

Fado, Folklore & Food



Approximately 3½ Hours



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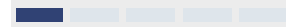


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1 out of 5

Value



1 out of 5

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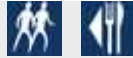
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Enjoy an evening experiencing one of Portugal's most charming cultural treasures—the classic folksongs called **Fado**, first sung by the wives and families of the sailors absent on the Voyages of Discovery. The Fado originated as a song of considerable sadness sung by the poorer classes, expressing tales of unrequited passion, tragedy and jealousy. As Lisbon's affluent families took an interest in Fado in the 18th century, it became more lighthearted and commented on topical events of the day. Your Fado experience begins with a **short sightseeing tour of Lisbon** en route to the **restaurant quarter** where Fado is performed. In keeping with the spirit of the songs, the décor, furniture and fittings of the restaurants often typify the taverns of the 15th to 18th centuries. While **dinner** is served, Fado singers and **folklore dancers perform** for you. Afterwards, return to the ship having savored some of Lisbon's most distinctive cultural and epicurean flavors.

Fatima & Batalha



Approximately 8 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.3 out of 5

3 out of 3 (100%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Approximately 90 minutes from Lisbon is **Fatima**, the so-called Lourdes of Portugal which, according to Roman Catholicism, is the site of miracles. Your guide will explain the legends associate with Fatima as you explore the area around the imposing modern basilica. After **lunch** at a leading restaurant, continue west to **Batalha** for a visit to the magnificent 14th-century **Gothic church of Santa Maria da Victoria**. It is a great place to explore and is of historical note because Prince Henry the Navigator's tomb is located here.

Hoogtepunten van Lissabon



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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Een panoramische rit biedt ons de kans met volle teugen te genieten van het moois dat Lissabon te bieden heeft. We kijken uit op de Avenida da Liberdade, met zijn trottoirs in mozaïek, op het Praca do Comercio en het Koning Edward VII park met zijn fantastisch uitzicht over de stad. We bezoeken het Jeronimus Klooster, een architecturaal meesterwerk uit de zestiende eeuw, ontworpen in Gotisch-Manuelijnse stijl en gebouwd ter ere van de Portugese ontdekkingsreizigers. We gaan verder met een bezoek aan het Maritiem Museum en bekijken de nabijgelegen rijkelijk versierde Belem Toren en het monument van de Ontdekkingen. We vangen tevens een glimp op van de 25 april Brug, zuster van de beroemde Golden Gate Bridge, die zich over de Taag uitstrekt. Aan de overkant van de rivier zien we in de verte het torenhoge beeld van Christus. Hierna brengt de bus ons terug naar het schip.

Lisbon & Estoril



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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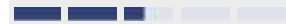


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2.7 out of 5

Value



2.3 out of 5

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From the pier, you will travel along the banks of the Tagus River to **Baixa**, the old business and shopping district with charming narrow streets and the famous squares of Comircio and Rossio. Drive along **Liberty Avenue**, a charming old boulevard lined with gardens and known for its unique **black and white mosaic sidewalks**. At **King Edward VII Park**, enjoy a splendid view over Lisbon's center and Old Town. Passing under an 18th-century aqueduct, you will reach the express road to **Estoril**—a resort town known for the many famous personalities exiled here during World War II. There will be some **free time** to stroll along the sea walk at Estoril, and to **photograph the Casino gardens** or relax on your own at an outdoor café. The drive back to the ship will take you along the beautiful **Atlantic coastline**. At the mouth of the harbor, you will enter Lisbon via its famous **monumental district** that celebrates the glorious heyday of global exploration. One last **photo stop** near the spectacular **memorial to Prince Henry the Navigator** is also the ideal place to see the suspension bridge across the river and the statue of Christ the King on the far bank.

Lisbon Baroque & the Art of Tiles



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.5 out of 5

Value



3.5 out of 5

2 out of 2(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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The word Baroque comes from the Portuguese *barroco*, which means an imperfect pearl. Baroque is an architectural and decorative style which flourished all over Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries—a time when Portugal enjoyed tremendous wealth from the discovery and exploitation of mines in Brazil. Some say Baroque is the art of extravagance; others say it is the art of embellishment. Your tour takes you to visit two of the **finest examples of Baroque art** in Lisbon. The first is the beautiful **Basilica da Estrela**, whose impressive interior features marble of various colors on the walls and flooring. It houses the famous Christmas crib by Machado de Castro and the mausoleum of the founder Queen Maria I. The second highlight of the tour is the **Tile Museum** housed in the former **Madre de Deus Convent**. No country has used tile as an art form to the same extent as Portugal. This unique museum shows how the tiles are made, and demonstrates their versatile use over a period of five centuries, right up to the present. The museum's masterpiece is a very long panel of tiles dating back to 1700, depicting the city of Lisbon as it was in that era. The former church was entirely redecorated in the 18th century, reflecting Portuguese Baroque art in the most beautiful way, with gilded carvings, azulejos, marble and precious Brazilian woods. Before leaving the museum, enjoy some **free time** to buy souvenirs at the **museum shop** or just relax in the lovely **gardens** and the original **café** complete with unusual kitchen tiles.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Lisbon Highlights



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?

2.8 out of 5

Value

2.7 out of 5

2 out of 6(33%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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A **panoramic drive** gives you a chance to enjoy Lisbon's highlights. Watch for Avenida da Liberdade, with its mosaic-lined sidewalks, Black Horse Square and the Park Edward VII viewpoint with a magnificent view of the city. You will visit the **Jeronimos Monastery**, a 16th-century architectural masterpiece designed in Gothic-Manueline style and built to commemorate the discoveries of the Portuguese navigators. Continue with a visit to the **Maritime Museum** and, nearby, you will see the lavishly decorated Belem Tower and the **Monument to the Discoveries**. You will also have the opportunity to see, stretching across the River Tagus, the April 25th Bridge. This immense span is sister to the Golden Gate, with the towering Christ the King statue on the far side. After your tour, you will return to the ship at the pier in Lisbon.

Notes:

The Maritime Museum and Jeronimos Museum are closed on Mondays. A bridge crossing and visit to the Christ the King Belvedere will be substituted and the Jeronimos Monastery will be viewed from the outside only.

Lisbon Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.



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Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations. Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Lisbon Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Notes:

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Lisbon Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Lisbon Sights, Sintra & Cascais



Approximately 7½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.3 out of 5

Value



3 out of 5

2 out of 3 (67%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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See from the outside some of the most important **landmarks of Lisbon**—the Tower of Belem, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Jeronimos Monastery. Continue to **Sintra**, a hillside town hailed by Lord Byron as a ‘Glorious Eden’ for its dense, subtropical vegetation. **Lunch** will be served at a local restaurant, and you will have some free time to explore the main **Town Square**, where the 15th-century Royal Palace is located. **Shop**, browse, or simply visit (on your own) one of the cafés that spill out onto the sidewalks. Next, visit **Cascais** where you will have **free time** to see and explore the town’s early 20th-century manors.

Lisbon: Foot & Funicular



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

1 out of 1(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Discover Lisbon by coach, funicular, elevator, tram and your own two feet on this tour that shows you what it's like to move about like a Lisboeta (a Lisbon native). It takes you all over, using a wide range of transportation options. Drive by coach to **Commerce Square** in central Lisbon, where you will leave the coach and begin with a fascinating **walking tour**. Follow your guide and you will pass beneath the Triumphal Arch to reach **Rua Augusta**—the most famous downtown street. Next, you'll take the Santa Justa **funicular** that connects this area with the beautiful **Chiado quarter**. At the top, stroll to the **São Pedro de Alcântara Viewpoint** to snap a few great photos. You will then ride the Gloria **elevator** down to Restauradores Square and walk to **Rossio**—the city's main square. Hop aboard the **tram** and ride to the Santa Luzia Lookout in Alfama. Take more photos of the superlative view and, finally, you will visit the **Castle of St George** before wandering down the **Alfama**. Re-board the coach here and it will take you back to the pier.

Notes:

Participants must be able to walk approximately 1½ miles over paved and cobblestone surfaces, inclines and several steps. Wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. Tour operates in all weather conditions; bring appropriate weather gear. Public transport is used on this excursion; expect some waiting time. The Castle of St George is closed on May 1, 2015. A visit to Graca Belvedere will be substituted.

Lissabon & Estoril



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Vanaf de pier rijden we langs de oevers van de Taag naar het oude zaken- en winkeldistrict Baixa, met zijn smalle straatjes en beroemde pleinen Comercio en Rossio. We rijden langs de Avenida da Liberdade, een charmante oude boulevard geflankeerd door prachtige tuinen en bekend om zijn zwart-witte mozaïeken trottoirs. Bij het Koning Edward VII park genieten we van een prachtig uitzicht over het centrum van Lissabon en de Oude Stadskern. We rijden onder het achttiende-eeuwse aquaduct door en nemen de expres-weg naar Estoril, een resortstad die vooral bekend staat om de vele bekende personen die hier tijdens de twee Wereldoorlog in ballingschap waren. In Estoril krijgen we voldoende vrije tijd voor een wandeling langs de zeepromenade, om de Casino tuinen te fotograferen of om even gezellig op een terrasje te genieten. Op de terugweg neemt de bus ons mee langs de prachtige Atlantische kustlijn en rijden we de stad binnen via het beroemde monumentenkwartier dat geheel in het teken staat van de glorieuze geschiedenis der ontdekkingsreizen. We houden een laatste fotostop bij het monument ter ere van Prins Henry de Navigator waar we tevens een prachtig zicht hebben op de hangbrug over de rivier en het standbeeld van Christus aan de overkant.

Medieval Obidos



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.6 out of 5

Value



4.1 out of 5

11 out of **13** (85%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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A scenic 1½-hour drive through the beautiful Portuguese countryside leads to the medieval town of **Obidos**, dating back to 308 BC. Since King Diniz first gave the town to his young bride, Obidos has been a wedding gift to all of Portugal's queens. You will feel as if you are traveling back in time as you explore its picturesque streets. Visit the 17th-century **Parish Church of Santa Maria**, with its magnificent interior in blue and white tiles. From **Pillory Square**, continue **exploring on your own**. Follow the narrow lanes to discover fine **shops** to browse in, or you may want to hike up to the castle (now a hotel), or explore the old lookout path on top of the city walls. This **free time** is an excellent opportunity to soak up the ambience of Obidos' charming outdoor cafes.

Puntos destacados de Lisboa



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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Esta vuelta panorámica nos da la oportunidad de disfrutar de los puntos destacados de Lisboa. En el camino tendremos la oportunidad de ver la Avenida da Liberdade, con sus aceras bordeadas de mosaico, la Plaza Caballo Negro y el Parque Eduardo VII con su vista magnífica de la ciudad. Visitaremos el Monasterio de Jerónimos, una obra maestra arquitectónica del siglo 16 diseñado en estilo gótico-manuelino y construido para conmemorar los descubrimientos de los navegantes portugueses. Continuamos con una visita al Museo Marítimo y al lado, podremos ver la Torre de Belém lujosamente decorada y el Monumento a los Descubrimientos. También tendremos la oportunidad de ver el Puente 25 de abril, que se extiende por el río Tajo, con la estatua impresionante de Cristo Rey en el otro lado. Después del tour, regresaremos al barco en el muelle en Lisboa.

Sintra, Cascais & Queluz



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3 out of 5

Value



3 out of 5

3 out of 6(50%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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The 15th-century **Palace of Queluz**, built in the style of Versailles, is your first destination. Then, you'll see the thick forests and surreal architecture of **Sintra** that draw thousands of visitors each year to this old village resort nestled in the hills. View the outside of the Royal Palace and stroll across the Square at Sintra, or visit the many and varied shops. Your tour will then continue via the Ramalhao Road to **Cascais**, a town best known for its early 20th-century manors, and the famous resort city of **Estoril**. Many famous personalities were fortunate enough to live in exile here during World War II.

Notes:

Queluz National Palace & Garden will be undergoing renovation during the summer of 2015; however, this renovation will not affect the inside visit of the palace.

Tagus Estuary Wetlands: A Bird Watchers' Paradise



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?

5 out of 5

Value

4.5 out of 5

2 out of 2(100%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Portugal is not only one of Europe's great beauties, she is also the keeper of one of Europe's splendid secrets—rich habitat and a relatively small population make Portugal a magnificent location for bird watching. Many of the stunning **bird species** normally associated with Spain congregate here in a high concentration of protected wetlands. The **Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve**, just 20 minutes from Lisbon, is among the finest. It is one of the most important wetlands in Europe, with mud flats, salt marshes, saltpans, cork oaks, rice fields, pastures and reed beds. Designated a **Ramsar wetland site** of international importance, the estuary includes a wide Special Protection Zone of more than 34,000 acres created to protect wintering, migratory and breeding populations of aquatic birds. Seasonally, the wetland is home to more than 120,000 waders, waterfowl and other aquatic birds. During migratory periods, it is not unusual to observe more than 100 species in a single day, including flamingos, black-shouldered kites, squacco herons and little bustards. The area is known to attract more than 250 species altogether. The specific geography of the Tagus also features non-wetland topography—wooded slopes, extensive pastures and wide steppes that weave an inseparable bond between the nature reserve and traditional agriculture. A stone's throw from the marshy bog, lumbering livestock seek the shade of cork oaks, and sharply contrasting lichens cling to the trees, creating virtually psychedelic whorls of shape and color. Keep an eye out for predatory mammals too—the crafty Egyptian mongoose moves in tight family groups in search of eggs and little hatchlings. Through your visit to the Tagus Estuary, you are doing to part to ensure that this corridor of safety for the birds of Europe is maintained and improved—part of your entry fee is used by the Institute for Conservancy of Nature & Biodiversity to operate the Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Use of binoculars and a telescope is included.