



WOMEN WHO TRAVEL PRESENTS:
THE GRAND TOUR OF PORTUGAL TOUR

11/5 - 11/15

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 - 11/5 - BOSTON~PORTUGAL: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our TAP Portugal transatlantic flight to Porto, Portugal (*via Lisbon*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.

DAY 2 - 11/6 - PORTO, PORTUGAL: Upon arrival at Francisco Carneiro Airport in Porto, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help with our transfer. We'll board our private motor coach and enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour en route to our 4-star hotel, which is centrally located. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Prior to dinner this evening, we will gather for a Welcome Drink. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - 11/7 - PORTO: After breakfast at our hotel, we are off for a full day of guided sightseeing in Porto, Portugal's second largest city, situated on the right bank of the Douro River. Our tour begins in the Foz area near the mouth of the river. Next, we will visit Polácio da Bolsa (*the stock exchange*), the Old Trade Hall, the Gold Room, the Arabian Hall, the Clerigos Tower, and Cais da Bibeira. We will then board a Rabelo boat for a panoramic cruise on the Douro River. Our day winds down with a visit to a nearby wine cellar for an informative tour and a tasting of the port wine for which this city is world-renowned. Dinner on our own this evening, and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4 - 11/8 - GUIMARÃES~BRAGA~VIANA DO CASTELO: After breakfast, we head north for a drive through the Province of Minho to the historic city of Guimarães, Portugal's first capital, where we visit the magnificent Castle and the imposing Ducal Palace. Next is a stop in the religious center of Braga to visit the famous Bom Jesus Sanctuary. We continue to Viana do Castelo, a picturesque seaside resort, to visit the Monte de Santa Luzia, the 19th -century pilgrimage church, and the Old Quarter. Dinner on our own tonight, and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5 - 11/9 - PORTO~AMARANTE~VILA REAL~PINHÃO~VISEU: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we say goodbye to Porto and head for the quaint town of Amarante, which is particularly noteworthy for its stately 16th, 17th, and 18th century houses, complete with wooden balconies and wrought-iron grilles (photo). Next stop is in Vila Real, the town responsible for administering the port wine trade, and home to the famous Palácio de Mateus and Régua. We continue to Pinhao for a beautiful drive through the heart of the Douro River region and a visit to a local vineyard to see the process of making wine. Our last stop today is in Viseu for hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 -11/10- VISEU~COIMBRA~FÁTIMA~ALCOBAÇA~ÓBIDOS~ESTORIL: After breakfast and hotel check-out, and before departing Viseu, we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic city center. We then depart for Coimbra for a visit to its medieval university with its famous tower and baroque library. Next stop is the Christian pilgrimage center of Fátima to see its well-known landmarks. Our journey then takes us to Alcobaca to visit the 12th century monastery and the

Tombs of Pedro and Inês, followed by a stop to visit the picturesque walled village of Óbidos. Our final destination today is Estoril, where we will check-into our first-class hotel followed by a Welcome Sangria Party. Dinner is on our own tonight, and overnight is at the hotel.

DAY 7 - 11/11 - LISBON: After breakfast, we are off to the capital of Portugal - beautiful Lisbon! We will first tour the Belém district to visit the Royal Coach Museum, the Jeronimos Monastery, the Monument to Henry the Navigator, and the Tower of Belém. Then, we will tour the city center with visits to the Marquês de Pombal Square, Avenida da Liberdade, the Baixa shopping district, the Praça do Comercio (a riverside square), and the Old Quarter of Alfama. Return to our hotel in Estoril for dinner (on our own) and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8 -11/12- ESTORIL: After breakfast, we will have the entire day at leisure for shopping and individual sightseeing. Return to the Lisbon area for a night out in the capital at a local restaurant for dinner and an entertaining Fado Show. Overnight

DAY 9 -11/13- EVORA: After breakfast, we board our motor coach and head east to the museum town of Evora. The town's roots are of ancient Roman origin, and its historic district center has been designated as a UNESCO International Heritage Site. Our guided sightseeing will include many of the town's most important and famous landmarks. Dinner is on our own this evening and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10 -11/14 - QUELUZ~SINTRA~CASCAIS~CABO DA ROCA: After breakfast, we will visit the Palace of Queluz, with its 18th century halls and gardens. Next, we will drive to Sintra, one of the farming centers of Portugal, where we can visit the Royal Palace. After lunch (on our own), we'll continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Continental Europe. Then we'll continue along the coast, passing through the seaside resort of Guincho Beach, the fishing village of Cascais, and cosmopolitan Estoril. We will enjoy a special Farewell Sangria Party at our hotel prior to dinner this evening. Overnight.

DAY 11 -11/15 - ESTORIL~LISBON~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we transfer to the airport in Lisbon to board our TAP Portugal return flight to Boston