



A Taste of Portugal Travel



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**SPACES ARE LIMITED.
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Monday, May 11 | Depart for Portugal

Our Portuguese adventure begins with an overnight flight from Newark Airport to Portugal

Tuesday, May 12 | Porto

After a short layover in Lisbon, we land in Porto, Portugal's northern hub. We begin our guided tour on foot exploring the well preserved historical city center and the beautiful Avenida dos Allados, the impressive boulevard at Porto's heart. We will visit Porto's beautiful cathedral and learn about the city's ancient Jewish history. This evening, enjoy a delicious welcome dinner with our fellow travelers.

Bessa Hotel Boavista (D)

Wednesday, May 13 | Douro River Valley

After breakfast we venture to the town of Guimaraes and become immersed in the historic center with its magnificent castle and the 1420 Palace of the Duke of Braganza. Later, we will embark on a relaxing river cruise. The Douro River Valley provides a majestic backdrop for our scenic voyage coupled with a Portuguese wine and cheese tasting. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner at one of Porto's best restaurants.

Bessa Hotel Boavista (B,D)

Thursday, May 14 | Belmonte, Trancosco & Coimbra

After breakfast, we'll depart for beautiful Coimbra. Along the way we will stop at ancient Belmonte and explore this quiet town hidden in Serra da Estrela south plain slope. This community has kept the Jewish culture and traditions alive since the beginning of the Inquisition until our time. Next we'll continue to the walled village of Trancoso, a beautiful location that retains much of its medieval atmosphere and a remarkably preserved Jewish quarter, museum and synagogue. Later we arrive in Coimbra and settle into our comfortable hotel.

Tivoli Coimbra Hotel (B)

Friday, May 15 | Coimbra

Following breakfast, we will tour the University of Coimbra, established in 1537, atop a hill overlooking the city. Visit the Royal Palace, to observe the Great Hall of Acts, decorative Arms Room and step back in time and into Coimbra's Baroque Library, exquisite, from floor to ceiling. During a guided afternoon tour we will walk through the memories of Jewish Coimbra. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner at one of Coimbra's amazing restaurants.

Tivoli Coimbra Hotel (B,D)

Itinerary subject to change.

**Please note, this trip will require a substantial amount of walking.*



PORTUGAL

Saturday, May 16 | Tomar, Fatima, Maravao & Evora

We depart after breakfast and stop in to town of Tomar, built by the Knights Templar in the 12th century. We will visit the Tomar Synagogue, the only one of its kind from this period to have been fully preserved in Portugal. The next stop en route to Evora is at Fatima, a famous pilgrimage site and Marvao, a medieval village with cobblestone streets and picturesque hilltop views. Later, we arrive in Evora and check in to our modern hotel.

Vila Gale Evora (B)



Sunday, May 17 | Evora

After breakfast we travel to the city's highest point to visit the Cathedral of Évora and its Cloisters then continue to the Capela dos Ossos, or Chapel of Bones, to be awed by its ominous décor: meticulously arranged stacks of human bones! Next, we'll celebrate life's pleasures while perusing Evora's local handicraft and food markets and indulging in a Portuguese wine and olive tasting session. The balance of your day is at leisure to enjoy Evora.

Vila Galé Évora Hotel (B)

Monday, May 18 | Lisbon

We depart for Portugal's capital city of Lisbon this morning. First we stop in Belém, Lisbon's riverside district to view the iconic Belém Tower, where soldiers once watched the Tagus River for incoming invaders. Pass the Monument to the Discoveries, honoring Portugal's navigators of the Orient and India. We will arrive in Lisbon for a Portuguese cooking class in the afternoon. The balance of your day is at leisure.

Hotel Mundial (B)



Tuesday, May 19 | Lisbon & Sintra

This morning we venture to Sintra to discover one of the seven wonders of Portugal. Sintra's colorful Pena Palace, with its hilltop vantage point and eclectic architectural styles will take your breath away. In the afternoon we return to Lisbon for a Jewish walking tour starting at the Alfama quarter and Judiaria Grande, where a large Jewish community flourished in the Middle Ages. Tonight, we will enjoy one of Lisbon's best Portuguese restaurants.

Hotel Mundial (B,D)

Wednesday, May 20 | Obidos & Lisbon

Trek outside Lisbon to captivating Obidos, a medieval, walled town characterized by cobblestone streets lined with bookstores, whitewashed homes with splashes of blue and yellow paint and well preserved hilltop castle. This afternoon, we return to Lisbon for a farewell dinner with a Fado Show of traditional folk music.

Hotel Mundail (B,D)

Thursday, May 21 | Depart for the USA

Depart on our flight back to New Jersey. Transportation to the JCC in Margate is available. (B)



Join Us For ONLY

\$3,900^{per} person!



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

- Round international flights from Newark Airport.
- Accommodations at first-class hotels (9 nights)

- 2 nights in Porto
- 2 nights in Coimbra
- 2 nights in Évora
- 3 nights in Lisbon

Plus :

- 14 meals: 9 breakfasts (B), 5 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours including admission fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- Ground transportation in air-conditioned motor coach while in Portugal

Travelers must be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months after the dates of travel. Optional trip insurance is available for purchase at the cost of \$179 per person. Roundtrip Margate to Newark airport transportation is available for only \$150 per person. Single supplement fee is \$600. All payments are due in full by February 1, 2020.

Spaces are limited. Payment plans are available.



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