

Portuguese Explorer

An add-on tour to Lisbon with excursions to Sintra, Nazare, Obidos & Evora

Portuguese Explorer is an add-on tour that can be added as an extension to our Spanish Fiesta or Spanish Explorer tours, or any customized tour ending in Madrid. Add-on tours can usually be operated with smaller group sizes than the 'main' tour.

Day 1: Receba a Portugal!

Departing Madrid this morning, we begin our Portuguese exploration as we travel towards the Spain-Portugal border.

En-route we will visit Merida, home to Spain's most extensive Roman ruins, including a well-preserved theatre & ampitheatre & a Roman bridge that was in use until recent decades!

After entering Portugal, our overnight stop will be in the charming provincial capital of Evora, known for its whitewashed Old Town, its cathedral & 'bone chapel', & its Roman Temple.

Day 2: Introduction to Lisbon

This morning we continue our journey to Lisbon, Portugal's capital city & once the center of a powerful seafaring nation.

After a group lunch, we begin our explorations with an introductory tour of this fascinating city, learning some of the history & culture of this proud nation.

Later, after checking-in to our hotel for a two-night stay, dinner will be in a local restaurant.

Day 3: Lisbon In Depth

We begin today by riding one of the famous historic trams of Lisbon to a rendezvous with our expert local guide.

Then our morning walking tour of Lisbon's colorful & historic heart will give you a good feel for the city, preparing you to explore the city at your own pace with an entirely free afternoon.

The tram will be our transport again this evening, as we travel to dinner in a restored monastery brewery!

Day 4: Sintra, Nazare & Obidos

Today we depart Lisbon, to discover some of the historic towns of the capital region.

In Sintra you'll see the colorful castles that the Portuguese royal family used to retire to in the Summer heat, & later in Nazare, a popular beach town, you can relax & perhaps even take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean!

Our overnight stop will be in the picturesque walled town of Obidos - after the daytime visitors leave you'll be able to wander the quiet narrow streets or walk atop town walls that date back centuries.

Day 5: Fatima & Lisbon

As we travel back to Lisbon today our first stop will be in the pilgrimage center of Fatima. Here we'll learn about the miraculous apparition of the Virgin Mary to local children that took place in the early 19th century. There will be an opportunity to visit the pilgrimage churches, witness some of the countless Catholic pilgrims that visit annually, & browse in the interesting shops that cater to local pilgrimage traditions.

Arriving back in Lisbon in the afternoon, there'll be a chance for some last minute sightseeing or shopping before our final Portuguese dinner this evening.

Day 6: Farewell to Portugal

Sadly it is time to fly home today. Your morning flight from Lisbon will arrive home in the USA later today.