

# 12-DAY PORTUGUESE PASSAGES & SPANISH SHORELINES CRUISE TOUR

Lisbon to Barcelona

PRE CRUISE LAND TOUR – 4 DAYS

**EXPLORE THE COAST** of the Iberian Peninsula from the stout geometry of Lisbon's Belém Tower to the graceful arches and domes of Andalusia's Moorish palaces. Head offshore to stunning Mallorca, an island of steep emerald mountains and turquoise seas. Then go beyond the shore, to a multicolored fairytale palace in Sintra, to famed pilgrimage waypoints like Fatima and the Porto Cathedral, and to Coimbra, its ancient university and Arab-flavored Old Town clinging to the hills above the river Mondego. See great works of art by Dali, Picasso, and Gaudi in the surroundings that inspired them. Discover the soul of a nation in Portuguese fado and petiscos and Spanish flamenco and tapas. Sip fine sherry in Jerez and port in Porto. And stay at 18th century manor houses and 5-star boutique hotels as Windstar takes care of every little detail on both land and sea.

Please note: Bring your hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, light rain jacket, and comfortable walking shoes for both dry and wet conditions. This tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for people with mobility issues. At times, travel is on winding unpaved roads. Luggage handling is included in this program. Itinerary timing is subject to change and, on rare occasions, the content of a day can be moved to another day due to holidays and other operational reasons.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transfers to and from sites, hotels, port and airport
- 4 hotel stays – 1 night at Altis Avenida\*, 1 night at Pestana Palace of Freixos Hotel\*, 1 night at Pacheca The Wine Hotel, 1 night at Sintra Boutique Hotel
- Entrance fees to the tram in Lisbon, Porto Cathedral, River cruise in Pinhão, Coimbra University and Pena Palace
- Guided tours of Jeronimos Monastery (on Mondays this will be an exterior tour only)
- Wine tasting at Quinta in Douro, Wine tasting combined with Portuguese Appetizers in Quinta do Bonfim or similar
- Meals as indicated - lunch at Restaurant Tia Alice, Tapas Dinner at Petiscaria Santo António, dinner at Quinta da Pacheca in Lamego/Douro
- 8-day cruise from Lisbon to Barcelona
- Activity Level: Moderate

\*or similar hotel class

## DAY TO DAY – PRE CRUISE LAND TOUR

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### DAY 1 – Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in the city that launched the Age of Discovery, one of Europe’s smallest capitals, and check into the 5-star Altis Avenida Hotel. Elegant outdoor cafés line mosaic cobblestone sidewalks and turn-of-the-century funiculars climb the steep hills. Although two-thirds of the city was leveled in a 1755 earthquake, the past is all around.

(Includes overnight at the Altis Avenida Hotel and transfer from airport.)



### DAY 2 – Lisbon – Fatima – Porto, Portugal

Follow your guide onto a bright-colored tram for a ride past the Old Quarter, then disembark to wander the medieval maze of Alfama that leads to St. George’s Castle. Lisbon’s past as a portal of discovery comes to life in Belem, where you’ll see UNESCO monuments like the Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery. Travel to Fatima for lunch at Tia Alice and a visit to one of the most important Catholic shrines in the world, then to your 5-star hotel in Porto for some free time before a mouthwatering tapas dinner.

(Includes overnight at the Pestana Palace of Freixos Hotel, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.)



### DAY 3 – Porto and Douro, Portugal

Start the day with a guided walk along Aliados Avenue, flanked by ornate buildings in styles from neoclassical to French Beaux-Arts. Experience the brilliant murals formed by thousands of blue and white azulejo tiles at the magnificent Sao Bento train station and in the dark, gothic cloisters of the 12th century Porto Cathedral. Afterwards, spend some free time in the lively Ribeira Quarter and lunch on your own. Relax and digest on a scenic drive through the terraced vineyards of the Douro Valley, a wine region so culturally significant that it’s been recognized by UNESCO. Take a traditional rabelo boat to a local port house to learn about and taste port wines, then drive to Régua, a major port-wine entrepôt in the 18th century, and check into the Quinta da Pacheca Wine Hotel, a former 18th-century manor house overlooking vineyards on the banks of the Douro River.

(Includes overnight at the Quinta da Pacheca Wine Hotel, breakfast, and dinner.)



### DAY 4 – Douro, Coimbra, Sintra, Portugal

Drive to Coimbra, Portugal’s one-time medieval capital. It’s home to one of the world’s oldest universities, established in 1290 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend some time on your own before embarking on a fairytale journey, passing through a magical forest dripping with moss and arriving in the fantastic landscape of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Romantic architecture and gardens. Check into the Sintra Boutique Hotel and enjoy some free time in the village known for its historic palaces and castles.

(Includes overnight at the Sintra Boutique Hotel and breakfast.)



### DAY 5 – Sintra Pena Palace, Cascais, Lisbon, Portugal

Splendid Pena Palace is a whimsical mashup of eclectic architectural styles and vivid colors. Perched high on a hill, the palace’s 19th-century Romanticism was the inspiration of King Ferdinand II, the Artist King. Afterwards, it’s off to Cascais, once the retreat of the Portuguese nobility, where you can explore the narrow maze of century-old streets. Drive back to Lisbon, stopping for some famous pastéis de nata (Portuguese egg custard tarts) on the way to the ship.

(Includes breakfast and transfer to ship.)

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