



Friday · November 5th, 2021 - Friday · November 12th, 2021

5-12 Nov 2021: Discovering Portugal for Georgia Trust

Friday · November 5th	Transfer Check into: Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisbon (3 Nights) Welcome Drink And Local Neighborhood Tour Dinner At Hotel
Saturday · November 6th	Private Full-day Touring Of Sintra, Cascais & Lisbon Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)
Sunday · November 7th	Private Full-Day Excursion to Obidos, Alcobaca and Batalha Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)
Monday · November 8th	Tour Of The Alentejo Region En Route To Evora (9hr 45min) Check into: Pousada Convento Évora (1 Night) Dinner At Hotel
Tuesday · November 9th	Tour of Tomar City En Route To Coimbra Lunch At Casa Matreno & Casa das Ratas Check into Quinta das Lágrimas Hotel (1 Night) Dinner At Hotel
Wednesday · November 10th	Half-Day Tour: The Mystical City of Coimbra (3hr) Lunch At Passeite, Taberna do Azeite Private transfer From Coimbra To Porto Check into: Hotel Infante Sagres (2 Nights) Dinner At Hotel
Thursday · November 11th	Full-Day Porto Tour Including Port Wine Tasting Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)

Friday · November 5th

Transfer

Departure Location

Lisbon airport

Arrival Location

Tivoli Avenidada Liberdade

Notes

Flight details: TBC (arranged independently)

Arrives: TBC

Meet your driver in the arrival's hall (as you exit baggage reclaim), for your private transfer to the hotel.

Approximate transfer time: 20 minutes

Check into: [Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisbon](#)

+351 213 198 900

Avenida da Liberdade, 185, 1269-050 Lisboa, Portugal

Nov 05

Check In

Nov 08

Check Out

3 Nights

Situated on the Avenida da Liberdade in the heart of Lisbon, the elegant 5 star Tivoli Lisboa is well-recognised for its outstanding facilities and fantastic views, from the privacy of the Terraco Restaurant and Bar. From here, you can unwind and look towards the castle, the city's hills and the Tagus River, or enjoy a pause from the city at the Tivoli Caffè located in the hotel lobby. The in-house restaurant "Brasserie Flo" combines the best of traditional French cuisine with culture and theatre and has a lively ambience. Founded in 1933, the property was fully remodelled in 2008, becoming a hotel which is synonymous with style and elegance. It has a cosmopolitan feel and has long held a position of prestige amongst Portuguese hotels in the city.

Room Selection

Room Category

Deluxe room



Welcome Drink And Local Neighborhood Tour

3:00 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

Andre: (+351) 939 558 816

After some time to relax and refresh, meet your host in your hotel lobby. Despite its easygoing lifestyle, Lisbon is full of character and contrasts. With this welcome drink we invite you to step into Lisbon's unique style and visit some of the city's best viewpoints and most interesting spots.

During this tour you will experience the city's dynamic neighborhoods, you'll climb up to Graça's hilltop viewpoint through the narrow streets of the village-like quarter of Alfama and down again through the Moorish quarter (Mouraria), into the colorful and multiethnic Martim Moniz.

Or perhaps, you'll venture into the city's fashionable uptown to get a taste of the bohemian and artistic atmosphere of Chiado and Bairro Alto. Here you can find rather original street musicians, art studios, high fashion stores and dozens of sunny cafes and restaurants.

A great introduction to the vibrant culture Lisbon has to offer!



Dinner At Hotel

Tivoli Avenida Liberdade, 185

Avenida da Liberdade, Lisboa, 1269-050

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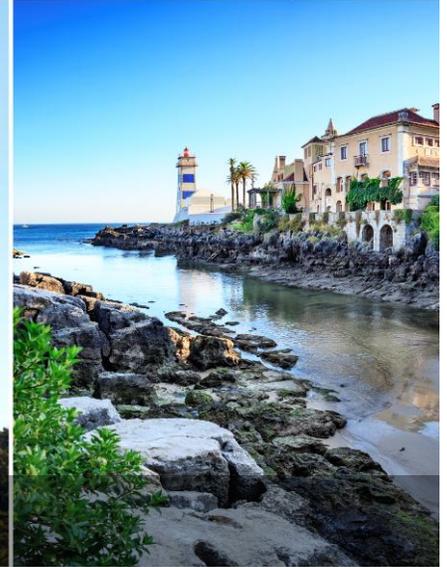
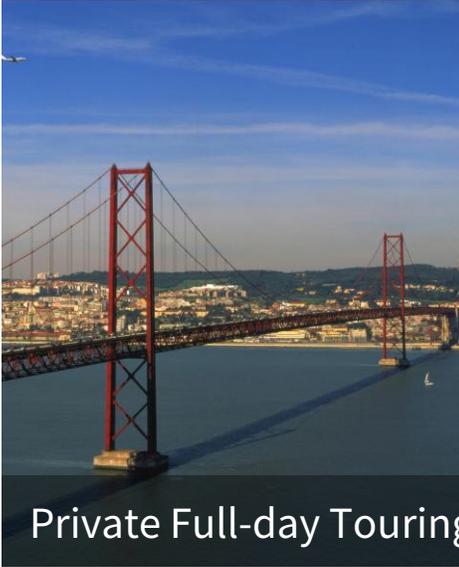
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Start Time

8:00 PM

**Dinner included*

Saturday · November 6th



Private Full-day Touring Of Sintra, Cascais & Lisbon

9:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

Sofia: (+351) 962 602 601

Today, meet your private guide and driver in the hotel lobby, and together you'll embark on a full-day tour starting in Sintra (roughly half an hour), your visit will start with **Pena Palace**.

Pena Palace is the most accomplished and remarkable example of Portuguese Romantic architecture. Built at approximately 500 meters above sea level, it dates back to 1839, when Prince Consort D. Fernando II of Saxe-Coburg (1816-1885) bought the ruins of the Hieronymus Monastery of Our Lady of Pena and began to make it into a small palace. To oversee the work, he called Baron Eschwege, whose inspiration for this remarkable edifice came from palaces in Bavaria. Extremely fanciful, Pena's architecture uses not only Moorish, Gothic and Manueline motifs, but also the Wagnerian spirit of Central Europe's, Schinkel Castles.

Crowning the Serra de Sintra, as if it were a harmonious prolongation of the range itself, the picturesque and also fantastic Palace of Pena cannot help but to impress its visitors. This supreme example of Portuguese romantic architecture is due to the magic materialization of the dreams of a Prince of Bavaria, Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, husband of Queen Maria II. In 1839 he bought the ruins of the former Monastery of Nossa Senhora da Pena, built in 1503; he developed and enlarged them, with the collaboration of the Prussian engineer Ludwig von Eschwege, to achieve an extremely sensitive creation. Of note inside the palace is the Renaissance retablo by Nicolau Chanterenne (1529-1532), the exotic, richly worked furniture and the whole romantic atmosphere par excellence. Apart from its historical and museological importance, the palace is host to concerts of classical music, exhibitions and historical plays. After the visit your guide will take you in the direction of the Sintra town center, where you will tour the **Sintra National Palace**. Made up of various constructions built over successive eras, it is one of the most important Portuguese examples of royal architecture and has therefore been classified as a national monument. Its current layout results from two phases of building works: the first one, in the reign of King John I (15th century), and the second in that of D. Manuel I (16th century). This palace is thought to have been originally a palace of the Moorish walls, and has the greatest collection of Mudéjar tiles in the country. It is topped by two large twin chimneys built over the kitchen, which have become the symbol of Sintra.

When ready head to Cascais where you will enjoy some lunch (included). After lunch, enjoy a stroll through Cascais fishing port, once a stop of navigators like Columbus and Vasco da Gama. From the harbor there's a nice view of Estoril Bay, the marina, and Cascais fortress.

Back in Lisbon, discover the Alfama district, the unmistakable soul of the capital city adorned with steep winding alleys, hidden landmark churches, echoes of tunes of fado music and stunning views of the Tagus River. Since the 5th century, Alfama was inhabited by the Visigoths, and remnants of a Visigoth town wall remain but it was the Moors who gave the district its shape and atmosphere. In Moorish times this was an upper-class residential area. The earthquake brought down many of its mansions (and post-Moorish churches) and the district reverted to a working-class, "fisherfolk" quarter. Continue to the Castle of St. Jorge, formerly a Moorish citadel. Here you can see Lisbon sprawling along the banks of the Tagus River estuary. From the city's hills, you can look toward the Atlantic, and let your thoughts run free.

When ready, your driver and guide will take you back to the hotel.

Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)

Time

8:00 PM

**Dinner included*

Sunday · November 7th



Private Full-Day Excursion to Obidos, Alcobaça and Batalha

8:30 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

Sofia: (+351) 962 602 601

A full-day excursion visiting some fascinating villages. The small village of Óbidos, one of the most picturesque and well preserved in Portugal, is certainly one of the more significant wedding gifts throughout history. Still completely surrounded by its ancient walls, its whitewashed houses and colourful bougainvilleas make for a very pleasurable visit. King Dom Dinis built his massive castle here (now a Pousada) and gave the city to his wife as a wedding gift. Óbidos then became the traditional gift for Portuguese queens.

Next, visit Alcobaça Abbey, which is one of the most important Cistercian abbeys in Europe. The layout of the church, as was current practice at that time, is formed by three naves of the same height, namely a transept of two naves and the ambulatory, which is impressive in its simplicity, grandeur and austerity.

You'll end the day at the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Monastery of Santa Maria de Vitória, better known as Batalha (the Battle Abbey). During a very important battle of succession in 1385, João (who would found Portugal's most important dynasty - the House of Avis) appealed for the Virgin Mary's help in defeating the House of Burgundy. Upon his ultimate victory just south of here, the newly crowned João I built a magnificent monument in gratitude.

When ready, private transfer back to Lisbon.

Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)

Time

8:00 PM

*Dinner included

Monday · November 8th



Tour Of The Alentejo Region En Route To Evora

9:00 AM

Start Time

6:45 PM

End Time

9hr 45min

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

Jorge: (+351) 964 648 162

Check out of your hotel and head to the heart of Alentejo region towards Azaruja where you will meet your guide and start with a visit to a cork factory.

Portugal is the world's largest producer of cork, and 75% of the country's cork is produced in Alentejo region. You'll stop by a village of Azaruja, to visit a cork processing factory and understand how it is prepared to later be worked for different uses. Beside handicrafts, cork is also currently used in almost all the sectors: construction; aeronautics; space industry; clothing, footwear and accessories; etc... the limit is our imagination and desire

Continue on to Evora, a well-preserved city starting from the Praça do Giraldo lined with attractive townhouses with intricate wrought-iron balconies. Make a stop at the Roman Temple of Evora with its large Corinthian columns that date back to the reign of Roman Emperor Augustus. Next will be a visit to the Romanesque Cathedral of Evora, built in 1186 - a true gem of the city and one of the most sacred sites in Portugal. Then on to the Saint Francis Church with the "Capela dos Ossos", a famous bone chapel built by 16th-century monks who wished to contemplate and communicate the message of the transitory nature of life. The Romans also built parts of the city walls. The Moors and medieval Portuguese made later additions to the walls. Consider also a visit to the University of Evora, a Jesuit college built by Henry Cardinal King of Portugal in 1559 and one of the most photogenic sites in the city. Enjoy lunch in Evora (included).

The last stop of your tour will be "Almendres", the pre-historic cromlech & the dolmens. The pre-historic cromlech, are referred to as Portugal 's Stonehenge. Experts say that this is older than Stonehenge, about 6.000 BC, and they believe each one of this 95 stones represented one person, representing their own tribe. The Great Dolmen of Zambujeiro is a megalithic monument that is considered to be one of the biggest such structures in the Iberian Peninsula.

When ready, continue on to your hotel in Evora.

Notes

**Lunch included*



Check into: Pousada Convento Évora

+351 266 730 070

Largo do Conde de Vila-Flor, 7000-804 Évora, Portugal

Nov 08

Check In

Nov 09

Check Out

1 Night

A wonderfully luxurious property oozing history and character. The building retains traces of its original architecture, such as courtyard cloisters... a beautiful and serene hotel located in the heart of Évora, perfect for those who wish to feel the local culture of the city. Expect high ceilings, golden decorations, stone floors, creamy bedding and big bath tubs. Excellent restaurant serving traditional thoroughfare, gardens and swimming pool. A great choice for couples and families. The staff are welcoming and friendly, much like everyone in Alentejo!

Room Selection

Room Category

Double room



Dinner At Hotel

Largo do Conde de Vila Flor, 7000-804 Évora, Portugal

+351 266 730 070

<https://www.pousadas.pt/en/hotel/pousada-evora?utm...>

Start Time

8:00 PM

Notes

**Dinner included*

Tuesday · November 9th



Tour of Tomar City En Route To Coimbra

8:30 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Church of Santa Maria do Olival

Contact Info

TBC

After check out, meet your private driver at 8.30 am and head to Tomar. Upon arrival, meet your local guide at the Church of Santa Maria do Olival and start your tour. (the drive to Tomar takes approx. 2 hours and 20 minutes)

The Former headquarters of The Order of the Knights Templar has not just a great and charismatic charm, but also an amazing artistic and cultural wealth. Tomar is, without doubt, the jewel in the crown of central Portugal. It is a magical city bursting

with handsome architecture and historical significance and is home to some of Portugal's most significant historic sites. The Convento de Cristo was the managerial and administrative center of the charismatic Templar Knights and subsequently of the Order of Christ. Henry the Navigator planned most of his New World Explorations from here in the 15th Century. It was justifiably designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 for its significance in Portuguese history and Christian culture. Built in the 12th century, the "Convento de Cristo" matches as well with The Charola, a Templar chapel. In this Convent you can as well notice a mixture of artistic trends that turns it into a unique item: the Renaissance portal, the spaces connected for Templar rituals, the symbolism of the Chapter Hall's window and the impressive Cloister.

The Castle of Tomar, inspired by Holy Land fortifications, was the most advanced military set up of the country. In the 16th century, King Manuel I, ordered some restauration works turning the castle into a Chancel.



Notes

**Lunch included*



Nov 09
 Check In

Nov 10
 Check Out

1 Night

Nature, charm, history, elegance, experiences... this is the essence of Quinta das Lágrimas (Estate of Tears). For centuries a private sanctuary that welcomed Kings and Emperors, the Quinta das Lágrimas Hotel is now open to all those that appreciate the art of fine living.

Room Selection

Room Category

Double garden room



Dinner At Hotel

Rua António Augusto Gonçalves., 3041-901 Coimbra, Portugal
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<http://www.quintadaslagrimas.pt/>

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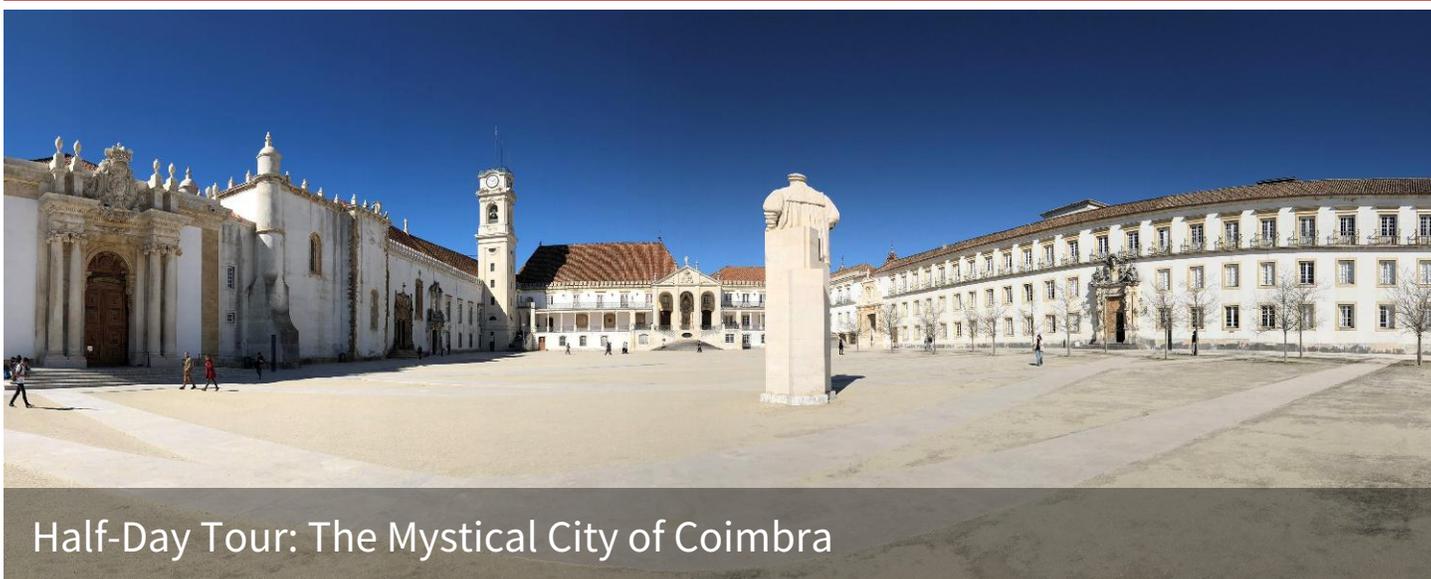
Start Time

8:00 PM

Notes

**Dinner included*

Wednesday · November 10th



Half-Day Tour: The Mystical City of Coimbra

9:30 AM

Start Time

12:30 PM

End Time

3hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

TBC: (+34) 6300 42 411

This morning, check out of your hotel and meet your expert guide at the hotel lobby and tour the ancient city of Coimbra.

Long ago, this site was occupied by the Celts, but the process of Romanisation brought a great cultural transformation to this region. The presence of the Romans is still visible in the various archaeological remains housed at the Museu Nacional Machado de Castro, built over the cryptoporticus of the Civita Aeminium, the forum of the Roman city. After them, between 586 and 640, came the Visigoths, who altered the name of the town to Emínio. In 711, it became a Moorish and Mozarab city. In 1064, the city was conquered by the Christian Fernando I of Castile and governed by the Mozarab Sesnando. Coimbra was the capital of Portugal during the Middle Ages, but it was the Renaissance that transformed the city into a place of knowledge, when Dom João III (1521-57) decided to move the University to the city on a definitive basis, whilst at the same time numerous colleges were created to provide an alternative to the official form of teaching. A centre of learning, par excellence, the University of Coimbra was founded in 1290 and is one of the oldest in Europe, and was classified World heritage site by UNESCO; this classification includes also the Uptown and Sofia Street.

Notes

**Lunch included*

**Lunch At Passeite, Taberna do Azeite**

Rua da Sota 44, 3000-392 Coimbra, Portugal

+351 910 718 182

<https://www.passeite.com/>

Notes

**Lunch included*

Private transfer From Coimbra To Porto

Time

2:00 PM

The drive is approximately 1 hour 20 minutes.



Check into: Hotel Infante Sagres

+351 223 398 500

Praça D. Filipa de Lencastre, 62, 4050-259 Porto, Portugal

Nov 10

Check In

Nov 12

Check Out

2 Nights

This beautiful hotel gets its name from Prince Henry the Navigator, initiator of the Age of Discovery and the early Portuguese voyages of exploration. The Infante Sagres opened up for the first time in 1951 by the entrepreneur and philanthropist Delfim Ferreira with the intention of endowing the city with a luxury hotel on a par with the finest in Europe. Housed in a listed building, it contains a wealth of decorative features, such as exquisite ironwork, carved wood detail and magnificent stained glass panels from the workshop of Ricardo Leone.

After an extensive renovation the hotel reopened in 2018 keeping a stylish ambience, personalised service and unique blend of timeless elegance and contemporary sophistication with a Vogue café in the lobby, the first in Europe.

A wonderful choice for those looking for an elegant and centrally located hotel.

Room Selection

Room Category

Superior room



Dinner At Hotel

Praça D. Filipa de Lencastre 62, 4050-259 Porto, Portugal

+351 22 339 8500

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Start Time

8:00 PM

Notes**Dinner included***Thursday · November 11th****Full-Day Porto Tour Including Port Wine Tasting****9:30 AM**

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Contact Info

Pedro: (+351) 938 309 728

You may start by exploring the city's old quarter, "a masterpiece of mankind's creative genius" according to UNESCO, who recognized the area as a World Heritage Site." On the banks of the Douro river, you can visit the city's churches and monuments. You will also have time to visit the Stock Exchange Palace or Palácio da Bolsa. The large, ornate neoclassical building built in the 19th century reflects the city's status as a major commercial center. You will tour the Hall of the Nations and the Arab room among many others.

Another must-see is the landmarked neo-gothic Lello & Irmao Bookstore. But pay attention: before heading in, gaze over the fascinating entrance. The magnificent façade is formed by a broad arch with its two painted figures representing Art and Science. This spectacular 19th century store features wooden benches with leather upholstery, wooden bookcases and a highly-ornamented staircase leading to the upper level. You will also tour the Fundação de Serralves, one of the highlights of Portugal for art lovers. Located on the outskirts of the city, the foundation's museum exhibits works by contemporary artists, including Richard Serra, Ed Ruscha, and Gerhard Richter. Pritzker-winning Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza designed the museum.

It's now time to cross the river to Vila Nova de Gaia where you will learn the history of the famous Port wine and the wine making process. The drink known as Port became popular in England at the end of the seventeenth century. The locally produced wine was found to travel better by ship when brandy was added. There are more than 40 varieties of grapes, picked in September in the special harvest known as "vindima". You will tour a cellar with your expert guide and you will learn about the differences between the various styles of Porto's such as the Vintage, The Single Quinta Port, LVB (Late Bottled Vintage), Crusted Port among others.

Notes**Lunch included today*

Dinner At Local Restaurant (to be confirmed)

Time

8:00 PM

**Dinner included*

Friday · November 12th

Private transfer To Porto Airport

Check out of your hotel this morning after breakfast, and meet your private driver for a transfer to Porto airport to begin your journey home.

Safe onward travels and adeus Portugal!

Approximate transfer time: 25 minutes