



## PORTUGAL

# THE BEST UNKNOWN PORTUGAL (TOUR CODE: 13536)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Porto to  
Lisbon

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jan 24 - 20 Dec 24

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Luxury  
Honeymoon

### TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Come and discover the enchanting wonders of Portugal's hidden gems through our exclusive private tour. Immerse yourself in luxurious accommodations, explore the vibrant cities, and relish the tantalizing flavours that await you.

## Highlights

- Indulge in the exquisite charm of boutique, **exclusive 4-5-star accommodations** that will elevate your experience and ensure you savor each and every moment to the fullest.
- Enjoy the **amazing food scene in Porto**, from the charming Ribeira to the bustling "Baixa" area.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage **Douro Valley wine region**, with its meandering river, charming vineyards, and picturesque villages.
- Immerse yourself in the heart of old **Lisbon**, the labyrinthine **Mouraria district**, where fado originated in the 19th century
- Discover **Sintra**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, blending natural beauty with iconic palaces like Pena, Seteais, and Monserrate in breathtaking surroundings
- Enjoy a **private catamaran excursion** from Portimao, exploring Algarve's stunning cliff coastline

Embark on a seamless journey through Portugal's enchanting landscapes with private transfer services. Begin in Porto, where The Yeatman Hotel welcomes you for a two-night stay. Explore the city's charm with a half-day walking tour and savor the flavours of Porto on the second day.

Journey to the picturesque Douro Valley with a private transfer, where The Vintage House Hotel awaits for a two-night retreat. Immerse yourself in the rich wine culture with a full-day Douro Valley Wine tour. Continue your odyssey to Lisbon, staying at The One Palacio de Anunciada for three nights. Delight in a Half-day Highlights of Lisbon tour and experience the soulful Fado in its birthplace. Explore the wonders of Sintra and the Pena Palace and unwind on a Lisbon Sunset Sail.

Travel to the Algarve with a private transfer, stopping for a winery visit and lunch in the Alentejo region. Conclude your journey with a full-day Algarve catamaran excursion before a final private transfer to the airport, marking the end of an unforgettable Portuguese adventure.

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Porto at The Yeatman Hotel - 5\*
- 2 nights in Douro Valley at The Vintage House Hotel - 4\*
- 3 nights in Lisbon at The One Palacio de Anunciada - 5\*
- 3 nights in the Algarve region at Hotel Vila Vita parc - 5\*
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Fado show with wine and petiscos (tapas) in a local restaurant
- Half-day Porto private walking tour
- Private gourmet tour with tasting of various products, oils and wines in Porto
- Full-day Douro Valley Wine tour
- Coimbra & Aveiro private tour from Douro Valley
- Private guided walking tour of Lisbon
- Half-day private excursion to Sintra and the Pena Palace
- Lisbon private sailing excursion
- Winery visit and lunch in the Alentejo en-route to the Algarve
- Full-day Algarve catamaran excursion including lunch

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Porto

Welcome to Porto!

Located in the charming north of Portugal, Porto is not just a capital city, but also a wonderful gateway to explore. It holds the distinction of giving a nation its name and is famous for its internationally acclaimed fortified wine, port.

Embark on an **half day private tour of Porto** and discover the secrets and charms of the city with a local guide. Explore the central quarters, historical areas, and cobbled streets. Immerse yourself in the music of the gentle language and indulge in delicious food and wine. Visit Baixa, the Cathedral, Rua das Flores, São Bento's train station, Torre de los Clérigos, Lello Irmão bookshop, Café Majestic, and Praça da Batalha.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Yeatman Hotel** in a superior deluxe room.



Day **2**

## Porto

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Join us for a delightful **private walking guided tour** where we will not only explore the charming streets of Porto, but also indulge in a tasting of various local products, including oils and wines. This journey of discovery will take us from the scenic Ribeira to the vibrant "Baixa", where we will have the opportunity to savour the authentic flavours that define Porto's cuisine.

As we wander along the picturesque Rua das Flores, you will witness the harmonious blend of traditional shops and contemporary establishments, showcasing both exquisite design and local gastronomy. Prepare your taste buds for a delightful experience as we sample different varieties of olive oil, often referred to as the "liquid gold" of Mediterranean cuisine, which is also proudly produced in Portugal.

In addition, we will have the pleasure of trying **delicious traditional fish canned preserves**, a genuine delicacy from both Spain and Portugal's northern regions. To conclude our culinary adventure, we will indulge in high-quality chocolate, expertly crafted and internationally acclaimed.

While exploring the historic centre, we will make a stop at an intriguing refurbished industrial space housing a design market, where we will have the chance to **taste a traditional Portuguese dessert**. Our day will culminate with a **private wine tasting** featuring exceptional wines from nearby small producers, offering a truly exquisite finale that captures the essence of Portuguese culture.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Yeatman Hotel** in a superior deluxe room.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **3**

## Porto Douro Region

After breakfast, a private transfer will take you to the **Douro wines** region. Traveling along the best viewpoints, you'll cross the river, exploring breathtaking landscapes and visiting vineyards, towns, and villages until reaching Miranda do Douro, where the river enters Portugal.

In **Peso da Régua**, the Douro Museum provides a different perspective on the region and wine growing. Nearby, on the south bank, is Lamego, one of the most beautiful cities in Northern Portugal, located at the base of an immense blue and white tiled flight of steps leading to the Shrine of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios.

In **Pinhão**, right by the river, the railway station is a must-see to admire its ancient tiles dedicated to the cultivation of vines.

Before arriving in Pocinho, you can make a detour on the south bank to visit **the castle of Numão** and enjoy the view over the skyline. A little further to the east is the Vale do Coa Archaeological Park, an open-air rock art gallery classified as a World Heritage Site, and the attached Museum in Vila Nova de Foz Coa.

Upon reaching Barca de Alva, you enter the International **Douro Natural Park**, where the river becomes the border between Portugal and Spain. The river's course narrows, flowing between tall escarpments until it reaches the small border town upon entering Portugal.

The Douro Wine Region Valley, up to Barca de Alva, stands as the world's oldest demarcated wine region. The river carved deep valleys, and Man transformed schist mountains into terraced slopes, cultivating vines that flourish in summer's green and autumn's flame colors.

Overnight stay in **Pinhão** at **the Vintage House Hotel** in a junior suite.

Breakfast



Day **4**

## Douro Region

After breakfast, enjoy a **full-day Douro Valley Wine tour**.

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Douro Valley, a picturesque tapestry of meandering rivers, distinctive vineyards, and charming villages. Immerse yourself in an intimate and expertly curated Douro experience. Discover the wineries, meet the passionate vintners, and unravel the secrets of wine production.

Your day will be filled with visits and tastings at **two carefully selected Douro Valley wine estates**, known as "Quintas." Enjoy a private guided tour, tastings, a **delightful lunch**, and the convenience of a dedicated driver at your disposal. It's a rich and engaging experience tailored for your enjoyment.

Overnight stay in **Pinhão** at the **Vintage House Hotel** in a junior suite.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Douro Region Coimbra & Aveiro Lisbon

Depart from Douro and enjoy a transfer aboard a Mercedes minivan. Embark on a **full-day private exploration of Coimbra & Aveiro**: the essence of the Portuguese Soul, en route to Lisbon.

Coimbra, Portugal's medieval capital and home to the country's greatest university for five centuries, boasts an atmospheric historic center cascading down the Rio Mondego's east bank. Aveiro, known as the Venice of Portugal, captivates with its high-prowed boats, humpbacked bridges, and picturesque canals. Witness an exceptionally preserved medieval settlement evolving into a modern town, showcasing Portuguese architecture from the 15th to 19th century. Explore its rich heritage, savour local gastronomy, and experience a mesmerizing sunset at one of its iconic squares.

Then, continue to **Lisbon**, a city that makes you want to go exploring, to discover whatever might appear in every neighbourhood, on every street. It's a safe and friendly city, relatively small but with so much to see.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **The One Palacio de Anunciada** in a deluxe room.

Breakfast



Day **6**

## Lisbon

After breakfast, indulge in an **half-day private tour of Lisbon**.

Lisbon is known for its abundant sunlight, which beautifully reflects off the Tajo River and enhances the city's stunning architecture and allure. The city's captivating essence goes beyond its renowned landmarks and truly immerses visitors in its vibrant streets, engaging all their senses. The sunlit atmosphere, the intricate azulejo tiles, the melodious language, the vibrant colors, and the rich narratives of this ancient yet progressive city are all eagerly unveiled to discerning guests.

In this exclusive tour, the city gracefully unravels its distinct character, preserving the essence of bygone eras. Accompanied by our knowledgeable guides, who possess unparalleled expertise on Lisbon, you will leisurely explore Rossio, one of the city's prominent squares, or meander through Alfama, an enchanting old quarter, discovering the most significant historical sites of this captivating city that will undoubtedly leave an indelible impression. Iconic landmarks such as Praça do Comércio, the picturesque Sé Cathedral, the oldest church in the city, and the majestic medieval fortress of Castelo de São Jorge, offering a panoramic viewpoint, will enchant every visitor. Be enchanted by the legends, history, and undeniable charm of Lisbon, as expertly narrated by our guides.

Experience the enchantment of fado in the heart of old Lisbon's Mouraria district. Hear the echoes of legendary fado singers Maria Severa and Amália Rodrigues in small restaurants and taverns. Join a private walking tour of Mouraria to learn about its history and the birth of fado. Then, enjoy a **live fado show with wine and tapas** in a local restaurant (Available Wednesday to Saturday).

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **The One Palacio de Anunciada** in a deluxe room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 7

## Lisbon Sintra Lisbon

After breakfast, enjoy an **half-day private excursion to Sintra and the Pena Palace.**

Sintra, 40 minutes from Lisbon, is a UNESCO World Heritage site with unique characteristics. The town and mountains form a cultural landscape with lush vegetation, part of the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park. The palaces, including Pena Palace and Palace of Seteais, are exceptional. Nearby are beautiful beaches, Cabo da Roca, Colares wine region, and the picturesque village of Azenhas do Mar.

In the late afternoon, join us for an incredible experience on our **private sailing excursion!** You'll have the chance to admire the breathtaking views of majestic Lisbon as we cruise along the Tagus River during the magical sunset. Indulge in a glass of champagne accompanied by delicious snacks like fruit and cheese. Let yourself be captivated by the beauty of Lisbon while we take care of your transfer to and from the city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **The One Palacio de Anunciada** in a deluxe room.

Breakfast



## Lisbon Algarve region

Today you will **visit a delightful winery and enjoy a lunch in the Alentejo**, a hidden gem with stunning landscapes and a warm and friendly atmosphere.

This region, known for its low population density, covers a vast area and boasts breathtaking views that are truly priceless. You will experience the renowned hospitality of the local people, who take great pride in their exceptional cuisine and wines, as well as their commitment to preserving the environment and upholding cherished customs and traditions. And to top it all off, we've got a delicious lunch waiting for you!

**Welcome to Algarve!** Enjoy high quality beaches with sandy stretches, golden cliffs, deserted islands, and small coves. Dive into the calm and warm blue ocean for swimming and water sports. Explore mountains where people cherish traditions and live harmoniously with nature. Discover cities like Silves with traces of its Arab past, Lagos from the time of Discoveries, Portimão and Albufeira bustling day and night, Tavira showcasing traditional architecture, and Faro with its beautiful historic centre.

Overnight stay in the Algarve region at **Hotel Vila Vita Parc** in a deluxe garden view.

Breakfast, Lunch



## Algarve Region Portimao

After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to participate in a **private catamaran excursion from Portimao**. This excursion includes lunch and transfers for your convenience.

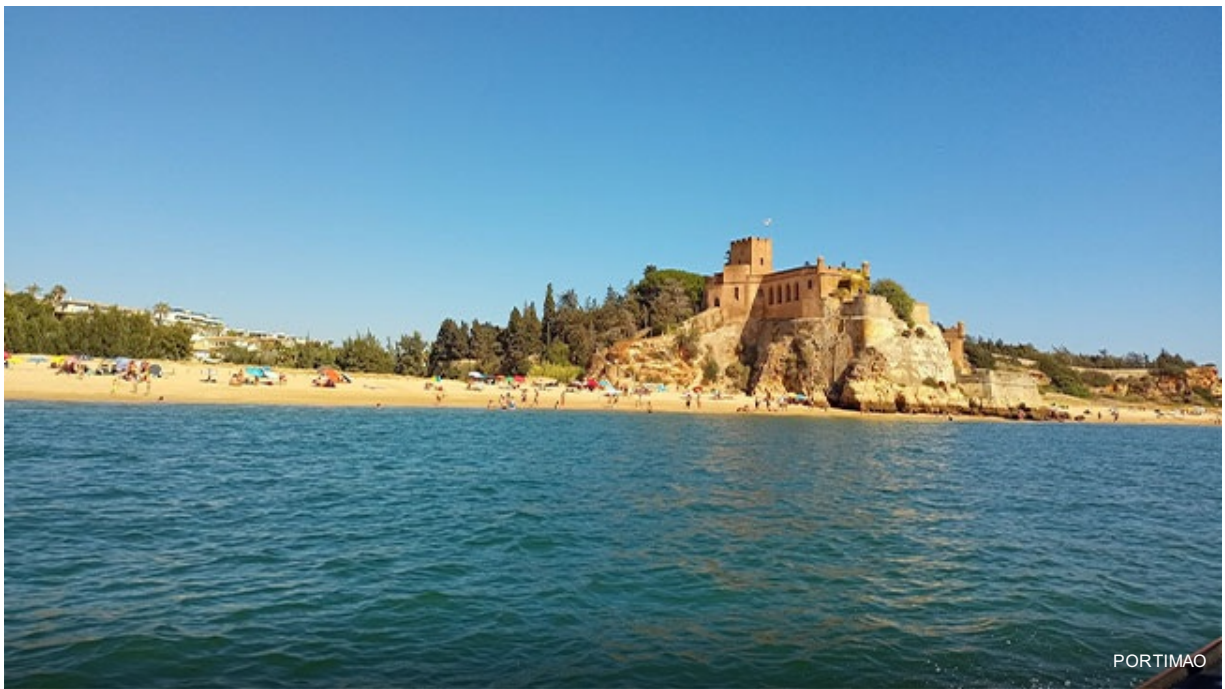
During the excursion, you will have the chance to discover the breathtaking cliff coastline of the Algarve region. The route will take you to various picturesque locations such as Portimão, Ferragudo, Carvoeiro, Benagil, Praia da Marinha, Praia da Rocha, Praia do Vau, Praia do Alemão, Ponta João D'Arens, Alvor, Lagos, and Ponta da Piedade cliffs. This full-day trip promises to provide you with memorable experiences.

Please ensure to pack your swimsuit, towel, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, windbreaker or sweater, and sandals or white-soled sneakers. These items will help ensure your comfort and enjoyment throughout the day.

Overnight stay in the Algarve region at **Hotel Vila Vita Parc** in a deluxe garden view.

Breakfast, Lunch





Day **10** Algarve Region Lisbon airport

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Then, a private transfer will take you to the Lisbon Airport\* for your onward destination!

*\*Please note that the transfer can be tailored to accommodate the clients' requirements.*

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### The Yeatman Hotel

#### Porto

The Yeatman is a luxury wine hotel and spa in Porto with spectacular views over the UNESCO World Heritage city and the Douro River.

Member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection of hotels and distinguished with two Michelin Stars, The Yeatman Hotel is widely regarded as the best hotel in Porto and is a unique and distinctive landmark in the world of classic luxury hotels.

Set amidst the Port wine lodges, The Yeatman nestles on a hill, overlooking Porto and is set within 7 acres of land, and has outdoor and indoor infinity swimming pools. All of our spacious rooms and suites have views over Porto and a private terrace or balcony.



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## The Vintage House Hotel

### **Pinhao**

The Vintage House is located in the heart of the Douro Region, classified as UNESCO World Heritage and in the oldest demarcated wine region in the World. This magnificent hotel, which used to house a former 19th Century winery, lies within an idyllic and tranquil riverside setting, surrounded by hills and mountains covered with vines.



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## The One Palácio da Anunciada

### **Lisbon**

The One Palácio da Anunciada, the new five-star hotel in Lisbon, is located in the most exclusive area of the city, a few metres from Avenida da Liberdade and Praça dos Restauradores. The establishment is housed in a 16th-century palace that maintains its essence and majesty with an interior design that emphasizes the building's original beauty and provides comfort and exclusivity. Of note are its original perfectly restored ceilings, the natural light inside and its extensive 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> gardens which feature a protected hundred-year-old dragon tree.

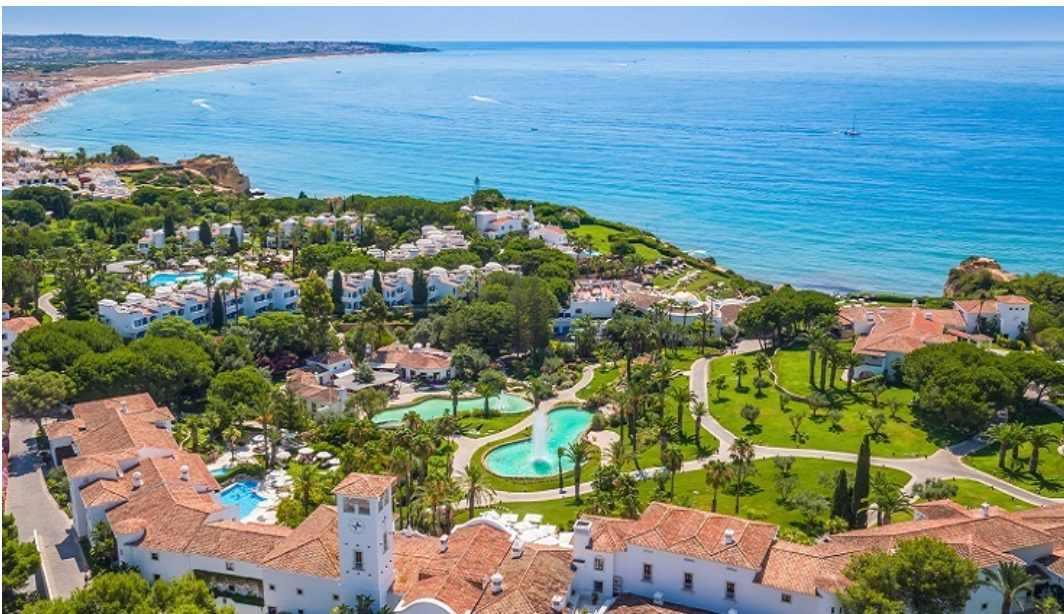
The hotel has elegant rooms, a full range of dining options, an outdoor pool, the Despacio Spa at The One and unique spaces for events and celebrations.



## Hotel Vila Vita Parc

### Algarve region

Five-star resort and member of "The Leading Hotels of the World", heralded for our timeless elegance and style, unsurpassed range of services and amenities, ultra-luxurious facilities, sensual and lush seaside setting in the charming Algarve. Resort set on a clifftop location offering panoramic views of the ocean or the gardens.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portuguese

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO