

## HARRIGAN HOLIDAYS DISCOVER PORTUGAL

### DAY 1: October 17, 2021: Depart for LISBON

**DAY 2: October 18, 2021: LISBON AIRPORT - LISBON** – Arrival at Lisbon airport where you will be met by our guide. We will have a lunch in a local restaurant, then a *walking tour* of the “Parque das Nações” along with a Panoramic tour of the capital. Afterwards, transfer to the hotel where the rest of the day is on your own time. Overnight at Hotel My Story Tejo in Lisbon. **(L)**

**DAY 3: October 19, 2021: LISBON** – After breakfast at the hotel this morning, discover LISBON, one of the oldest capitals of Europe. The city of seven hills seduces visitors with its charm, brightness and warm welcome. You will start by visiting the neighborhood of Belém, "Treasure Island" between the Tagus and the sounds of the city. You will visit the church and cloisters of the **Hieronymite Monastery**, splendor of Manueline Art, and the **Tower of Belém** (outside). During the visit, enjoy a tasting of the famous "**Pastel of Belém**", a typical pastry of Lisbon. Lunch will be in a local restaurant on the Docks of Lisbon. In the afternoon, we will go to the typical neighborhood of Alfama, with its winding streets and flowered balconies. Climb to the Belvedere of Santa Luzia from where we have one of the most beautiful panoramas on Lisbon. Continuation of the visit with Rossio and the “Praça do Comercio”, downtown and business. Free time to walk and discover this bright city. Here we will **visit the Azuleijos Tile Museum** where you'll be introduced to five centuries of decorative ceramic tiles. Return to your Lisbon hotel and enjoy the evening and dinner are on your own time. **(B,L)**

**DAY 4: October 20, 2021: LISBON – SINTRA – CASCAIS - ESTORIL - LISBON** After breakfast at the hotel this morning, depart to SINTRA, where you will discover mountaintop medieval fortifications, vibrant fairy tale castles, lush forests, and eccentric labyrinthine gardens. It was for six centuries the favorite residence of the rulers and remains resort of large Lisbon families who have charming "quintas" or elegant palaces. Visit the **Sintra Pena Palace** the colorful castle on top of the hill and taste Sintra's delicious **queijada (tartlet)**, the specialty of the city. Lunch on your own. Departure to the steep cliffs of CABO DA ROCA, the westernmost point of the European continent. Finally, departure to the "Sun Coast" and its beaches: the cosmopolitan ESTORIL, a sandy beach well known for the quality of its distractions, and CASCAIS, a traditional fishing port, but also a very lively resort. Quick stop on the Evils hole. Admire the beautiful bay of Cascais is a moment not to lose. To end your day in Lisbon on a note of the most representative music of the Portuguese soul, you will enjoy a good **Portuguese dinner in a typical Fado house**. This meal will make you discover the feeling of "*Saudade*" which, we hope, will make you return to Portugal for other discoveries. Overnight at Lisbon hotel. **(B,D)**

**DAY 5: October 21, 2021: LISBON - ÓBIDOS – NAZARÉ – BATALHA – FÁTIMA** - After breakfast at the hotel this morning, enjoy a trip to the beautifully preserved fortified town of ÓBIDOS, created during the Middle Ages with its picturesque streets. Taste a "**Ginginja**" (sour cherry liquor) and admire a local artisan painting on tile. Then, departure to NAZARÉ, the most typical and colorful fishing village of Portugal. Lunch on your own followed by free time for a walk along the beach. Afterwards visit SÍTIO to have a wonderful view over the town and the beach. Then, off to BATALHA, where you will visit the **Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória**, declared universal heritage by the UNESCO and one of the masterpieces of Portuguese gothic and Manueline art. It was built to celebrate the independence of Portugal. Finally visit the famed **FÁTIMA sanctuary**, that became famous with the Virgin's apparition to the Three Shepherd Children. Leisure time on your terms. Dinner in the hotel. If you wish join the Candle procession this evening on your terms. Overnight: Hotel Aurea in Fátima. **(B,D)**

**DAY 6: October 22, 2021: FÁTIMA - COIMBRA - AVEIRO – PORTO –** After breakfast at the hotel this morning, depart towards COIMBRA where you will visit the main buildings of the **Coimbra University and its Library** and walk around the old streets. Enjoy a *walking tour through the old town*. Lunch on your terms. Continue towards AVEIRO nicknamed "the Portuguese Venice" with its canals where are anchored the "Moliceiros", colorful boats with the prow raised. Stop at the station to admire the magnificent panels of Azulejos that decorate the exterior and interior facade, and which are an illustration of the monuments of Aveiro and its region. Then enjoy a short workshop in the making of "**Ovos Moles**" kind of hosts filled with egg jams, a specialty of the city. Enjoy a **mini boat tour on the Moliceiro**. After enjoy a mini tour on the **Saltashs** get to know the biodiversity of the region. Continue towards PORTO. Enjoy a *panoramic tour of the city*. Transfer to your hotel where the evening and dinner are on your own terms. Overnight: Hotel Porto Bay Teatro. **(B)**

**DAY 7: October 23, 2021: PORTO – GONDOMAR – BRAGA – GUIMARÃES - PORTO –** After breakfast at the hotel this morning, depart towards GONDOMAR, the birthplace of filigree ancient art. Visit a local **filigree artisan** where you will learn how this delicate jewelry is prepared. We then continue our trip to BRAGA, the Portuguese Rome, where we will admire the most outstanding Portuguese architecture: The "**Bom Jesus**" church and its spectacular stairway, **take the lift** to the church. Enjoy lunch on the panoramic Restaurant of the "Bom Jesus". Afterwards, we will go the GUIMARÃES, a lovely city full of stories. **Visit of the Palace of the Dukes of Braganca**. Return to Porto where dinner on your own this evening. **(B,L)**

**DAY 8: October 24, 2021: PORTO - AMARANTE - RÉGUA - PINHÃO – VISEU SURROUNDINGS**

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, discover the Douro region. We will start our tour by visiting the delightful city of AMARANTE for a *walking tour* of the main medieval and historic places. Then, we will visit RÉGUA, capital of the Douro's region. Admire the green landscape of this region. Visit of a **local winery** that includes a wine tasting . After lunch on your own we will enjoy a **Boat Tour on the Douro River** (Pinhão-Tua-Pinhão). According to your schedule before returning to Porto admire the Old Train Station. Continue towards LAMEGO featuring one of Portugal's most important shrines "N. S. Remédios" with its magnificent baroque style staircase. Continue through the mountainous hinterland to Viseu, center of the Dao Vineyards. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel da Urgerica. **(B,D)**

**DAY 9 October 25, 2021: VISEU SURROUNDINGS - BELMONTE – NISA – EVORA –** After breakfast at the hotel this morning, depart towards BELMONTE. Belmonte is perhaps the Portuguese town with the strongest Jewish presence and stands out because it was within the Iberian Peninsula, where Hebrew culture and tradition have lasted since the early 16th century until today. Here we will visit the **Belmonte Castle** and the **São Tiago Church**. Lunch on your own. Depart towards NISA where you will visit a **local cheese maker** and taste a selection of the local cheese. Continue towards ÉVORA. Just before entering the city, we will stop at a local **cork factory** to learn how the industry reinvent themselves along the years. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel Mar de Ar Muralhas in Evora. **(B,D)**

**DAY 10: October 26, 2021: EVORA –** After breakfast at the hotel this morning, visit the city of EVORA, a classified World Heritage by UNESCO. EVORA is a museum of Portuguese architecture. In the afternoon we will visit the **Church of St. Francis** with its chapel of the bones (built by a Franciscan brother to encourage his confreres to meditate, you will find the bones and skulls of 5000 people), the Romanesque - Gothic cathedral, and the ruins of the Roman temple called Diana Temple. Enjoy a *walking tour of the city*. Free time to wander the streets of this white city. Lunch on your own, in the afternoon we will then make a stop at the village of SÃO PEDRO DE CORVAL famous for its pottery where we will visit a **pottery workshop**. We will then visit this "alentejana" city and end our day with a stop at one of the most famous producers of **wine and olive oil** in the Alentejo region: Herdade do Esporão enjoy a tasting of both "delicatess". This evening, we will learn how to **cook a few local Dishes from "Alentejo"**, have fun learning about this region of Portugal. After dinner we will return to your Evora hotel. **(B,D)**

**Day 11: October 27, 2021: EVORA – LAGOS** – After breakfast at the hotel this morning, we will drive southward passing BEJA and see the highest tower of Portuguese Medieval castles. Crossing small mountains, we then enter the Algarve. After passing fields of orange trees, we arrive in SILVES, the renowned town dominated by its red sandstone castle. Lunch on your own, then continue to the golden sands of the Algarve by Praia da Rocha before reaching Lagos. Dinner on your own and overnight at Hotel Vila Gale Lagos. **(B)**

**Day 12: October 28, 2021: LAGOS - PONTA DA PIEDADE - SAGRES - CABO DE SAO VICENTE – LAGOS** – After breakfast at the hotel this morning, head on to “Ponta da Piedade” to admire the magnificent view over the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to SAGRES, a fishing port, for a visit to the **Fortress of Sagres** where the “navigation school” is forever linked with Prince Henry the Navigator during the first days of Atlantic navigation and the discovery of the African coast. Proceed along to the cliffs to Cabo Sao Vicente, the most southwestern point in Europe. Lunch on your own. This afternoon on your terms, take time to savor the flavors of Lagos, a cosmopolitan town with a marina and fishing port where you can taste delicious Algarve dishes, such as fish and shellfish cooked in a copper pan (cataplana) or fine sweets, such as the famous marzipan almond and fig cakes. Overnight in Lagos. **(B)**

**DAY 13: October 29, 2021: LAGOS - SETUBAL - SERRA DA ARRABIDA – LISBON** – After breakfast at the hotel this morning, take a last look at the water while traveling along the coast as you say farewell to the Algarve. Lunch on your terms. The return trip to Lisbon will take you by the city of Setubal, a major port and industrial center on the north bank of the Sado estuary. Next, travel the scenic route over the Arrabida Mountain Range, an area preserved as a Natural Park with amazing scenery and unique vegetation at the gates of Lisbon. Crossing the bridge over the Tagus River, we arrive in Lisbon. Leisure time on your terms. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight Hotel My Story Tejo in Lisbon. **(B,D)**

**DAY 14: October 30, 2021: LISBON – LISBON AIRPORT** – Savor breakfast at your hotel before your departure transfer to Lisbon Airport for your flight home.

**INCLUDED FEATURES:**

Overnight accommodations. Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 6 dinners including a Fado Show, Cooking Lesson, and a dinner at local restaurant. Drinks at dinners 1/4 water and 1/4 wine.

Coach Bus Driver & a Tour Guide

Hieronymite Monestary	Azuleijos Tile Museum	Pena Palace Sintra
Coimbra University & Library	Bom Jesus w/lift	Castle of Belmonte
Batalha Monestary	Fátima Sanctuary	São Tiago Church
Palace of the Dukes of Braganca	Church of St. Francis	Saltashes
Fortress of Sagres		

Also Included:

Tasting of the following noted Portugal specialties Pastel de Bélem, Queijada, Ovos Moles, and the liquor Ginginja in addition to cheese, wine and olive oil tastings. You will visit a tile artisan, workshop of filigree, cork factory and pottery workshop. Enjoy a mini boat tour on the Molicerio and one of the Douro.

Not included: Gratuity for driver and guide, meals not included, personal expenses, travel protection