An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Family, and Friends of Tufts University

Featuring Tufts Professor Eulogio Guzmán

Discovering Portugal
September 22-October 4, 2024

13 days from $4,872 total price from Boston, New York
($4,295 air & land inclusive plus $577 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 13-day small group journey as we navigate through Portugal, staying in two unique pousadas, Portugal's famed historic lodgings, along the way. From Lisbon to the north, through the pastoral Alentejo region and south to the Algarve, experience a country rich in history, blessed with natural beauty, and well-versed in hospitality.

Begin with a three-night sojourn in Lisbon, one of the world’s oldest cities, offering highlights aplenty, including the iconic Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Travel north to Oporto, and enjoy a private cruise along the Douro River to a port lodge, where you have the opportunity to taste the region's renowned wine. In the pastoral Alentejo region, spend two nights in a 13th-century castle restored as a pousada before continuing south to encounter Portugal’s maritime legacy in Sagres. After, return to Lisbon to spend a night in a restored 19th-century palace, a fitting finale to our adventure.

There's limited availability for this small-group Tufts journey, so seize the moment and make your reservations now. Call our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at 888-370-6765 to book!

Warmly,

Mary Ann R. Hunt
Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel-Learn Program

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To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

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I/We would like to request ________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from _____________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _____________________

I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐
Discovering Portugal

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From Lisbon to the north of Portugal, through the Alentejo region and south to the Algarve, our small group navigates the gentle charms of this country rich in history, blessed with natural beauty, and well-versed in hospitality. Complementing our discoveries: stays in two unique pousadas, Portugal’s famed historic lodgings.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. Late this afternoon we meet our fellow travelers and tour director at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Day 3: Lisbon Highlights of our tour of one of the world’s oldest cities include the ornate 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery, where Vasco da Gama spent his last night ashore before sailing to the Far East; Belém Tower, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; and the iconic Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal’s Age of Discovery. Next we step back in time as we walk through the Alfama, Lisbon’s oldest district that was spared destruction in the earthquake of 1755. We stroll the maze of cobbled streets lined with colorful homes, and see the local people as they go about their daily lives.

Then we return to our hotel, with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we visit a local restaurant for dinner and a performance of fado, the traditional melancholic music of Portugal.

Day 4: Cascais/Sintra The first stop on today’s discoveries: Pena Palace, the colorful architectural extravaganza boasting double chimneys and multiple design styles. Following our tour here, we continue on to the nearby coastal resort of Cascais, where we have time for lunch on our own. After, we visit the Citadel of Cascais, built between the 15th and 17th centuries. Once a summer retreat for royalty, today the citadel houses a museum, which we tour, and a deluxe hotel. Then we walk through Cascais’ Old Town, and tour the Citadel of Cascais, originally a fort and now a museum. Dinner tonight is on our own in Lisbon.

Day 5: Lisbon/Oporto Traveling north today, we stop in the classic fortified town of Obidos, where we take a walking tour through its medieval streets. Then we continue on to the historic town of Oporto, our home for the next three nights. We dine tonight at our hotel.

Day 6: Oporto Today we explore Oporto, the country’s second largest city, known for its rich history, multiple bridges spanning the Douro River,

Small Group Tour Highlights

Lisbon touring  •  Cascais and Sintra excursion  •  Visit to classic fortified town of Obidos  •  Medieval Guimaraes, “birthplace” of Portugal  •  Oporto touring, with private Douro cruise and port wine tasting  •  University town of Coimbra  •  Visit to walled city of Evora  •  Journey through pastoral Alentejo district  •  Lunch at a country estate  •  Portugal’s maritime legacy in Sagres and Lagos  •  Stays in two intimate, unique pousadas  •  Comprehensive tour with leisurely pace  •  Visits to numerous UNESCO sites

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1  Depart U.S. for Lisbon
2-4 Lisbon Eurostars Das Letras First Class
5-7 Oporto Pestana Douro Riverside Hotel Sup. First Class
8-9 Estremoz Pousada Castelo de Estremoz Sup. First Class
10-11 Sagres Pousada de Sagres First Class
12 Lisbon Pestana Palace Lisboa Deluxe
13 Depart Lisbon for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Avg. High (°F) Sep Oct
Lisbon 80 73
Estremoz 80 69
Sagres 77 73

Cover Photo: The landmark Castelo de São Jorge stands as an icon above Lisbon.
and as the home of port wine. Highlights of our panoramic city tour include the medieval city center, a UNESCO site, and the baroque Clérigos Church, with its signature bell tower. Then we enjoy a private “six-bridge” cruise on the Douro, upon whose banks the Romans planted grape vines millennia ago. Our tour ends with a visit to a port lodge for a tasting of the fortified wine exclusive to this region. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy this fascinating city as we wish, perhaps to wander the narrow cobbled streets of the medieval Ribieira (riverside) district – or to stroll the broad boulevard and public square of Praça da Liberdade, flanked by imposing civic buildings and trendy boutiques. We dine together tonight. 

Day 7: Guimaraes/Braga We travel to the lovely city of Guimaraes, considered the “birthplace” of Portugal for being the birthplace of Afonso Henriques, the country’s first king. With its well-preserved historical center (a UNESCO site) and harmonious design, Guimaraes is closely tied to the Portuguese national identity. We get a taste of this unique atmosphere on a walking tour through the medieval streets and squares lined with period houses; and past such landmarks as the castle, Chapel of St. Michael, Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, and graceful Oliveira Square. After lunch on our own, we depart for nearby Braga, a 2,000-year-old city. Known for its religious festivals, Braga is an elegant town laced with narrow lanes, plazas, and an abundance of baroque churches. Highlights of our walking tour include the fortified Torre de Menagem, Largo do Paco square, and the impressive Cathedral, Portugal’s oldest and one of the country’s most important buildings. B,D

Day 8: Oporto/Coimbra/Estremoz Today’s travels bring us first to historic Coimbra, where we take a walking tour of the 13th-century university, a UNESCO site. We also visit the Santa Cruz Monastery to see the medieval tombs and ornate sacristy. Then we continue our journey south to Estremoz in the Alentejo region, Portugal’s agricultural center with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive, citrus, and cork trees. Late afternoon we reach our pousada set in a 15th-century castle in the historic city center. B,D

Day 9: Evora This morning’s walking tour of the walled city of Evora introduces us to the charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO site, thanks to the many relics from its Roman and Moorish past. We see a Roman temple, the 12th-century cathedral, central Giraldo Square, and the Church of St. Francis, home of the 16th-century Chapel of Bones adorned with human skulls and bones. Then we have free time to explore this Golden Age city independently. Mid-afternoon we depart for Estremoz and our pousada; dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 10: Estremoz/Sagres As we continue our journey south, we visit a cork factory then arrive late morning at a country estate lush with vineyards, olive groves, and forests of cork oak. Here we learn about olive oil and wine production and enjoy a tasting, followed by lunch in the lovely surroundings. Later, we continue on to the picturesque fishing village of Sagres and our intimate pousada overlooking the Atlantic and the Sagres promontory. Dinner tonight is at our pousada, whose restaurant specializes in local seafood. B,L,D

Day 11: Sagres/Lagos Today we encounter this region that launched Portugal’s Age of Discovery, when in the 15th century, explorers went out to sea, sailed along the coast of Africa, and eventually reached the
Day 12: Sagres/Lisbon  We embark on a leisurely drive back to Lisbon today, stopping for lunch on our own along the way. After reaching our hotel in a restored 19th-century palace mid-afternoon, we have time at leisure until we gather to celebrate our discoveries at tonight’s farewell dinner. B,D

Day 13: Depart for U.S.  We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. B
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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication changes; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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- cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests