

PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

AZORES,ALGARVE, SEVILLE, DOURO VALLEY AND RIVER CRUISE PORT WINE TASTING

SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 11, 2015

Sunday, September 27 – Day 1.

Depart Winnipeg via Toronto to Ponta Delgada, San Miguel Island, Portugal.

Monday, September 28 – Day 2. Welcome to Portugal!

Upon arrival and usual formalities we will be greeted by our host and will start our sightseeing of this enchanting island. Cameras ready we will be heading northwest along the coast to Seven Cities, Agua de Pau Crater, city of Lagoa, viewpoints of Fire Lagoon, Pico de Carvao and Vista do rei. Returning to Sao Miguel to check into our hotel and get ready for our welcome dinner in a local restaurant. We should all have a good night sleep. Our hotel is Royal Garden Hotel. **D**

Tuesday, September 29 – Day 3

After breakfast, we are heading to Furnas to learn about the volcanic origins of the Island. We start by visiting the Caldeiras da Lagoa das Furnas (Furnas Lake Calderas), a place where famous "cozido das Furnas" is cooked. We will enjoy lunch of cozido in a local restaurant. Afterwards we visit the Terra Nostra botanical garden. We can all enjoy the hot springs- **bring your bathing suits**. On the way back to Ponta Delgada we stop at several beautiful spots on the North Coast and also at the only tea plantation in Europe where we will be able to visit the factory and enjoy tea tasting.**BL**

Wednesday, September 30 – Day 4

Following breakfast we are off to Nordeste. The Eastern part of Sao Miguel is considered the best kept secret of the island. The oldest part of the island is known for the beautiful gardens and spectacular views. We will visit the Achada waterfall, Povoacao village, return to our hotel.**BL**

Thursday, October 1 – Day 5

After breakfast, Check-out and transfer to the Ponta Delgada airport for our flight to Lisbon. We will be met by our tour guide who will escort us to our hotel in Cascais, coastal resort town located only 30km from Lisbon. Our home for the next 3 nights is Pousada de Cascais Hotel. After check in the rest of the day is free. **B**

Friday, October 2 – Day 6

Following a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we are off to enjoy a full day tour of Lisbon. We will discover Belém, visit the Belém Tower, one of the most expressive monuments of Lisbon, followed by the well-known Monastery of Jerónimos. On to Alfama, the Fado district, to the St. George Castle, "Praça do Comércio", "Marquês de Pombal", Back to our hotel in Cascais. **B**

Saturday, October 3 – Day 7

After breakfast, we are off to explore the breathtaking beauty of the most western coast of Europe. Queluz, Sintra, romantic Pena Palace located on one of the highest peaks in Serra de Sintra Natural Park. There will be free time to wander the streets of the town. Enjoy quiet shops, handicraft stores, tea-houses and savor some of the famous local sweets queijadas and travesseiros. Return to our hotel. **BL**

Sunday, October 4 – Day 8

After breakfast we are ready for another beautiful day as we drive along the west coast heading south to Sagres, a fishing port where we'll visit the fortress formerly known as the mythical "navigation school". We will also visit Lagos a marina and fishing port where we will have lunch. .

Accommodation Porto Bay Albufeira Hotel. **BL**

Monday, October 5 – Day 9

Following today's breakfast we are heading to the beautiful city of Seville, Spain. Drive by the 1929 and 1992 Expo site. Visit also the Macarena Basilic and the typical Jewish Quarter. Stop at the Maria Luisa Park, American and Spanish Squares. Free time for shopping or visit largest Gothic Cathedral in the world or the Royal Alcazar Palaces. Return to Albufeira. **B**

Tuesday, October 6 – Day 10

Enjoy your free day. **B**

Wednesday, October 7 – Day 11

After breakfast, we continue our adventure to Porto. Along the way we will stop in Coimbra an old university city. Upon arrival to Porto, we check into our hotel. Carris Porto Ribeira Hotel – our home for the next 4 nights. **B**

Thursday, October 8 – Day 12

Today after breakfast we will enjoy a guided tour to the Historic Centre of Porto, listed as UNESCO heritage site. Discover its most important monuments, sites and beaches, such as the neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace and Church of S. Francisco. The tour continues to the Port Wine Cellars with a Porto Wine tasting and it ends with a Douro River Cruise. Return to the hotel. **BL**

Friday, October 9 – Day 13

Following breakfast, we are heading to the Douro Valley also a UNESCO Heritage site. Visiting town of Regua and Pinhao and exploring vineyards (wine tasting included). After experiencing the vineyards and tasting delicious vines, we return to our hotel. **BL**

Saturday, October 10 – Day 14

After breakfast we are off to the Minho region with its spectaculars manors, traditions and beautiful landscape. In Braga, discover the majesty of the Cathedral of Braga and the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus. In Guimarães, also known as the "The Cradle City", visit the Palace of the Dukes and the historic Guimarães Castle. Farewell dinner. **BD**

Sunday, October 11 – Day 15

After breakfast the morning is free. Our transfer to the airport will be about 12 noon. **B**

Our journey ends with beautiful memories.

COST:

**\$4850.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$ 649.00 ADDITIONAL FOR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

Included in above price:

- Return airfare from Winnipeg using Westjet and SATA airlines
- Local domestic flights
- Accommodation in 4* hotels throughout
- Daily breakfast, welcome and farewell dinners, 6 lunches
- Air conditioned luxury tour bus
- English speaking guide throughout
- Entrance fee for all sights mentioned in the program
- Boat cruise in Pinhao(Douro Valley)
- Wine tasting
- All hotel taxes and portage fees

Not included in above price:

- Airline taxes and airport fees
- Insurance cancelation and medical – strongly recommended
- Meals not indicated in itinerary
- tipping to guides and drivers

Reservation and payments:

- Nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00 per person at time of booking
- Final payment due 60 days prior to departure

EXTENTION TO SPAIN - 3NIGHTS BARCELONA, 3 NIGHTS MADRID

\$1250.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY INCLUDES:

AIRFARE, ACCOMMODATION 4* HOTEL, BREAKFAST, AIRPORT TRANSFERS.

