



Portugal Explorers Tour

September 19 to October 3, 2024

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This is a proposed itinerary and some tour aspects may change in the final itinerary.

Day 1 – Thursday, September 19, 2024

Meet at the Edmonton International Airport and check in.

17:05 Depart Edmonton for Amsterdam on KLM 676



Day 2 – Friday, September 20, 2024

09:40 Arrive in Amsterdam

12:35 Depart Amsterdam for Lisbon

14:35 Arrive in Lisbon and meet your guide and bus.

Depart for the hotel and check in on arrival

Dinner included at the hotel.

Evening free in Lisbon.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal



Day 3 – Saturday, September 21, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided bus and walking tour of Lisbon

Including the Alfama, the Baixa, Rossio, Restauradores, Pombal and Commerce Squares, the Liberdade Avenue, April 25th Bridge and the Jeronimos Monastery in Belem.

The tour will end in the Belem district so you can have lunch on your own and explore the area.



You definitely should visit the famous [Pasteis de Belem](#) to sample the original nata pastry.



Maybe visit these monuments and museums in the Belem area. Entrance fees not included.

[Monument of the Discoveries](#) – a monument celebrating the ‘Age of Discovery’ and prominent figures of Portuguese exploration. The wind rose and map square was a gift from South Africa.

[Belem Tower](#) – officially the Tower of Saint Vincent is a 16th-century fortification located in Lisbon that served as a point of embarkation and disembarkation for Portuguese explorers.

[National Coach Museum](#) – excellent collection of 17th to 19th century coaches.

[Maritime Museum](#) – Located on the west side of the Jeronimos Monastery, it is an impressive collection of over 23,000 pieces documenting Portuguese Naval history.

Return to the hotel on your own, evening free.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

Optional activity: there may be a possibility to see a soccer game on Saturday or Sunday.



Day 4 – Sunday, September 22, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning we visit the Nations Park, the site of the World’s Exposition in 1998.

Visit the [Oceanarium](#), Europe’s largest aquarium. (entrance fee included)

Free time to have lunch on your own, take the [cable car](#) or visit the [Vasco da Gama mall](#).



The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Lisbon.

Maybe go to visit the [Sao Jorge Castle](#) and enjoy the great views from Miradouro de Santa Luzia. Go up the 19th century elevator of Santa Justa to the Carmo Church and take in the view from Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara.



In the evening we will enjoy a fado and folklore show with dinner.

[Pateo de Alfama](#) – show and dinner

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

Day 5 – Monday, September 23, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning departure for a day trip to Sintra.

We will stop at the Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe.



Arrive in Sintra and visit the stunning 19th century [Pena Palace](#) with Gothic, Manueline, and Moorish architectural styles.

Lunch included in Sintra and then you will have a short free time to look around the town.

Walk from the city centre to the Quinta da Regaleira (20 minute walk)



Guided tour of the unique 19th century estate of [Quinta da Regaleira](#)

Walk back to the meeting point to catch our bus.

Return to Lisbon along the coast past the sand dunes of Guincho, and past the “Boca do Inferno”.

We will stop in Cascais for a view of the fishing port and resort town.

Return to the hotel and the evening is free. Maybe go to the Barrio Alto to enjoy the nightlife.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal



Day 6 – Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for the Alentejo Region for a visit to the [Herdade da Maroteira](#) cork farm and winery.

We enjoy a wine tasting and lunch before continuing to the Algarve.

Arrive at our hotel in the Algarve and check in.

The rest of the day is free for you to explore and have dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight: Algarve, Portugal



Day 7 – Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning depart to see the [Sand City](#) sculptures.



Continue to the Lagos marina to take a boat tour to the grottoes at Ponta da Piedade. Free time in Lagos for lunch on your own.



We continue our trip of the western part of the Algarve with stop over Dona Ana beach for a great view, the sacred promontory of Sagres, where there are remains of a fortress, and the end of continental Europe, Cabo Sao Vicente.

Afterwards we return to the hotel and the rest of the day is free.

Meals; Breakfast

Overnight: Algarve, Portugal

Day 8 – Thursday, September 26, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free day in the Algarve to enjoy the beach, golf 18 holes or rent a car to explore the coast.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Algarve, Portugal



Day 9 – Wednesday, September 27, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free day in the Algarve for you to enjoy the beach or other activities.

Late afternoon catamaran cruise including a visit to the famous Benagil cave.

Lunch with finger food onboard including: mini meat croquettes with honey mustard sauce, mini shrimp rissoles, mini vegetable samosas, white and sweet potato chips, tuna, red onion, and tomato quiche, chicken wraps, mini 'Caco' bread with olives tapenade, pickled cucumber, and fresh tomato. Fruit skewers and pasteis de nata for dessert. Soft drinks included.



Day 10 – Thursday, September 28, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Enjoy one last free morning in the Algarve.

Stop at [Quinta dos Vales](#) for tour of the estate, winery and cellar followed by a three course menu paired with wines.



Continue to Evora and enjoy a short tour of the city including the Roman Temple, and the St. Francis church with a “bones chapel.”

Check in to the hotel and the evening is free.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight: Evora, Portugal



Day 11 – Friday, September 29, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

Depart for Obidos and enjoy a guided tour of the medieval walled town on arrival and free time.



Continue to the fishing village and resort of Nazare to see fish drying on the beach and have lunch.

Afterwards we will stop at Alcobaca Monastery to see the largest gothic church in Portugal and at Batalha to visit the Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitoria with the tomb of Prince Henry the Navigator.



Our final stop is the world famous Marian Shrine of Fatima.
We continue to Coimbra and check in to the hotel. The evening is free.
Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight: Coimbra, Portugal



Day 12 – Saturday, September 30, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and check out
This morning we visit the University of Coimbra to see the famous library.
Depart for the Bucaco forrest to the romantic [Bucaco Palace Hotel](#) for lunch.
After lunch we will stop at the Costa Nova beach to see the colorful fishing houses.
It's a short ride to Aveiro from the Costa Nova for a canal cruise on a traditional "moliceiro" boat.
We arrive in Porto and check in to the hotel. The evening is free.
Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight: Porto, Portugal

Optional activity: there may be a possibility to see a soccer game on Saturday or Sunday.



Day 13 – Sunday, October 1, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.
This morning we enjoy the Douro Valley region famous for its wines and beauty.
We will tour the 18th century [Manor of Mateus](#) whose façade is depicted on the Mateus wine bottles.
Stop at [Quinta da Pacheca](#) winery for a guided winery tour followed by a wine tasting and lunch.

Return to Porto and the evening is free.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Port Wine tasting
Overnight: Porto, Portugal



Day 14 – Monday, October 2, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning guide tour of Porto including the City Hall, Aliados Avenue, Palace of the Stock Exchange, Porto Cathedral (Se Catedral), Ponte de Dom Luís I, Sao Bento Railway Station, and the Torre dos Clérigos.

After the walking tour we enjoy a 50 minute Porto 6 bridges cruise on a Rebelo boat. The afternoon is free to explore Porto. Maybe go visit the Livraria Lello, the Cafe Majestic



Depart for the Calem port wine tour.

Enjoy a tour of a Port Wine producer and a tasting.

CALEM - Guided tour of the museum and our historic wineries.

SP. TASTING W/ CHOCOLATE + CHEESE: Guided Tour + 3 Port Wine Tastings (LBV, Vintage & Colheita), Chocolates & Cheese – Transmontano Goat Cheese, Cheese from S. Jorge Island, Margarida milk chocolate, dark chocolate tartlet, Crackers and jam.

Farewell dinner at a restaurant in the Ribeira neighborhood.

Return to the hotel

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Porto, Portugal



Day 15 – Thursday, October 3, 2024

Check out and pick up a breakfast package.

Depart for the Porto Airport
05:00 Depart Porto for Amsterdam
08:30 Arrive in Amsterdam
14:30 Depart Amsterdam for Edmonton
15:20 Arrive in Edmonton
Meals: B



Portugal Explorers Tour

Tour information, cost, and insurance

Tour Includes

Flight from Edmonton to Lisbon
Flight from Porto to Edmonton
13 nights hotel accommodation in single or double occupancy
All bus transfers included in the itinerary
Breakfast daily plus lunches or dinners as listed in the itinerary
English speaking guide
Tips for guides or bus drivers
Azorcan tour information webpage and predeparture meeting

Tour Included Sightseeing & Events

Guided city tours of Lisbon and Porto
Visits to Belem, Sintra, Cabo da Roca, Cascais, Lagos, Dona Ana Beach, Cabo Sao Vicente, Obidos, Nazare, Fatima, Costa Nova and the Douro valley.
Entrance fees to Jeronimos Monastery, Pena Palace, Quinta da Regaleira, Lisbon Oceanarium, Sand City, Sagres fortress, Bone Chapel in Evora, Alcobaca & Batalha Monasteries, Coimbra University Library, Porto Cathedral, Porto Stock Exchange
Folklore and fado show with dinner at Pateo de Alfama
Cork farm and winery tour in the Alentejo with wine tasting and lunch
Boat tour to the grottoes at Ponta da Piedade
Catamaran cruise with lunch in the Algarve
Visit a wine estate in the Algarve with dinner paired with wines
Lunch included in Sintra, Nazare and at the Bucaco Palace
Boat ride on a traditional moliceiro boat in Aveiro
Tour of the Mateus Manor
Visit to a Port wine producer in the Douro valley with tasting and lunch
Porto 6 bridges tour on a traditional Port wine rebelo boat
Tour of the Calem Port wine producer with tasting of wines including cheese and chocolate
Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Porto's famous Ribeira neighborhood

Tour Does Not Include

Golf in the Algarve
Car rental in the Algarve
Tickets to soccer matches
Travel Insurance (Medical and Trip Cancellation) – see below.

Travel health requirements including documentation, vaccination or testing.
Free time activities and drinks at dinner or lunch unless otherwise indicated.
Optional free time activities

Tour Cost

Single room per person cost – \$ 7995.00
Double per person room cost - \$ 6595.00

Tour Payment Schedule

Initial deposit to guarantee your spot on the tour - \$ 500.00

Please complete the tour registration form and email with an image of your passports.

Second payment by April 15, 2024 - \$ 1500.00

Final Payment and final name list by June 15, 2024

Payments can be made by check, bank draft or e-transfer. Contact us for e-transfer details.
Azorcan does not accept credit card payments for our tours.
Azorcan is not liable for any payments made to third parties. Payments are non-refundable.

Tour No Flight Discount and Extended Stays

Receive a **\$1800** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe. Economy seats are reserved for the group.

If you want to extend your stay Azorcan can change your return flight and the gateway. There may be an additional cost to do this and on a group file we are limited by the number of passengers we can do changes on either the outbound or return flight.

Optional Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance

Azorcan Global offers an all-inclusive insurance policy or just a trip cancellation policy with Allianz Insurance. A copy of the insurance booklet and coverage is available on the tour webpage. It is up to each passenger to review the coverage and understand exclusions. We are not insurance agents so please call Allianz for any clarification on coverage. It is each passenger's responsibility to ensure they have proper coverage.

Azorcan will get a quote for **all-inclusive insurance** and for just **trip cancellation insurance** based on your age, tour cost and length of your trip once the tour is close to being full. Passengers over 65 will need to fill out a medical questionnaire to get quotes. After we get the quotes, Azorcan will have an insurance form where passengers can select their coverage option or they can decline our insurance.



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