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## **Lisboa and Porto in 5 days/4 nights - Nicky v2**

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## Day 1



### 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.



### Porto Walking Tour

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

Porto has something mystical that is difficult to describe, and which varies according to the place, the time of day and the light. There are some places in this city that cannot be missed, namely the **S. Bento** railway station and its 20 000 blue and white glazed tiles, the **Cathedral**, the **Ribeira** (riverfront) area, the **Clérigos Tower** and the **Lello Bookshop** (which inspired the beloved Harry Potter novels).

After your introductory tour, you'll have time to explore the city on your own, stroll around the city, do some shopping or visit some monuments.



### Overnight in Porto

## Day 2



### 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 visit a **family owned winery**, acquired in 2003 to fulfill a lifelong dream. Opened since 2012, this family business produces **5 different wine ranges**, including special editions which are homages to the household members. Here, you'll start your visit learning about their humble beginnings, current production and, to complement the wonderful wine tasting that is to ensue, you'll enjoy a tasty (and romantic!) **picnic lunch** among the vineyards (available from May to October). After your visit all you have to do is collect your basket and then find the perfect spot to lay down the blanket and enjoy lunch with a view – and, of course, great company!

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. 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

## Day 3



### From Porto to Lisboa by train

Today, after breakfast, is time to say goodbye to the unvanquished city and make your way to Lisboa!

A private driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to the **Porto-Campanhã train station**, where you'll board the train to **Lisboa** (2.45-hour or 3.10-hour train ride depending on schedule). Arriving in the **Lisboa-Oriente train station**, you'll have a driver waiting for you to take you to your hotel when you arrive.

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.



## Lisboa Walking Tour

It's time for the City of the Seven Hills! Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, as Lisboa is a rather hilly town and you'll be walking on cobblestones.

In this half day tour, discover **Alfama**, the oldest quarter of Lisboa, where you'll find St. George's Castle, perched atop one of the hills of Lisboa. Head to **Baixa**, the downtown area, completely rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1755. Stroll in **Chiado**, a bohemian area, where 19th century writers and thinkers gathered to discuss intellectual matters in the cafes.

*Note: the half day walking tour will only cover the downtown area (Alfama, Chiado and Baixa). It will not cover Belém.*



## Overnight in Lisboa

## Day 4



## Day trip to Sintra

Today we suggest a day trip to **Sintra**, capital of the Romanticism!

As a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since **1995**, it's no surprise that Sintra is the most sought-after destination for a day trip from Lisboa! If the mysterious and often misty **nature** isn't beckoning enough, the **bustling town center** and the **exquisite palaces** are sure to tickle your fancy!

It's impossible to visit everything in one day, but since you're on a private tour, you can decide what you want to visit within the available time. If your interest lies in the palaces, you can visit up to 3 during the whole day, which will not include any areas outside of Sintra's city center.

When it comes to palaces, Sintra has them by the dozens! The **Pena Palace** is arguably the most famous, having been many times compared to a Disney palace due to its artful combination of yellow and red and different architectural styles. Equally beautiful and interesting are the **Palácio and Quinta da Regaleira**, boasting impressive decorations loaded with Masonic references, the beautiful medieval **National Palace of Sintra**, the **Monserate Palace**, laden with Gothic and Indian influences, or even the **Queluz Palace**, our little Versailles and a truly undiscovered gem!



If, however, you wish to explore some different areas, you can visit up to 2 palaces and after lunch you'll stop in the westernmost point of mainland Europe, **Cabo da Roca**. Then you'll 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).

Arriving at your hotel, you'll have time to rest and freshen up before dinner.



### Dinner & Fado performance

In the evening, you'll be picked up at your hotel for your **Fado dinner**. You'll have a typical dinner at a Fado house while enjoying a Fado performance.

Fado is the **Soul** of the portuguese music. This music genre officially originated in Portugal around the 1820s, though it is thought to have much earlier origins. Fado is known for how expressive and profoundly **melancholic** it is. In fado music, the musician will sing about the hard realities of daily life, balancing both resignation and hopefulness that a resolution to its torments can still occur. It can be described by using the Portuguese word "**saudade**," which means "**longing**" and stands for a feeling of loss. This loss is generally permanent and of long-term consequence.

Whether you like the style of music or not, dinner by candlelight listening to Fado in Lisboa is an **unmissable experience!**

After the event, a driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel.



### Overnight in Lisboa

## Day 5

### 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.

