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7 Days Express Portugal Tour

DAY 1 – PORTO

Arrive in **Porto** and be welcomed by your driver at the airport. Enjoy a private transfer to your hotel in the city center and check in. Have some time to relax and during the afternoon you will be picked up from your hotel and taken to the famous Port Wine Cellars where you will have a tour and enjoy a wine tasting at



Taylor while appreciating the sunset over Porto. Taylor's is

now over 300 years old. It remains a family firm, completely independent, owned still by relations of the original partners. On the Atlantic coast at Porto are the ancient lodges where Taylor's priceless ports slowly reach their glorious maturity. High up in the Douro Valley is Taylor Quinta de Vargellas, one of the world's



truly great vineyards, comparable in quality to Chateau Latour. Taylor, Fladgate & Yeatman has won prestigious awards for their declared vintages. Recently the Taylor 1992 was awarded a perfect 100 points from Robert Parker. The 1994 vintage also received 100 points and the Top Wine of the World award from the Wine Spectator. Dinner at Barão de Fladgate Restaurant.

DAY 2 – PORTO / GUIMARÃES / PORTO

Have breakfast at the hotel and your guide will meet you to explore Porto. Tour starts with Porto's unique historic center recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. With a narrow, labyrinth of pathways and traditional houses made of granite, the Ribeira Old Quarters' boasts an astonishing number of monuments and curiosities. In this unique historic center you visit the city's most prominent Gothic monument. Also known as the 'Gold Church' for its wealth of gilt wood carvings, Igreja de S. Francisco was originally an austere Gothic temple built in



the 14th century with three naves a tripartite apse with polygonal chapels. While roaming around the historical center streets there will also be time for a stop at Livraria Lello, one of Porto's biggest attractions, this Bookshop opened its doors in 1906, apart from the interesting facade it is the inside that really is astonishing and makes us want to stay there just to admire it! Time for lunch at local restaurant, and then you will continue to Guimarães, where Portugal

started to emerge, back in the 10th century. The Historical Quarter is where we will spend more time, which comprises a succession of squares of great formal value. This unique site was classified by UNESCO in 2001 and apart from that is also where local residents gather and spend time so you will have the chance to mingle. We will also visit the 10th century castle and the Dukes of Bragança Palace, at a time the King's residence up in the north, now the official Presidential home in the north. Mid afternoon we will return to Porto still giving you some time to walk around the streets and explore the city on your own for a while. In hour to determinate, transfer to DOP Restaurant for dinner. After the dinner, return to the hotel.



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DAY 3 – PORTO / COIMBRA / BATALHA / ALCOBAÇA / CENTER OF PORTUGAL

Have breakfast and depart towards Coimbra, with its own very special mystique, the result of a past full of important events and of the memories of the many thousands of Portuguese who, dispersed around the country or abroad, remember the carefree, easygoing, hopeful years spent here in their youth as students at the University. Your time here will be passed walking through the University grounds and entering the famous Library. The Joanine Library (Biblioteca Joanina) begun in 1717 at the instigation of King João V, its unique style make it Portugal's most famous library. On the upper floor, the library has three rooms linked



by arches of polychrome wood, structurally identical to the main doorway. In typical Baroque style, the rooms are full of tromp-l'oeil decorative features. The 250,000 books date from the 12th to the 19th centuries, and deal mainly with civil and canon law, theology and philosophy. There will be time for lunch in the center and the afternoon will be taken to visit Batalha and Alcobaca. We will go directly to Batalha and start by visiting the battlefield and then seeing the movie, to understand how the Battle of Aljubarrota (between Portugal

and Spain) happened and the importance of the victory, and the continue to the Monastery (built in honor of the Virgin Mary as a "thank you" for help on the victory). After we will go to Alcobaca for tour of the monastery, this was built by the end of 12th century and is the first and perhaps best example of Gothic architecture in the country. We will then take you to your hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in the Center of Portugal

DAY 4 – CENTER OF PORTUGAL / ALMEIRIM / LISBON

Depart to Casal Branco, the beautiful estate of winemakers and horse breeders. You will have the chance to see and learn about the Lusitano Horse and then visit the winery finishing with a wine tasting and lunch. Near the Tagus River, Casal Branco Estate has been in the same family for over 200 years. It has been creating Lusitano horses since the 19th century and producing top quality wines for more than one



hundred years. Family, tradition and a big

passion for what they do keeps it going and justifies the recognition that is continuously receiving. After lunch we will continue our drive to Lisbon. You will have some time in the afternoon to relax or walk around the city by yourselves. In hour to determinate, transfer to the restaurant Doca Peixe for dinner. Return to the hotel after dinner. Overnight in **Lisbon**.



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DAY 5 – LISBON

This morning, meet your guide for a full day tour of the city, including old town, Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. You will start the tour by going to the top of Marques Pombal to learn about Lisbon from that point. Travel by car from there, down Avenida Liberdade, and



drop off in Rossio.

Begin walking tour with explanations of the history and how things were in the past, continuing through the Baixa and walking to the Sé. After that we will take the 28 Cable Car to Graça and the miradouro. Lunch at local restaurant. In the Afternoon visit Jeronimos and Belem Tower. Tonight you will enjoy a Fado music Show (our traditional music) including dinner. Overnight in **Lisbon**.



DAY 6 – LISBON / SINTRA / CASCAIS / LISBON

Today we will visit Sintra, which Lord Byron called “glorious Eden” and Cascais, once a fishing village, then the place where Kings and Princes from all Europe came for exile early on the 20th century, today a charming village and one of the best places to live in Portugal. Lunch at local restaurant. **Pena National Palace in Sintra** was built by a German architect Baron



Wilhelm Ludwig von Schwege in a mixture of

architectural styles. Richly decorated walls are all over the interior, covered either with tiles or painted walls. The palace remained one of the main royal family residencies for decades. In 1889 it was purchased by the Portuguese State, and after the Republican Revolution of 1910, the palace was



classified as a national monument and transformed into a museum. The rooms were left exactly as they were when the last royal closed the front door. In **Cascais** the idea really is to walk around the marina, the center of the village, try the great ice cream “Santini” (probably best in the World) and enjoy the sun. By the way, **James Bond** “On her Majesty's secret service” was shot here in Estoril, the Casino, the Palace Hotel and the road where you will go through were some of the relevant scenarios. Return to Lisbon will be on the route by the sea, you will enjoy the views of some nice beaches, the sea, a few small palace-like houses and of the Monument to the Discoveries when reaching the city. Tonight you will dinner at Chinese restaurant.

DAY 07 – DEPART....

The morning will be free for you to walk around the city, do some shopping or visit a Museum for example. There are quite a few options and on the previous day our guide will happily assist you choosing the ideal way to cease the day according to your taste. Everything that is good must come to an end and today we will transfer you to the airport at the designated hour for your departure flight.