



Itinerary

Portugal & Its Islands featuring the Estoril Coast, Azores & Madeira Islands

Oct 18, 2020 - Oct 29, 2020

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins



Travel through some of Portugal's most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira. Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Eurostars Lisboa Parque
Lisbon

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 14°
Rain 2"

Day 2: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon



Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Enjoy a visit to the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine whilst local artists perform the traditional Fado.

Hotel

Eurostars Lisboa Parque
Lisbon

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 3: Lisbon - Batalha - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon



Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, vineyards and age-old castles. You visit three distinct villages, each with its own cultural character. Venture to Batalha to see the magnificent Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), built to commemorate the Portuguese victory over the Castilians in 1385. Experience Nazare, a seaside community named for a small wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived here in the 4th century. Then it is on to picture-perfect Obidos, where whitewashed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. Return to Lisbon and enjoy an evening at leisure.

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Lisbon

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Day 4: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada



To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), and join an Azorean at a pineapple plantation, where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses.

Hotel

Azoris Royal Garden Hotel
Sao Miguel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: Ponta Delgada-Terra Nostra Botanical Park-Furnas Valley-Ponta Delgada



Today, it's your choice! You may take a stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias -OR- you can rest and relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.* In Furnas Valley, experience a cozido das furnas lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth; you'll also explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. Afterwards, head to a tea plantation where you will learn about timeless methods of production. The day ends as you delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit.

Hotel

Azoris Royal Garden Hotel
Sao Miguel

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 6: Ponta Delgada



The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale and dolphin watching boat trip, or kayak and hike around Sete Cidades. Later, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Your evening finishes with an incredible dinner.

Hotel

Azoris Royal Garden Hotel
Sao Miguel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: Ponta Delgada-Sete Cidades-Ribeira Grande-Nordeste-Ponta Delgada



Today, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most iconic national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). At Sete Cidades, it's your choice! You can explore the Sete Cidades Interpretation Centre -OR- you may prefer to take a leisurely hike inside the crater and admire the pristine Bay of Silence. Afterwards, journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th- and 17th-century buildings. See City Hall, the Church of Our Lady, and the eight-arch bridge, a symbol of the town. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, Nordeste. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira dos Caldeiros.

Hotel

Azoris Royal Garden Hotel
Sao Miguel

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte - Funchal



Fly to Madeira. The "Pearl of the Atlantic" boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Discover Madeira's history during a panoramic tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market. Tonight, celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire.

Hotel

Pestana Casino Park Hotel
Funchal

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 9: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - São Vicente - Porto Moniz - Funchal



Begin your day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village and picture-perfect bay. Along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards whilst en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town with dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim* (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 10: Funchal - Camacha - Funchal



Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Camacha and Pico do Arieiro, the island's third-highest point. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their delicate craft. Then, it's time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. This afternoon you may choose to join a local guide on an exhilarating optional levada walk** and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains.

Hotel

Pestana Casino Park Hotel
Funchal

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Day 11: Funchal - Lisbon



Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "adeus" to Portugal during a farewell dinner.

Hotel

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Lisbon

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends



Your tour ends today.

Post Night: Eurostars Lisboa Parque



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Lisbon?