



EXPLORING PORTUGAL

SEPTEMBER 16 -26, 2018



Let's go to Portugal

This unique and well preserved country has all the makings for a delightful new travel experience for you. Are you up for a fresh adventure to a country that is colorful, carefree and culturally rich? Come along with me to explore the land of Portugal!

*Martha Norman, Owner
Take Me to Europe*

TOUR HOTELS:

Lisbon, Sep 17 - 21

*Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade 5**

Deluxe Rooms, Breakfast Buffet Included

Located in the very heart of Lisbon and housed in a 1930s building on Avenida da Liberdade, this 5-star modern luxury hotel will be a comfortable place to call home during our four nights in Lisbon. You will love the rooftop terrace!



Vidago, Sep 21 - 23

*Vidago Palace 5**

Superior Rooms, Breakfast Buffet Included

Golf and Spa on Site!

Our retreat spot on this tour will be in a refreshing location that was designed during the reign of King Carlos I in 1910. This hotel is set in a magnificent park that deserves a long visit itself. Soak up the tranquility, breathe nature and enjoy the luxurious living for a couple of nights!



Porto, Sep 23 - 26

*Pestana Vintage Hotel 5**

Deluxe River View Balcony Rooms, Breakfast Buffet Included

In one of the most prestigious areas of Porto, the Ribeira historic district you will find the Pestana Vintage Porto, constructed as a group of 18 buildings that have been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Postcards always feature the hotel right in front of the Douro River, which blends in nicely with the other historic buildings in the area. You will be welcomed in an atmosphere that is vintage and contemporary, luxurious and romantic.



DAILY ITINERARY

Sunday, Sep 16
Depart from USA



Lisbon, Portugal

Monday, Sep 17
Arrival into Lisbon
Welcome Dinner

Once you arrive into Lisbon, make your own way to the Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade. Your afternoon is at leisure. We will meet tonight at the Restaurant Terraco on the Hotel's top floor for our included Welcome Dinner. This rooftop bistro offers breathtaking 180 degree views of Lisbon that will instantly have you ready to tour this charming capital city of Portugal.

Tuesday, Sep 18
Lisbon City Tour- Half Day

Today you will see the most emblematic sites of Lisbon discovering the architecture, history and traditions of the Portuguese capital. Belem Tower, Monument of Discoveries, Jeronimos Monastery and the Coach Museum are some of the most symbolic monuments. Within the Alfama and Rossio quarters, you will find the essence of the city. We will also have the opportunity to taste the worldwide famous and delicious custard: Pasteis de Belem. Afternoon and evening at leisure.



Wednesday, Sep 19
Sintra Day Trip
Group Dinner

This morning we will depart for Sintra which is a Portuguese UNESCO World Heritage site, due to its beautiful, enchanted, and romantic landscape. Located in the foothills of the Sintra Mountains, this royal sanctuary is adorned with exotic trees and pastel colored villas and palaces. We will visit the Pena Palace, which is one of the Seven Wonders of Portugal.

We will also stop to admire the breathtaking views from Cabo da Roca- the westernmost point in Europe. Our lunch time will be in a fishing village- Cascais. Once we return to Lisbon, you will have some time at leisure to shop or rest, then we will meet in the lobby this evening to be transferred by Tuk Tuks to the Restaurant Tagide for dinner. I just love this place! Their food is fresh and so delicious. Plus, they have a great view of the city.



Thursday, Sep 20
Evora Day Trip
Group Lunch

Evora guards its historical center with a vast outer wall and represents a valuable cultural legacy that UNESCO has classified as World Heritage. The city, with its narrow streets of Moorish origin, holds 2000 years of history. Wander the streets and absorb the secret soul that a diverse range of cultural influences has laid down in the city. We will have an included lunch at the Restaurant Dom Joaquim which is known for its traditional Alentejo food. Afterwards, we'll leave the town center and make a stop for tastings in Cartuxa. The visitor center is in the old refectory of the former retreat of the Jesuit Brothers who taught at the University in the 16th & 17th centuries. Return to Lisbon for evening at leisure.



Friday, Sep 21
Coimbra
On Our Way to Vidago

After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel in Lisbon and will be on our way to Vidago. But first we make a stop in Coimbra, a riverfront city in the center of Portugal. It is home to a preserved medieval town and the historic University of Coimbra. Built on the grounds of a former palace, the university is famed for its baroque library which we will visit on the tour. In the city's old town lies the 12th century Romanesque cathedral Se Velha. We will have lunch at leisure in Coimbra and then have a 2 1/2 hour drive to Vidago.



Saturday, Sep 22
Day at Leisure
Group Dinner

This is your free day! Maybe you want to enjoy treatments at the luxury spa, explore the surroundings or even play a round of golf? This quiet and serene resort will be a highlight of the tour!

The water from the thermal springs is known for one of the richest alkaline waters. For long decades, the waters of Vidago have been part of the daily life and traditions of the people of the town. Their excellent therapeutic properties made Vidago famous and at the beginning of the 20th century turned it into Portugal's leading resort, a favorite destination of the Portuguese, European aristocracy (*and Take Me to Europe tour participants*).

We will meet tonight for an included group dinner at the hotel. Enjoy your day in the lovely palace hotel. I think you might feel a bit like royalty.



The Vidago Palace Hotel Golf Course is the ideal place for anyone wanting to combine golf with relaxation and tranquility.



Sunday, Sep 23
Douro River Cruise
Peso da Regua to Porto

This morning after checkout from the hotel, our coach will take us to board our ship for a private Douro river cruise to Porto including lunch. Cruises are one of the best ways to revel in the Douro region. You will enjoy the beautiful landscapes adorned with terraced vineyards on the river banks, farms and beautiful scenery as the river meanders throughout the middle of the increasingly steep slopes.

We will finish the river cruise once we arrive into Porto which will be a short transfer to our hotel. You will have the remaining evening at leisure. The hotel is in the best location of Porto so you will have lots of options for restaurants just a few steps from the hotel.

I reserved all river front rooms so you will be able to continue to enjoy this river from your hotel room!

Monday, Sep 24

Porto City Tour- Half Day

Porto is a coastal city located in the northwest of Portugal known for its stately bridges and port wine production. In the medieval Ribeira (riverside district where we are staying on the tour), the narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafes. You will be guided through the city center, a place filled with history and culture. Porto Se, Sao Bento Train Station- considered one of the most beautiful train stations in the world and Lello Library, ranked as the third most beautiful library in the world will also be visited. Lunch, afternoon and evening at leisure.



Tuesday, Sep 25

Braga Day Trip

Farewell Dinner

This morning we'll visit Braga, one of the oldest in the country. The city has a cultural and archeological richness, due to the Roman occupancy in the area. We will visit the Bom Jesus Sanctuary, a city icon, with its monumental staircase; amid an expanse of greenery, it offers an excellent panoramic view of the city. Outside the historical center, Sao Martinho de Tibães Monastery and S. Frutuoso de Montelios Chapel also warrant a visit for their beauty and historical significance. We will then return to Porto so you can have the afternoon at leisure to shop for souvenirs before you leave for home.

We will meet in the hotel reception this evening for a short drive to Vila Nova de Gaia and our farewell dinner at Restaurant Vinum.



Wednesday, Sep 26

Departure from Porto to US

Please arrange a taxi to the airport for your departure home.

Booking Your Flights...

You will need to book a multi city ticket. United has flights available to both Lisbon and Porto. One stop service to Lisbon and from Porto is available from the US on international airlines such as British Air, KLM, Air France and Lufthansa.

Fly into Lisbon. Depart US on Sunday, Sep 16 and Arrive into Lisbon on Monday, Sep 17

Fly out of Porto. Depart Porto on Wednesday, Sep 26

If you want to fly out of Lisbon, the coach bus and tour director will give you a ride back to Lisbon on Wednesday, Sep 26 at no extra charge since they will have to return anyway. You will need to book a hotel room in Lisbon for the evening and fly out on Thursday, Sep 27. Let me know if you prefer this option and I can help you arrange the hotel details.

Included in the Tour:

- Hotel accommodation including breakfast, all service charges, taxes and tip
- Hotel porters in & out who handle your luggage
- Private English speaking certified guide for the entire trip
- All transportation as mentioned in the program by private motor coach with air-conditioning, toilet, including tolls, taxes, parking fees, driver's expenses
- Please take note this tour includes these meals:
 - All Breakfast
 - Three Tastings
 - Two Lunches
 - Four Dinners
- All guiding and entrance fees as listed in the daily itinerary
- Sightseeing as per stated itinerary
- All tips to hotel staff, guide and driver
- Whisper Headsets

Not included in Tour Price:

- Airfare. This is a land only tour price. Tour participants are responsible to purchase airline tickets.
- Meals that are not stated as included in the itinerary.
- Golf, spa treatments or any other activities to be booked for your free day at the Hotel Vidago.
- Any activities such as shopping, admissions, concerts, or museum visits not included in the above list of covered expenses.
- Any charges incurred for special individual services or incidentals will be paid by the tour participant to the hotel.



PORTUGAL TOUR

SEPTEMBER 16 - 26 2018

Cost of Tour: 3278 Euro

per person double occupancy

**additional fee of 1288 Euro for single occupancy supplement*

**additional fee of 3% for credit card payment*

These are land only prices. You will be responsible to purchase your airline ticket. Please secure a multi city ticket to Lisbon and from Porto per the itinerary schedule.

Why not set a US dollar price now? Due to the possible fluctuation of the dollar between now and when the payment is due, the tour price must be set with the Euro. A statement will be mailed to you 10 days in advance of payment due with estimated current exchange rate.

Deposit and Payment Deadlines

- A deposit of **\$600** per person is required to hold space along with signed copy of the Terms and Conditions Form (last page of this document) and Application Form ([click here](#)). This deposit will be applied to the full price of the tour.
- Payment can be made by check payable to:
Take Me To Europe, LLC, 3103 Poplar Place, Sugar Land, TX 77479
- Please note that you have the option to pay by credit card with Pay Pal but there will be an additional 3% charge as the price quoted for the tour is a cash only price.

Please note the tour will be filled in order the deposits are received.

After the deposit is made, your remaining balance will be divided into two payments:

- First payment due by March 16, 2018
- Second payment due by June 16, 2018

Cancellation and Refund Policy

*From time of deposit until 101 days prior to departure date: a \$175 penalty will be charge for cancellation.

*Cancellations 100-71 days prior to departure date: 25% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC

*Cancellations 70-46 days prior to departure date: 50% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC

*Cancellations 45-16 days prior to departure date: 75% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC

*Cancellations 15 days or less before departure date or no-show: 100% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe

*No refunds will be made to tour participants for unused package services once travel arrangements begin.

*If Take Me to Europe, LLC for any reason whatsoever cancels the trip, all partial and/or full payments will be refunded in full without any further obligation on their part.

Safety and Responsibility

Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Take Me to Europe, LLC, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, subway, bus or other means of transportation; the forces of nature; political unrest; and accident or illness in areas without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Take Me to Europe, LLC will not be liable regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care rendered. It is understood that Take Me to Europe, LLC will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

Please note that handicapped facilities do not always exist in Europe and Israel, therefore passengers must be able to negotiate steps and be able to walk several miles each touring day without assistance or difficulty.

It is each tour participant's responsibility to obtain the required travel documents. U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport for travel outside the US. **The U.S. State Department requires that your passport be valid 6 months from the date of your return.** Also recommended is registration with the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

Verify with your health insurance provider of coverage available while abroad. Take Me to Europe, LLC strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance that will provide a peace of mind with your travel investment.

Take Me to Europe, LLC is responsible to you in making arrangements for the services offered in the package itinerary. The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing package services are independent contractors and are not principals, agents, employees, partners, or joint ventures of Take Me to Europe, LLC. The tour participant agrees that Take Me to Europe, LLC shall not be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss) or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing package services, or any insurer or insurance administrator or any other person.

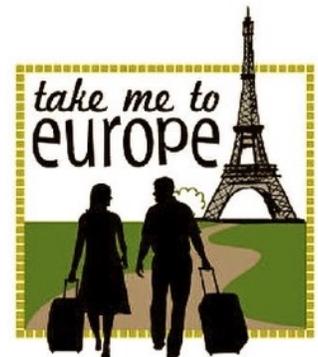
If the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of Take Me to Europe, LLC, Take Me to Europe, LLC will arrange for the provisions of comparable services, when possible.

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I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this Tour

Signature of Participant #1 _____

Signature of Participant #2 _____

Date of Contract _____



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