

Flavors of Portugal

April 15 - 25, 2026

\$7,251 /double

\$8,297 /single

(airfare included)



Golden sunlight on tile-covered streets, hillside vineyards spilling into a river valley, and gardens perched above a turquoise sea — Portugal invites you to slow your pace and savor its grace. From Lisbon's pastel panoramas and Sintra's romantic palaces to Braga's baroque sanctuaries, Porto's wine terraces, and the lush volcanic isle of Madeira, this journey reveals a country of poets, pilgrims, and seafarers.

Enjoy the best of Portugal's history, cuisine, and scenery, ending with three unhurried nights on Madeira — where flowers bloom year-round, mountains rise from the ocean, and evenings end with laughter and wine beneath a soft Atlantic breeze.

Consider combining Portugal and Spain for an extended Iberian adventure! Also, if you prefer a river based tour, please ask us to provide you with information about Douro River cruises.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- All meals, attractions, guides, and activities
- Fully escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- Airfare from Charlotte Douglas International to Lisbon
- Two nights in Lisbon at the Altis Avenida Hotel
- Two nights in Braga at the Hotel Moon & Sun, a contemporary boutique hotel
- Two nights in Porto at the Se Catedral Hotel, a Tapestry Collection by Hilton gem steps from the Douro River
- Three nights on the island of Madeira at the Barceló Funchal Oldtown, blending modern elegance with sea views and historic charm.
- Visit the UNESCO-listed town of Sintra and its fantastical Pena Palace
- Tour the Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary in Braga and sample Douro Valley wines.
- Enjoy a Fado dinner performance in Lisbon's Alfama district.
- Scenic cable-car ride from Funchal to Monte
- Excursions to Cascais, Fatima, and Queluz Palace

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Flavors of Portugal: **Day by Day**

Day 1 – Wednesday, April 15 – Journey to Portugal

A Globe Treks representative greets you at your door and escorts you to Charlotte Douglas Airport for your overnight flight to Lisbon, city of explorers and sunlight.

Day 2 – Thursday, April 16 – Welcome to Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon, where elegant boulevards climb seven hills overlooking the River Tagus. A panoramic city tour introduces the city's highlights — Belém Tower, the Monument to the Discoveries, and the richly carved Jerónimos Monastery. Check in for a two-night stay at the Altis Avenida Hotel, a refined Art Deco property perfectly situated along the grand Avenida da Liberdade. Its rooftop terrace offers sweeping views of the city's terracotta rooftops and the river beyond — a fitting perch to toast your arrival. Enjoy a relaxed dinner tonight, celebrating the start of your Portuguese adventure.

Day 3 – Friday, April 17 – Sintra, Cascais & Evening Fado

After breakfast, travel into the wooded hills of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape of romantic palaces and misty forests. Visit the colorful Pena Palace, a whimsical blend of turrets and domes perched high above town, and stop at elegant Queluz Palace, once the residence of Portuguese royalty. Lunch follows in the seaside village of Cascais, where waves crash against golden sands at Praia do Guincho.

Return to Lisbon for a special evening in the Alfama district — dinner accompanied by the haunting melodies of Fado, Portugal's soulful musical tradition.

Day 4 – Saturday, April 18 – Fatima & Arrival in Braga

Board a comfortable train north to Fátima, one of the world's most revered pilgrimage sites. Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima and learn the story of the children whose visions shaped modern Portugal. After lunch, continue to Braga, a graceful city of bell towers and boulevards.

Check in for a two-night stay at the Hotel Moon & Sun Braga, a sleek, modern boutique hotel set amid the old town's winding lanes. Its design balances contemporary style with classic warmth — light woods, soft textiles, and airy views of tiled rooftops. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant featuring traditional northern Portuguese fare.

Day 5 – Sunday, April 19 – Exploring Braga

Often called the "Rome of Portugal," Braga is known for its many churches and timeless calm. Visit the ornate Sé Cathedral, the country's oldest, and ride the hillside funicular to Bom Jesus do Monte, whose baroque stairway climbs past fountains and sculptures to sweeping views. Spend the afternoon wandering leafy squares or relaxing at a café under the arcades. Dinner tonight features regional specialties paired with crisp vinho verde wine.

Day 6 – Monday, April 20 – On to Porto

After breakfast, travel southwest to Porto, where medieval lanes tumble toward the Douro River. A guided city tour includes the Ribeira District, the Dom Luís Bridge, and the azulejo-tiled São Bento Station. Visit a port-wine lodge across the river in Vila Nova de Gaia for a tasting, then enjoy free time to explore the city's galleries and riverside promenades.

Check in for a two-night stay at the Se Cathedral Hotel, a stylish 4-star property from Hilton's Tapestry Collection. Located near the city's cathedral and the riverfront, it combines minimalist elegance with warm Portuguese character. The rooftop terrace and cozy restaurant make it a peaceful retreat in the heart of Porto. Dinner tonight is at a charming local restaurant nearby.

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Day 7 – Tuesday, April 21 – Douro Valley Wine Country

A glorious day unfolds along the Douro River, where terraced vineyards stripe the hillsides in neat green rows. Visit a family-owned estate for a tasting and traditional lunch overlooking the valley. Return to Porto in the late afternoon and dine at Restaurante Chama, known for its creative takes on Portuguese classics and an intimate, candlelit atmosphere.

Day 8 – Wednesday, April 22 – Fly to Madeira & Funchal Highlights

This morning, fly nonstop to the island of Madeira, rising from the Atlantic in a cascade of mountains and gardens. A guided tour of Funchal reveals colorful markets, the Sé Cathedral, and the harbor promenade. Ride the cable car from the city up to Monte, where adventurous guests may try the famous wicker-sled descent.

Check in for a three-night stay at the Barceló Funchal Oldtown, an elegant 5-star property set within restored historic buildings just steps from the ocean. The hotel blends modern sophistication with Old World charm — rooftop pool, sun terrace, and refined dining with sweeping bay views. Dinner tonight at Alta Vista overlooks the twinkling city lights.

Life on the Island of Madeira

Drifting far in the Atlantic, closer to Africa than Europe, Madeira feels like a secret garden rising from the sea. The air is soft and fragrant, scented with jasmine and ocean spray, while steep mountains climb straight from sapphire waters into mist and sunlight.

This lush island of volcanic peaks and terraced vineyards is a paradise for the senses. Along the coast, fishing boats bob in turquoise coves, and whitewashed villages nestle among banana groves and blooming bougainvillea. High above, stone walkways known as levadas wind through ancient laurel forests and waterfalls.

In Funchal, colorful markets brim with orchids, passionfruit, and local crafts. Cable cars glide to the hilltop village of Monte, where gardens overflow with camellias and hydrangeas — and, for the adventurous, wicker toboggans carry riders down polished cobblestone streets. Evenings unfold over fresh seafood and the deep, amber sweetness of Madeira wine, as the island glows in its perpetual spring.

Day 9 – Thursday, April 23 – Coastal & Mountain Beauty

After breakfast, set out on a driving tour of Madeira's dramatic coasts and interior landscapes — from emerald valleys to the misty Parque Natural da Madeira. Walk amid ancient laurel forests in Florestal das Queimadas and enjoy lunch in a seaside village. Dinner tonight is at La Vaca Negra, celebrated for its warm hospitality and fine local fare.

Day 10 – Friday, April 24 – Leisure on Madeira

Today is a free day to enjoy Madeira as you wish: stroll through Funchal's Old Town, browse craft markets, or relax by the sea. Perhaps visit the Botanical Gardens or take tea on a terrace overlooking the bay. Dinner this evening gathers the group for a final toast to Portugal and its islands.

Day 11 – Saturday, April 25 – Homeward Bound

After breakfast, fly from Madeira and connect to your return flight to Charlotte. A Globe Treks driver will bring you home, carrying with you the flavors, sounds, and golden light of Portugal and Madeira.

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