



PORTRAIT OF PORTUGAL - A CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Connections Boutique Group Journeys



Europe, Portugal



9 days from AU\$10,870 pp



24 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Enjoy a cooking class with a viscountess in the old kitchens of her family estate, and savour the results for lunch
- Sit down to a private dinner and fado performance in Lisbon, experiencing the iconic and expressive folk genre firsthand
- Dine at a fantastic seafood restaurant in Nazaré, one of Portugal's most picturesque traditional fishing villages, before exploring the coastal town from a funicular
- Ply the scenic Douro River on a private cruise, admiring the dramatic landscape of steep hills and vineyards
- Savour a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting among the picture-perfect Douro landscape



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for drinks and a welcome dinner.

Bairro Alto Hotel / Meals: D

Day 2: Lisbon | Sights, Sounds & Flavours Of Portugal

Enjoy a tour of Lisbon with an expert local guide. See the Belém Tower and visit the Jerónimos Monastery. Later, attend a hands-on workshop at the National Tile Museum, where you are introduced to this ancient Portuguese craft. This evening, experience a private dinner and performance of fado, the characteristic and emotional folk music of the nation.

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Day 3: Lisbon | Explore The Vibrant Pena Palace

This morning, travel just outside Lisbon to the village of Sintra. In this town of palaces, enjoy a guided tour of the Pena Palace, decorated with vivid colours and evocative stone carvings. Return to Lisbon, where the rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore.

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Day 4: Nazaré | Wave Watcher's Paradise

Depart Lisbon for Alcobaça Monastery. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded by Portugal's first king in 1153 and became one of the most important monasteries in the country. Continue to nearby Nazaré, a picturesque coastal village that is also home to some of the world's largest surf. Savour a seafood lunch, then take a funicular to the old neighbourhood of Sitio atop the cliffs. Later, arrive in Coimbra and check in to your hotel.

Quinta das Lágrimas / Meals: BL

Day 5: Coimbra | Stunning University & Library

Join a local expert for a tour that introduces you to the University of Coimbra, the oldest in Portugal, and its Johannine Library. Built between 1717 and 1728, this library contains over 50,000 volumes and was constructed on the ruins of a medieval prison. Then, enjoy lunch at leisure and time to explore. Continue to your hotel in the Douro Valley.

The Vintage House / Meals: BD

Day 6: Douro Valley | Views From The River

Drive along the beautiful Douro Valley, a place of lush, rolling hills terraced by rows of grapevines. Then, take to the water as the locals have for centuries on a traditional rabelo boat. Embark on a scenic cruise down the Douro Valley, admiring its vineyards and whitewashed estates. Cap off your cruise with a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting. Then, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Vintage House / Meals: BL

Day 7: Douro Valley | A Visit With A Viscountess

Meet a local viscountess to learn about the history of her family and their estate. Enter the old kitchens, where you learn to cook using the original wood-burning stoves. Indulge in the hearty lunch that you helped prepare, and then journey to Porto, Portugal's second-largest city, for time at leisure.

The Lodge Hotel Porto / Meals: BL

Day 8: Porto | Charming, Historic Waterfront

This morning, explore the Cais da Ribeira, the quayside of the fascinating Ribeira district. See some of the city's most beautiful monuments, including the São Francisco Church, the Romanesque Cathedral and the opulent 19th-century Palácio da Bolsa, which once functioned as a major stock exchange. The afternoon is yours to further explore. Afterward, savour a farewell dinner at one of the city's famous port lodges.

The Lodge Hotel Porto / Meals: BD

Day 9: Depart Porto

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with this Connections Boutique Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Barrio Alto Hotel, Lisbon



There's no doubt that Bairro Alto is one of Lisbon's most luxurious hotels. Named after the lively and fashionable Bairro Alto district in the heart of downtown, the boutique hotel overlooks Luis de Camões - Lisbon's main square - in a restored 19th century building resplendent in primrose yellow, with wrought iron balconies and stunning views of the Rio Tejo. The location is ideal for exploring Lisbon's creative district; nestled in a central spot, it's the perfect place from which to discover the rest of the city. The arty neighborhood of Bairro Alto is a pretty jumble of cobbled alleyways, home to countless galleries, trendy restaurants and live music spots.

Inside, the hotel's décor is a juxtaposition of glamorous urban style with traditional architecture and furnishings from Portugal. The spacious rooms and suites are full of light and colour; our favourite rooms are the Mansard rooms in the fifth floor, making use of the unique attic space with slanted ceilings and wooden beams: perfect for a romantic getaway. Beautifully outfitted in Ralph Lauren wallpapers, the Mansard rooms have Virginia Mota watercolours and Nuno Cera photographs adorning the walls. In total there are 55 spacious guestrooms, including four suites. For the ultimate peace and quiet, we recommend the rooms that face onto sleepy Flores Street.

On the top floor a breezy terrace peers down over the city with fantastic views across the red rooftops. It's the perfect place to relax with pre-dinner

cocktails. The sophisticated atmosphere of Café Bar has become a hot spot for locals with live music and DJ sets at the weekends; each of the bar's three floors has a different personality, from cosy and intimate Mezzanine, to the cosmopolitan ground floor and the relaxing Igloo Lounge. Located on the ground floor is the highly acclaimed Flores Restaurant, a typical bairro kitchen specialising in traditional Mediterranean cuisine. Light lunches, sandwiches and snacks, including the famous Caesar Salad, can also be enjoyed at the terrace.

Why we like it

- Luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Lisbon
- Located between the bohemian Bairro Alto and cosmopolitan Chiado districts
- Amazing city views from the top floor terrace, over the Rio Tejo
- A stone's throw from the area's famous theatres, churches, museums and bakeries
- Tram 28 handily stops right outside the door

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

May 15, 2024 - May 23, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,870 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

May 22, 2024 - May 30, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,870 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jun 19, 2024 - Jun 27, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,870 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jul 10, 2024 - Jul 18, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,870 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 4, 2024 - Sep 12, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,870 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 18, 2024 - Sep 26, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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