



# THE PORTUGUESE CAMINHO

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020

In AD 1085, when a pilgrimage to Jerusalem became impossible during the First Crusade, the best alternative to guarantee a remission of half your time in purgatory was a trip to Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. The route there became known as the Pilgrim's Way or the Way of St. James.

Chaucer's Wife of Bath went there and obviously enjoyed the experience as she then chose to go on a second pilgrimage to Canterbury. But it wasn't just a reduction of time in purgatory that made people take to the road on pilgrimages: social fashion, adventure, the opportunity to find a partner in marriage, or just company and good food (and sometimes even crime), were all lures which attracted people to set off. In fact many of the same attractions and reasons why people go on tours today!

In more recent times it has again become very popular to trace the ancient caminos (trails) to Santiago either by foot, horseback, pedal power or if none of those appeal, by motorized transport. For those who have already taken the more familiar route along the north coast of Spain, Discover Europe has designed a tour that approaches Santiago from the south, tracing part of the Caminho Portuguese. Pilgrims would come by boat to either Lisbon or Porto and then journey north to Santiago de Compostela along this route.

On this tour you'll also have a chance to finish the last leg of the pilgrimage this time by heading out to Finis-terre - the end of the world.



COIMBRA



CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES

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

BOSTON DEPARTURE	\$4540
LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$3840
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 950

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

## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

<b>AIRFARE:</b>	Round trip, economy class airfare on TAP Air Portugal including all airport taxes and customs fees
<b>HOTELS:</b>	8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
<b>COACHING:</b>	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
<b>MEALS:</b>	Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
<b>GUIDES:</b>	Sandi Tinyk and a Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guide in Porto
<b>BAGGAGE:</b>	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
<b>ENTRANCES:</b>	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

**Optional Lisbon Extension:** The cost of this extension is \$1580 per person, double occupancy (\$540 single supplement) and includes 3 nights' accommodation in a first class hotel, breakfast daily, 2 dinners (one including a fado performance), all entrance fees and transportation, local guides in Lisbon and Evora, tour guide throughout.

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

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**OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP LISBON EXTENSION:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** - This afternoon you depart Barrington by private transport to Boston Logan Airport, where you board your TAP Air Portugal direct service to Lisbon. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** - On arrival at Lisbon Airport, you will be met and taken directly to the coastal resort of Cascais, just west of the city, for lunch overlooking the Atlantic. Refreshed and revitalised we'll turn inland to the beautiful hill town of Sintra, where we will visit the Palace of Pena, a wild fantasy of domes, towers and ramparts, before heading back to Lisbon. After checking in to our hotel, there will be time to rest before dinner. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** - Panoramic sightseeing this morning, with a local guide, introduces this fascinating city; from the grand neo-classical buildings of the Baixa district to the narrow cobbled alleys of the Moorish Alfama quarter, you'll experience the rich variety which is Lisbon today. We'll stop for visits to the Castelo de Sao Jorge, a hilltop fortification with magnificent views over the city and the Tagus River, and see the Belem Tower and the exquisite Monastery of Jeronimos. The afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - 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'll sample a local restaurant where we can experience the soulful beauty of fado, Portugal's traditional music, as we dine out. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning you will be returned to Lisbon Airport where you will meet up with the other arriving group members for the journey north to Tomar. **(D) OVERNIGHT: TOMAR**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - This afternoon you depart Barrington by private transport to Boston Logan Airport, where you board TAP Air Portugal's direct service to Lisbon. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - Your arrival will be met for the transfer to our hotel in the historic city of Tomar, just over an hour north of the airport. After checking in to our hotel, there will be free time to unpack, relax and have lunch before we take an afternoon tour of the city. We'll visit the Convent of Christ, founded in 1162 by the Grand Master of the Templars. Seldom visited by tourists, this massive building retains its sense of dignity and antiquity. Its Manueline embellishments, a unique style of Portugal, are some of the finest surviving examples. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: TOMAR**



PENA PALACE

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - Turning toward the coast, our first stop today is the enchanting medieval walled town of Obidos. We'll visit the simple church of Santa Maria and have free time for lunch before continuing to Fatima to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. On 13th October 1917, an event called the Miracle of the Sun was witnessed here by a large crowd, having been predicted by an apparition of the Virgin Mary and revealed to 3 young children. We then return to our hotel in Tomar for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: TOMAR**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - Heading north today we follow the Portuguese Way (the Camino de Santiago in Portugal), to the city of Coimbra. We'll stop here to visit the magnificent Gothic Cathedral and see the 13th-century university, one of the oldest in the world. After time for lunch we continue north on the highway, parallel with the Camino – signs for towns with names like Avelas de Caminho tell us that we're on the right track! We'll arrive in the city of Porto with time to freshen up before dinner at our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PORTO**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Morning sightseeing of the city with a local guide includes the Cathedral District, the riverside quarter of Ribeira and the civic and shopping centers of Central and Baixa. This afternoon, an excursion to Portugal's most spectacular religious sanctuary, Bom Jesus do Monte. The 18th-century giant baroque stairway was designed to lead up to the small shrine, the church of Bom Jesus. We return to Oporto for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PORTO**



BOM JESUS DO MONTE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we explore the Douro Valley. This is the wonderfully fertile region that stretches inland from Porto, on the coast. We'll take a short river cruise and stop at a traditional "quinta" where you can taste the local delicacies – Port, of course, and the lovely local white wine, which is often very slightly sparkling, known as Vinho Verde. The thousands of narrow terraces, on which the vines grow, have been chiseled out of the steep river banks and remind us of the centuries of backbreaking labour which this region has endured and which continues, largely unchanged, today. We'll return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PORTO**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Leaving Porto this morning, we drive north up the coast and then head inland to the delightful city of Braga - sometimes known as the religious capital of Portugal, due to the influence of its archbishops who can trace their line back to the 6th century. After time for lunch, we continue across the border and up the beautiful coast of northwest Spain, past Vigo and Pontevedra, finally arriving at our fondly remembered Galician 'home' outside Santiago, Pazo Cibran. No doubt Maica will be there to give us the warmest of Galician welcomes. There will be time to relax and enjoy a refreshing glass of local white wine before dinner at the Pazo. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SANTIAGO AREA**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>** - To complete our journey we head to Lavacolla and walk (optional) the penultimate leg of the pilgrimage. It is three miles from Lavacolla to Monte de Gozo (Mount of Joy), where the pilgrims were once rewarded with their first view of the cathedral spires of Santiago de Compostela. Lavacolla was where the pilgrims washed themselves in the river to prepare for their arrival at the cathedral. For many it was the first proper wash in months! The rest of the day will be spent in the heart of the old town of Santiago. A visit to the cathedral will be followed by free time to explore the surrounding district with its museums and warren of medieval squares and alleys. We'll return to Pazo Cibran before our farewell dinner at the magnificent Roberto's. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SANTIAGO AREA**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>** - Our excursion today will take us north along the coast from Santiago to the end of the world – at least that is the derivation of the name of Cape Finisterre. Traditionally this was the last leg of the pilgrimage and the weary travellers would ritually burn their boots while gazing out over the Atlantic Ocean from this, the western most point of Spain. We'll stop in the village of Fisterra and those who want to can walk the last few miles of the Camino, and then, following the more modern tradition, burn their boots, and clothes, before taking a plunge in the refreshing Atlantic waters (optional)! After time for lunch in the village we'll drive to Santiago Airport where we board the short flight to Lisbon. On arrival we'll check into our airport hotel and gather for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON AIRPORT**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>** - Morning flight from Lisbon Airport back to Boston, where our private coach will be waiting to take us back to Barrington. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

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

## REGISTRATION FORM

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

### DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

**NAME(S).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.

**PASSPORT DETAILS.** Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**ADDRESS.** If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

**HEALTH INFORMATION.** It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

### TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure date and your departure airport or city.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

### INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information *at least* 60 days prior to your trip departure.

### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms, If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

*Note: A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.*

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### PASSENGER DETAIL: THE PORTUGUESE CAMINHO (0919/BCP)

Passport Name:  
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 Secondary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
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Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Trip Details

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to extend my trip to: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
 DISCOVER EUROPE  
 95 ADAMS STREET, KEENE, NH 03431

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group

size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tours sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
  - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
  - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
  - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**  
*(Please check one)*

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights from Boston: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided **at least** 90 days prior to departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

*(Please check one)*  
 I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)  
 I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We would like a double twin-bedded room

**PERMISSION**

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.  
Yes No

**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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