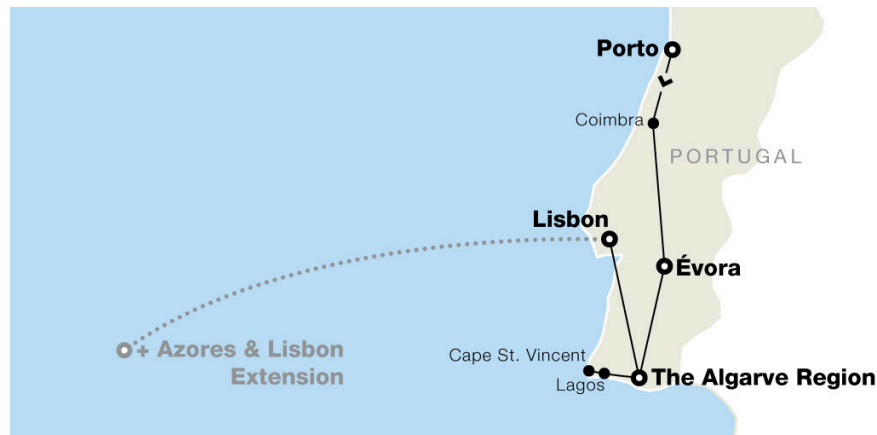




The Best of Portugal with Linda Haines

10 days | 14 days with The Azores & Lisbon extension | May 16 2025—May 25 2025

Journey through the cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has ever known. Sip Port in the city it's named for and soak up the historic neighborhoods along the Douro River. Coast from beaches to tranquil fishing towns in the Algarve, and end your stay in Portugal's colorful capital city.



Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- 1 food tasting
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Porto's Old-World Ribeira district
- Douro riverfront
- Stock Exchange Palace
- Coimbra
- Évora's Chapel of Bones
- Sagres Fortress
- Jerónimos Church
- Sintra

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Porto today.

Porto → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Porto

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Settle in to your hotel. Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow group members at a mixer before enjoying a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Porto

Included meals: breakfast, tasting

Get to know Porto like a true tripeiro (Porto resident) as you join your local guide for a walking tour.

- Wander through the medieval lanes of the Old World Ribeira district and along the picturesque Douro Riverfront
- Stop for coffee and a sweet treat at a local cafe
- Pass iconic sites, such as the Baroque-style Clérigos Tower, the Gothic São Francisco Church, and the wrought-iron Maria Pia Bridge
- Step inside the city's famed neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace

Enjoy a free afternoon in Porto or add an excursion.

+ Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar

Évora → 1 night

Day 4: Évora via Coimbra

Included meals: breakfast

Drive south and stop to explore Coimbra on a guided walking tour of the city's chapel and enter Coimbra University, the country's first university. Enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Évora where you'll get settled in to your hotel and have a free evening.

Algarve Region → 2 nights

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Évora & transfer to the Algarve Region

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Before making your way to the sun-soaked Algarve region, follow a local guide as you stroll through the streets of UNESCO-recognized Évora, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities.

- Take in the region's whitewashed homes and intricate tilework
- Pass the remains of the Roman temple and enter the Chapel of Bones
- Stop at the Alentejo Cork Factory for a tour to get a closer look at the way corks are made

Continue on to the Algarve region and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 6: Lagos, Sagres & Cape St. Vincent

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free morning in the Algarve region or add an excursion.

Then, join the group to discover the white-sand beaches, dramatic coastline, and small towns of the Algarve region, southern Portugal's beachy hot spot.

- Visit the seafaring towns of Lagos and Sagres
- Enter Sagres Fortress and admire stunning views of the sea
- Stop at Cape St. Vincent to relax on the beach and soak in the scenery from the southwesternmost point in mainland Europe

Enjoy free time this evening for dinner and to explore.

Please note: The order of today's schedule may vary based on weather.

+ Algarve Coastal Cruise

Lisbon → 3 nights

Day 7: Transfer to Lisbon

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Lisbon to settle in to your hotel and enjoy free time this afternoon. This evening, explore in your free time or add an excursion.

+ Lisbon Multicultural Walking Tour & Dinner

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know the Portuguese capital on a tour with a local guide.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park and pass the Praça Marquês de Pombal as you travel along Avenida da Liberdade
- Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém
- Enter the church at Jerónimos Monastery, built to honor voyagers
- Walk from Praça do Comércio through the heart of the city to Casa dos Bicos

Day 9: A day in Sintra

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Sintra and learn why the poet Lord Byron once called it a "glorious Eden."

- Soak in the picturesque gardens and sweeping views of the Portuguese countryside.
- Explore the stately palace Quinta da Regaleira and its impeccably manicured grounds and mysterious Initiation Well
- Get a glimpse into royal life during a guided tour of the 19th-century, romanticist Pena Palace
- Enjoy free time for lunch or wander through the town's winding, narrow streets, pastel-colored buildings

Later, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to explore the Azores.

+ The Azores & Libson extension

Dramatic landscapes, charming fishing villages, and tranquil pastures are a few of the features that draw travelers to the Azores, an archipelago situated off of Portugal's coast, in the mid-Atlantic. From mainland Portugal, travel to the

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largest Azorean island, São Miguel, which is home to lake-filled calderas and Europe's only tea plantation. During your visit, explore Ponta Delgada, the Azores' capital city, through its military and religious history, its natural landscape, and its culinary traditions.

São Miguel → 3 nights

Day 10: Flight to São Miguel & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Fly to Ponta Delgada, located on the island of São Miguel, and enjoy a guided tour of the Azores' capital city.

- Begin at Forte de São Brás, a Renaissance-style fortress used as a base for the Portuguese Navy
- Continue walking along the scenic promenade to see the San Sebastian Church and the Church of São José

Enjoy an included dinner with your group this evening.

Day 11: Pineapple plantation & Sete Cidades

Included meals: breakfast, tasting, lunch

Join a local guide for a day spent treating your taste buds to Azorean flavors—and enjoying spectacular views from Lagoa do Fogo volcano.

- Step inside a traditional greenhouse where Azorean pineapples—an island specialty—have been cultivated for more than 150 years
- Learn about the processes locals use to produce the delicious fruit
- Taste housemade pineapple liqueur and jam
- Continue on to Lagoa do Fogo volcano to enjoy views of its crater lake and other spectacular surroundings
- Make your way to Caldeira Velha, a lush, jungle area that's home to a hot spring and waterfalls
- Continue on to downtown Ribeira Grande for an included lunch
- Head to the Sete Cidades village, where you'll enjoy magnificent views of the surrounding crater and lake

Day 12: Free day on São Miguel

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day on São Miguel or add an excursion.

+ Gorreana Tea Plantation, Lunch & the Furnas Valley

Lisbon → 2 nights

Day 13: Flight to Lisbon

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a final morning on São Miguel before flying back to Lisbon.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: grouptoursite.com/tours/portugal-with-linda-haines | 1-800-438-7672

Day 3: Douro River Cruise & Port Wine Cellar

\$85/\$95* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Float along the beautiful Douro, the Iberian Peninsula's third-longest river. Take in scenes of Porto's vibrant waterfront and historic Villa Nova de Gaia, home to the region's centuries-old Port wine warehouses. As you cruise, you'll drift under five of the river's most iconic Old-World bridges, passing colorful hillside villas and traditional rabelos (flat-bottomed boats) along the way. Back on shore, pay a visit to one of Porto's most prestigious Port wine cellars. During the guided tour, learn about the long-standing history of Port wine, as well as the ins and outs of Port production and warehousing. Then, sit down to taste three of the cellar's world-famous labels, paired with cheese.

be sure to bring your bathing suit!) Then, head back to your hotel.

Day 13: Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

\$79 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Lisbon to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Lisboeta. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Portuguese culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 6: Algarve Coastal Cruise

\$49/\$59* (2 hours, departure time varies)

The Algarve Coast is incredible from the land—and even more impressive from the water. Board a boat in Lagos and sail along spectacular cliffs and beaches, including the natural rock formations and caves of the famous Ponta da Piedade. You may catch a glimpse of birds and dolphins as you cruise. Please note: This excursion is dependent on both sea conditions and the weather.

Day 7: Lisbon Multicultural Walking Tour & Dinner

\$89/\$99* (4 hours, departs in the evening,)

This evening, join a local guide from Lisbon's migrant community for a walking tour through the Moorish Quarter, the city's most multicultural neighborhood. Discover the neighborhood through the eyes of a local, and listen to the guide's stories and memories about the neighborhood's cultural diversity. End with an included dinner featuring the cuisine hailing from the regions of Portugal's former empire. You'll leave this tour with a new understanding of the iconic city.

Extension excursion options

Day 12: Gorreana Tea Plantation, Lunch & the Furnas Valley

\$95/\$105* (9 hours, departs in the morning, includes lunch)

Today, find out what makes São Miguel's variety of landscapes special as you explore Europe's oldest tea plantation and the picturesque Furnas Valley. Start with a drive along the coast, where you'll make a stop at Miradouro de Santa Iria to take in dramatic views. Then, pay a visit to the Gorreana Tea Plantation, a family-owned operation that's been operating since 1883. Tour the factory to learn more about tea production, then enjoy a tasting of black and green teas. On the way to the Furnas Valley, stops in quaint villages and enjoy viewpoints before sitting down for a lunch of traditional Cozido—a stew cooked inside an underground, volcano-heated steam chamber. Afterward, set off into the valley, where you'll visit—and, if you'd like, take a dip in—geothermal pools and serene Furnas Lake. (Just

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