

Circuits :: **Explore Lisbon's**

[History and Legend]



Even today the foundations of Roman buildings are being discovered in Lisbon, pointing to the importance of its location throughout the ages. Spreading a very special medieval charm the old quarters of Lisbon give to the city an individual character making it very attractive and appealing!

Lisbon is today one of Europe's most enjoyable cities, and this circuit gives the opportunity not only to discover Lisbon but also its amazing surroundings, like the Famous Sintra and Fátima!

[Program]

Day 1 – The arrival!

Our representative will welcome you at Lisbon's airport, assist you and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Day 2 – Seven hills of seduction!

Your morning starts with a half day tour in the historical quarters of Lisbon! The visit starts in the downtown district, then the romantic Alfama and the Moorish quarter. Here is where the city is most unique; the old houses, narrow streets, wrought-iron balconies, and tiled façades with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Later we follow to Saint James Castle, relax and admire the panoramic view over the city. Our tour ends up by the river Tagus, where lay two of Lisbon's symbols; Tower of Belem and the Monastery



of the Hieronymites, both Human Heritage. The afternoon is free.

Day 3 – Like Kings and Queens!!

Our first stop is in Queluz, we visit the Royal Palace. This palace is the official residence of all kings or Presidents on state visit to Portugal. We continue to Sintra. Recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage, Sintra was immortalized by the famous Lord Byron as “Glorious Eden”.

We leave to Cape Roca, the Western-most point of Europe. On our way back we discover Cascais and Estoril and complete the golden triangle. The rest of the day is free.

Day 4 – The Plains: At the flavour of time (optional)

We start with Arraiolos, an ethnographic pearl lost in time, where the art of manufacturing fine carpets passes through several generations. We follow to Estremoz, a town shaped by incredible and dramatic moments of Portuguese national history. Then we visit Vila Viçosa which impresses for the remarkable use of locally quarried marble in most of public places, and of course the Palace of Vila Viçosa. Our tour continues to Évora, a museum-city, whose roots go back to Roman times. The UNESCO recognized its value, and declared Évora as World Heritage in the 80’s.

The visit to Monsaraz completes our day. Surprising for its unique character and views, here life runs slowly, as the water in the calm Guadiana.



Day 5 – Free day, Lisbon sightseeing tour and Fado dinner by night

Free day! At night we propose you a different look into Lisbon. We are sure that this tour will give a different, but also very interesting perspective of the city. The day ends with a very special dinner at the sound of Fado music (the soul of Portuguese culture).



Day 6 – The Blue Coast: Feeling the Atlantic Breeze

We start with Serra da Arrábida, an important national park, where remains the only surviving example of primitive Mediterranean vegetation. The next step is Sesimbra, where we can imagine the pirate attacks in the 16th century.

We take the direction to Setúbal. The 14th century city walls were erected and significant fragments still remain around this important urban area of the middle age. Fine baroque art dominates the most relevant monuments.

Day 7 – Fátima: a timeless miracle!

Fátima is involved in an electric atmosphere created by the respectful reference. Today our journey takes us to an important point of pilgrimage for the Roman Catholic religion due to the vision of the Virgin Mary by three young children in 1917. Every year, thousands of pilgrims make their way from all over the world to celebrate this occasion.

On our way back we stop to admire the Monastery of the Dominicans of Batalha (classified as World Heritage - UNESCO). Óbidos is our next direction. Completely enclosed by lofty medieval walls, this is a small town with whitewashed houses brightened up by colourful bougainvilleas.

By the end of the day we drive back to Lisbon through the colourful farming region.

Day 8 – Departure

Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport
End of our services.