

Lisbon to Porto | 11 Days

Day 1: Lisbon

Arrive at **Lisbon's** Portela Airport where you'll be transferred to the hotel.

Day 2: Lisbon

Featured Excursion: Lisbon city tour

Your guided exploration of Lisbon takes you to the historic district of Belem and the Belem Tower, the traditional starting and ending point of Portuguese voyages of discovery. You'll then visit the magnificent cloister of San Jeronimos, built in the early 16th century as a celebration of Portugal's territorial expansion and an expression of a unique national style. (BB)

Day 3: Lisbon

Spend leisure time enjoying this cosmopolitan city often referred to as the "City of Seven Hills." Uncover a treasure trove of Old World architecture, or simply relax in one of the many cafés in Lisbon's popular Rossio Square. (BB)



Day 4: Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto



Featured Excursion: Coimbra tour with family-style lunch

In the morning, you'll head north through the picturesque countryside to Porto. En route, you'll stop in Portugal's third-largest city, Coimbra, birthplace of six of Portugal's kings and home to one of the oldest universities in Europe. Within the university is the Biblioteca Joanina, a gem of a library with books that date back to the 12th century. After your library visit, you'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant before continuing on to the ship docked in Porto. (BB, L, D)

Day 5: Porto, Bitetos



Featured Excursion: Porto city tour & dinner at the Alpendurada Monastery

Traipse through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Medieval city center of charming Porto. Later, sail to Bitetos where you'll indulge in a country-style dinner at the former 14th century Benedictine Monastery of Alpendurada. (BB, L, D)

Day 6: Bitetos, Régua, Pinhão



Featured Excursion: Mateus Palace and Gardens

Visit the impressive Baroque Mateus Palace and Gardens; with one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, it's often described as the most fantastic country house in Portugal. (BB, L, D)

Day 7: Pinhão, Vega de Terrón (Spain)



Featured Excursion: Wine tasting at a local quinta

Pinhão is the epicenter of the Port winemaking area. Visit a *quinta* (vineyard) where you'll learn the history of, and sample, the country's most celebrated beverage. Later in the day, cruise from Pinhão to Vega de Terrón. (BB, L, Captain's Dinner)

Day 8: Vega de Terrón (Salamanca, Spain)



Featured Excursion: Full-day Salamanca tour with traditional Spanish lunch and flamenco show

From Vega de Terrón, on the Spanish border, travel overland to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage city. This charming town is untouched in its architectural purity, and throughout the centuries the sandstone buildings have gained an exquisite golden glow, giving the city the nickname the "Golden City." Visit Salamanca's historic university before having lunch with a flamenco show at a local restaurant. Then enjoy free time in this magical city. (BB, L, D)

Day 9: Barca d'Alva (Castelo Rodrigo), Pinhão



Featured Excursion: Castelo Rodrigo tour and dinner at the Vintage House hotel

In the morning, visit the picturesque, 12th-century walled village of Castelo Rodrigo. This is a charming and captivating place with Medieval streets, thick stonewall houses, and a remarkably distinctive fountain, Chafariz dos Pretos. In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner complete with wine at the Vintage House hotel, a magnificent converted 18th-century wine *quinta* overlooking the Douro River. (BB, L, D)

Day 10: Régua, Porto (Guimarães)



Featured Excursion: Guimarães city tour

Historic Guimarães was the first capital of Portugal in the 12th century and home to the first king of Portugal, Don Afonso Henriques. It has been referred to as the birthplace of the Portuguese nation. Dominated by Afonso Henriques' grand castle, Guimarães was recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its extremely well-preserved city center. You will be guided through the narrow streets of the Medieval quarter, which is lined with old houses embellished by ornate balconies, toward the beautiful main square, the Largo da Oliveira, and then on to other lovely places such as the splendid Monastery and Church of Nossa Senhora da Oliveira and the 14th-century Gothic Padrão do Salado. (BB, L, D)

Day 11: Depart Porto



Disembark the ship and transfer to the Porto airport for your flight home. (CB or BB)