

Lisbon to Madrid Across Northern Portugal and Spain then relaxing in Marbella



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General Overview

Country: Portugal
Region: Northern Portugal
City: Lisbon
Duration: 26 Days / 25 Nights

Type: Self Drive Tour
Theme: Customized Tours and Trip Ideas
Group Size: 2+ People
Price from: €

Introduction

This vacation was designed for a past family client of ours, they enjoyed the trip so much we decided to add it to our tour product list.

You will start out in Lisbon and travel up through Northern Portugal staying in luxury hotels, pousadas etc.. Also for you to really get to know the places visited we have set up several private local guides to take you on full-day and half-day tours, like in Porto where you will visit one of the famous Port wine lodges.

Reaching the border you will travel through Green Spain starting out in Galicia's marvelous Rias Baixas coast savoring excellent Albariño wines and seafood. Then visiting monumental cities like Santiago de Compostela, Leon, Burgos... Not only will you experience Green Spain you will follow along the Pilgrimage way to Santiago passing by historic village with some privately guided tours along the way. In Spain you will stay in Parador hotels most of the journey and then luxury hotels in some major cities. The touring portion of the trip will end in Madrid, vibrant capital city of Spain with lots to do and see.

After all that traveling and sightseeing you deserve a relaxing resort stay, so now you will fly down to Malaga and then make your way over to Marbella in the heart of sunny Costal del Sol. Here you will stay in a grand luxury resort and soak up the sun and maybe do a bit more light sight seeing if you wish.

This luxury vacation will leave long lasting memories for the whole family!

DAY 1:
LISBON
- Upon arrival to Lisbon Airport, pick up your car rental
- Drive to your hotel in the city centre
- Check in Hotel
- Rest of the day at leisure
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 2:
LISBON
- Breakfast
- LISBON TOUR: Half-day, (with a local guide) visit LISBON city's important sites: THE ROYAL COACHES MUSEUM, JERONIMOS MONASTERY & BELEM TOWER, MONUMENT OF THE DISCOVERIES etc
- Rest of the day free to explore the city
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 3:
LISBON - CASCAIS - SINTRA - LISBON
- Breakfast
- Take a relaxing Full-day drive on your own, visit CABO DA ROCA - the westernmost point in Continental Europe in CASCAIS a typical fishing village
- Continue on to SINTRA, visit the ROYAL PALACE and the village Historical Centre
- Return to Lisbon where desired
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 4:
LISBON - ALCOBACA - NAZARE - CONIMBRIGA - COIMBRA - BUÇACO
- Breakfast
- Drive to Alcobaca visit the Church of the 12th c. Monastery, with the tombs of Pedro and Inês.
- Continue on to Nazare - typical fishing Village
- Drive to Conimbriga to visit the Roman ruins which is one of the most important archaeological sites in Portugal. In the roman city, built over a settlement from the Iron Age, the "Casa dos Repuxos" (a patio) and the mosaic pavements deserve a special reference. The site is supported by a museum, which explains the history and the layout of Conimbriga
- Make a stop in Coimbra to visit this quaint village
- Drive to Buçaco, visit the marvelous Palace where you will be staying tonight
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Buçaco

DAY 5:
BUÇACO - VISEU - LAMEGO - AMARANTE - GUIMARAES - BRAGA - PORTO
- Breakfast
- Some drive, stop in villages that catch your eye like: Viseu, Lamego, Amarante etc
- Continue on into THE NORTH OF PORTUGAL, stop in the village Guimarães, which saw the birth of the first King of Portugal
- Then off to Braga city, founded by the Celts in 300 BC, became an important administrative centre during the Roman occupation (27 BC) when it was given the name of "Bracara Augusta". Close by are the shrines of Bom Jesus do Monte and Nossa Senhora do Sameiro, important places of pilgrimage and the sites of regular religious celebrations. It is a city of religious roots, which makes one feel insignificant with its great beauty, unites itself to the monumental monastery of urban centres.
- Ending your day in PORTO
- Check into hotel
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Porto

DAY 6:
PORTO - VILANOVA DE GAIA - PORTO
- Breakfast
- PORTO TOUR: In the Morning visit Porto's historic quarter (with a local guide)
- In the afternoon drive over the bridge to VILANOVA DE GAIA, visit the Porto Wineries
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Porto

DAY 7:
PORTO - VILA DO CONDE - POVOA DO VARZIM - VIANA DO CASTELO - CAMINHA - VALENCA DO MINHO - TUI - BAIONA
- Breakfast
- This morning take a scenic coastal drive stopping in villages like: Vila do Conde, Povoia, Viana do Castelo, Caminha etc...
- Crossing over from Valença do Minho into the village of Tui in GALICIA, Spain
- Continue on to BAIONA, where Europe first got word of the discovery of America
- Check into Paradise located within the castle of Montevideo
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Baióna

DAY 8:
BAIONA - VIGO - PONTEVEDRA - SANTIAGO
- Breakfast
- Drive to visit Vigo's fishing port & old quarter and Pontevedra's old quarter and Provincial Museum
- Ending your day in SANTIAGO (DECLARED A HUMAN HERITAGE CITY BY THE UNESCO)
- Check in Paradise
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Santiago

DAY 9:
SANTIAGO
- Breakfast
- SANTIAGO TOUR: This morning enjoy a 3 hrs & 30 min walking tour (with a local guide) of the city's important monuments: PILGRIMAGE CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO, where we will see: the silver crypt where St. James's remains lie, the statue of St. James the Apostle sitting on the high altar, the 12th century Baroque Portico de la Gloria (Port of Glory) In the same plaza stands the RAXOI PALACE, HOSTAL DE LOS REYES CATOLICOS and the COLLEGE OF SAN JERONIMO.
- Rest of the day Free to explore Santiago's quaint streets
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Santiago

DAY 10:
SANTIAGO - SARRIA - CERBEIRO - VILLAFRANCA - PONTERRADA - ASTORGA - LEON
- Breakfast
- On your own drive along the ancient Pilgrimage road to Santiago visiting: Sarria, Cerbeiro, Villafranca, Ponterrada, Astorga
- Ending your day in Leon
- Check into Paradise
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Leon

DAY 11:
LEON - BURGOS
- Breakfast
- In the Morning visit (with a local guide) Leon's important sites: Cathedral, Monastery & old quarter
- Drive to BURGOS (CÓRDOBA)
- Afternoon visit (with a local guide) Burgos' important sites: CATHEDRAL & OLD QUARTER
- Check into hotel
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Burgos

DAY 12:
BURGOS - BILBAO - ESCALANTE
- Breakfast
- Drive to BILBAO to spend the day visiting the famous GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM & OLD QUARTER
- Ending your day in Escalante
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Escalante

DAY 13:
ESCALANTE - SEGOVIA - EL ESCORIAL - MADRID
- Breakfast
- Drive to Segovia, visit (with a local guide) the city's important monuments: Roman Aqueducts, Alcázar & old quarter (Declared Human Heritage by the UNESCO)
- After lunch drive to El Escorial, visit the Monastery
- Ending your day in the centre of Madrid
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 14:
MADRID - TOLEDO - ARANJUEZ - MADRID
- Breakfast
- Drive to TOLEDO, visit (with a local guide) it's important sites: the OLD JEWISH QUARTER etc
- Then drive to Aranjuez, visit La Granja
- Return to Madrid when desired
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 15:
MADRID - SALAMANCA - AVILA - MADRID
- Breakfast
- In the morning drive to SALAMANCA, visit (with a local guide) it's important sites: PLAZA MAYOR, UNIVERSITY etc...
- Then drive to AVILA, visit (with a local guide) it's important sites: ROMAN WALLS, CATHEDRAL etc
- Return to Madrid when desired
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 16:
MADRID
- Breakfast
- In the morning, take a panoramic tour (with a local guide) passing by MADRID's important areas
- Rest of the day at leisure to explore Madrid, visit on your own the ROYAL PALACE, PLAZA MAYOR etc
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 17:
MADRID
- Breakfast
- Today you have the whole day free to visit the amazing art temple PRADO MUSEUM and get any last minute shopping done
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 18:
MADRID - MALAGA - MARBELLA
- Breakfast
- Drive to Burgos Airport, drop off your car and fly to Málaga.
- Upon arrival pick up a Mini-Van rental and then drive to Marbella (45 minutes)
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Marbella

DAYS 19 - 25:
MARBELLA
- Breakfast daily
- On these days you can do excursions on your own or inquire for our privately guide day tours.
- Lunch & Dinner on your own daily
- Overnights in Marbella

DAY 26:
MARBELLA - MALAGA
- Breakfast
- Drive to Málaga Airport
- Drop off Mini-Van
- Return flight to Point of origin city (not included)

END OF CUSTOMIZED TOUR SERVICES

Included

THE TOURS INCLUDE:

- 25 nights hotel
- 25 days Manual car rental
- Breakfast daily (except day of arrival)
- Local guide specified in itinerary
- Details final itinerary with vouchers, hotel descriptions etc... at the time of final payment
- Local taxes

Excluded

THE TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Train tickets
- Transfers not specified in itinerary
- Entrance fees when not with tour director or local guide
- Extra Local guides
- Beverages not specified in selected meals
- Meals not specified in itinerary
- Laundry Expenses
- Telephone & Facsimile charges
- Excess Baggage charges
- Passport & Visa fees
- Personal & Travel Insurance
- Airport & Departure Taxes
- Optional excursions
- Room Service
- Gratuities to the local guides

Lodging

HOTEL OVERNIGHTS

3 LISBON

Historic Hotel

1 BUÇACO

Historic Hotel

2 PORTO

Historic Hotel

1 BAYONA

Parador

2 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Parador

1 LEON

Parador

1 BURGOS

Historic Hotel

1 ESCALANTE

Manor House

5 MADRID

Historic Hotel

8 MARBELLA

Resort

HOTEL HIGHLIGHT:

HOTEL LAPA PALACE 5*

TRADITIONAL PORTUGUESE STYLE

This elegant building, with its stunning gardens, opened in 1992 as a hotel after it had been expanded to incorporate additional poolside accommodation.

Decorated in a traditional Portuguese style, it features marble stucco, carved wood and richly patterned azulejos tiles.

Lapa Palace is on a hill overlooking the

Tagus River, and is set amid tranquil gardens dotted with ornamental fountains and streams. It is surrounded by stately embassy buildings close to the centre of Lisbon, with its 19th-century squares and belvederes, and the hotel is just a short distance from five golf courses and a white sandy beach.

Lapa Palace has 94 guest rooms, including ten Deluxe Rooms, four suites, three Junior Suites and a Presidential Suite. All rooms are fully equipped, many of them with magnificent views over the River Tagus and Lisbon. Each guest room in the Palace Wing is unique, with its own individual Portuguese style, from 18th-century classical to art deco.