



## Itinerary

### Sunny Portugal Estoril Coast, Alentejo & Algarve

Apr 20, 2021 - Apr 29, 2021

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

#### Day 2: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins



Say hello to the Portuguese Riviera, your home for the next three nights. With mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril – all hinting at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility – embrace the feeling of luxury. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

##### Hotel

Vila Gale Cascais Hotel  
Cascais

##### Culinary

Dinner

##### Weather

High 19°  
Low 11°  
Rain 2"

#### Day 3: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais



Embark on a panoramic Lisbon city tour and uncover the city's most famous sights. You'll see the Alfama District – Lisbon's oldest quarter – along with the Belem Tower (UNESCO World Heritage site), and the Monument to the Discoveries. Step into the past at the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO) and Lisbon's Maritime Museum, which offers a glimpse into the country's naval achievements. Enjoy some time to discover the narrow cobblestone streets, meandering past seaside cafés or pausing to shop for ceramics, lace, and hand-woven works. You're on your own for the remainder of the day. You may choose to join an optional experience to savor Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado (UNESCO).

##### Hotel

Vila Gale Cascais Hotel  
Cascais

##### Culinary

Breakfast

##### Weather

High 19°  
Low 11°  
Rain 2"

#### Day 4: Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais



Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking coastal hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, it's your choice! Explore this quaint hilltop village independently and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries -OR- venture into the National Palace of Sintra.

**Hotel**  
Vila Gale Cascais Hotel  
Cascais

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
High 19°  
Low 11°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 5: Cascais - Arraiolos - Evora



Make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit Arraiolos, known as the "village of rugs," and delve into the history and art of Portuguese tapestries. Visit a local cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) – the "Museum City of Portugal." In addition to Evora's 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana, this medieval walled city is also the home to the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour and tasting.

**Hotel**  
Vitoria Stone Hotel  
Evora

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
High 21°  
Low 8°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 6: Evora - Monsaraz - Lagos



Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve – the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, pause to take in the dramatic vistas from the village of Monsaraz. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. From this bustling port city, many celebrated voyagers began their explorations and it was the home to the first school of the navigators. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings as you take in the surrounding views of the Atlantic.

**Hotel**  
Vila Gale Lagos  
Algarve

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**  
High 18°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 7: Lagos



The entire day is yours to experience the incomparable Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly colored fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world.

**Hotel**  
Vila Gale Lagos  
Algarve

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
High 18°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 8: Lagos - Faro - Tavira - Lagos



Journey to Faro, the gateway to the Ria Formosa lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic center and see the 9th-century Roman walls and its sought-after golden coastline. During lunch, discover the flavors of the region as a local chef highlights Algarve gastronomy during a cooking demonstration. Enjoy a tasting menu featuring iconic dishes of the region complete with local liquors and pastries. Continue to Tavira, an ancient Moorish city that blends traditional architecture with sandy beaches and a modern atmosphere. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure.

**Hotel**  
Vila Gale Lagos  
Algarve

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**  
High 18°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 9: Lagos - Sagres - Lisbon



Discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Stand in awe before the stunning Cape St. Vincent, where 200-foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey.

**Hotel**  
Turim Marques Hotel  
Lisbon

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**  
High 18°  
Low 11°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends



Your tour ends today.

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## Post Night: Turim Marques



Would you like to enhance your trip to Portugal with a magical stay on Madeira Island? Known as the “Pearl of the Atlantic,” Madeira Island is located 400 miles off the coast of Africa and only a 90 minute flight from Lisbon. Madeira Island boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges, breathtaking ocean views, flower gardens, waterfalls, natural ocean water pools, terraced fields of vineyards and bananas, and much more. Get to see and know all of Madeira Island with a visit to the Botanical Garden and two days of sightseeing. In Funchal, the island’s capital, discover 500 years of history in its charming plazas and colonial mansions. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and a local Madeira wine cellar for a tasting. Celebrate your adventure with a traditional “espetada” dinner (beef marinated in herbs and cooked over an open fire) accompanied by local entertainers and festive music.