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Philippa Williams personalized trip to Portugal

Sep 27, 2022 - Oct 4, 2022

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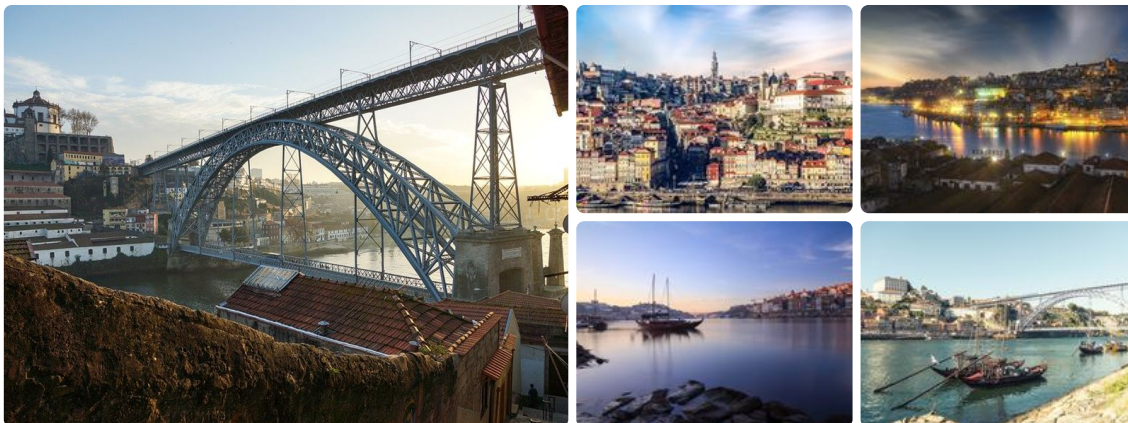
Arrival in Porto

Arrive at **Porto** airport. Welcome at the airport and delivery of all the necessary documentation and assistance.

Afterwards, a driver will take you to your hotel. Check-in at the hotel and if the room isn't available, drop off the luggage at the reception and take the opportunity to stroll the city on your own.

You'll be staying in the downtown area, close by restaurants and cultural attractions.

Take this day to relax and recover from jetlag, to prepare yourself for the next exciting days!



Overnight in Porto

September 28 - Wednesday



Porto Food Tour

Today you'll discover the amazing city of **Porto**. In the morning, you'll be picked up at your hotel to start your **food tour**. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, as Porto is an extremely hilly town.

Discover local gastronomy through a whole different angle. Accompanied by gourmand experts, you will uncover the secrets of Porto's delicacies, history, and context. This experience isn't just a tasting tour: it's an opportunity to truly connect with the food, the people, and the culture. To begin our trip, and to fully immerse yourself into the local food scene, we will visit the city's central market. Here, we will be meeting the unique vendors, and learning about the ingredients that fill up Porto's restaurants and home kitchens. Plus, you'll get to taste some delicious artisan cheeses that exude the aromas of the mountain. Our journey will then take us to explore the backstreets that lead to iconic places; we'll run into unexpected gastronomic gems like taverns and snack-bars where you'll find Porto's beloved everyday specialties, local pastry shops and the unmatched repertoire of Portuguese conventual pastry.

This gastronomic journey through Porto wouldn't be complete without tasting the esteemed port wine in a very special location.

After your tour, you'll have free time to enjoy lunch and explore the city.

S. Bento Station, with its atrium lined with tiles, is a great way to start! Just ahead is the Cathedral followed by Clérigos Tower, worth climbing for a different view of Porto. Don't forget to stop in the Lello bookshop. Then pop in to the Café Majestic for a break. Continue south and descend by steps and mediaeval streets to Ribeira with its café terraces and picturesque corners. On the other side of D. Luís Bridge you'll find all the Port wine lodges, where you'll visit and taste the famous Port wine.



Porto Wine Lodges

Later on in the day, a driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to a **Port wine lodge**, on the other bank of the Douro river.

There, you'll learn about Port wine and taste it before leaving! When the visit ends, the driver will be ready to take you back to your hotel, where you can recharge batteries for the next day.



Overnight in Porto

September 29 - Thursday



Day trip to Douro Valley

Today you'll go on a day trip to the famous **Douro Valley**. A recognized World Heritage Site since 2001, the Douro Valley is home to sloped and steep vineyards which are a delight to the eyes of those who visit! You'll be impressed by the breathtaking landscape of the valley, punctuated by the blue of the Douro River, the terraced vineyards and the overall natural charm of this area.

During the day, you'll learn all about how the wine production drastically changed the course of history for this region in the 18th century and, best of all, try the delicious nectar that is produced here!

In the morning, you'll head to a **family-run estate**. You'll be able to meet the people in charge and witness firsthand their passion and dedication towards winemaking. On this estate you'll find **100-year-old vineyards** with over 50 different grape varieties which produce high quality Port and Douro wines alike! Don't take our word for it? Their wines have been awarded by **Mundus Vini** (2015 and 2020) and even **Rick Steves** personally recommends it!

To end the day in a high note, you'll visit one of the **most prestigious wine estates** of the Douro region, a historical winery which dates back to the **17th century**, before the Douro was established as a wine region! This quinta has been **owned by the same family since the early 20th century**, when they began their wine and olive oil production, which continues to this day with 4 Douro wine ranges, 4 Port ranges and 2 olive oil ranges. In your visit, you'll learn about all the processes the grapes go through, visit the vineyards, the lab and culminate it all in the so awaited wine tasting. We suggest pairing it with a delicious traditional lunch in the property, so that you can enjoy the wines with the meal. You'll taste 5 different wines: white, red, superior, reserve and LBV Port.

At the end of your tour, you'll return to your hotel where you can rest before dinner.



Overnight in Porto

September 30 - Friday



From Douro Valley to Lisboa with Tomar

Today, after breakfast, is time to say goodbye to the astounding slopes of the Douro Valley and make your way to Lisboa!

To make your journey more agreeable, we suggest stopping at **Tomar**, the Templar City, 2.5-hours from the Douro Valley. Go to the Templar castle and discover the monumental work of the Convent of Christ learning how the Order of the Knights Templar became the Order of Christ, upholding their power, knowledge and wealth in Portugal. In Tomar's center you can also find the Synagogue, bought in 1923 by Samuel Schwarz, a Polish jew, in order to restore it to its former glory and later donate it to the Portuguese government in 1939.

Before continuing to Lisboa, we suggest trying the delicious food served at Tomar. If you're looking for a unique experience, look for the medieval restaurant! Then it's a 1.5-hour journey to Lisboa.

Arriving at the hotel, drop off your rental car, check in and enjoy some time to rest or stroll the city on your own.

(NO DRIVER OR RENTAL CAR IS INCLUDED)



Overnight in Lisboa

October 1 - Saturday



Lisboa Food Tour - Downtown

It's time for the City of the Seven Hills!

In the morning, you'll be picked up by your private guide for a 3-hour **food tour in downtown**! Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, as Lisboa is a rather hilly town and you'll be walking on cobblestones.

The food in Lisboa is as appealing as the city and the region. With a foodie, you'll be strolling around typical neighborhoods in downtown, learning about the city's gastronomy, tasting some great food and wine, absorbing the bohemian atmosphere.

After the tour, you'll have meet a different guide for a guided historic tour.



Overnight in Lisboa

October 2 - Sunday



Day trip to Sintra & Fado Dinner

Today you'll visit **Sintra**, the city of Romanticism.

After breakfast, you'll be picked up at your hotel lobby and you'll have a car drive of about 40 min. Sintra is the most famous day trip from Lisboa, so you should expect many visitors every day, all year round. It's impossible to visit everything in one day, so you'll be taken to the Pena Palace, a fancy, revivalist palace built in the Romantic period. During the day, you'll also have a chance to explore the bustling historical center.

After lunch, you'll stop in the westernmost point of mainland Europe, **Cabo da Roca**. Continue your journey towards **Cascais**, part of the Portuguese Riviera. It's worth going on a stroll around town and feeling the atmosphere before you make it back to your hotel in Lisboa (45 min direct drive).

If you're on a private tour, you can decide what you want to visit within the available time, especially because there are expected to be many visitors in Sintra, and the **Pena Palace** can have long lines to get inside. If you wish to make the most out of your time in Sintra, you can choose one or two of these equally beautiful and interesting palaces, such as the **Palácio and Quinta da Regaleira**, boasting impressive decorations loaded with Masonic references, the **Monserate Palace**, laden with Gothic and Indian influences, the beautiful medieval **National Palace of Sintra** or even the **Queluz Palace**, our little Versailles and a truly undiscovered gem.

Arriving at your hotel, you'll have some time to freshen up before being picked up for your **Fado dinner**. You'll have a typical dinner at a Fado house while enjoying a Fado performance. Whether you like the style of music or not, dinner by candlelight listening to Fado in Lisboa is an unmissable experience. After dinner, a driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel.



Overnight in Lisboa

October 3 - Monday



Day trip to Évora with Wine Tasting

Today you will discover the beauty of the Alentejo region! After breakfast you will be picked up at your hotel.

After a 2-hour drive, you'll visit a prestigious wine producer in Reguengos de Monsaraz, just 35 min distance from Évora. This 19th century winery was the pioneer of the wine production in this region! Currently, they're on the 4th and 5th generation of producers and have 160 acres of vineyards, spread out across two locations, creating 6 different and unique wine ranges. Here, you'll visit the facilities, learning about their processes first hand and then you'll **taste the wine**. This experience will be **accompanied by regional petiscos** (Portuguese tapas).

After tasting the wine, you'll return to **Évora**, a true book of Portuguese art history!

Founded in Roman times, Évora is a true book of **Portuguese art history**. Évora's golden age started when it was chosen as the residence of kings and nobles in the 15th century. This historical importance, which is reflected in the built heritage, led **UNESCO** to classify it as a **World Heritage Site** in 1986.

Wander through the Moorish narrow streets and enjoy the wonderful monuments hiding in every corner. The medieval walls, the **Cathedral**, the **Giraldo Square**, the enigmatic **Roman Temple** and São Francisco Church, with its curious **Chapel of Bones** are unmissable!

After your tour, you'll return to your hotel to rest before dinner.



Overnight in Lisboa

October 4 - Tuesday



Departure to Lisboa airport

It's time to say *adeus* and after checking out, you'll be picked up for a 20-min ride to the airport.



Information & Documents



Important Details

What's Included:

- 07 Nights' accommodation
- 07 Breakfasts
- Private transfer from airport to hotel
- 3-hour private food tour in Porto
- 7-hour private tour to Douro valley
- 2 winery visits with wine tasting and lunch
- 3-hour private food tour in Lisboa
- Dinner at fado house
- 7-hour private tour to Sintra (entrance tickets incl.)
- 7-hour private tour to Évora (entrance tickets incl.)
- Private transfer to Lisboa airport
- Personalized daily Itinerary
- Personalized consulting services
- Local assistance
- Handling fees
- VAT

What's Not Included:

- International flights
- Extra meals and drinks
- Entrance tickets not mentioned in the included
- Travel Insurance
- City Tourist Tax paid directly at the hotels



Prices with Accommodation

PRICE PER PERSON: 2.690 EUR

- 3 nights in Porto at PortoBay Teatro 4* in a Gallery Room
- 4 nights in Lisboa at Portugal Boutique Hotel 4* in a Standard Room

PRICE PER PERSON: 3.190 EUR

- 3 nights in Porto at Pousada do Porto in a Classic Room

- 4 nights in Lisboa at Hotel do Chiado 4* in a Superior Room

PRICE PER PERSON: 3.790 EUR

- 3 nights in Porto at Casa Da Companhia Hotel 5* in a Deluxe Cathedral Room
- 4 nights in Lisboa at The One Palacio Da Anunciada 5* in a Deluxe Room

Note: Prices are valid for a group of 2 people

The price in dollars will depend on the exchange rate on the payment day. You can [use this site](#) to see today's current exchange rate.

PortoBay Hotel Teatro 4*

The PortoBay Hotel Teatro is the PortoBay Group four-star hotel in Porto. This exclusive themed hotel is located on Rua Sá da Bandeira, in the historical centre of the city. The hotel was built on the site of the former Baquet Theatre, opened in 1859. Today, the theatrical theme is very much in evidence with the hotel's unique, refined and bohemian atmosphere. The 74 rooms offer a contemporary, individual and comfortable feel. The Palco restaurant features a menu inspired by comfort food. In the Plateia bar, why not try the cocktail of the day?



Pousada Porto - Rua das Flores 4*

In a prime location in the historic city centre, the **Pestana Pousada Porto – Historic Hotel** is the ideal choice for those who want to get a feel of the city's lively atmosphere on foot, and enjoy all the comfort, quality of service and attention to detail that characterise the **Pousadas de Portugal**.

The Pestana Pousada Porto – Historic Hotel is located on **Rua das Flores**, a pedestrianised street, where you can find arts and crafts and new designer shops, restaurants and cafés and where you can watch street performances and see works of art. This street is one of the **city's most photographed** and is within walking distance of the city's main attractions, including the **Ribeira**, the **Misericórdia Church**, the **Avenida dos Aliados** and the **Clérigos Tower**. Rua das Flores is a well-known stopping point due to its entertainment and commerce, and also the historical interest of its historic buildings, some of which are more than five centuries old.

The Pestana Pousada do Porto – Historic Hotel is located in one of these buildings, perfectly reflecting the **area's architectural style**. During its restoration, the characteristics of the original 18th century building were meticulously preserved. You can admire the vaulted ceilings and prominent stones now a feature of the decor of the Pousada de Portugal, where the intention is to combine this original aspect with a **modern and elegant ambience**. As a tribute to the name of this street, details of a **variety of flowers** form part of the decor. The **84 rooms and suites** have been carefully decorated and equipped to ensure quality and comfort during your stay. The neutral colours and wooden panels give this space a warm and sophisticated atmosphere.



Casa da Companhia Hotel 5*

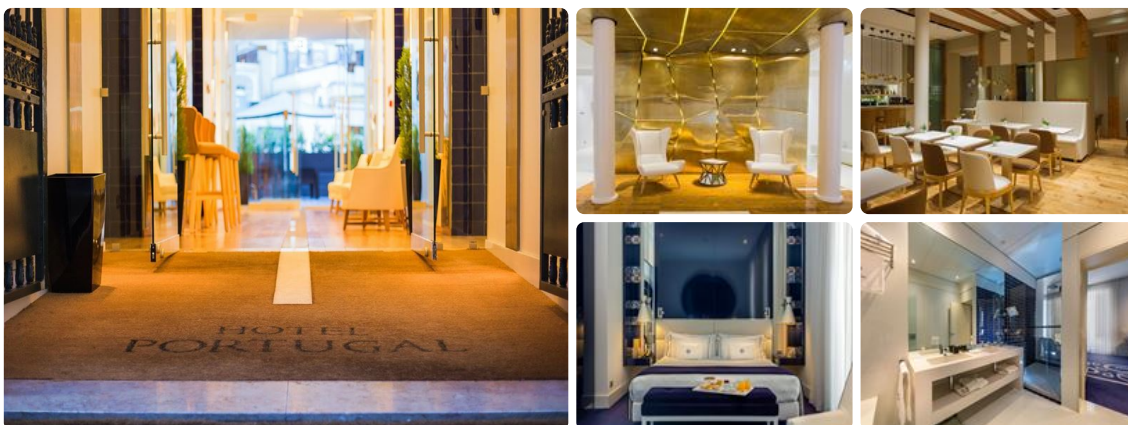
With a privileged location in the historic centre of Porto, in the prestigious Rua das Flores (Flowers Street), just 5 minutes walking distance from São Bento Station and next to the main city attractions, you'll find Casa da Companhia: a truly unique hotel for those who quality and comfort with historical roots are really valuable.

The interiors of this historic building have been restored keeping its original 18th century design.



Portugal Boutique Hotel 4*

Located in the Lisboa city center, a couple of steps away from the main points of interest of the city, Portugal Boutique Hotel offers its guests the possibility to indulge in the Lisboa lifestyle. Boasting 53 rooms, Portugal Boutique Hotel provides its guests with a service of excellence. From the entrance, the atmosphere is marked by a touch of luxury and refinement, induced by the materials and the overwhelming golden spread by the entire Lobby Lounge and Reception. It is a unique design, typical of a historical building from the Pombaline era, fully recovered. In addition to a Tapas Bar with a terrace sheltered from the bustle of the city, offering the best of Portuguese wines and tapas, Portugal Boutique Hotel also offers one of the most exquisite spaces you can find in the heart of Lisbon: a private wine cellar underground, offering unique wine experiences in an intimate atmosphere.



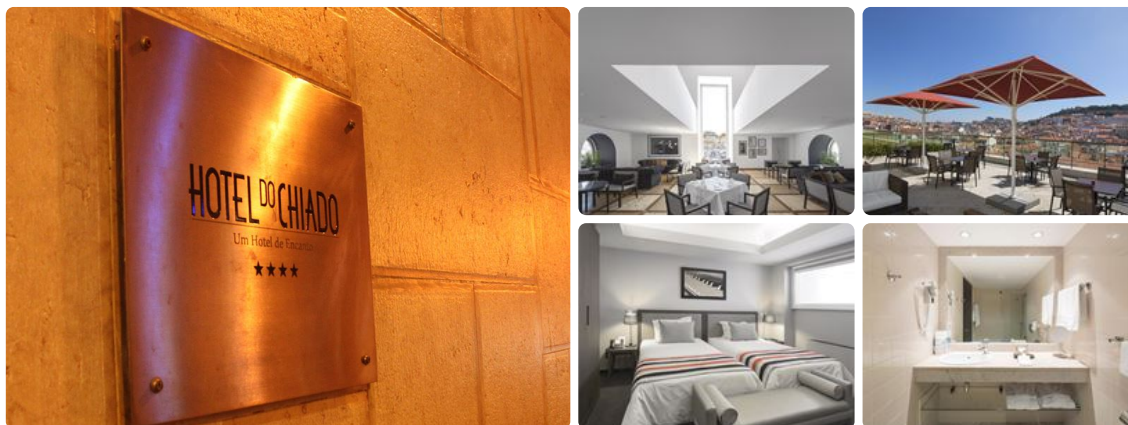
Hotel do Chiado 4*

Hotel do Chiado was built in the historic building of Armazéns do Chiado, nowadays a shopping center, which was completely restored by the famous architect Siza Vieira after the tragic fire of 1988.

Located in Chiado, *the trendiest, elegant and chic meeting point of Lisbon*, this is the only hotel in town that offers rooms with private terraces and panoramic views of the Castle and the TagusRiver.

The subway station Baixa-Chiado is located beneath the building and you can easily find taxi service side by side with the hotel.

The bar Entretanto, located on the 7th floor is well-known for having *the best view of Lisbon*, it's the perfect place for a romantic dinner, a gathering with friends, an informal meeting or just to relax at the end of a working day.



The One Palácio da Anunciada 5*

The One Palácio da Anunciada, the new five-star hotel in Lisbon, is located in the most exclusive area of the city, a few metres from Avenida da Liberdade and Praça dos Restauradores. The establishment is housed in a 16th-century palace that maintains its essence and majesty with an interior design that emphasizes the building's original beauty and provides comfort and exclusivity. Of note are its original perfectly restored ceilings, the natural light inside and its extensive 2,500 m² gardens which feature a protected hundred-year-old dragon tree. The hotel has elegant rooms, a full range of dining options, an outdoor pool, the Despacio Spa at The One and unique spaces for events and celebrations.



Terms and Conditions

Prices and Booking

No reservation was made at this point. We always try to find the best price available at the moment, so changes may occur. To guarantee these prices, please confirm your booking with us, as soon as possible.

We will need a 30% non-refundable deposit at the time of confirmation (*Deposit amount subject to change based on domestic flights included and/or peak season travel dates*). Final balance is due 90 days prior to arrival.

We accept all major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express) and wire transfers (*Discounts apply when paying via wire transfer*). Payments with PayPal will have an extra fee of 3%.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations, effective upon receipt of written notification, are subject to the following penalties of the full trip price:

- 30% non-refundable deposit due at the time of confirmation
- 90-61 days prior to arrival: 50% penalty
- 60-46 days prior to arrival: 75% penalty
- 45 days prior to arrival: 100% penalty

[See more information here.](#)

We highly recommend travel insurance to protect your travel investment. If you need an insurance plan, we can give you a recommendation.



FAQs

IF I NEED HELP, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you need any kind of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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HOW MUCH SHOULD I TIP?

Tipping is not mandatory in Portugal, it's considered a reward. If you think you had a great service, feel free to tip the guide/driver. Something around 20/50€ per day is considered a good tip.

At restaurants, you can give a %, some changes or round up the bill.

WHAT'S THE DRESS CODE?

For tours, it's recommended bringing comfortable clothing and shoes (Lisboa and Porto are hilly cities). For the fado dinner, there's no specific dress code.

When travelling to the islands, on the tours you should bring a backpack with swimwear, towels (get from the hotel), water, sunscreen, rain coat and hat.

Only if you want to go to a high-end/Michelin stars restaurant, they normally require a casual chic dress code. Please confirm it with the restaurant beforehand.

IS IT SAFE?

Portugal is a safe country. However in the touristic areas, like in any other part of the world, where there are a lot of tourists, there are pickpockets. No need to be scared, just take the normal security precautions. Don't walk with a lot of money on you, keep the passport in the hotel safe... just be smart!

CAN I PAY WITH DOLLARS?

In Portugal you can only use Euros. So, you can pay with your credit card and/or do a withdraw in any ATM (use always ATM/MB from banks and not from Euronet, as they'll have an extra charge).

WHAT ARE PRIVATE TOURS?

Our private tours include a private guide who will be also your driver. The vehicles are comfortable and have AC. The duration of the tours are from 9am to 5pm, including 1h lunch break (fullday) or from 9am to 12pm / 2pm to 5pm (half-day).

WHAT ARE SHARED TOURS?

Shared group tours are normally in mini vans up to 8 people. However, depending on the season and on the number of bookings, it can be in mini-buses up to 25 people.

WHERE ARE THE MEETING POINTS?

For private tours, the pick up/drop off is always at the hotel.

For shared tours, the pick up/drop off may not be at the hotel. Depending on hotel's location, can be 10-25min walking distance.

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE CAN I BRING?

In our transfers you can bring the following luggage (average):

1 to 3 people: Sedan with capacity of 2 large and 2 small bags

4 to 7 people: Mini-van with capacity of 4 large and 4 small bags

WHICH ARE THE PROHIBITED ITEMS ONBOARD?

You cannot bring the following items onboard of our vehicles:

Guns, Firearms or similar weapons; Pointed/edged Weapons & Sharp Objects; Explosives and flammable substances; Human ashes (without previous consent); Drugs and other illicit substances

CAN I SMOKE AND/OR EAT INSIDE THE CARS?

Smoking and eating onboard of our vehicles is not permitted.

WHAT ABOUT RESTAURANTS? HOW TO EAT LIKE A LOCAL?

Eating in restaurants in Portugal is usually relatively straightforward and an affordable experience. Even so, there are ways of getting even better value for money and making sure that you avoid some nuances in menu writing and in service that may have you be surprised by the bill at the end of your meal.

When you sit down at a restaurant it is customary for the servers to bring out a bread basket, butter, small dishes of olives, cheese, octopus salad and other tasty treats to our table without you asking for it.

If you don't want to eat it, don't touch it and ask them to remove it, otherwise if you touch it you will be charged for it.

Many restaurants serve a set menu at lunchtime. This is usually great value in that you get a starter, which is often soup; a main course; a drink which may be a glass or even a jug of wine; and sometimes coffee and a dessert for a set price which can range from approximately €10 to about €15 depending on the restaurant.

However, if you're in the touristy areas, and if you're looking for a fancy or trendy restaurant, the prices are a little higher, starting from 20€ to 50€ (or more, depending on the restaurant).

If you head away from the touristy areas, that's where you'll find out where the locals are having lunch, where you'll get a better deal and you can usually trust menu do dia or prato do dia.

Prato do dia is usually just that dish, and not part of a menu, so make sure you check what's included in the menu you want and what isn't before ordering.