#### **LISBON SINGS**

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# **Tour descriptions**



## **LISBON**

**Europe's western most capital** is a thriving city spread over different hills on the Tagus river front which is still considered both an exotic and a safe destination.

Experience the magic of Lisbon molded by its unique combination of a charming and pulsating cosmopolitan city embodied by an outstanding scenic beauty.

Within an easy reach of Lisbon, enjoy the crystal clear sea surroundings adorned by superb golden sandy beach of several coastal resorts i.e., Cascais, Ericeira, Arrábida, Sesimbra.

Unwind at one of shoreline restaurants and find hidden treasures in the picturesque town of Sintra surrounded by splendid mountain scenery renown by its hilltop castle and bright splashes of intricate 'wedding cake' palaces emerging from the lush greenery, once described by the classic poet Lord Byron as the 'glorious Eden'.







### **City tour LISBON**

Departure for a panoramic drive that will show you some of Lisbon's landmarks, including Pombal Square, Liberty Avenue, Rossio the very heart of the city and Trade Square. Drive in Baixa, the area rebuilt after the city's disastrous earthquake, and take in the spectacular scene from the viewpoint at King Edward VII Park.

Stretch your legs as you step back into history in the ancient Alfama district of Lisbon and discover the charm of old and modern Lisbon by joining the walking guided tour through the oldest quarter of the city up and down the hill till you reach Saint George Castle form where you will have the best view over the city. Continue to the quarter of Belém.

**Belém** is linked to Portugal's Golden Age of Discoveries as the site where the famous navigators set sail to discover the world. See Saint Jerome Monastery, a masterpiece of the 16th century, considered world heritage as well as the monument to the discoveries, and Belem Tower dating back from the 16th century.



















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## Tour Sintra, Cape Roca, Cascais & Estoril

























Drive will be along the coast, admiring the beaches, passing by the well-known village of Estoril and the mouth of the Tagus River. Our first stop will be Cascais - originally an old Portuguese fishing village, that was the favourite summer retreat for the last Portuguese royal family, has now become a popular holiday resort.

Set alongside the picturesque Bay of Cascais, lovely early 20th century homes mingle with modern buildings, creating a delightful atmosphere.

Continue through the mountain of Sintra to reach "Cabo da Roca", the most western point of Europe, where you can enjoy fine views over the Atlantic Ocean.

After Cabo da Roca we will drive towards Sintra. The picturesque villages of Sintra and Cascais have a unique charm all of their own.

Sintra is famous for its mountain range, its temperate climate and country palaces and cottages. Hailed by poets for the great beauty of its surrounding mountain range, Sintra Village is renowned for the view of the old Royal Palace, perched on the highest peak.

#### **Arrabida Tour**



There are not enough words to describe another of our country's treasures that you are about to discover: we will first cross the 25th of April Bridge heading toward the south shore of the Tagus River. Don't forget to look to your right, where you'll see the mouth of Portugal's largest river, and to the left, where you'll have a breathtaking view of Lisbon. We'll then head towards the Castle of Sesimbra, overlooking the fishing village with its predominantly white tones. You'll then be captivated by the Arrábida Mountain, a unique nature reserve, and the view of the Tróia peninsula. In Azeitão, there is the possibility of visiting the cellars and taste the wines of the region. We'll also visit the factory where handmade tiles are crafted.

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## **Óbidos & Fatima Region**





Departure from Lisbon to the west coast of Portugal through one of the most important agricultural areas of the country. Arrival in Óbidos, a beautiful small village founded during the time of the Roman Empire and which is still surrounded by the original medieval defence wall. The town prospered after being chosen by the Royal Family. King Dinis offered it to his wife, Queen Isabel in the 13th century and it became part of Casa das Rainhas (Queens' Estate) who improved and enriched it throughout the various dynasties. This is one of the main reasons for the high concentration of churches in this small place. You will see a well-preserved Castle and a maze of streets and white houses that are a delight to stroll amongst.

Visit the village and head afterwards for Nazaré – a traditional Portuguese fishing village that is also a surfers' paradise thanks to the size of its sea's waves... Head then to Fátima, the heart of Catholic faith and world pilgrimage site. The Shrine of Fátima is a must see and it has welcomed Pope Francis in 2017 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima.

## **Evora Tour**





Evora is surrounded by the Alentejo, a region of sunbaked olive groves, fortified towns and traditional villages, all of which are a joy to explore from Evora.

Evora and the Alentejo offer a truly unique Portuguese experience, with a distinctive heritage, delicious regional cuisines and an infectious unhurried pace of life, a consequence of the sweltering hot summer months.

Evora is a delightful city that exudes Portuguese charm and boasts a vast array of fascinating historical monuments. Evora was historically a major trading and religious centre, a former importance that is reflected in the sheer variety of tourist sites, all of which are all conveniently contained within the city's ancient walls belonging therefore to the Unesco World heitage List. It has indeed a glorious past but it is also a young and vibrant city with a large student population who attend one of the world's oldest universities in Portugal.

















