

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

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Portugal Visit from 12th to 25th July 2016 (8 to 16 pax)

Day	Date	Day by Day Itinerary Overnight	Hotel for
1	12-07-	Arrival in Lisbon, private transfer & Half-	Vintage House



Today, upon your arrival, our guide and driver will be waiting for you at the airport to take you on a private transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, you will visit Lisbon on a half-day walking tour with our guide. Lisbon, capital of Portugal, located at the mouth of the Tagus River and from where the Portuguese boats set sail overseas in the 15th and 16th centuries towards East. At that time, the Maritime Discoveries period, the city became the center of a large empire. You will proceed to a private tram ride starting in Bairro Alto, and conclude in the Castle's hill. Well known for its historic traditional neighborhoods you'll be amazed with the sections of Chiado, Bairro Alto and Alfama as well as the Castle of Saint George and the gorgeous views you can enjoy from the top of its hill.

In the evening, you will walk to the restaurant Solar dos Presuntos, about a 10 minute walk and have dinner.

Private arrival transfer from the Airport to the Hotel, in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Private half-day walking tour of Lisbon

with guide Entrance fees included:

Castle of Saint George.

Dinner reservation at Solar dos Presuntos restaurant with meal included.

2 nights accommodation at The Vintage House Lisboa ***** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included.

2 13-07-

Full-day tour to Sintra, & picnic lunch Vintage House



Meet & greet our guide and driver in the morning to visit the region of Sintra. Among the sites you should not miss in Portugal there's Sintra, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO for the great beauty of its nature and architecture, with fairy tale palaces and lush vegetation. Here, you will visit the Pena Palace located on the top of the mountain and where you can still see the remains of the Portuguese Royal life. After a visit to this charming place, you will continue to drive through the mountain of Sintra and have a picnic lunch in the nature. This is a unique experience of relaxing and enjoying a charming picnic lunch in the mountain, accompanied with selected wines - enjoy! At the end, you will return to Lisbon, passing by Belém district in Lisbon, on a panoramic tour to admire the Belém Tower, Monument to the Discoveries and Jerónimos Monastery. The tour will conclude at your hotel.

Private full-day tour to Sintra, in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Entrance fees included: Pena Palace.

Picnic lunch in the mountain of Sintra with wines.

3 14-07-

Departure to Évora, Cheese making, Tiles M'Ar de Ar



After the check-out from your hotel, our guide and driver will meet you to depart towards the Alentejo. On the way, you will stop in Arrábida Mountain to experience two traditions of the Portuguese: cheese & tiles productions and The Azeitão cheese, a truly special one. After the yew's milk has been gathered, it's coagulated with a thistle from a cardoon that grows wild in Portugal giving it a very special flavor. After this process it's time to use your hands. The curd must be divided, by hand of course, squeezed, adjusted to the molds and the work will continue... The final result after a



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maturation of a few weeks is a small rounded cheese with a running texture perfect to scoop out from the top. Finally after the work is complete it's time to sit down and taste some of these cheeses that will be, we are sure, fully appreciated after the work that you now know is behind the making of this cheese. Then, you will continue to the Atelier of Azeitão glazed tiles, and experience painting your own tile! This is a very special activity in which you will learn more about this tradition that still continues in small production centers where you can learn how the glazed tiles are made from the start. You will paint your own glazed tile with your own designs or copying famous panels. After preparing the clay you can sit down and as you carefully paint the tile you can always count on the specialized help of masters of Azeitão.

Since it needs to be fired in order to transform from a piece of ceramic into a work of art, it won't be ready on the same day, and we will deliver your tile at your hotel in Lisbon before you leave Portugal.



At the end, you will proceed to Sesimbra that has been intimately connected to the sea for centuries due to the fishing activity which is still an important part of the community's life. The town has a very nice beach, good restaurants and you can visit the Castle, on top of a hill, affording great views to Sesimbra and the Atlantic Ocean. Here, you will have lunch admiring the sea at the restaurant O Velho e o Mar. After lunch, you will continue to Évora.

Private full-day tour from Lisbon to Évora, visiting the Arrábida mountain, in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Visit to Azeitão cheese production including the tasting.

Visit to Atelier of Azeitão glazed tiles including the painting of your own tile (delivery of the tiles in Lisbon) Lunch reservation at O Velho e o Mar restaurant with group menu.

2 nights accommodation at M'Ar De Ar Aqueduto ***** in DBL/TWN Classic Room with breakfast included.

15-07-

Full-day tour to Évora & Monsaraz

M'Ar de Ar



In the morning, and since you are staying inside the walls, our guide will take you on a walking tour to discover Évora, a beautiful small town in the Alentejo region. Still surrounded by the old walls it is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and will attract you for its medieval appearance, the narrow streets, the historic centre and the kindness of the locals. Amongst several interesting monuments, you shouldn't miss the Roman Temple from the 1st



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century, unique of this kind in both Portugal and Spain. Then, you will continue to Monsaraz , an ancient medieval village surrounded by walls, with narrow streets and beautiful monuments made with whitewashed schist stone. From its castle and walls you can view marvelous landscapes, with the rural fields and the surprising Alqueva Lake at the distance. Today, lunch is free - not included. At the end, you will return to your hotel in Évora.

Private full-day tour to Évora and Monsaraz, in MINIBUS with driver and guide.
Entrance fees included: Cathedral and Bone's chapel in Évora.

5	16-07-	<i>Cartuxa, Depart to Belmonte, visiting</i>	<u>Pousada</u>
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After checking out of your hotel, you will visit Adegas da Cartuxa in Évora, which takes its name from the ancient Cartuxa Monastery, located right next to the property. The setting is the former refectory of the retreat of the Jesuits. It will be on this atmosphere that you'll be able to visit this estate, understanding the wine production of one of the most important region from Alentejo.



At the end of the visit you will have a very interesting wine & olive oil tasting.

You will then continue your journey towards Belmonte. On the way, you will visit Marvão that has a fabulous location which has granted it the nickname of "eagles' nest". On the top of high defensive rocks, its walls located at almost 1.000 meters high, still embrace the old whitewashed houses overlooking the rolling hills of the Alentejo. Here, you will have free time for lunch (meal not included). Next to Marvão, you will discover Castelo de Vide, located at São Mamede Mountain is one of the sites in Portugal that preserve more vestiges from the Jewish people. From the castle you'll enjoy a wonderful panorama overlooking the old Jewish quarter that still preserves its old Castle, Jewry and one of the oldest and most important Synagogues of Portugal. At the end, you will arrive in Belmonte to overnight.

Private tour from Évora to Belmonte, visiting Marvão & Castelo de Vide in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Visit and wine and olive oil tasting at Adegas da Cartuxa.

1 night accommodation at Pousada de Belmonte in DBL room with breakfast included.

6	17-07-	<i>Depart to Douro: River cruise & Visit</i>	<u>Vintage House</u>
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In the morning, after checking out of your hotel, you will depart towards the Douro Valley. The first stop will be at Quinta da Ervamoira, located near Foz Coa, one of the most remote places of Portugal, on a region where the climate is hot in the summer and cold in the winter providing the ideal conditions for the production of some of the best Portuguese Wines. We assure you that although it will take you a little while to reach Quinta da Ervamoira it is worth every single minute of the trip! After getting to the village of Muxagata, we will get on a 4x4 vehicle that will drive us to the vineyards. Crossing rocky hills and old water streams we will reach the top of a hill and when you look down you will have hundreds of hectares of vineyards at your feet in an unmatched setting almost hard to believe in. Right in the middle of the vineyards you will find the little museum telling some of the old stories of this property.

The lunch will be served outside the porch where you will try some of the local specialties and, of course, the renowned Erva Moira wines that go by the name of Ramos Pinto. It will be hard to leave, we know, but we are sure that you will want to come back or that, at least, you will cherish these memories for ever. Then, you will have a private river cruise in the Douro: during this very special activity you will have the opportunity to board an eco-luxury boat in one of the little villages along the Douro Valley and enjoy this once in a lifetime experience, during a private cruise along the river. For approximately 2 hours you will cruise along the gentle waters of the river Douro, while enjoying the magnificent views.

At the end, it will be time to proceed to your hotel in the Douro Valley, where you will overnight.

Private tour from Belmonte to Douro in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Private visit, wine tasting and lunch at Quinta da Ervamoira.

Private River cruise onboard an eco-luxury yacht in the Douro

River - duration: 2 hours Dinner at The Vintage House Douro

with group menu included.

2 nights accommodation at The Vintage House Douro in DBL room with breakfast included.

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18-07-

Visit to Lamego and visit & wine tasting at

Vintage House



This morning, you will visit Lamego, a lovely countryside town. The elegance and wealth of several historic buildings came from the thriving production and trade of Port wine. Lamego is

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dominated by the beautiful shrine in honor of Our Lady of "Remédios" with its famous staircase. Then, you will visit Quinta de Marrocos winery. You will find the old Franciscan monastery that today comprises the main house of the Quinta de Marrocos estate. The estate enjoys a lovely location by the left bank of the Douro river, nestled between the snow on the Marão mountain range, the history and art of Lamego and Vila Real, the traditions and customs of the villages and towns, the nature of the Douro valley. The 17th century house is decorated with (country style) family antiques. It is one of the oldest estates in the Douro, and has maintained its own wine production activities for over 4 generations, producing famous Port and Douro wines. You will be welcomed for a visit and wine tasting. This evening dinner is free.

Private half-day tour to Lamego & Quinta de Marrocos in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Private visit and wine tasting at Quinta de Marrocos.

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19-07-

Depart to Guimarães, visiting Braga

Hotel da



After these amazing days in Douro, it is time to leave... After checking out from your hotel, our guide and driver will take you to Braga, known for its religious past. The importance and power of the church is still visible in the numerous churches and other religious buildings. The Cathedral (the oldest of Portugal) and the monumental Sanctuary of Bom Jesus de Braga are outstanding examples.. Then, you will continue to Guimarães , the cradle of Portugal as this is where our first king, Afonso Henriques, was born and where he began the nation. You will be visiting the Ducal Palace, the Castle and walking along the narrow streets of the historic centre (declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO) till the charming Praça da Oliveira (Oliveira Square). At the end, you will arrive at your hotel in the city center.

Private full-day tour to Braga & Guimarães in MINIBUS with driver and guide

Entrance fees included: Ducal Palace in Guimarães

2 nights accommodation at Hotel da Oliveira **** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included.

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Today you will visit Viana do Castelo, one of the most beautiful towns of Minho. Don't miss a visit to the Sanctuary of Santa Luzia with an incredible view over the Atlantic and the town. In the historical center the narrow streets with its small churches will lead you into lively town squares that are lovely place to walk around. You may also admire the filigree handmade works in one of the small shops in town. And then, continue to Ponte de Lima that is located at the banks of the Lima River. It's considered the most ancient village in Portugal, for having been given charter in 1125 by the mother of our first king. With a beautiful historic centre there are a large number of manor houses and palaces. In Ponte de Lima you can take the chance to enjoy genuine cuisine and the locally produced Vinho Verde (green wine). During the day you will have free time for lunch - meal not included.

Private full-day tour to Viana do Castelo & Ponte de Lima in MINIBUS with driver and guide.



After checking out from your hotel, you will proceed to Porto and visit this city. Porto is at the same time the name of a city and a fortified wine, one of the most famous in the world, aged at the wine cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia, next to the Douro River. You will visit Graham's Port wine cellar where "...the granite walls, over half a metre thick, combined with the maritime climate ensure a constant, cool temperature, ideal for the slow ageing of Port."

After learning about the wine process, you will be invited for a private wine tasting at the Vintage Room. Then, you will continue to the historical center which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and preserves many beautiful monuments, namely from the Baroque period which is contemporary to the glory and wealth achieved with the trade of Port Wine. You visit the Cathedral (Sé), the Church of Saint Francis and the Stock Exchange Palace. Finally, you will check-in at your hotel in Porto.

This evening, our guide and driver will take you to have dinner at Presuntaria Transmontana.

Private full-day tour of Porto in MINIBUS with driver and guide.
 Private visit and wine tasting at Grahams.
 Entrance fees included: Stock Exchange Palace and Saint Francis Church
 Dinner at Presuntaria Transmontana with group menu including
 transportation.

MINIBUS with driver and guide

2 nights accommodation at

Pestana Porto **** in DBL/TWN Superior Deluxe Rooms with breakfast
 included.

11	22-07-2016	<i>Free leisure day in Porto</i>	<u>Pestana Porto</u>
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This day is free for personal activities.

12	23-07-2016	<i>Depart to Óbidos, visiting Coimbra & Nazaré</i>	<u>Pousada de Óbidos</u>
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Meet & greet our guide and driver in the morning to continue your tour towards Óbidos. On the way, you will visit Coimbra, the city of the students because it was here that the first university in Portugal was created. Nowadays it is the oldest and one of the most important university in the country. You will visit the Old University and its Baroque Library from the 18th century, one of the highlights of the visit to Coimbra. In its city centre you'll wander among Romanesque and Manueline churches and then stroll across its commercial busy area. You will continue to Nazaré, one of the most famous fishing villages of Portugal!



From the top of the cliffs you will be able to admire the amazing views over the beach and the sea! The small white washed houses of the fisherman are also a lovely picture opportunity! You will enjoy a delicious meal on a restaurant overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. At the end, you will continue to your hotel in Óbidos for your last night.

Private transfer to Óbidos, visiting Coimbra and Nazaré in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

Entrance fees included: Old University and Baroque Library.

Lunch reservation at Mar Bravo with group menu.

1 night accommodation at Pousada de Óbidos in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included.

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13	24-07-	<i>Visit of Óbidos and departure to</i>	<u>Vintage House</u>
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This morning you will visit Óbidos that is surely one of the loveliest medieval villages in Portugal, still surrounded by walls and where traditional whitewashed houses are decorated with blue, red and yellow trims around doors and windows. The multicolored flowerbeds decorating the houses prove the female touch in this village that used to be the wedding gift of our kings to their queens.

After free time for lunch, you will continue to Lisbon where you will overnight.

Full day private visit from Óbidos to Lisbon in MINIBUS with driver and guide.
 1 night accommodation at The Vintage Hotel Lisboa ***** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included

14	25-07-	<i>Free morning and transfer to Lisbon</i>	
<i>Comments</i>			



Enjoy this free day in Lisbon for personal activities before leaving. In the afternoon, our guide and driver will take you to Lisbon's Airport on a private transfer so you can take your flight.

-End of our services-

Private transfer to Lisbon airport in MINIBUS with driver and guide.

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Included Services
2 nights accommodation at The Vintage House Lisboa ***** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included
2 nights accommodation at M'Ar De Ar Aqueduto ***** in DBL/TWN Classic Room with breakfast
1 night accommodation at Pousada de Belmonte in DBL room with breakfast included
2 nights accommodation at The Vintage House Douro in DBL room with breakfast included
2 nights accommodation at Hotel da Oliveira **** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included
2 nights accommodation at Pestana Porto **** in DBL/TWN Superior Deluxe Rooms with breakfast included
1 night accommodation at Pousada de Óbidos in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included

1 night accommodation at The Vintage Hotel Lisboa ***** in DBL/TWN Room with breakfast included
Private arrival transfer from the Airport to the Hotel, in MINIBUS with driver and guide
Private half-day walking tour of Lisbon with guide Entrance fees included: Castle of Saint George Dinner reservation at Solar dos Presuntos restaurant with meal included
Private full-day tour to Sintra, in MINIBUS with driver and guide Entrance fees included: Pena Palace
Private full-day tour from Lisbon to Évora, visiting the Arrábida mountain, in MINIBUS with driver and guide Visit to Azeitão cheese production including the tasting
Private full-day tour to Évora and Monsaraz, in MINIBUS with driver and guide Entrance fees included: Cathedral and Bone's chapel in Évora
Private tour from Évora to Belmonte, visiting Marvão & Castelo de Vide in MINIBUS with driver and guide Visit and wine&olive oil tasting at Adega da Cartuxa
Private tour from Belmonte to Douro in MINIBUS with driver and guide Private visit, wine tasting and lunch at Quinta da Ervamoira Private river cruise onboard an eco-luxury yacht in the Douro river - duration: 2 hours Dinner at The Vintage House Douro with group menu included
Private half-day tour to Lamego & Quinta de Marrocos in MINIBUS with driver and guide Private visit and wine tasting at Quinta de Marrocos
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Private full-day tour of Porto in MINIBUS with driver and guide Private visit and wine tasting at Grahams Entrance fees included: Stock Exchange Palace and Saint Francis Church Dinner at Presuntaria Transmontana with group menu including transportation MINIBUS with driver and guide
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Full day private visit from Óbidos to Lisbon in MINIBUS with driver and guide

Private transfer to Lisbon airport in MINIBUS with driver and guide

COST OF TOUR

***\$7920 per person twin share**

***Single supplement \$1750**

Not included:

- . Airfare
- . Personal, Travel and Luggage Insurance
- . Personal's expenses
- . All meals not listed in the above itinerary
- . Transfers not specified in the above itinerary as "included"
- . Lisbon City Tax: 1 Euro per person/per night will be charged to all guests older than 13 years old, directly by the Hotel up to a maximum of 7 Euros per guest

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* We will then send you our official booking form for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of 20% of the tour cost per person.

* Payment of your tour balance is then required 60 days before your departure.

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Best wishes

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