

WINE HARVEST IN PORTUGAL

JOURNEYS
by Van Dyke 

 Land Journey

15 Days

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Discover Portugal

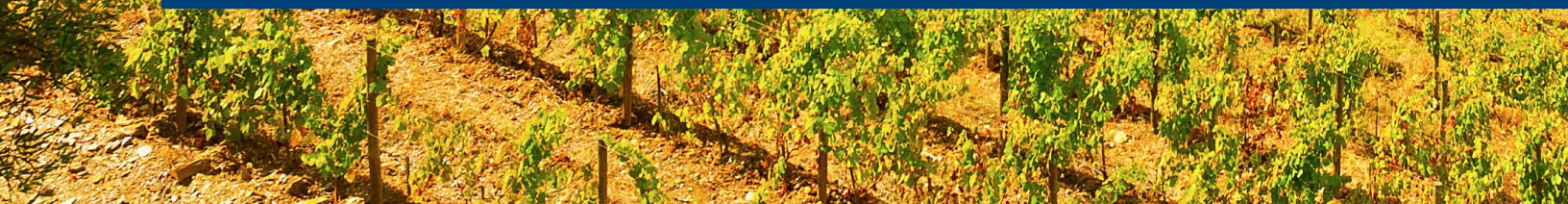
Fall in love with the idyllic country of Portugal during this 15-day Journey. Marvel at medieval castles perched on scenic hilltops, wander through quaint fishing villages and explore sandy beaches along the most epic coastline. From the wine festival in Madeira, through tastings in Porto, on the Douro, and in Alqueva, savour various vintages in this “Old World wine region”. Brimming with beauty, vibrant culture, and tasty treats, Portugal is Europe’s perfect sweet spot.





① Wine Festival & Experiences

The island of Madeira comes to life during its annual Wine Festival to celebrate the fall harvest. Join in a special lunch and tasting, and try crushing grapes with your own bare feet! Savour Port in Vila Nova de Gaia's famed cellars, as well as along the Douro river.





② Lisbon & Sintra

Venture through the stunning capital city of Portugal, Lisbon, with its charismatic charm and vibrant streets. Just a short distance away, discover the gorgeous resort town of Sintra and revel in the beauty of its sweeping mountains, lush forests and colourful storybook castles.



③ Moliceiro Boat Ride

Embark on a delightful boat ride in a traditional moliceiro through the relaxing canals of Aveiro. Slowly sip on a glass of local sparkling wine while admiring the art nouveau buildings, the Aveiro salt pan, the Jerónimo P. Campos ceramics factory, and the bustling Fish Market.



④ Porto

Immerse yourself in the dazzling coastal city of Porto. Famed for its production of Port that is stored along the banks of the Douro River, visit the stoic Cheese Castle, and famous Vila Nova de Gaia wine cellar.





⑤ The Algarve

Stunning rock formations give way to pristine beaches and white-washed buildings in the Algarve coastal region. Feel your shoulders lower in the small towns of Lagos, Sagres and Tavira. See the immense cliffs from another perspective during a cruise of the grottos of Ponta da Piedade.



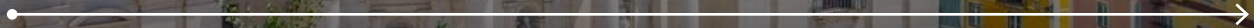


⑥ Tomar

Loaded with historical significance, Tomar is a city connected to the former seat of the Order of the Knights Templar. Relish in the beauty and history of the Convent of Christ and spot landmarks all around the town that are connected to this ancient and secretive group.



Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR PORTUGAL

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flight to Portugal. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

Overnight flight





Day 2

FUNCHAL, PORTUGAL

A beautiful city with an alluring mix of classic Portuguese architecture and natural beauty, explore the coast of a sunny bay where fennel (funcho) once grew in abundance. Madeira's first city is a charming and exciting visit. On arrival in Funchal, we are met by our local guide and transferred by private coach to our hotel where we settle in and relax. This evening, join us for a casual welcome dinner. (D)

Quintinha São João Hotel & Spa, Funchal (3 nights)

Day 3

NUN'S VALLEY

Today we travel by coach to see breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains of Nun's Valley by way of the Eira do Serrado viewpoint. We visit Curral das Freiras, a small village nestled among the highest mountains and sample Ginja, Portuguese liquor infused with sour cherries and chestnut cake. We continue to Pico dos Barcelos for a panoramic view over Funchal bay and the amphitheatre. Following lunch in a local restaurant we visit the traditional fishing village of Câmara de Lobos, which was also a favourite of Winston Churchill. We stop for spectacular views at Cabo Girão before returning to Funchal. This evening dinner is at our hotel. (B,L,D)





Day 4

MADEIRA & WINE FESTIVAL

Our day begins with a visit to the 2nd-largest peak on the island, Pico Arieiro, before visiting Ribeiro Frio to visit the beautiful gardens and the famous trout pond. This is also the starting point for many levada walks, a series of relaxing hiking trails. We visit Santana to see the triangular houses built of stone with their thatched roofs.

Lunch is at a very special location that celebrates the wine season. We are greeted with a welcome drink, Madeira Wine on ice and enjoy many local dishes, followed by the opportunity to crush grapes with your bare feet! We then get to have a tasting of Madeira wines. We continue to Porto da Cruz, and stroll through the village sampling the local rums. We pass through the first capital of Madeira, Machico, where navigators who discovered the island landed in 1420 on our return to Funchal. We enjoy dinner this evening at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 5

FUNCHAL TO PORTO

This morning we leave this lush island and fly to Porto. Porto is a fascinating and vibrant city that is rapidly becoming one of Western Europe's most respected tourist destinations. Porto is a historic and varied city, from the narrow streets that make up the ancient Ribeira district through to the grand plaza of the Trindade district. The region is famed for the production of Port, which is still stored and matured in the vast cellars that stretch along the banks of the Douro River.

We board our coach and meet our local guide who takes us on an in-depth tour of the city. We travel down Avenida dos Aliados, which translates to 'Avenue of the Allies', to see the ornate buildings in a range of architectural styles. From neoclassical to French Beaux-arts, this avenue was built to impress! As such it is home to some of the city's most prestigious hotels along with several banks. We stop for photos at São Bento Station known for its 20,000 tiles, painted by João Colaço, which depict scenes from the traditional life of the north. We then visit the Palace of the Stock Exchange and its famous Arab Lounge. Stroll around Ribeira, one of the most popular neighbourhoods in Porto. It is one of the most authentic and picturesque parts of the city in the heart of the old town.

Following a traditional lunch, we visit a wine cellar in Vila Nova de Gaia and have a tour of their cellars and sample their famous Port wines. We transfer to our hotel to check and have dinner. (B,L,D)

PortoBay Flores, Porto (2 nights)





Day 6

DOURO VALLEY

The Douro River and the Douro Valley are known primarily for Port, a sweet wine that has been produced here for two thousand years. The spectacular landscape is characterized by improbably steep terraces covered in vines and dotted with wine-producing farms called Quintas. Hills fall steeply to the water's edge and the region becomes more and more sparsely populated as it travels inland from the coast.

We travel by coach to the capital of the Douro region — Régua — and visit a local winery for a wine tasting followed by lunch. Then we cruise the Douro River in a traditional Rabelo, navigating the unique river, in the heart of the oldest demarcated wine region of the world. From Pinhão, pass under the Eiffel iron bridges to the Tua area. Along the way, see hills of terraced vineyards with no roads or traffic in sight. On return to Pinhão we take some time to admire the Train Station and its collection of azulejos tiles from 1937. The four walls of the station are decorated with 24 blue glazed mosaics made of more than 100 azulejos and depict typical scenes of the Douro Valley all related to port wine production. We return to Porto for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

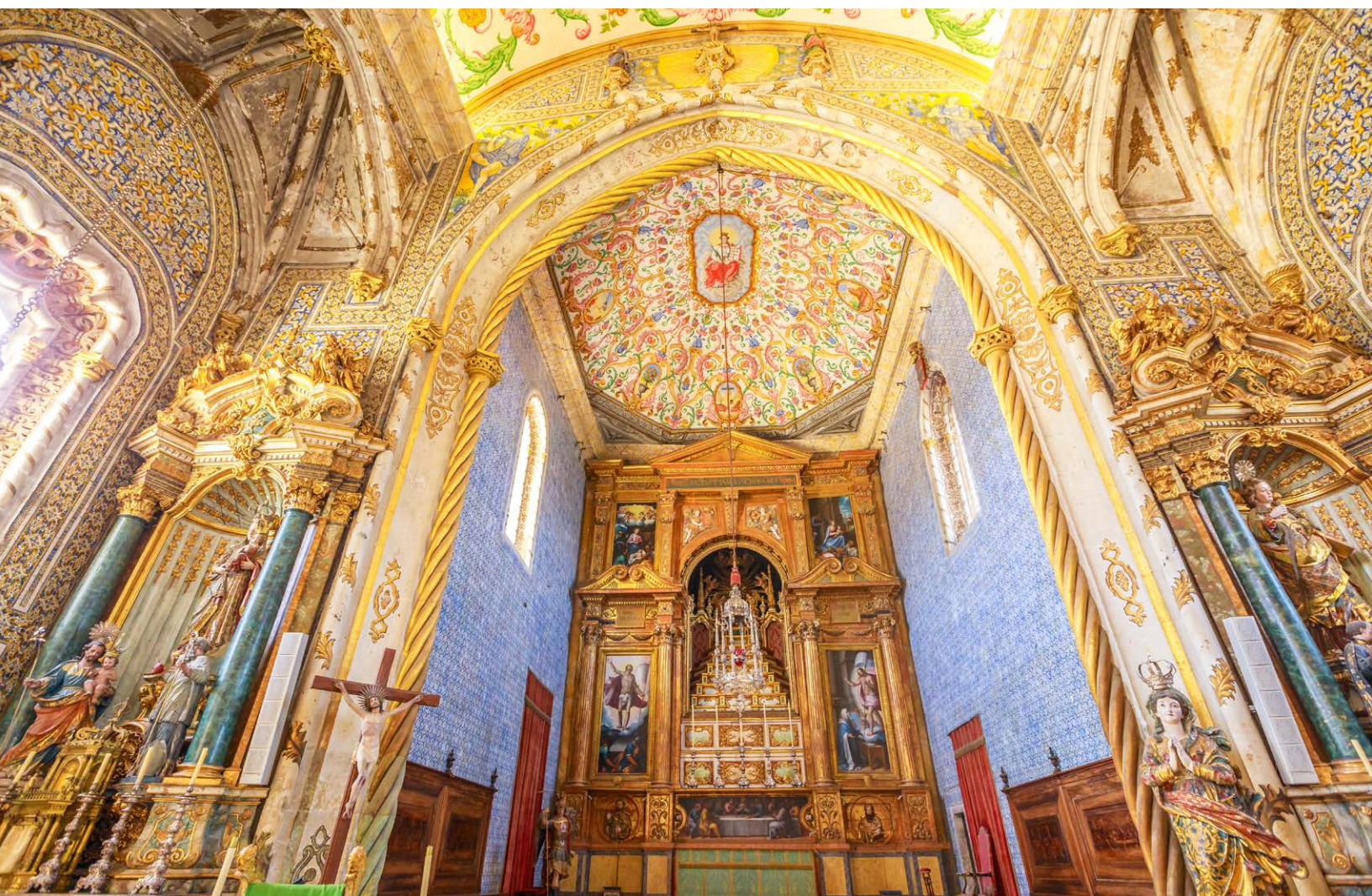
Day 7

AVEIRO & COIMBRA

We drive to Aveiro and board a moliceiro, a traditional Portuguese vessel with a long, slim body allowing it to move easily along the narrow canals of the city. Enjoy a glass of local sparkling wine as we pass the Art Nouveau style buildings that line the banks of the canal, the Aveiro salt pan, the traditional fisherman's neighbourhood of Beira-Mar, the Jerónimo P. Campos ceramics factory, and the Fish Market.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Coimbra, once the medieval capital of the country, now regarded as the university city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the University of Coimbra before continuing to Tomar. Join us for dinner this evening at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Hotel dos Templários, Tomar (1 night)





Day 8

TOMAR & ÓBIDOS

Explore the former seat of the Order of the Knights Templar, the Convent of Christ. Built over the span of five centuries the magnificent architecture combines Romanesque, Gothic, Manueline, Renaissance, Mannerist and Baroque elements. The Convent's centrepiece is a 12th-century rotunda, Oratory of the Templars. Following lunch in a local restaurant, we continue to the walled city of Óbidos to explore the charming narrow streets, traditional painted houses, and the imposing medieval castle. This evening join us for dinner at our hotel in Lisbon. (B,L,D)

Hotel M'ar de Ar Aqueduto, Evora (1 night)

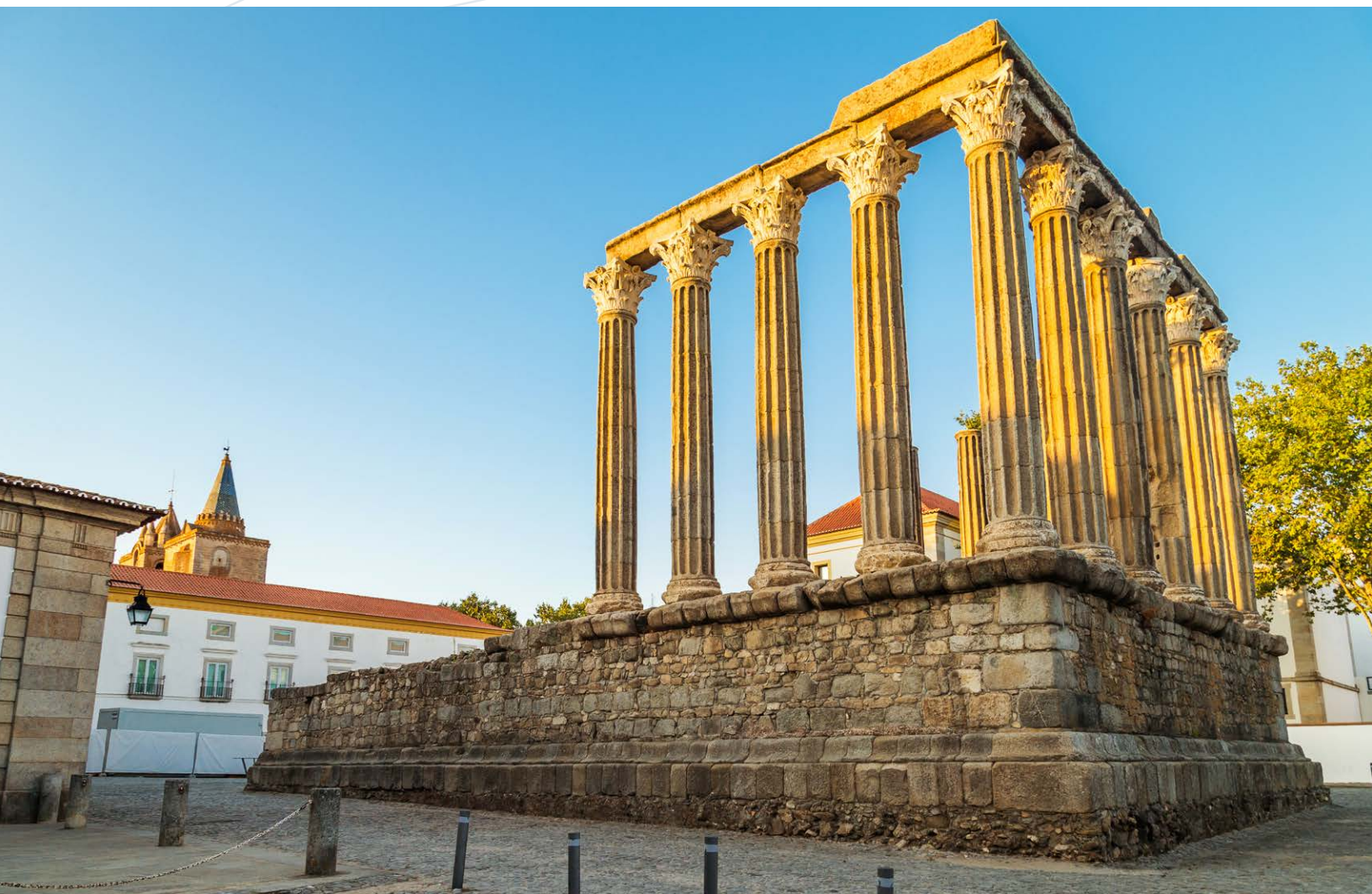
Day 9

EVORA, CORK & THE ALGARVE

Today we travel south to Evora, with its roots dating back to Roman times. Notice the impressive architecture of the white house, the tiles and the balconies. We visit the largest medieval cathedral in Portugal and the Chapel of Bones. We continue to Azaruja, to learn about one of Portugal's biggest industries, cork. This region produces more than 50% of the world's cork and you will see how cork is extracted and produced.

Following lunch in a local restaurant, we drive to Faro, the capital of the Algarve, known for its picturesque fishing villages built on cliffs overlooking beautiful beaches. With its Mediterranean climate, it is an ideal place to spend winters. Dinner this evening is at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Hotel Vila Galé Praia, Faro (3 nights)





Day 10

LAGOS & SAGRES

Visit Lagos, a historic and wonderful city that boasts a rich seafaring heritage and a coastline of dramatic scenery. We travel to the extreme western tip of the Algarve to the city of Sagres with its immense cliffs and pristine beaches and visit the site of the School of Navigation. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we cruise along the coast of Lagos and Ponta da Piedade to see the rock formations and hidden grottos. (B,L,D)

Day 11

TAVIRA

This morning we visit the authentic Algarvian city of Tavira. Discover the old town with its beautiful church of Misericórdia, whose interior is covered with magnificent panels of 18th-century historiated azulejos and the vestiges of the castle Moorish, with only crenellated walls enclosing a beautiful garden planted with roses, bougainvillea, hibiscus, and oleanders. It is here we will enjoy splendid views over the roofs of Tavira. Next we pass by the Roman Bridge which will allow us to discover a pleasant neighbourhood, near the quay with its lively perpendicular alleys. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before returning to the hotel where the remainder of the day will be at your leisure. (B,L,D)





Day 12

LISBON

Enjoy a leisurely morning before we travel to Lisbon by coach. We stop along the way for lunch before arriving at our hotel this afternoon. Following check-in, spend the rest of the afternoon at your leisure before joining us for dinner. (B,L,D)

Hotel PortoBay Avenida, Lisbon (3 nights)

Day 13

EXPLORING LISBON

Lisbon is the stunning capital city of Portugal and is one of the most charismatic and vibrant cities of Europe. It is a city that effortlessly blends traditional heritage, with striking modernism and progressive thinking. All of Lisbon awaits as we discover Rossio Square, Liberty Avenue, the Belém area with the St. Jerome Monastery, the Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. We visit the coach museum that houses the most unique collection in the world consisting of vehicles from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. This afternoon is at your leisure before we enjoy a traditional dinner and a soulful Fado show. (B,L,D)





Day 14

QUELUZ, CASCAIS & SINTRA

Visit a beautiful Palace from the 18th century in Queluz, complete with formal gardens adorned with pools and statues, overlooked by the roughcast, and pastel-coloured Rococo façades. On our way to Cascais, we stop for a panoramic view of the Coast of Estoril before enjoying famous Portuguese Piri-Piri chicken for lunch.

We continue to Sintra, a mountain in the surroundings of Lisbon where Portuguese nobility and the royal family vacation in charming “quintas” or elegant palaces. Sintra is known for its colourful castle that is perched dramatically on a hill, surrounded by low-lying trees. We return to Lisbon, but not before stopping at Cabo da Roca, the most westernly point of Europe, for views of the Atlantic. (B,L,D)

Day 15

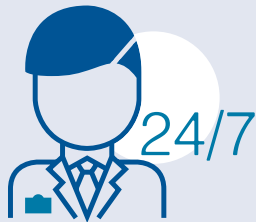
HOME

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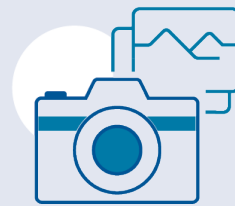
Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport

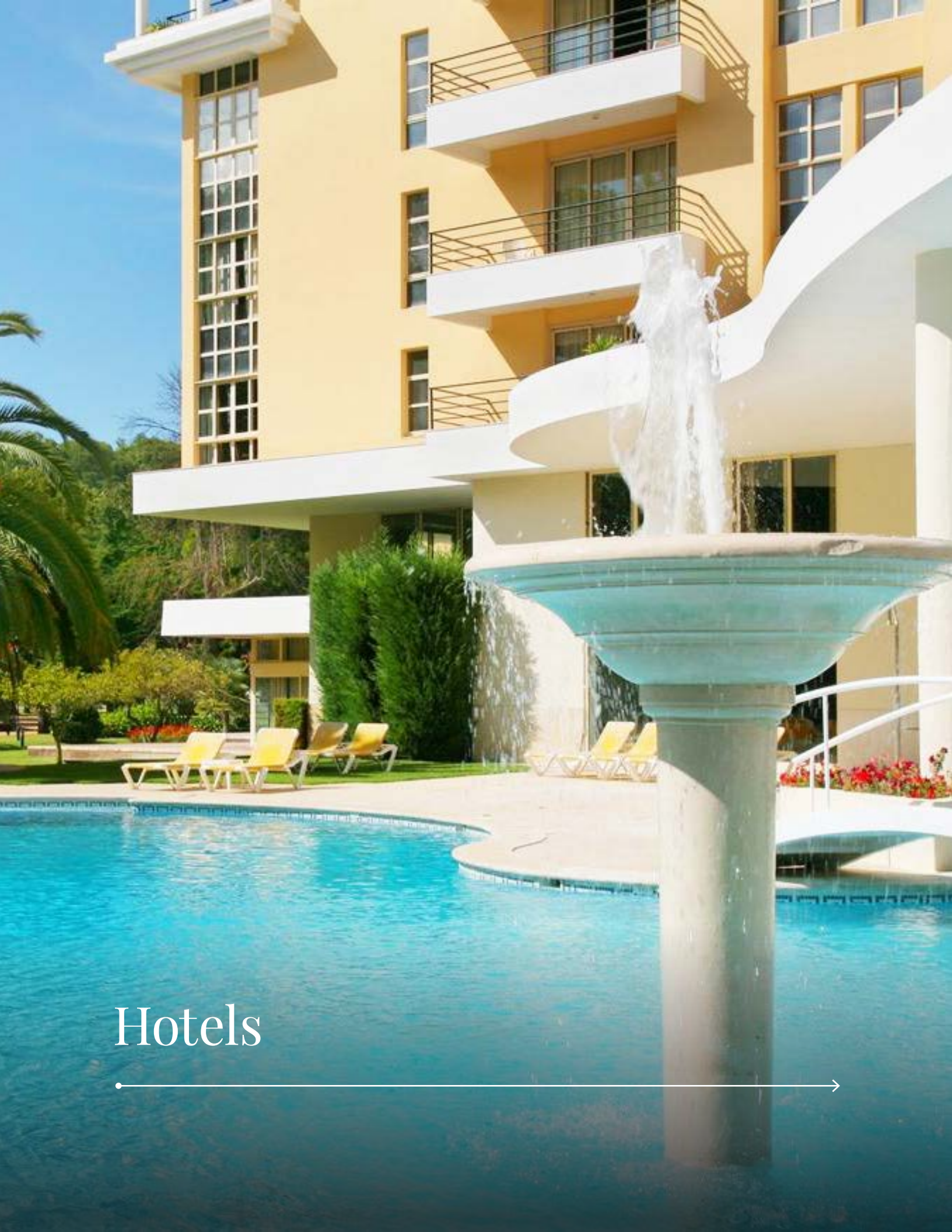


Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **12 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **Most meals included** (13 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 13 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from TAP
- **All taxes** as well as service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Flights from select Canadian gateways for only \$100
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Hassel-free visas handled & processed for Canadian citizens
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



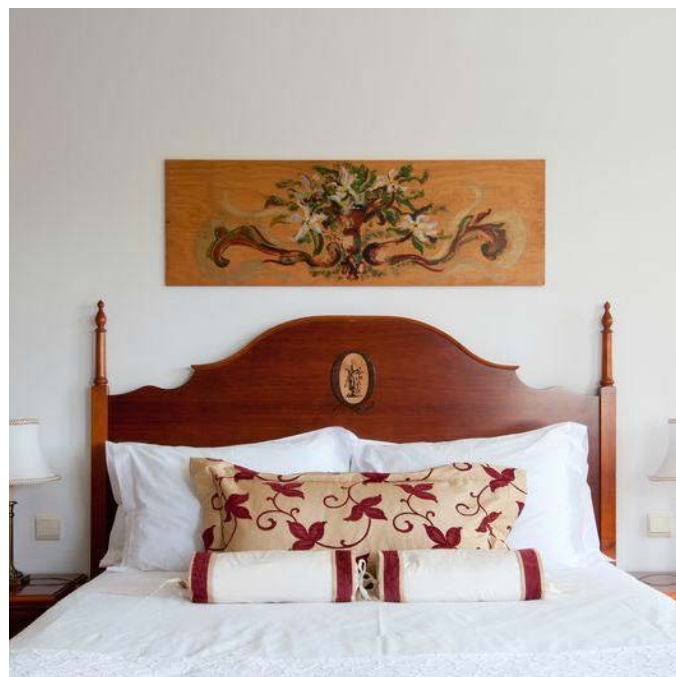
Hotels



Day 2-5

QUINTINHA SÃO JOÃO HOTEL & SPA, FUNCHAL

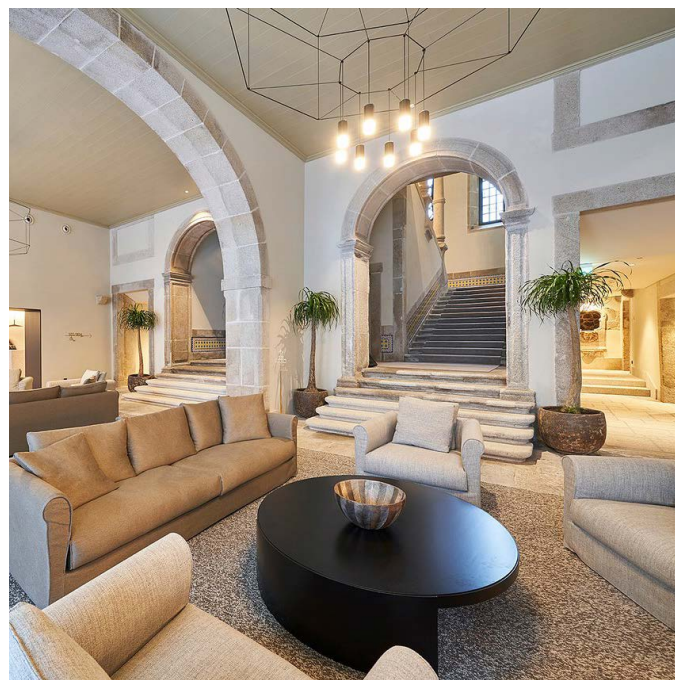
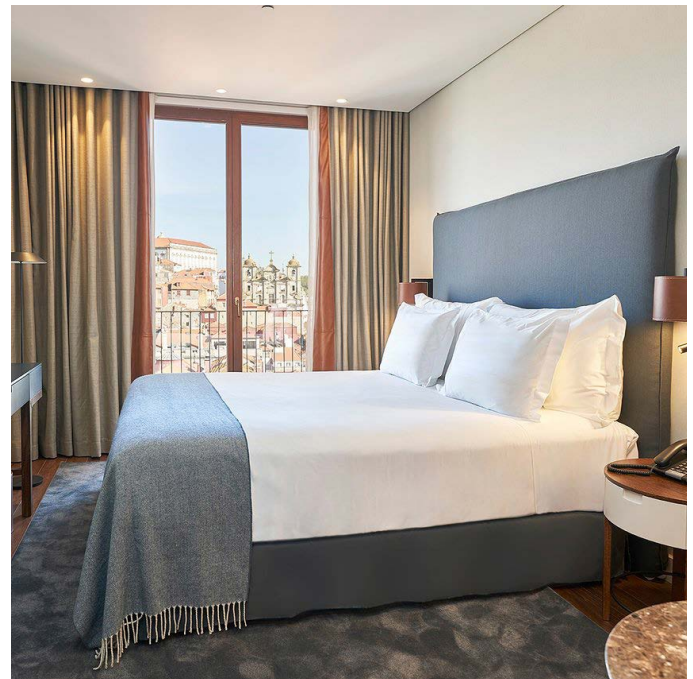
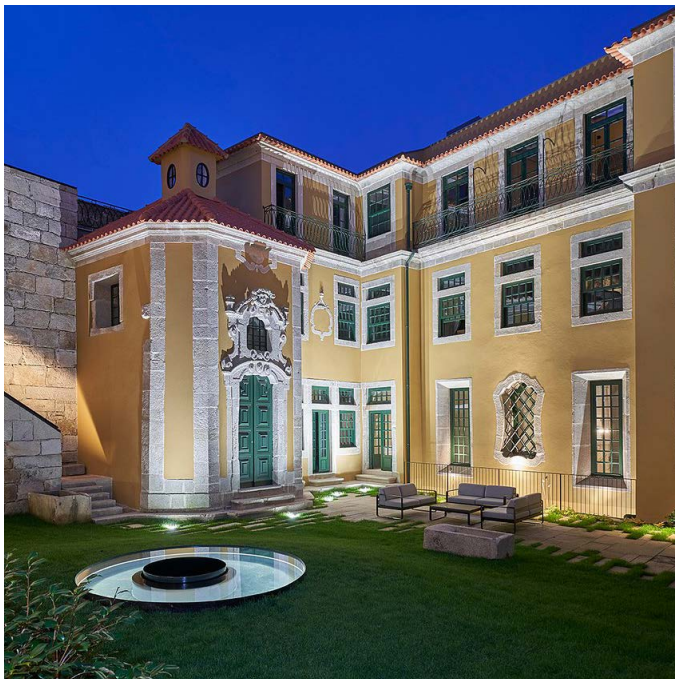
The Quintinha de São João is the perfect example of an old and indeed actual typical Madeiran Quinta. The picture windows in the guest suites and terracotta tile roof are well complemented by the onsite spa, saltwater pool, and locally sourced wine bar.



Day 5-7

PORTOBAY FLORES, PORTO

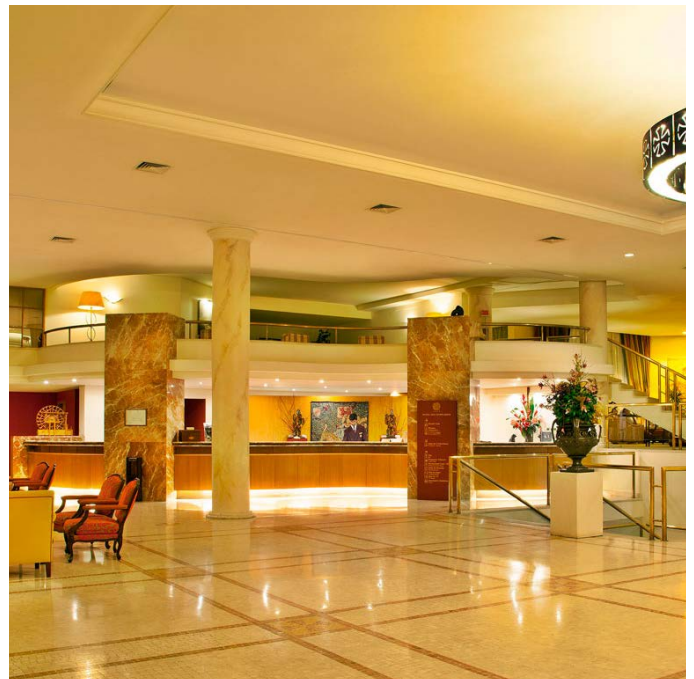
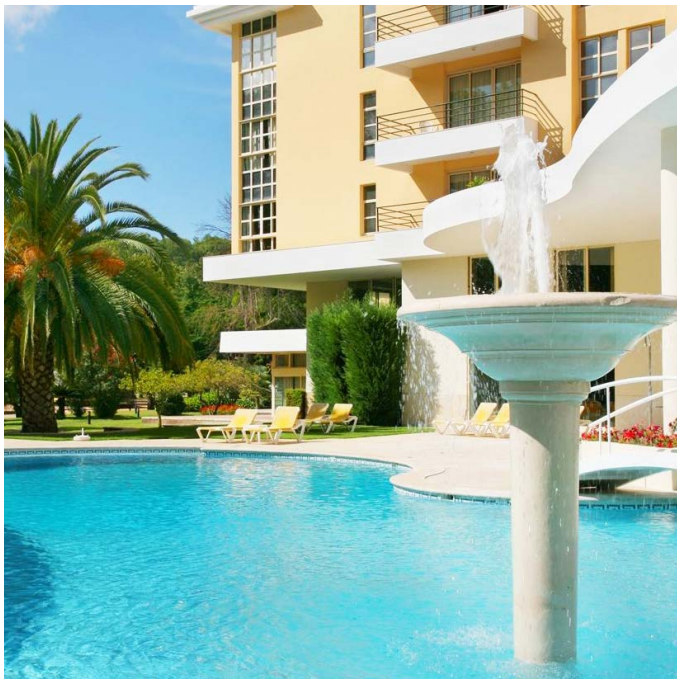
Located in the historic centre of Porto and right next to the Misericórdia Church, the hotel is within easy walking distance of the city's main tourist attractions. With 66 rooms and suites, this intimate, luxury hotel features a 200^m manicured garden, various relaxing lounges, and a serene spa.



Day 7-8

HOTEL DOS TEMPLÁRIOS, TOMAR

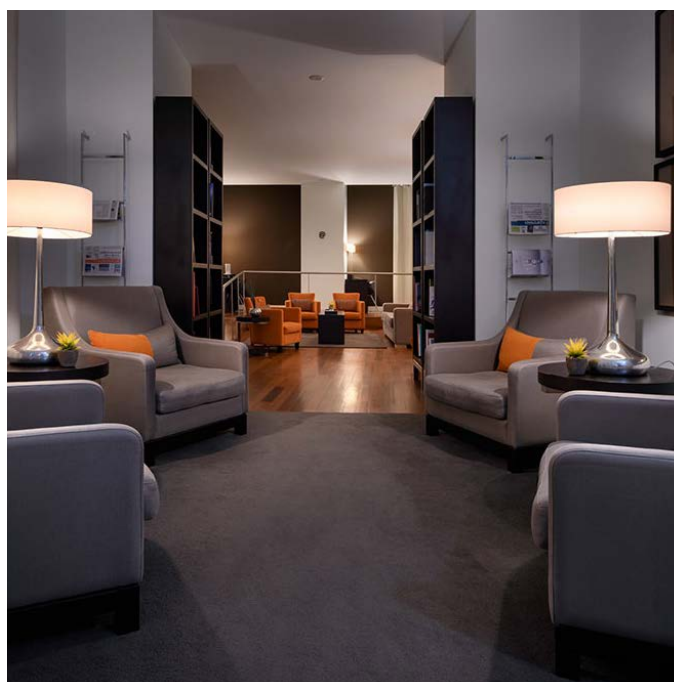
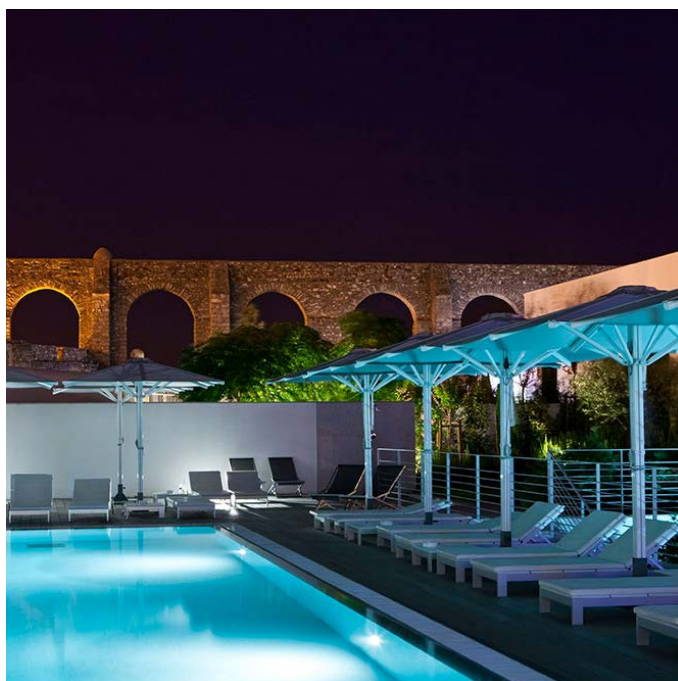
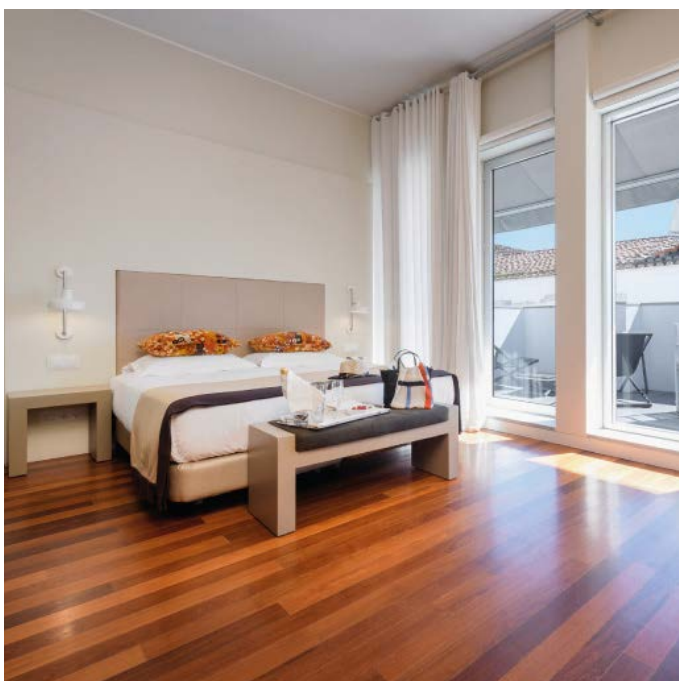
Surrounded by majestic gardens and overlooking the Nabão River, this hotel calls back to classic charm with decadent decor and detailed finishes. Featuring an indoor swimming pool within the health club, it is a great place to relax following the stories of the Knights Templar. Each of the hotel's rooms is bright and elegantly decorated with wooden furnishings.



Day 8-9

HOTEL M'AR DE AR AQUEDUTO, EVORA

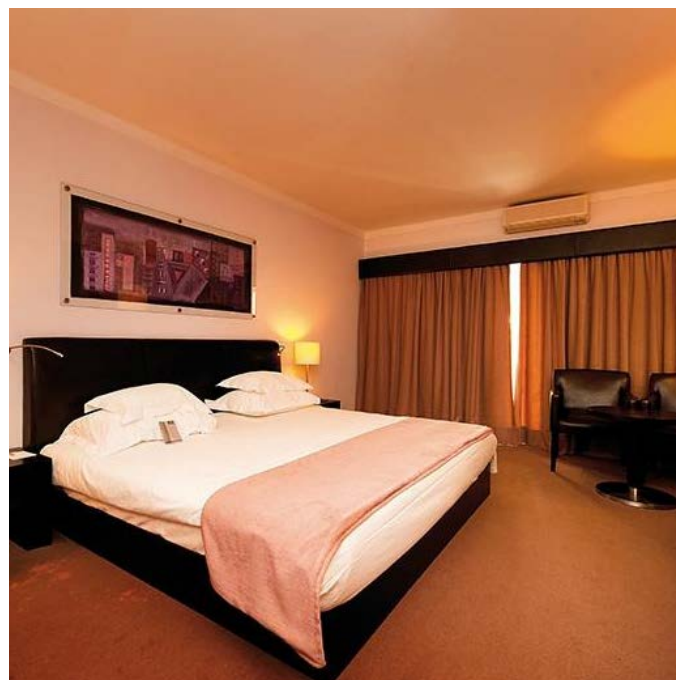
Housed in a 16th-century palace, this 5-star boutique hotel features a beautiful chapel and dome ceilings. Overlooking the aqueducts of Évora, it has an extensive spa with an outdoor pool. The elegantly designed rooms include a work desk and a comfortable seating area. All bathrooms enjoy natural light and are separated from the sleeping area by a big glass window.



Day 9-12

HOTEL VILA GALÉ PRAIA, FARO

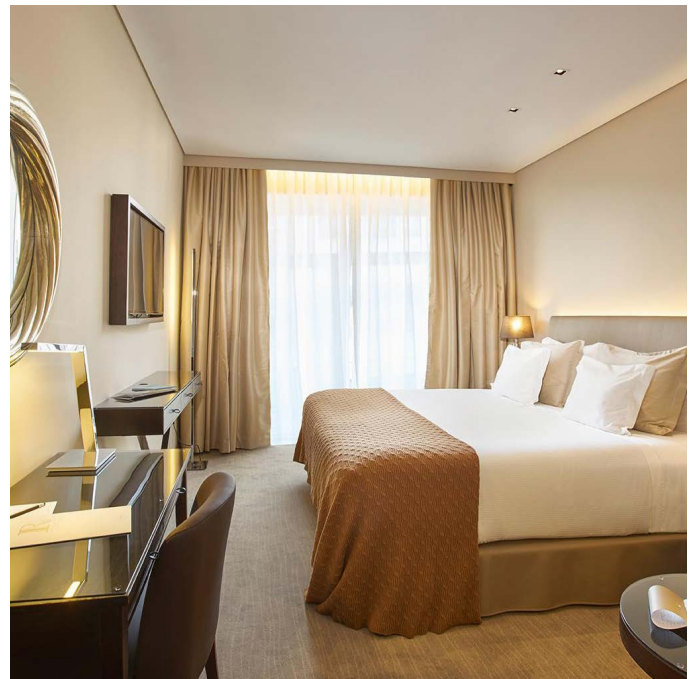
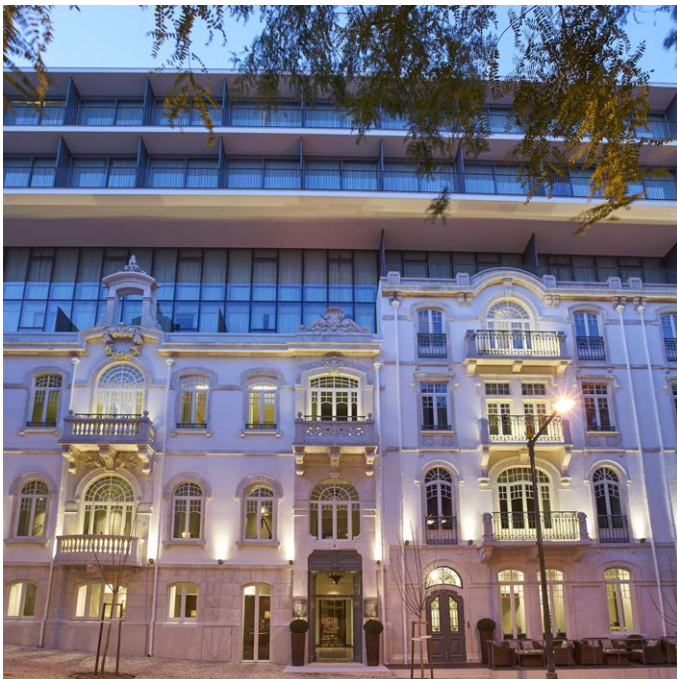
The Vila Galé Collection Praia hotel, next to the beautiful Galé beach in the Algarve is absolute tranquillity and refinement. This boutique hotel offers such special perks as a pillow menu, Satsanga spa with sauna, a Turkish bath, and Mediterranean inspired gourmet cuisine. Each room at Vila Galé Praia offers modern furnishings, including a flat-screen TV.



Day 12-15

HOTEL PORTOBAY AVENIDA, LISBON

Situated in Rua Rosa Araújo, next to Avenida da Liberdade, this boutique hotel has all the features of an urban resort: an indoor swimming pool, Turkish steam bath, esplanade, and many other refined finishes. Designed by the architect Frederico Valsassina, PortoBay Liberdade preserved the original early 20th-century façade creating an environment that evokes details from the past and the contemporary.



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All-Inclusive Fares



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Double Occupancy
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Single Occupancy
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