



## MALDEN CATHOLIC PORTUGAL & SPAIN FEBRUARY 14 – 22, 2019

### Day 1: Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Boston - Lisbon

Depart Boston's Logan International Airport on a direct overnight TAP Portugal flight to Lisbon. Meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.

### Day 2: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Lisbon - Estoril

Welcome to Portugal! Upon arrival, we will meet our escort, who will be waiting to help us transfer to our hotel. We'll take a small orientation tour before heading to check in at the Hotel Vila Gale with time to freshen up prior to dinner at the hotel. (Dinner)

#### Your accommodations from 2/15 to 2/19:

Hotel Vila Gale Estoril

Av. Marginal, Apt. 49

2766-901 Estoril, Portugal

+351 214 648 400

Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, air conditioning

<http://www.vilagale.com/en/hotels/lisbon-coast/vila-gale-estoril>

### Day 3: Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Lisbon

Following breakfast at our hotel, we are off for a visit to the Portuguese capital - Lisbon. Our visit will include the Belem District (from where the Portuguese navigators set out to discover new worlds), Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery (a great example of the Manueline-style), the Monument of Henry the Navigator, and the Nacional Coach Museum (a fascinating collection of coaches and carriages from all over Europe). Then we'll visit the downtown area of the city, including Alfama, Black Horse Square, Rossio, and more, with free time at the center, before continuing to visit of the other parts of the city including Park Eduard VII, before returning to our hotel in Estoril for dinner. (Breakfast and dinner)

### Day 4: Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Queluz - Fatima - Sintra - Cabo da Roca

Following breakfast, we will depart for a full day tour starting with a visit to the nearby Palace of Queluz, with its 18th century halls and gardens. Next, we will drive north to Fátima, one of the most significant centers of Catholic pilgrimage. Returning towards Estoril, we will visit Sintra, one of the most beautiful and picturesque places in Portugal, with its mountains and gardens, where we can visit the Royal Palace. Continue to Cabo da Roca, the "westernmost point of Continental Europe," for some truly unique and picturesque views. Continue along the coast, passing through the seaside resort of Guincho Beach and the sophisticated and popular fishing village of Cascais before returning to our hotel in Estoril. This evening, we will travel to one of Lisbon's old quarters to enjoy dinner and a Fado Night of Portuguese traditional singing and guitar music. Return to our hotel for overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

### Day 5: Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Estoril

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Today is free for independent sightseeing, shopping, or just relaxing at our seaside hotel. Dinner is on our own. (Breakfast)

**Day 6: Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Estoril - Évora - Seville**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head east to the Alentejo province and to the museum town of Évora, whose roots date back to ancient Roman times. Its historic district has been designated as an UNESCO International Heritage Site. Among other things, such as cork and olive oil, Alentejo is also one of the most important wine producing regions in Portugal. En route, we will stop to enjoy lunch at a local winery. After lunch, we will continue to the Andalucía province in Spain and will arrive in Seville in the late afternoon. Check-in at the Hotel Melia Lebreros. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 2/19 to 2/21:**

**Hotel Melia Lebreros**

**Luis Morales 2**

**4105 Seville, Spain**

**+34 912 764 747**

**Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, safe**

**<http://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/seville/melia-lebreros/index.html>**

**Day 7: Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Seville**

After breakfast, we will take a tour of the magnificent city of Seville, visiting the most important monuments, such as the Alcazar (a splendid example of Mudéjar Style), the cathedral (with some of the most important paintings and sculptures in the world), the famous Giralda Tower, and the Parque Maria Luisa. There will also be some free time to shop and explore on our own. This evening, we will be treated to a typical night out in Seville, with dinner and a flamenco show. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 8: Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Seville - Granada - Malaga**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will take a day trip to splendid Granada. Here, in the capital of Spain's last Moorish kingdom, we will visit one of the most outstanding examples of architecture of the period- the Alhambra, fortress of the 13th century ruler Al Ahmar. We will also visit the Water Gardens of the Generalife (the Royal Summer Palace) and the Royal Chapel. Continue on to Malaga, capital of the Costa del Sol region, where we'll check into our hotel, Hotel Malaga Centro for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 2/21 to 2/22:**

**Hotel Salles Malaga Centro**

**Marmoles 6**

**29007 Malaga, Spain**

**+34 952 070 216**

**Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, air conditioning**

**<http://www.hotelmalagacentro.com>**

**Day 9: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Malaga - Boston**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the Malaga Airport for our return flight (via an intermediate stop) to Boston, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight. (Breakfast)

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