up some final souvenirs, or simply relax in one of Lisbon's beautiful parks, reflecting on your journey. Whether you enjoyed the stunning architecture, the rich history, or the delicious cuisine, this final day is an opportunity to savor your experiences and make plans for future travels. Lisbon has a way of capturing hearts, leaving you with lasting memories of your adventure.

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