Wines & Shrines of Portugal

Duration: 11 Days, 10 Nights

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	LISBON	Upon arrival you will be met by a local Tour guide and transfered to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight in Lisbon.	
2	LISBON • EVORA	After breakfast we travel across the Tagus river in the Setúbal peninsula, known for its sheep milk cheeses and Muscat wines, you will encounter one of the oldest wine makers of the country. We continue to Évora, a Unesco World Heritage city surrounded by fortified walls, where you can appreciate archaeological remains from the megalithic period up to the Roman occupation. Our walking tour to the famous 'Bones Chapel' with over 5,000 human bones that decorate its walls, the Roman temple, and the famous Jesuit University. We'll end the day with a visit to a winery and tasting.	Breakfast
3	ESTREMOZ	Estremoz is known as the land of marble and wine. Visit St. Isabel's Pousada and an opportunity to discover its local handicrafts, such as clay figurines. Visit to a winery with wine tasting, followed by a typical lunch and an afternoon visit to another winery, also including a wine tasting. (B)	Breakfast
4	MONSARAZ	Monsaraz, considered one of the hidden gems of the south, is a fortified medieval hilltop village that offers you the best views of the Alqueva, the largest European artificial lake. Here you will visit a unique winery and enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting followed by a gourmet meal. During the afternoon visit to a major wine producer of the lower Alentejo. (B)	Breakfast
5	MARVAO	Our journey through dazzling white villages and plains dotted with olive and cork trees takes us to the upper Alentejo to discover another magnificent producer. Nearby, we will take in Marvão, a fortified town also called "the Eagle's Nest", located at the top of a magnificent cliff. On to Belmonte, home of the famous 16th century navigator Pedro Álvares Cabral, discoverer of Brazil, where you will find the oldest active Jewish community in Portugal and its synagogue. (B)	Breakfast
6	LAMEGO	Travelling through the interior of the country we will arrive at one of Portugal's oldest wine regions, the Dão, known for its full-bodied reds. On to Lamego, where the shrine of Our Lady of Remédios is located on top of a hill. We will enter a region of gorges and valleys that produce a unique sparkling wine. (B)	Breakfast
7	DOURO VALLEY	Today you will explore the magnificent Douro Valley, a World Heritage Site a landscape shaped by man over the last 400 years. Our tour will include visits to two major wine estates and a typical lunch. (B)	Breakfast
8	MINHO	In the region of Minho, let yourself be surprised by the Alvarinho grape and its unique "green wine" and a wine tasting. We will go on a city tour of Porto, to discover its 7 bridges and most important sites, such as the Clérigos tower, the Cathedral, St. Francis Church where you can find one of the finest examples of baroque art in Portugal, and the lively of Ribeira quarter. Across the Douro river in Gaia, we will visit one of its many Port Wine Cellars. (B)	Breakfast

Tour Highlights

- Picturesque landscape
- Green Wine
- Port Wine
- Douro Wines
- Bairrada/Dão Wines
- Alentejo Wine
- Regional gastronomy
- Estate visits

Tour Includes

- Professional Tour Director
- Assistance at the airport upon arrival
- Airport transfer
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- 10 night's hotel accommodation
- 10 Breakfasts
- Entrance fees to the sites visited as per program
- All hotels taxes and service charges

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9	LISBON	On our way back to Lisbon we will discover the sparkling wines of the western coast, along with other famous red wines. Stopover at the most famous Shrines of Portugal and one of the most important in the world “Fatima”. Finally, on the banks of the Tagus, the Lisbon region – has been producing a number of surprising wines which are not to be missed, before arriving in Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon (B)	Breakfast
10	LISBON	A day to explore this vibrant city at your own pace. Optional: Fado night	Breakfast
11	DEPARTURE	After breakfast we’ll get you to the airport in plenty of time for your flight. (B)	Breakfast

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