

# Portugal Discoveries Tour

April 24 – May 4, 2025 www.a:

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This is a proposed itinerary and some tour aspects may change in the final itinerary.

# **Day 1 - Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Meet at the Edmonton or Calgary Airport and check in. Depart Edmonton or Calgary for Amsterdam on KLM







## Day 2 - Friday, April 25, 2025

Arrive in Amsterdam

Depart Amsterdam for Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon and meet your guide and bus.

Depart for the hotel and check in on arrival.

Dinner included at the hotel.

Evening free in Lisbon.

Meals: Dinner Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal Hotel: TBA







## **Day 3 - Saturday, April 26, 2025**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided bus and walking tour of Lisbon

Including the Alfama, the Baixa, Rossio, Restauradores, Pombal and Commerce Squares, the Liberdade Avenue, April 25<sup>th</sup> Bridge and the Jeronimos Monastery in Belem.

Free time in the Belem district so you can explore the area.







You definitely should visit the famous *Pasteis de Belem* to sample the original nata pastry.







Maybe visit these monuments and museums in the Belem area. Entrance fees not included.

<u>Monument of the Discoveries</u> – a monument celebrating the 'Age of Discovery" and prominent figures of Portuguese exploration. The wind rose and map square was a gift from South Africa.

<u>Belem Tower</u> – officially the Tower of Saint Vincent is a 16th-century fortification located in Lisbon that served as a point of embarkation and disembarkation for Portuguese explorers.

**National Coach Museum** – excellent collection of 17th to 19th century coaches.

<u>Maritime Museum</u> – Located on the west side of the Jeronimos Monastery, it is an impressive collection of over 23,000 pieces documenting Portuguese Naval history.

Return to the hotel on your own, evening free.

Meals: Breakfast Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal Hotel: TBA

#### Optional activity: there may be a possibility to see a soccer game this evening







Day 4 - Sunday, April 27, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

This morning we visit the Nations Park, the site of the World's Exposition in 1998.

Visit the *Oceanarium*, Europe's largest aquarium. (entrance fee included)







Depart for the *Companhia das Lezirias* to learn more about the cork production in Portugal. Depart for the Alentejo Region for a visit to the *Herdade do Freixo* winery.

We enjoy a wine tasting and a "petiscos" light lunch with cheese, sausages and bread. After the visit and lunch we continue to the Algarve region.

Arrive at our hotel in the resort town of Albufeira and check in.

The rest of the day is free for you to explore and have dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast & Wine Tasting with Light Lunch Overnight: Albufeira, Portugal Hotel: TBA







Day 5 – Monday, April 28, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel

Free morning for non-golfers to explore the resort town.

## **GOLFERS ONLY**

Depart for the golf course

GOLF - round 1 - 18 holes - Algarve

#### **EVERYONE**

Depart for Lagos and have time for lunch on your own







Meet at the Lagos marina to take a boat tour to the grottoes at Ponta da Piedade.







We continue our trip of the western part of the Algarve to the sacred promontory of Sagres, where there are remans of a fortress, and the end of continental Europe, Cabo Sao Vicente.

Afterwards we return to the hotel and the rest of the day is free.

Meals; Breakfast Overnight: Albufeira, Portugal Hotel: TBA

# **Day 6 - Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

Breakfast at the hotel

Free morning for non-golfers to explore the resort town.

#### **GOLFERS ONLY**

Depart for the golf course

GOLF - round 2 - 18 holes - Algarve







#### **EVERYONE**

Visit to <u>Quinta dos Vales</u> for tour of the estate, winery and cellar followed by a three course menu paired with wines.

Afterwards we return to the hotel and the rest of the day is free.

Meals; Breakfast, Dinner Overnight: Albufeira, Portugal Hotel: TBA

## Day 7 - Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel

Free day in the Algarve to enjoy the beach, golf 9 or 18 holes, or rent a car to explore the coast.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Algarve, Portugal

## **Day 8 - Thursday, May 1, 2025**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free morning for non-golfers to explore or partake in an activity.

#### **GOLFERS ONLY**

Depart for the golf course

GOLF - round 3 - 18 holes - Algarve







#### **EVERYONE**

Late afternoon catamaran cruise including a visit to the famous Benagil cave.

Lunch with finger food onboard including: mini meat croquettes with honey mustard sauce, mini shrimp rissoles, mini vegetable samosas, white and sweet potato chips, tuna, red onion, and tomato quiche, chicken wraps, mini 'Caco' bread with olives tapenade, pickled cucumber, and fresh tomato. Fruit skewers and pasteis de nata for dessert. Soft drinks included.

The remainder of the day is free for you to enjoy.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Overnight: Albufeira, Portugal

## Day 9 - Friday, May 2, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of the hotel Enjoy one last morning in the Algarve.

#### GOLFERS

Depart for the golf course

GOLF – round 4 – 18 holes – Algarve

# **EVERYONE**

Free time for lunch on your own.

Stop to see the **Sand City** sculptures.

Depart for Lisbon and check in on arrival.

The evening is free for you to explore and have dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

#### Day 10 - Saturday, May 3, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure for a day trip to Sintra.

We will stop at the Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe.







Arrive in Sintra and visit the stunning 19<sup>th</sup> century <u>Pena Palace</u> with Gothic, Manueline, and Moorish architectural styles.

Lunch included in Sintra and then you will have a short free time to look around the town.

Return to Lisbon along the coast past the sand dunes of Guincho, and past the "Boca do Inferno".

We will stop in Cascais for a view of the fishing port and resort town.

Return to the hotel and the evening is free. Maybe go to the Barrio Alto to enjoy the nightlife.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

Optional activity: there may be a possibility to see a soccer game this evening.

# Day 11 - Sunday May 4, 2025

Check out and pick up a breakfast package.

Depart for the Lisbon Airport

Depart Lisbon for Amsterdam

Arrive in Amsterdam

Depart Amsterdam for Calgary or Edmonton (via Calgary)

Arrive in Edmonton or Calgary

Meals: B



# Portugal Discoveries Tour

Tour information, cost, and insurance

#### **Tour Includes**

Flight from Edmonton to Lisbon return
9 nights hotel accommodation in single or double occupancy
All bus transfers included in the itinerary
Breakfast daily plus lunches or dinners as listed in the itinerary
English speaking guide
Tips for guides or bus drivers
Azorcan tour information webpage and predeparture meeting

## **Golf optional**

4 rounds of 18 holes of golf including green fees and cart (2 people sharing).

Golfers must have a handicap certificate to play the courses and meet handicap requirements. Please note that courses may have requirements for clothing and golf shoes. Here are some possible courses. We will book them based on availability for our group.

## **Possible Courses - ALGARVE**

Quinta do Lago (3 courses) - North, South or Laranjal Vale do Lobo Royal & Ocean Dom Pedro Golf - Old Course, Millenium, Pinhal & Laguna

#### **Tour Included Sightseeing & Events**

Guided city tour of Lisbon

Visits to Belem, Sintra, Cabo da Roca, Cascais, Lagos, Dona Ana Beach, and Cabo Sao Vicente.

Entrance fees to Jeronimos Monastery, Pena Palace, Lisbon Oceanarium, Sand City, and Sagres fortress.

Cork farm visit to see how the product is harvested

Winery tour in the Alentejo with wine tasting and lunch

Boat tour to the grottoes at Ponta da Piedade

Catamaran cruise with lunch in the Algarve

Visit a wine estate in the Algarve with dinner paired with wines

Lunch included in Sintra

#### **Tour Does Not Include**

Optional Golf in the Algarve

Car rental in the Algarve

Tickets to soccer matches

Travel Insurance (Medical and Trip Cancellation) – see below.

Travel health requirements including documentation, vaccination or testing.

Free time activities and drinks at dinner or lunch unless otherwise indicated.

Optional free time activities

Golf Bag baggage charges by airlines

#### **Tour Cost (without golf)**

Double or Twin Room per person cost - \$ 5995.00 Single supplement – add \$ 1850.00

#### Golf – Extra Cost

Golf is optional and you can golf just once or all four times if you wish.

The cost of each golf course is approximately 175 to 225 Euros with green fees and cart rental.

We will book each of the courses in advance. A handicap certificate is required to golf.

Club rental is extra if you are not brining your clubs.

# **Tour Payment Schedule**

Initial deposit to guarantee your spot on the tour - \$ 500.00

Please complete the tour registration form and email with an image of your passports.

Second payment by November 1, 2024 - \$ 1500.00

Final Payment and final name list by January 15, 2025

Payments can be made by check, bank draft or etransfer. Contact us for etransfer details.

Azorcan does not accept credit card payments for our tours.

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# **Tour No Flight Discount and Extended Stays**

Receive a **\$1550.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe. Economy seats are reserved for the group.

If you want to extend your stay Azorcan can change your return flight and the gateway. There may be an additional cost to do this and on a group file we are limited by the number of passengers we can do changes on either the outbound or return flight.

# **Optional Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance**

Azorcan Global offers an all-inclusive insurance policy or just a trip cancellation policy with Allianz Insurance. A copy of the insurance booklet and coverage is available on the tour webpage. It is up to each passenger to review the coverage and understand exclusions. We are not insurance agents so please call Allianz for any clarification on coverage. It is each passenger's responsibility to ensure they have proper coverage. Azorcan will get a quote for *all-inclusive insurance* and for just *trip cancellation insurance* based on your age, tour cost and length of your trip once the tour is close to being full. Passengers over 65 will need to fill out a medical questionnaire to get quotes. After we get the quotes, Azorcan will have an insurance form where passengers can select their coverage option or they can decline our insurance.



#### **Our Tour Operator**

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