



PORTUGAL

MADRID, LISBON, PORTO & FATIMA (TOUR CODE: 11696)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Feb 23 - 24 Mar 24

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Two indisputably wonderful European countries: Spain & Portugal. An itinerary to discover their rich historical and cultural heritage.

Highlights

- Travel in the comfort of a **Private Luxury Mini Van** equipped with air conditioning, panoramic windows and reclining seats. Throughout guided by an experienced driver-guide with safety and comfort in mind!
- Enjoy a boat ride **along the Douro River** while sampling some world-famous wines at a local Porto **wine cellar**
- Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Batalha, Alcobaça** in Portugal
- Exploring the city of **Fatima**, famous destination of Christian pilgrimage
- Sejour in the vibrant city of **Madrid**, capital of Spain

Madrid, the Spanish capital, with its extensive variety of history, art, food, fashion and nightlife; Lisbon, an unforgettable city with its impressive bridges, squares, monuments and museums; Fatima, one of the most important places in the world for Christian pilgrimage; Porto, Portugal's second largest city, with its enchanting streets and historical heritage. On this trip, you will witness the beauties of Spain's capital city, Madrid, and the jewels of Portugal.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Madrid at Princesa Plaza Hotel - 4*
- 2 nights in Porto at Vila Gale Porto - 4* Hotel
- 1 night in Fatima at Hotel Santa-Maria - 4*
- 2 nights in Lisbon at Lutezia Hotel - 4*
- Private transfers between the airport and your hotel as per itinerary
- Air-conditioned deluxe minivan/minibus
- Daily Breakfast
- Guided visits in Madrid, Porto, Lisbon & Sintra
- Private driver-guide during the tour

ITINERARY

Day 1

Madrid

Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to your hotel for the check-in and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Madrid at **Princesa Plaza Espana**.



Day 2

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **guided city tour of Madrid**: explore the medieval origins of the city, such as the Arabic fortress at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterised by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Admire the XIX century works, such as Prado Museum; the contemporary Madrid, with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium.

Free afternoon to explore the other wonders that the city has to offer.

Overnight in Madrid at **Princesa Plaza Espana**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca Porto

After breakfast, proceed to check-out of the hotel for your departure to **Salamanca**. Free time in this **UNESCO World Heritage** university city of great architectural and artistic interest.

Then depart towards the Portuguese border and arrive in **Porto**, where you will check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight in Porto at **Vila Gale Porto**.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your guided sightseeing tour of Porto and discover its **UNESCO World Heritage historical centre**.

In Particular, you will admire the breath-taking Cathedral of Porto, the beautiful Palacio da Borsa (former Stock Exchange of the city) and Santa Clara Church. Afterwards, enjoy a different perspective of the city along the Douro River aboard the BlueBoats Cruise. Continue your visit by stopping at a well-known **Port wine cellar**, with wine tasting included. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Porto at **Vila Gale Porto**.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Porto Coimbra Fatima

After breakfast, travel to **Coimbra**, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of *Fado*, the famous

traditional music. Enjoy some free time and then continue onto **Fatima**, important centre of the Christian faith with its wonderful Sanctuary and the impressive Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Cova da Iria, where the Virgin Mary appeared. Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Overnight in Fatima at **Hotel Santa-Maria**.

Breakfast



Day 6

Fatima Batalha Nazare Alcobaca Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to the **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and Manueline style, declared **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**, one of the most popular seaside resorts along The Silver Coast, where you will have some free time. Then, continue to **Alcobaca**, another impressive **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, with its famous gothic Monastery. You will then proceed towards **Lisbon** and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon at **Lutecia Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 7

Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **sightseeing tour of the ancient *Olissipo*** (the name given to **Lisbon** when it was part of the Roman Empire), driving through its main squares and avenues. Witness the beauties of the city, such as The Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, the National Coach Museum, The Monument to the Discoveries, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue.

Afternoon at leisure for you to wander through the nostalgic corners of the Alfama Quarter, the oldest and most historical part of Lisbon.

Overnight in Lisbon at **Lutecia Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 8

Lisbon Caceres Madrid

After breakfast, travel to the **UNESCO World Heritage city of Caceres**, considered an important historical site thanks to

its blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town, with the famous Medieval Quarter.

Then, continue to **Madrid** and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight in Madrid at **Princesa Plaza Espana**.

Breakfast



Day 9

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

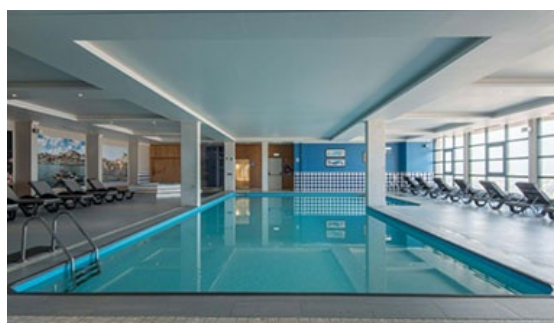
Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Vila Galé Porto hotel

Porto

Vila Galé Porto hotel is right in the center of **Porto**, a ten-minute walk from the famous and commercial Rua de Santa Catarina. It was built in 1999 and renovated in 2015. The metro station *Campo 24 de Agosto* is 100 meters from this hotel and allows easy and quick access to any point in the city and the airport. Vila Galé Porto hotel has a restaurant, two bars and multipurpose rooms for events and meetings. On the top floor, you will find the **Satsanga Spa**, where you can go for a swim in the indoor pool, relax in the hydromassage pool or work out in the gym, enjoying what is considered one of the best views over the city.



Hotel Sainte-Marie

Fatima

With a prime location, just 2 minutes walk from the Sanctuary of Fatima, Hotel Santa Maria follows the most modern concepts of architecture and contemporary design, providing the guests peace and tranquility. The Hotel Santa Maria has 173 rooms spread over 120 Santa Maria Jardim rooms, of which 91 have twin beds, 12 double rooms - double bed, 9 single rooms and 8 suites; 53 Santa Maria Plus rooms, of which 49 are twin rooms - two beds, 3 double rooms - double bed and 1 Suite Plus. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free wifi, safe box, TV, minibar, telephone, electronic door locks, full bathroom, hairdryer and amenities. Surrounded by a garden, the restaurant of Hotel Santa Maria offers a modern and cosy atmosphere where you will be able to taste delicious Portuguese and International cuisine prepared by chef Cristina Figueira, who will invite you to enjoy the wonderful regional cooking. Come and discover good wines or just have a light snack. The bar offers a pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy a drink or a light meal.



Lutecia Smart Design Hotel

Lisbon

The **Lutecia Smart Design Hotel** is a modern 4-star hotel in the heart of Lisbon. Belonging to a Portuguese family that believes that the essence of Hospitality is a continuous recognition of its customers, the hotel offers a wide range of bright and spacious rooms with all comforts, as well as a sophisticated restaurant and a Drinks & Friends bar area.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portuguese

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- This tour might be a combination of different programs. Change in the tour escort and passengers may occur in-between the programs.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package