

COUNTRY ROADS OF PORTUGAL -- INSIGHT VACATIONS

March 20 – March 31, 2025

We are excited to offer Country Roads of Portugal. Explore the culture and history of this maritime European Country. Its architecture dates back to the 1500's. Portugal preserves a salty traditional culture with its seaside coast. Enjoy the best of Portugal's Cities & Countryside on this tour.

Tour level: Active – capable of walking fair distances at a reasonable pace, negotiate stairs easily, on uneven European terrain, and to quickly navigate through airports.

Thursday, March 20th – We will meet at the **Sault Ste Marie International Airport** at 5:00 am. Our Air Canada flight # 8198 departs Sault Ste Marie at 6:00 am arriving **Toronto** at 7:22 am and then to connect to Air Canada flight #406 leaving Toronto at 10:00 AM for **Montreal** arriving at 11:20 am. Our overnight flight Air Canada #812 will leave at 10:30 pm and is scheduled to arrive in **Lisbon at 9:20** am on March 21st. (Times are subject to changes)

Meals: Flight meals

Friday, March 21st - We will meet an Insight Representative at the Airport for our Transfer to our Hotel in Lisbon. Please note we will arrive before check-in, so a little time on your own upon arrival. This evening, we meet our Insight Group with our Insight Tour Director and fellow Insight Passengers for a **“Welcome Dinner”**.

Meals: Insight Welcome Dinner with wine

Saturday, March 22nd - Today we join a local expert to see the highlights of the city of Lisbon, exploring the lower town, **the Belem Quarter & visiting Jeronimo's Monastery**. At the end of the day have some leisure time or take in the Optional Dinner Experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, March 23rd - Today we travel to the sun-drenched southern **Algarve coast to Lagos**, a fishing village on the bay of **Meia Praia**. There is free time to first explore the city and then free time to explore the many things within walking distance of our resort for our overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, March 24^h - Our travels today take us to the walled city of **Evora**, where we will overnight. We will explore first this UNESCO world heritage city with a local expert and then have free time to enjoy the city on your own or take in an optional Cork Factory Visit here.

Meals: Breakfast

Tuesday, March 25th - Today we travel to the striking white village of **Monsaraz**, situated on an imposing hilltop surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. We will enjoy a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of **Lake Alqueva**. We will have a highlight lunch at what was once an olive mill. We return to our Evora hotel for our overnight with the evening at leisure to continue to explore.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch with Wine

Wednesday, March 26th - This morning, we travel to Coimbra to join a **“Make Travel Matter”** experience as we visit **Casa Relvas** for a wine tasting. We continue to **Tomar** to visit the **“Templar Castle”** and **“Convent of Christ”**, a UNESCO Heritage sight. We also visit the medieval **“Synagogue of Tomar”**. Journey for the day ends in Tomar for dinner and our overnight.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner with Wine

Thursday, March 27 - Today our adventure continues to the old town of **Coimbra**, a UNESCO World heritage site, where we will explore the highlights with a Local Expert. Then we journey on through the lush countryside to **Douro** for our "**Farm-to-Table Dinner**" for the evening and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner with Wine

Friday, March 28th - Today we journey to **Guimaraes** to admire the views of the historic city from the ruined castle. We continue to travel to **Porto**. Here Insight offers a couple of choices for exploring during the day. And in the evening after we arrive at our hotel for the night, there is an optional experience to cruise on a traditional Rabelo boat. Finish the evening with dinner on your own perhaps in the comfort of the riverside restaurant at the hotel where we overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

Saturday, March 29th - Enjoy a full day in Portugal at your own pace, in **Porto** or take in the optional excursion to **Braga**, the capital of Baroque. In the evening you bid adieus to your Travel Director with "**Wine and Celebration**" dinner in an authentic Porto restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Sunday, March 30^h - On our last full day in Portugal, at we travel to the pilgrimage place **Fatima** to explore the basilica. We journey to the fortified town **of Obidos** and walk within its walls and our travels take us back to **Lisbon** the capital of Portugal for our last overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, March 31st -After breakfast we will depart for the **Lisbon** Airport on AC flight #811 from Lisbon at 12:50pm arriving in **Toronto** at 4:05pm connecting to AC flight #8205 departing Toronto at 8:30 pm arrive **Sault Ste Marie** at 9:57 pm.

Meals: Breakfast & Flight Meal

Insight Optional Experiences:

Most **Insight tours** already include a host of bonus highlights and comprehensive sightseeing. There is also an exciting array of **optional experiences** available to you. These tours are entirely optional and can be booked and paid for through your Insight Travel Director at the commencement of our trip.

Tour includes airfare transportation with Air Canada (schedule subject to changes any time prior to departure) from Sault Ste. Marie to Lisbon via Toronto (outbound also Montreal, with group only seat selection and no upgrades available, Sightseeing and meals and inclusions as per our brochure itinerary with Insight Vacations, fully escorted by a Sunshine Travel Club Tour Director with a minimum number of seats booked. Prepaid Gratuities for Insight Tour Director & Driver.

Medical, Cancellation & Trip Interruption Insurance protection is recommended, but not included. Coverage can be purchased separately through an insurance provider of choice or through Insight Vacations with Manulife (with their "pre-departure any reason cancellation waiver by calling 1-866-298-2722...reference ID Code # INST TRAVCOR

Tour Director: To be advised

Tour cost per person: Occupancy: Double \$6590.00 Single \$8780.00

\$255 non-refundable deposit due at time of booking, balance due December 18th, 2024.

Credit Cards are accepted for payment by Insight Vacations.

A photocopy of your passport must accompany your registration form.