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Sunny Portugal

with Optional 4-Night Madeira Island Post Tour Extension

March 27 – April 5, 2025



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10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lisbon, Choice on Tour: “Calçadas” Walking Tour or “The Way of the Cod” Tour, Belem, Cork Factory, Evora, Winery Visit, Alentejo, Lagos, Algarve, Silves, Setúbal, Portuguese Riviera, Obidos, Sintra, Choice on Tour: National Palace of Sintra or Free Time, UNESCO World Heritage Sites

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Turim Marques Hotel , Lisbon
Day 4	Vitoria Stone Hotel , Evora
Days 5 – 7	Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve
Days 8, 9	Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, Cascais

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, March 27, 2025 Overnight Flight Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of orange and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

Day 2: Friday, March 28, 2025 Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins Say hello to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, March 29, 2025 Lisbon Choose how you want to explore Lisbon today, because **it's your choice!** Discover the art and tradition of the Portuguese sidewalks during a locally led walking tour **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager on foot and discover the city through the lens of the country's most loved fish, *bacalhau* (salted codfish). After, travel to Belem where you'll see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO) and the Monument to the Discoveries. Witness the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery* (UNESCO) and learn about the importance of this iconic monastery. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *Fado* music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, March 30, 2025 Lisbon - Evora Today, you'll make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) – the “Museum City of Portugal.” A traditional Alentejo lunch will be waiting for you, accompanied by *Cante Alentejano* music (UNESCO). In the afternoon, take time to explore this medieval walled city and see its well-preserved Roman temple up close. (B, L)

Day 5: Monday, March 31, 2025 Evora - Lagos Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve - the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and light lunch. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. Many celebrated voyagers began their explorations from this bustling port city. (B, L)

Day 6: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Lagos It is your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly colored fishing boats bob in the sea. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional boat tour** today that will get you closer to some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 Lagos - Silves - Lagos This morning, venture to Silves. Allow your senses to take over when you see the contrast of dark red castle walls with the whitewashed buildings as you climb the hills of this sleepy town, once the capital of Moorish Portugal. During your stop, explore the town at your own pace or choose to climb up to the castle and see for yourself one of the best-preserved examples of Moorish defensive architecture in Portugal. Venture into a local farm nestled among rich landscapes, to learn secrets of regional bread and fruits and sample the results with a savory lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialties. Continue down the coast to discover the importance the canning industry held in the Algarve. After, return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, April 3, 2025 Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais En route to the Portuguese Riviera, make a stop in Setúbal a colorful industrial city and one of southern Europe's best kept secrets. See the *Mercado* (Farmers Market) do Livramento up close. It is considered one of the best fish markets in the world, but it's also rich with



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displays of fresh fruits and vegetables. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, *azulejos*, are made. After, head to the Portuguese Riviera. Mansions scattered throughout Cascais and Monte Estoril all hint at this area's history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. (B)

Day 9: Friday, April 4, 2025 Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore

this quaint hilltop village and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries **-OR-** venture into the National Palace of Sintra and learn about its 1000-year old history. On your return to Lisbon, stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the western most point of continental Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 10: Saturday, April 5, 2025 Cascais - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Experience It! The Algarve

Postcard-worthy coastlines brushing against crystal clear water, stunning cliffs plunging into the rocky waves below, and awe-inspiring vistas that will leave you speechless – this is the Algarve. The southernmost region of Portugal, the Algarve is home to the perfect combination of historical architecture and sandy beaches. Although every area of the Algarve offers unique charms and is the perfect setting for a relaxing getaway, some of the preferred cities of this region include Lagos and Silves for their charm and good food. While in the Algarve, make sure you sample some of the fresh seafood, indulge in the local figs and oranges, and maybe even buy a piece of intricately painted pottery.

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Optional 5 Days 4-Night Madeira Island Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,499.00 USD double, \$1,849.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 28, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

****Due to inclement weather or challenging sea conditions, operation of the optional boat tour will only be reconfirmed on the day of service.**

***Please note that you only see Jeronimos Monastery from the exterior.**

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. During your Choice on Tour in Lisbon, one of the walks offered requires walking 2 miles on cobblestone streets and uphill at times. Lisbon is a hilly city and all sidewalks are cobblestoned which can get slippery when wet. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. All transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40-minute drive).



For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 21, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 26, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 28, 2024.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1214745 TOUR: Sunny Portugal Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera
 DEPARTURE DATE: March 27, 2025 GROUP NAME: Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Algarve



Algarve's Coastal Cruise

\$50 USD

Set sail on the clear blue waters of the Bay of Lagos to experience the stunning Ponta da Piedade with some of the most beautiful and famous coastal scenery in Portugal, including pristine beaches and rocky cliffs that are simply breathtaking. Upon arrival at Ponta da Piedade transfer to smaller boats... then, it's off to explore the magical grottoes! Take in the striking rock formations sculpted by the sea for thousands of years as you weave in and out of tiny inlets, serene grottoes and impressive caves. This excursion may not operate based on weather conditions. Also due to weather conditions, this excursion may operate in the afternoon. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Lisbon

A Night of Fado

\$120 USD

Fado: the perfect blend of voice and guitar. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Patrimony, as a celebrated form of world music that captures what it is to be Portuguese. The word Fado comes from the Latin word fatum, which means fate or destiny. It is a style of music that is all about deep feelings: the disappointments of love, the ups and downs of life. No one knows quite how Fado first came into being, but to this day, Portugal's traditional music remains at the very heart of the country's culture. In one of Lisbon's most popular Fado restaurants, professional performers entertain you while you enjoy a typical Portuguese three-course dinner with wine included. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Algarve's Coastal Cruise <i>This excursion may not operate based on weather conditions. Also due to weather conditions, this excursion may operate in the afternoon.</i>	50.00
	A Night of Fado	120.00

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YOUR INFORMATION: Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Business Class \$4,290

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "4-Night Madeira Island" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Vila Gale Cascais Hotel – Standard (included)

() Vila Gale Cascais Hotel – Standard Sea View (additional charge of \$75.00 double, \$150.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

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5 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 10: Cascais - Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira

Fly to Madeira Island, the “pearl of the Atlantic” where you will arrive in the early afternoon. Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. After some free time for lunch on your own in the colorful Santa Maria district, be led on a walking tour of Funchal’s old downtown with its quaint narrow streets and historical sites, such as the 15th-century cathedral. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents.

Day 11: Funchal

The day is yours. During your free time, you may choose to visit the Sacred Art Museum and learn about how the sugar cane trade allowed for the purchase of Flemish art dating back to the 15th century. Or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favorite local dish cooked over an open fire. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a tour that will take you to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with on a picture-perfect bay that served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It was here that Madeira’s natural beauty captivated him and inspired many of his paintings of the Island. Drive along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world’s second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. After, visit a sugar mill and learn about the importance of sugar cane production to the island in the early 15th century. Sample some local specialties made at the mill before leaving for the fishing village of Porto Moniz. Here, enjoy free time for a swim* (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic rock pools before returning to Funchal. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy your afternoon as you please. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 14: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

During your extension, your local guide or driver guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

*Bathing suits are required if partaking in the thermal water pools at Porto Moniz.

A **Hosted Extension** is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

An internal flight is required in order to participate on this extension and is included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you can partake in a two-hour walking tour covering up to 2 miles (including breaks), over a variety of terrains. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease and handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.