



**NEW** CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

## Portrait of Portugal 2020

9 days from \$5,495 per person

Limited to 24 guests

Discover the charms and rural traditions of Portugal, from the bustling capital of Lisbon and scenic countryside to the idyllic Douro Valley and charismatic Porto, experiencing wonderful cultural and culinary heritage unique to each place.

### Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director<sup>®</sup> and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

### A&K Advantages

- Enjoy a cooking class with a viscountess in the old kitchens of her family estate, and savor the results for lunch
- Sit down to a private dinner and *fado* performance in Lisbon, experiencing the iconic and expressive folk genre firsthand
- Dine in Nazaré, one of Portugal's most picturesque traditional fishing villages
- Cruise the scenic Douro River, admiring the dramatic landscape of steep hills and vineyards

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL

Arrive in Lisbon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for drinks and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 LISBON | SIGHTS, SOUNDS & FLAVORS OF PORTUGAL

Enjoy a tour of Lisbon with an expert local guide. See the Belém Tower and visit the Jeronimos Monastery. Later, attend a hands-on workshop at the National Tile Museum, where you are introduced to this ancient Portuguese craft. This evening, experience a private dinner and performance of *fado*, the characteristic and emotional folk music of the nation.

Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 3 LISBON | EXPLORE THE VIBRANT PENA PALACE

This morning, travel just outside Lisbon to the village of Sintra. In this town of palaces, enjoy a guided tour of the Pena Palace, decorated with vivid colors and evocative stone carvings. Return to Lisbon, where the afternoon and evening are at leisure for you to explore.

Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4 NAZARÉ | WAVE WATCHER'S PARADISE

Depart Lisbon for Alcobaça Monastery. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded by Portugal's first king in 1153 and became one of the most important monasteries in the country. Continue to nearby Nazaré, a picturesque coastal village that is also home to some of the world's largest surf. Savor a seafood lunch, then take a funicular to the old neighborhood of Sítio atop the cliffs. Later, arrive in Coimbra and check in to your hotel.

Quinta das Lágrimas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 5 COIMBRA | STUNNING UNIVERSITY & LIBRARY

Join a local expert for a tour that introduces you to the University of Coimbra, the oldest in Portugal, and its Johannine Library. Built between 1717 and 1728, this library contains over 50,000 volumes and was constructed on the ruins of a medieval prison. Drive toward the Douro Valley, stopping at a winery for a tasting and lunch. Continue to your riverside hotel.

Douro Royal Valley Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 DOURO VALLEY | VIEWS FROM THE RIVER

Ride a train along the Douro Valley to the civil parish of Pinhão, arriving at the historic station. Savor lunch at leisure, and afterward, take to the water as the locals have for centuries. Embark on a scenic cruise down the Douro Valley, admiring its terraced vineyards and whitewashed estates. Then, journey by road back to the hotel and enjoy dinner.

Douro Royal Valley Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7 DOURO VALLEY | A VISIT WITH A VISCOUNTESS

Meet a local viscountess, and learn about the history of her family and their estate. Enter the old kitchens, where you learn to cook using the original wood-burning stoves. Indulge in the hearty lunch that you helped prepare, and then visit another winery for a tasting en route to Porto, Portugal's second-largest city.

Infante Sagres | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 PORTO | CHARMING, HISTORIC WATERFRONT

This morning, explore the Cais da Ribeira, the quayside of the fascinating Ribeira district, and see some of the city's most beautiful monuments including the São Francisco Church; the Romanesque Cathedral; and the opulent 19th-century Palácio da Bolsa, which once functioned as a major stock exchange. The afternoon is yours to further explore, and afterward, savor a farewell dinner at one of the city's famous port lodges.

Infante Sagres | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9 DEPART PORTO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
May 27 - Jun 04, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Call for Availability
Jun 17 - Jun 25, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Available
Jul 01 - Jul 09, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Call for Availability
Sep 16 - Sep 24, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Available
Sep 23 - Oct 01, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Call for Availability
Oct 07 - Oct 15, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,795	Available

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).