

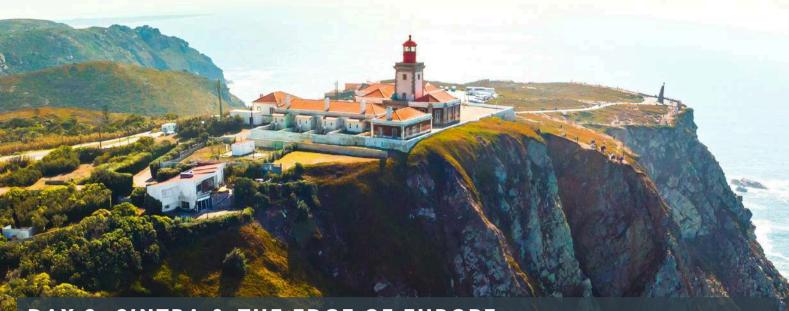
Discover the heart of Portugal and Madeira, where rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes await. Begin in Lisbon, a city of tradition and charm, where old trams wind through historic neighborhoods, and Fado music fills the air. Wander through the storybook town of Óbidos, explore the monastic wonders of Batalha and Alcobaça, and step back in time at the University of Coimbra. Journey on to Porto, where the Douro River flows past centuries-old wine cellars, before venturing into the Douro Valley for a day of vineyard-covered hills and world-renowned wines.

Then, escape to **Madeira**, an island of dramatic cliffs, lush forests, and stunning coastal views. Marvel at the mountain peaks of **Pico do Areeiro**, stand on the thrilling **Cabo Girão Skywalk**, and savor the island's famous Madeira wine in a charming seaside village.

With a perfect balance of history, culture, and scenic beauty, this cultural discovery journey reveals Portugal's timeless heritage and Madeira's natural wonders, while savoring the flavors and warmth of Portuguese hospitality.







DAY 3: SINTRA & THE EDGE OF EUROPE (SEPTEMBER 24, 2025)

MEALS: B, L

Today's journey takes us to **Sintra, a town of misty forests, fairytale palaces, and royal retreats**. Explore the vibrant **Pena Palace**, perched high in the hills, its bold colors and intricate details standing against a backdrop of endless greenery. Wander through its opulent halls and take in panoramic views stretching to the Atlantic.

Continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe, where dramatic cliffs plunge into the roaring ocean. Feel the salty breeze and take in the breathtaking scenery before heading to Guincho on the coast, where a fresh seafood lunch awaits.

The charming seaside town of Cascais, with elegant promenades, sandy beaches, and lively cafés is our relaxing afternoon destination. We'll have time to stroll along the waterfront, browse boutique shops, or simply soak in the laid-back coastal atmosphere. Return to Lisbon in the evening, with time to unwind and explore its dining scene at your own pace.





DAY 4: THROUGH TIME - LISBON TO ÓBIDOS VIA ÉVORA (SEPTEMBER 25, 2025) MEALS: B. D.

Depart Lisbon and journey into the heart of Portugal, where history unfolds at every turn. Your first stop is **Évora, a city steeped in medieval charm and Roman legacy**. Walk through its UNESCO-listed old town, marvel at the **ancient Temple of Diana**, and step into the haunting **Chapel of Bones**, where walls whisper tales of the past.

Take time to enjoy a **traditional Alentejan lunch** (on our own), rich in local flavors, before continuing to **Óbidos**, a picture-perfect medieval town encircled by ancient walls. Check into the hotel and explore at leisure, wandering cobbled streets, or sipping **Ginjinha** (cherry liqueur) from a chocolate cup before our dinner in a cozy restaurant within the castle walls.

DAY 5: ÓBIDOS - ART, HISTORY & LEISURE (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025)

MEALS: B, L

Today, Caldas da Rainha, a town renowned for its vibrant ceramics and lively markets, beckons. After a guided introduction and orientation, we'll browse handcrafted pottery, admire local artistry, or take in the town's relaxed atmosphere.

We'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, before returning to Óbidos, where the afternoon is ours to enjoy at our own pace. Stroll through the charming, whitewashed streets, walk along the ancient castle walls, or join an optional painting class, drawing inspiration from the town's medieval beauty.

As evening falls, choose from one of Óbidos' inviting cafés or restaurants, where you can dine within the warmth of the historic town.





DAY 6: MONASTERIES & COASTAL WONDERS (SEPTEMBER 27, 2025)

MEALS: B, L

Depart Óbidos and step further into history at **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline architecture, built to commemorate Portugal's greatest victory overcoming the Castilian armies in 1385. Wander through its intricate cloisters and admire the grandeur of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Continue to Alcobaça Monastery, home to the legendary tombs of King Pedro I and Inês de Castro, Portugal's most tragic love story. After exploring its majestic halls, enjoy a traditional lunch nearby, savoring regional flavors.

In the afternoon, we'll head to **Nazaré**, a charming fishing village where towering cliffs meet the Atlantic. Watch the waves crash against the shore, take in the stunning views from Sítio, or stroll along the beach, where colorful boats rest on the sand.

Return to Óbidos in the evening, with dinner at your leisure.







DAY 8: AVEIRO'S CHARM & ARRIVAL IN PORTO (SEPTEMBER 29, 2025)

MEALS: B, L

Sure to be a highlight of this morning's guided exploration of Aveiro is a ride in one of the colorful moliceiro boats as it glides through serene canals. We'll stroll through the Art Nouveau district and browse the local market. There is time to pop in a café to sample another of the town's famous sweet treats inspired by its maritime heritage.

After an early lunch, we head north to Porto, a city of rich history and striking beauty. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel before setting out on a **guided walking tour through Porto's historic center.** Discover the stunning azulejo-covered **São Bento Railway Station**, the lively Ribeira district, and the **Dom Luís I Bridge**, offering spectacular views over the Douro River.

As evening falls, enjoy Porto at your leisure—perhaps dining by the waterfront, where the city's golden lights shimmer on the river's surface.





DAY 9: THE DOURO VALLEY - WINE, SCENERY & TRADITION (SEPTEMBER 30, 2025) MEALS: B, L, D

Today we venture into the breathtaking **Douro Valley, a UNESCO-listed region where** terraced vineyards stretch along the hillsides. We'll visit a renowned winery, and learn about the art of Port wine production, enjoying a tasting of the valley's finest vintages.

A traditional lunch awaits at a scenic vineyard estate, offering flavors that reflect the region's deep-rooted culinary traditions. Our picture perfect afternoon includes a **relaxing river cruise, drifting along the Douro** as the rolling landscape unfolds around us.

Return to Porto in the late afternoon, with time to unwind before a farewell dinner, where we'll toast the unforgettable journey we shared.

DAY 10: FAREWELL TO PORTO (OCTOBER 1, 2025)

MEALS: B

Enjoy a **leisurely morning in Porto**, with time for a final stroll along the Ribeira district, a last sip of Portuguese coffee, or some last-minute shopping for local crafts and wine.

When it's time, transfer to Porto Airport for our departure, carrying the timeless memories of historic cities, breathtaking landscapes, and the rich traditions of Portugal.









DAY 12: WEST MADEIRA - CLIFFTOP VIEWS & ISLAND TRADITIONS (OCTOBER 3, 2025) MEALS: B, L

Start the day at **Boca dos Namorados**, a stunning viewpoint offering a unique perspective over the Nun's Valley, where dramatic cliffs frame the lush green valley below.

Continue to Cabo Girão, home to the famous Skywalk, a thrilling glass platform perched 580 meters above the Atlantic Ocean. Stand above the sheer cliffs and take in the breathtaking coastal scenery.

Next, visit Henriques & Henriques Wine Lodge, where you'll taste Madeira's world-famous fortified wine and learn about its rich winemaking heritage.

End the day in **Câmara de Lobos**, a picturesque fishing village where tradition and gastronomy blend seamlessly. Stroll along the colorful harbor, where fishing boats bob in the water, and enjoy the relaxed island atmosphere before returning to your hotel.

DAY 13: FAREWELL TO MADEIRA (OCTOBER 4, 2025)

MEALS: B

Enjoy a leisurely morning, soaking in the last glimpses of Madeira's stunning landscapes. Whether it's a quiet seaside walk or a final taste of local coffee, take a moment to savor the island's charm.

At the designated time, transfer to Madeira Airport for your flight back to the mainland and onward journey home, carrying with you the memories of Portugal's history, culture, and breathtaking natural beauty.

