

# PORTUGAL

## Day 1: JOHANNESBURG / PORTUGAL

Meet at O. R. Tambo International airport for your flight to Porto. Please ensure you arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure for check in.

Overnight on board your flight

## Day 2: PORTO

Arrival at Porto Airport, meet the driver and transfer to your hotel, located in the heart of the city, near the famous Rua de Santa Catarina, in Porto's shopping district. Just a few minutes away from the main tourist attractions in Porto, namely the Ribeira area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, churches and the Cathedral as well as the Palácio da Bolsa building, the Mercado Ferreira Borges market, the Port Wine cellars and 12 km away from Porto International Airport, the Exponor fair venue. A night panoramic tour is included in tonight's itinerary. Visit Espaço Porto Cruz a place for information, exhibition and leisure that offers new experiences around port wine, accompanied by artistic creations in fields as diverse as fashion, art and gastronomy.

Dinner and overnight in Tryp Porto Centro hotel in Porto

## Day 3: PORTO

After breakfast, enjoy time at leisure. At 11h00, enjoy a cooking class "Cook and Taste Portugal" - Enjoy a genuine experience of Portuguese cuisine. Prepare, learn, have fun, relax and enjoy a typical Portuguese meal in an informal and fun atmosphere in downtown Porto, all with the assistance of a professional top chef! After lunch the group will take a relaxing tour of Porto, passing through the main streets and visiting the most important monuments. This tour will end with a mini-cruise (50 minutes) over the Douro River and a visit to a wine cellar.

Dinner and overnight in Tryp Porto Centro hotel

## Day 4: PORTO / AVEIRO / ÉVORA

After breakfast, check out your hotel and transfer from Porto to Aveiro. The tour of Aveiro starts in the cathedral and continues with a panoramic tour of the City Centre, where you can admire the beautiful tiled facades of the buildings. Climb aboard a traditional boat called a "Moliceiro" and enjoy an hour cruise along Aveiro channels, where traditional sweets will be served. Spend time at leisure for lunch. After lunch continue to Évora for overnight at hotel IBIS ÉVORA. This hotel is just a 5-minute walk from Évora's centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Chapel of Bones and the Igreja de Sao Francisco are 600 meters from the Ibis Évora.

Dinner and overnight in hotel Ibis Évora

## Day 5: ÉVORA

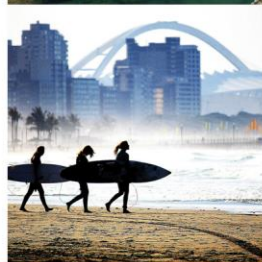
After breakfast, spend the morning at leisure. In the afternoon take a tour of the city. You will have enough time to walk in its historical center and enjoy the atmosphere of this town. After reaching the walled city the guide will invite you to visit the enigmatic church of St. Francis and its Chapel of the Bones. The tour will continue up the narrow streets of the old town reaching the Giraldo square, where the Inquisition once had its headquarters. Explore the millennium old Roman Temple and marvel at the 12th century cathedral. In the already distant 16th century Évora thrived with culture and academic tradition in its university as much as it still does today.

Dinner and overnight hotel Ibis Évora

## Day 6: ÉVORA / LISBON

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. This morning you experience a cooking class with Portuguese top Chef António Nobre. If you promise to keep it to yourself, Chef António Nobre will teach you some of the most well kept secrets of his cuisine served at the restaurant Degust `AR. In the very kitchen of the hotel Mar de AR, and under the supervision of the Chef, you will learn how to cook a 3 course menu. After the master class you will be invited for an aperitif before the three courses that make up this menu. Depart towards Lisbon, Portugal's capitol after the fantastic lunch. Check in at hotel Expo Astoria. This hotel is only a few steps from Marques do Pombal Square and Eduardo VII Park. The Liberty Avenue is just 300 meters away from Hotel Expo Astoria.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Expo Astoria



## Day 7: LISBON

After breakfast, you will experience the culture and gastronomy of Lisbon. In the morning enjoy a half-day tour of Lisbon, starting with a panoramic of the main streets and squares of the city. See Marquis de Pombal Square, Avenida da Liberdade and the Rossio square. Continue to one of the oldest quarters of the city: Alfama, and visit the Castelo de São Jorge and Lisbon Cathedral. The journey continues to Belem. Tour Belem, home to a number of museums and at least three iconic sights: the Mosteiro dos Jeronimos, the Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. The first two in particular are wonders of Manueline architecture and not to be missed. Also not to be missed is the historic "Casa Pasties de Belem" where the traditional Pastéis de Belem is still today baked to their original recipe. Only here can they be given this name – elsewhere you will see them as Pastéis de Nata. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch and some shopping. At around 18h00 there will be a Masterclass of Portuguese Cuisine. Learn from a chef the basic principles of Portuguese cuisine and how to prepare 3 most traditional Portuguese dishes. Portugal's culinary traditions are rich and varied so it would be impossible to cover all our century-old recipes in just a few hours. The chef has therefore selected a tasting menu of three dishes that is a good representation of the vast culinary culture and history.

Overnight in Hotel Expo Astoria

## Day 8: LISBON / JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy the morning at leisure, then transfer to Lisbon Airport for your flight to Johannesburg.

Dinner on board your flight

## Day 9: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in OR Tambo International Airport.

