



PORTUGAL WINE TOUR 8 Days / 7 Nights



DAY 1: WELCOME TO LISBON!

Arrival to Lisbon. Meet the local guide. Transfer to the hotel. Check-in and accommodation.

DAY 2: LISBON / AZEITÃO / ÉVORA

In the morning you will visit Lisbon with its typical old districts such Alfama, Chiado, the emblematic squares of Marques de Pombal, Rossio, or Praça do Comércio. Then, continue discovering the historic district of Belem, where Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower and Discoveries Monument are located. In the afternoon you will cross the 25 April Bridge over the Tagus river and enjoy the route towards the National Park of Arrabida mountains. Stop at Azeitão, a very popular village for its good cheese and "azulejo" taller, producing the famous ceramic tile so popular in the Iberian Peninsula. This peaceful village is also even more popular for vineyards producing the Moscatel grapes, destined for one of Portugal's classic sweet wines, DOC Setúbal. Here you will visit one of the oldest wine estates in the country and you will be delighted with some of the most popular wines produced there. Arrival in Évora for overnight.

DAY 3: ÉVORA / HERDADE DO ESPORÃO / CASTELO BRANCO

In the morning you will visit the beautiful medieval city of Évora. The walking guided tour will take you to the Ruins of the Roman Temple of Diana, St. Francis Church, and its famous Chapel of Bones. Narrow streets with old but magnificent white painted buildings will surprise you at every step. In the afternoon you will visit the Winery "Herdade do Esporão", where cellars host some of the best wines produced in DOC Alentejo. Here there will be a wine tasting. The final destination of this day will be the medieval fortress and city of Castelo Branco. Check-in and accommodation.

DAY 4: CASTELO BRANCO / SANTAR / VISEU / LAMEGO

Explore the Dão demarcated wine region, located in the center of the country. This is a beautiful region, surrounded by the Serra de Estrela Mountains, provides a special microclimate and excellent conditions for grape ripening. Visit and do a wine tasting at the "Casa de Santar", DOC Dão, one vast wine estate located between Nelas and Viseu. Before arriving to Lamego, you will stop to visit Viseu, capital of the district, popular for its colorful gardens, its Cathedral, and lovely old churches. Then, you will arrive at Lamego, a medieval town located at 12 km from the Douro Valley, city of the Temples and Sanctuaries, here you will have the opportunity to visit and admire the impressive "Nossa Senhora dos Remedios" Sanctuary. Time to check-in and accommodation.





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DAY 5: LAMEGO / PINHÃO / RÉGUA / PORTO


The Douro Valley is a fantastic region with spectacular landscapes and wine properties located along the Douro river. This region is UNESCO heritage and it's known as the "Fairy Valley". It has its origins in the territorial delimitation of 1756, the date of the first demarcation of the "Vinhos do Alto Douro", which defined the first institutional model of organization of a wine region worldwide. Originally established to regulate the production of the wine that we call "Porto wine", the traditional local 'DOC' meaning Controlled Designation of Origin for Port and Douro wines. You will discover the village of Pinhão on the Douro shore. Here you will enjoy a boat trip and admire the vineyards, wine estates and the beautiful palaces or manor houses which can be overlooked at the both shores of the river. Next stop will be in Peso da Régua, a village located in the heart of Douro Valley, where you are going to visit one of the many wineries and taste the wines produced here. Then, you will head towards Porto to overnight.



DAY 6: PORTO

After breakfast, you will explore the city of Porto, capital of Northern Portugal, located by the Douro river shore and famous for the 58 Porto wine cellars existing here. One of Europe's most astonishing cityscapes, Porto's old quarter, with its thick flagstones and delicately-moulded façades attracts more and more culture-hungry tourists. UNESCO was so impressed with its patrimonial importance that classified this part of downtown Porto as a World Heritage Site in 1996, stating that the city's historic center, built along the hillsides overlooking the mouth of the River Douro, forms an exceptional urban landscape with a thousand- year history. You will have the chance to admire: the old Cathedral, the Clérigos Tower (once the highest building in town), the narrow medieval streets, churches, and palaces. The guided tour will end with a visit followed by a Port wine tasting at one of the wine cellars existing in town. Afternoon at leisure.





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DAY 7: PONTE DE LIMA / QUINTA DA AVELEDA / VIANA DO CASTELO

You will continue to know the northern lands of Portugal to discover the "Vinho Verde" wine demarcated region, land of the "Green Wines" only produced in the north of Portugal and Spain. The first stop will be at the ancient town of Ponte de Lima, with its emblematic Roman Bridge and medieval historic center. Here you will taste the famous green wine at the historic Paços de Calheiros Manor House, also listed as a national monument. The journey continues at Quinta da Aveleda, in the heart of the "Vinho Verde" Wine Region, surrounded by delicious details, a piece of ancient times, where you are going to be involved by the senses. You will have the opportunity to admire the spectacular gardens and taste its popular wines, sold all over the world. The day ends with a walk through Viana do Castelo, a medieval town of rare beauty located on the banks of the Lima river. Finally you will return to Porto to overnight.

DAY 8: FLIGHT BACK HOME

After breakfast, you will leave the hotel. Transfer to Porto Airport.

PACKAGE RATES INCLUDE:

- Arrival private transfer.
- 7 Nights of accommodation with breakfast, including city taxes, in planned hotels or similar, depending on availability.
- Transportation by air-conditioned minivan according to the itinerary.
- Private English speaking Guide/Driver throughout.
- Boat trip on the Douro Valley.
- Travel insurance.
- Visits and wine tastings in the following indicated places:
 - Quinta da Bacalhoa – DOC Setúbal
 - Herdade de Esporão – DOC Alentejo
 - Quinta de Santar – DOC Dão
 - Quinta da Marrocos – DOC Douro
 - Bodegas Porto's Calem – DOC Porto
 - Paço de Calheiros – D.O. Vinho Verde
 - Quinta de Aveleda – D.O. Vinho Verde

SELECTED HOTELS OR SIMILAR (4*):

- Lisboa (1 Nt): Vip Picoas
- Évora (1 Nt): Évora Olive Hotel
- Castelo Branco (1 Nt): Hotel Rainha D. Amelia
- Lamego (1 Nt): Hotel de Lamego
- Porto (3 Nts): Black Tulip Porto

**Prices subject to quotation,
depending on the requested dates
and number of people**