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Enhance Your Stay in Lisbon with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

Full-Day Sintra + Cascais: Sit back and enjoy the comfortable chauffeured journey to Sintra ⁽¹⁾, a charming town set in the forested hills of the Serra de Sintra. With historical insight from your personal guide, you'll see the Sintra National Palace, home to kings and queens from the early 15th century to the late 19th century. With its pleasing blend of Medieval, Gothic, Manueline, Renaissance and Romantic elements, it is a fine example of organic architecture developing over centuries. From town, your car and driver will take you to the top of one of the highest peaks in the Serra de Sintra where you have the option to visit the National Palace of Pena, surrounded by woodlands and landscaped grounds. Dating to the mid 1800's, this was the first Romantic-era palace built in Europe, predating Germany's Neuschwanstein Castle by nearly 30 years. Then take some time to explore the charming streets of town, full of shops and cafes, before continuing to Cabo da Roca: This is the westernmost point of the European Continent and offers spectacular coastal views. Return to Lisbon by way of Cascais, a once sleepy fishing village that emerged as a summer holiday destination in the late 1800's and is still very popular with Lisbon residents. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Full-Day to Sesimbra, Azeitão Winery and Setúbal: Departing central Lisbon with your private car and driver, you'll cross the 25th April Bridge; built in 1966 and reminiscent of the Golden Gate Bridge, it affords fantastic views of Lisbon and the Tagus River. Your first stop of the day is the appealing town of Sesimbra, an old fishing village that has become popular with holiday seekers from Lisbon and beyond. Continue through the rolling hills of Serra da Arrábida Natural Park to Azeitão to visit José Maria da Fonseca. Founded in 1834, this is one of the oldest wineries in Portugal. Still a family operation, it is run with the same undiminished passion that has long produced world-famous wines like their Setúbal Moscatel. Learn about their winemaking traditions as you enjoy a tour and wine tasting. Then see the colorful fishing port of Setúbal and São Filipe Fort, built in the 16th century, before returning to Lisbon via the Vasco de Gama Bridge. Spanning nearly 11 miles, this is one of the longest bridges in Europe. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours.*

Full-Day Batalha, **Nazaré**, **and Óbidos with Winery Visit:** Exploring with your own chauffeured vehicle and expert guide, this comprehensive excursion will take you to some of Portugal's most important and revered sites. Leaving Lisbon behind, your first stop is Batalha, where you can admire the Batalha Monastery , a masterpiece of Manueline Gothic architecture that was built to commemorate the Portuguese victory over the Castilians in 1385. Continue to Nazaré, a picturesque fishing village famous for its giant waves that lure surfers from around the world every winter. Thrill to spectacular coastal views from the Nazaré viewpoint before sitting down to lunch on your own, perhaps at one of the local seafood restaurants. Next up is Óbidos. Behind the classic crenellated walls of this handsome medieval town, you'll explore charming cobblestone streets lined with inviting boutiques and shops where you can sample Ginjinha, the traditional cherry liqueur of the region. Before returning to Lisbon, you'll spend time at the vineyard estate of Quinta do Sanguinhal. A guided tour of their gardens, vineyards and cellars concludes with a tasting of six fine wines, paired with local cheeses and crackers. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Full-Day Visit to Fátima, Nazaré, and Óbidos: On May 13, 1917 in a small village near Fatima, Catholics believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto. Just 11 years later, the first foundation stone was laid for the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima—and the church's dedication took place on October 7, 1953. In the decades since, tens of millions of pilgrims have visited Fátima. With historical insights from your guide, you'll visit the impressive Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima and see the houses where Lúcia, Francisco and Marto lived in the small town of Aljustrel. Continue to Nazaré, famous for its giant waves that lure surfers from around the world every winter. Take in the spectacular coastal views from the Nazaré viewpoint before sitting down to lunch on your own, perhaps at one of the local seafood restaurants. Next up is Óbidos. Behind the impressive crenellated walls of this medieval town, you'll explore charming cobblestone streets lined with boutiques and shops where you can sample Ginjinha, the traditional cherry liqueur of the region. *Tour Duration 8 Hours*

Full-Day Évora + Alentejo Winery Visit: In the company of your knowledgeable private guide, this chauffeured excursion takes you into Alentejo, a wine region known for its cork forests, olive groves and vineyards. Your first stop is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Évora , a veritable living museum with roots dating to Roman times. Reaching its golden age in the 15th century when it became the residence of the Portuguese kings, Evora is renowned for its whitewashed houses, decorated with beautiful Azulejo tiles and wrought-iron balconies dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. See the historic St. Francis Church and continue along the narrow streets of Old Town to see the ancient Roman Temple and spectacular Evora Cathedral. Completed in 1250, this is the largest cathedral in Portugal, and it showcases the transition from Romanesque to Gothic architecture, with later additions during the Renaissance and Baroque eras. With free time to enjoy lunch on your own, your guide will be happy to offer suggestions where you can sample the local Alentejo cuisine. Before returning to Lisbon, we'll take you to Herdade do Esporão Winery, one of the finest in the Alentejo region. Learn about their sustainable wine-production methods, tour the cellars, and enjoy a tasting of their fine wines. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Full-Day Coimbra + Tomar: Traveling comfortably with your private car, driver and guide, you'll journey northward to Coimbra. Situated on the banks of the meandering Mondego River, this handsome town is home to the country's oldest university, founded in 1290. With cultural and historical insight from your guide, your exploration includes the University of Coimbra , one of the oldest in Europe and home to the remarkable Joanina Library. Behold the Coimbra Cathedral, one of Portugal's most beautiful Romanesque monuments, and enjoy some free time to explore and have lunch on your own. Continue to Tomar, known as the city of the Knights Templar, to visit the magnificent Convent of Christ . Built over the span of 500 years, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a testimony to an architecture that combines Romanesque, Gothic, Manueline, Renaissance and Baroque elements. The Convent's centerpiece is the 12th-century rotunda that shows the influence of Jerusalem's Holy Sepulcher Rotunda. Before returning to Lisbon, you'll have free time to explore Tomar's historic town center. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Market Tour with Cooking Class + Lunch: Experience Portuguese culinary traditions and daily Lisbon life on this 3-in-1 tour that combines a market visit with a hands-on cooking class and lunch. Led by our engaging chef guide, you'll mingle with city residents at a colorful local market, selecting fresh ingredients for your upcoming class. Back at the kitchen, you'll learn how to prepare a traditional Portuguese meal, including fish and meat dishes and dessert. At the end of this fun, hands-on experience, you'll sit down to a congenial meal featuring the dishes you've helped to prepare accompanied by local wine. Of course, you'll go home with the recipes so you can recreate the meal for your family and friends at home. *Duration: 5 Hours*

Pastel de Nata Baking Class: Portugal's most famous treat, the Pastel de Nata, traces its history to the 18th century when monks at Jerónimos Monastery found themselves with large quantities of egg yolks left over from starching nuns' habits with egg whites. Thus, was born Portugal's famous egg custard tart. Today, there are hundreds of bakeries and cafes all over Lisbon that offer Pasteis de Nata—and dozens of blogs and news articles about which one has the best Pastel de Nata. Who knows? The best one just might be the one you make today in this hands-on baking class! Learn all of the ingredients, techniques and secrets to make Portugal's most-famous treat. *Duration: 1.5 Hours*

Fado Experience with Dinner: Fado emerged in the 19th century as a musical expression of melancholic longing and the struggles of everyday life. It is believed to have its roots in the taverns and streets of Lisbon's oldest neighborhoods where sailors, merchants and locals would gather to share their stories through song. With its haunting melodies and poignant lyrics, Fado has become a defining symbol of Portuguese identity and culture. This evening, we'll take you to one of Lisbon's best Fado houses for a fine dinner of traditional Portuguese cuisine—and an unforgettable night of music and song. *Duration: 2.5 Hours*