

4 Days Tour Portugal – Simple & Serene (Fátima, UNESCO Heritage & Coastal Charms)

(Mini Group | 5–9 seat Business Van | Door-to-door pick-up with Driver-Guide)

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Aveiro
Venice of Portugal

Porto
World Heritage

Mealhada
Famous roast suckling pig

Coimbra
Historic academic city

Fatima
Marian apparition pilgrimage site

Obidos
Charming medieval town

Sintra
Fairytale palaces & UNESCO landscape

Lisbon PORTUGAL

Mini Tours 	Adult	€ 840	Child (2-11yrs)	€ 740 (no extra bed)	Single	€ 225	Tips	€ 40
	Price Includes: 5-9-seater executive vehicle + 4-star hotels with breakfast + professional driver-guide Price Excludes: Flights & visas, lunches & dinners, attraction tickets, driver-guide tips, city taxes							

Every Fri & Mon from Lisbon

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Tour Dates

- Depart Lisbon every Friday & Monday.
- Guaranteed departure from 2 guests, max 6 guests. (Perfect add-on to Yellow Line Line in-depth tour).

Tour Highlights

- Pilgrimage & university town: Fátima (Marian apparition pilgrimage site) · Coimbra (historic academic city).
- Portuguese flavors & 'water town' charm: Mealhada (famous roast suckling pig) · Aveiro (Venice of Portugal).
- UNESCO riverfront port city & storybook village: Porto (World Heritage) · Óbidos (charming medieval town).
- Romantic mountain finale: Sintra (fairytale palaces & UNESCO landscape).

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon → Fatima (130 km)

In the morning, our driver-guide will meet you at the pre-arranged time and location to begin the journey. Fátima – one of the world's most important Catholic pilgrimage destinations, famous for the 1917 apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children. Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary: Built in 1928 to commemorate the 1917 apparitions; it houses the tombs of Francisco, Jacinta and Sister Lúcia. Chapel of the Apparitions: Built in 1919 on the exact site of the apparitions; a solemn shrine marking where the holm oak once stood. Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity: Consecrated in 2007; Portugal's largest church, modern minimalist design, pillar-free interior and ~8,000 seats. Interactive Museum – Fátima Miracle: Multimedia exhibits recreating the events of 1917. Aljustrel Village: Visit the homes of the three shepherd children and learn about the origins of the Fátima story. Valinhos: A route the children walked daily; another reported apparition site with Stations of the Cross and memorials.

Day 2: Fatima → Coimbra → Mealhada → Aveiro → Porto (225 km)

University of Coimbra – Portugal's oldest university; its historic complex is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Joanina Library: A lavish Baroque library often ranked among the world's most beautiful; holds ~ 60-70k volumes (16th–18th centuries) and famously uses bats to protect books from insects. Royal Palace & St. Michael's Chapel: Once a royal residence; admire the ornate chapel with azulejo tiles, Baroque organ and royal box. University Tower (Goat Tower): Climb for sweeping views over Coimbra and the Mondego River. Mealhada –

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the 'capital' of Bairrada-style roast suckling pig, perfect for a classic Portuguese meal. Famous roast suckling pig restaurants: Pedro dos Leitões and Rei dos Leitões (local historic favorites). Pair with Bairrada sparkling wine for the classic combination. Aveiro – known as the 'Venice of Portugal' for its canals and colorful boats. Moliceiro boat cruise: A ~45-minute ride on traditional flat-bottom boats through the canals, passing Art Nouveau buildings. Aveiro Museum: Housed in a former convent; explore local religious heritage, including the tomb of Princess St. Joana and gilded woodcarvings. Old Train Station: Famous for its beautiful blue-and-white azulejo panels depicting local history and culture.

Day 3: Porto → Full-day City Sightseeing

Porto – the origin of the name 'Portugal' and Port wine; a UNESCO World Heritage city. São Bento Station: Often called one of the world's most beautiful train stations, featuring over 20,000 azulejo tiles narrating Portuguese history. Clérigos Tower & Church: A city landmark; climb the tower for panoramic views. The church blends elegant Baroque curves with refined decoration. Livraria Lello: A beloved bookshop and architectural gem; legends link its iconic red staircase to inspiration for the Harry Potter series. Port Wine Cellars (optional): Visit famous lodges in Vila Nova de Gaia (advance booking recommended) to learn production and enjoy tastings. Douro River cruise (optional): About 50 minutes—enjoy riverfront scenery, terraced vineyards and views of Porto's bridges.

Day 4: Porto → Obidos → Sintra → Lisbon (360 km)

Óbidos – a charming medieval town, said to have been a wedding gift from King Dinis to the queen. Óbidos Castle: A hilltop medieval castle now converted into a historic luxury hotel; walk the walls for views over the town and countryside. Church of Santa Maria: The main town church on the central square; known for 17th-century azulejo tiles. King Sebastian, I married here at age 10 (1575). Sintra – renowned for Romantic architecture, fairytale palaces and castles; a UNESCO World Heritage cultural landscape. Pena Palace: A colorful hilltop palace blending Gothic, Renaissance, Moorish and Manueline styles; spectacular viewpoints over the surrounding park. Quinta da Regaleira: A mysterious estate with Gothic-inspired architecture, gardens and the famous Initiation Well leading to underground tunnels. Moorish Castle: Medieval fortifications along the ridge with dramatic views over the mountains and coastline. Sintra National Palace: One of Portugal's best-preserved medieval royal palaces, recognized by its twin conical chimneys. Arrive

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Lisbon in the early evening. The driver-guide will see you off at the designated drop-off point. End of tour.

Tour Price

Adult Price	EUR 840
Child Price	EUR 740 (2-11 yrs, no extra bed)
Single Supplement	EUR 75 / pax / night
Tips	EUR 10 / pax / day

Price Includes:

- 5-9 Seat business van
- 4★ Hotels with breakfast + professional driver-guide (10 hours/day)
- Includes driver's meals & accommodation, fuel and parking.
- Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off for joining/leaving the tour (city centre only).

Price Excludes:

- Airfare & visas.
- Lunch and dinner.
- Attraction tickets.
- Driver-guide.
- Tips (EUR/GBP 10 per person per day).
- Themed activities (e.g., winery visits, truffle hunting).
- Other transport (trains/boats), city taxes, insurance, and driver-guide overtime (EUR/GBP 50 per hour).

Reference Hotels

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City	Hotel (or similar)
Fátima	Steyler Fatima Hotel & Congress 4★ or similar
Porto	Mercure Porto Centro Santa Catarina 4★

(Hotels are subject to final arrangement.)

Reference Entrance Fees & Signature Meal Costs

(Prices are for reference only. Final prices are subject to official websites or restaurant announcements.)

Item	Reference Price
Moliceiro canal cruise	EUR 18
Port wine cellar visit & tasting	EUR 25
Douro River cruise	EUR 25
Óbidos Castle	EUR 20
Pena Palace	EUR 15
Quinta da Regaleira	EUR 10
Moorish Castle	EUR 12
Sintra National Palace	EUR 15

Signature Meal:	EUR 30 per person.
Recommended Restaurant:	Ribeira Square (Mediterranean / European / Healthy / Portuguese cuisine).

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	Note: Two restaurant recommendations are already listed on Day 2 (Mealhada). This is another reference option.
Address:	Praça Ribeira 16, Porto, Portugal.
Opening Hours:	Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 18:00 – 23:00

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