

DESIGNER TOURS

PORTUGAL

THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER'S ANNUAL PORTUGAL TOUR

This extremely relaxed tour is designed for only 14 discerning senior travellers

The Tours

Fifteen Days – During late September or early October each year.

The tour starts in Lisboa, and ends in Porto. Lisboa (4 nights), Alvito (3 nights), Vila Vicosa (3 nights), Porto (4 nights).

All transportation is provided by a luxury 30 seat coach.

Accommodation

At each location, luxurious accommodation is provided in iconic structures, which have been acquired by the Portuguese Government, restored to their original splendour, and then awarded to the internationally renowned hospitality group, Pestana, to operate as hotels.

The superb restorations have resulted in modernised and luxurious accommodations, but without losing any of the original and splendid architecture, art and ambience.

What is then tantamount to privileged accommodation, is provided by:

Pousada de Lisboa	- 17C Ministry of the Interior Headquarters.
Pousada Castelo Alvito	- 15C Castle.
Pousada Convento Vila Vicosa	- 15C Royal Convent.
Pestana Vintage Porto	- 16C World Heritage Site, a wharf warehouse.

Breakfasts

Superb fare inclusive Buffets: Cooked eggs, Mushrooms, Tomatoes etc; Smoked Salmon, Cold Meats and Cheeses; Breads and Rolls; Cookies, Cakes and Pasteis de Nata.

Regional dinners

On arrival night at each location, a regional speciality dinner and wines evening is fare inclusive.

Guide escorted Tours

On the first day at each location, a registered guide escorted tour of the location, in a luxury coach, is fare inclusive. The Lisbon tour includes Belem and Sintra.

Free days

In Porto, Alvito and Vila Vicosa, one totally free day.

In Lisboa, two totally free days.

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Visits en route

Lisboa to Alvito - lunch break at the riverside village of Alcacer do Sol.
Alvito to Vila Vicosa - tour of the Roman Ruins at Vidigueira.
Alvito to Vila Vicosa - lunch break at the mountain top village of Monsaraz.
Vila Vicosa to Porto - lunch break at Fatima.

Special fare inclusive events

Lisboa - Fado Club dinner & wine evening with Fado singing.
Alvito - Tour of the Manueline doorways and the historic chapel.
Alvito - Tour of the Castelo and Se at Viana de Alentejo.
Alvito - The Village Chanting Choir's private show in our castle's courtyard.
Porto - Short Douro River Cruise, ending at a Port House.
Porto - A Port House Tour and Tasting.
Porto - Day excursion to Braga and Ponte de Lima
Vila Vicosa - Tour of the Marble Quarry, Cutting Works, and Museum.
Vila Vicosa - Tour to Elvas, High Fashion Cork Products, Leather Goods.

Tour escorts

Designer Tours School Groups are all escort-directed by the teachers in charge, operating to a provided, closely defined, guidance manual.

Our other three annual tours are escort-directed personally by the owner-partners of Designer Tours – life partners Calvin Fabig and Wendy Moulton. These three tours are:

[The annual SA Protea Martial Arts World Championship Group](#)

[The annual Discerning Aviators Oshkosh Group](#)

[The annual Discerning Travellers' Portugal Group](#)

Wendy and Calvin are exceptionally pleased to serve as the Escort-Directors for the annual Portugal Tour. To them, it is akin to having a few friends join them on what would, in any event, have been their annual holiday break.

Over the years, they have managed to break their annual USA tour duty flights and spend a week or two in Portugal on personal holiday breaks. It is as a result of their having located the gems upon which these Discerning Traveller tours are based, that Designer Tours has added this tour to its "Discerning Traveller Tours" offerings.

For Date and Fare details of the Next Discerning Traveller's Relaxed Tour of Portugal, please contact Designer Tours - +27 (0)21-788-8440 or calvin@designer.co.za

Testimonials

Marlene Lloyd-Evans. 2017 Tour

The tour is highly recommended. We had a wonderful time and got a good taste of what Portugal has to offer.

Marlene

Geraldine Berry. 2017 Tour

Ola and bom dia Calvin and Wendy!

I SO enjoyed the trip to Portugal, so muito obrigada for taking me along on your holiday! I had such a great time and loved every minute.

I think once I have downloaded the MANY photos, I will again be able to re-live the experience and absorb everything more thoroughly, for at the moment, my mind is in overload and it is difficult to come down to earth and back to reality !! I can understand why you love the country so much and the tour was just what we needed to get a taste of what Portugal has to offer, with the experience of the big cities of Oporto and Lisbon to start and finish, and the smaller country areas in between to recharge our batteries!

Loved every moment! Especially staying in really old buildings close to the heart of each city and exploring the unusual out-of-the-way areas of Portugal. A wonderful way of getting to know the country!

Support Marlene's comment wholeheartedly!

Atenciosamente

Geraldine