



LUXURIOUS LISBON

THE CITY ON THE BAY

FEBRUARY 27TH - MARCH 3RD 2020

The tiny country of Portugal, squeezed between Spain and the sea, has a long and proud history of fierce independence. Its traditional agricultural and fishing communities continue unchanged beside its bustling and cosmopolitan cities. Mountainous landscapes, untouched by time and modernization, stand in curious juxtaposition above the jet-setting coastal resorts.

Lisbon, the capital, is a city with a vitality, variety and pulse like none other. From the chic shops of Chiada to its ancient Moorish Quarter, the Alfama, to the planned elegance of the Baixa district. A morning sightseeing tour with a local guide will introduce the various districts of the city – often compared to San Francisco. An evening includes dining with the haunting soulfulness of “Fado,” Lisbon’s uniquely powerful folk music.

We’ll take an excursion up the coast to the north, where the ruling royal family built their palaces away from the hustle and bustle of the city, and have time in the charming coastal towns of Cascais and Estoril.

This spring, as the sun warms this Iberian corner, join Discover Europe for an unforgettable sojourn into the very heart and soul of ancient Portugal.



THE PALACE OF PENA

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY:	\$2390
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 790

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 4 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Lisbon and Evora
- BAGGAGE:** Portorage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.



CASTELO DE SAO JORGE





THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - Morning arrivals at Lisbon airport will be greeted for the transfer to our city center hotel. After time to check-in and unpack, you'll acquaint yourself with the neighborhood this afternoon on a panoramic sightseeing tour as a local guide introduces the wonders of this fascinating city. From the grand neoclassical buildings of the Baixa district to the narrow cobbled alleys of the Moorish Alfama quarter, you'll have the opportunity to experience the rich variety which is Lisbon today. It is a wonderful way to

get your bearings and includes visits to the Castelo de Sao Jorge, a hilltop fortification with magnificent views over the city and the Tagus River, Belem Tower and the exquisite Monastery of Jeronimos. Returning to the hotel, we'll gather for a welcome dinner this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH - Today, we explore the coast north of the city: the beautiful hill town of Sintra and the palaces which dot the wooded hills. Visit the Queluz Palace and the Palace of Pena and, after a break for lunch (included), spend time in the cosmopolitan seaside resort of Cascais. Return to Lisbon for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**



SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST - A free day in the city. Why not visit two of the city's best loved museums: the Gulbenkian, including one of the world's foremost private art collections, and the Fronteira Palace, renowned for its tiles and formal gardens. Perhaps wander along streets, known for their mix of local shops, in search of treasures. This evening is free to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND - We travel east this morning to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Evora, where a walking tour with a local guide introduces the architectural and cultural treasures that fill its tangled web of streets and alleyways. The afternoon is free for individual exploration...shop for handicrafts along Rua 5 de Outubro, browse through the city museum, or experience the bustle of the Praca do Giraldo, Evora's main square. Returning to Lisbon, we gather to experience the husky beauty of a "fado," Portugal's traditional music, over our farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD - Morning transport to Lisbon Airport for our returning flights to the US. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

