

Travcoa Independent Journeys are pre-set and priced independent travel itineraries. Each is locally hosted by carefully selected local guides, and designed to give you an ideal in-depth experience. Independent journeys include luxury accommodations, sightseeing, private transportation, meals as indicated, and more.

Portugal Independent Journey

8 Days

DAY 1 – Arrive Porto

You are met upon arrival in Porto, and taken directly to your hotel, the Hotel Infante de Sagres. Relax in this sophisticated boutique hotel ideally located near Porto's historic center. Porto, a **UNESCO World Heritage city**, has a rich and colorful history. Your afternoon tour includes the highlights, visiting the **Stock Exchange Palace**, the Lello bookshop, an exquisite landmark dating to the early 1900's and **Casa do Infante**, the birthplace of Henry the Navigator. Meals: None included

Hotel: Hotel Infante de Sagres

DAY 2 – Régua & Pinhão

Today enjoy a full day journey along the picturesque **River Douro**, through the Port Wine region. Meet the owner at Quinta da Pacheca wine estate - stroll through the vineyards as he shows you their process of producing wine, and you sample their savory Port wine. After lunch overlooking the Douro River, take a private cruise on the river, heading towards Pinhão. Dock at the **Vintage House** and explore the village before returning to Porto. Meals: B

Hotel: Hotel Infante de Sagres

DAY 3 – Óbidos & Sintra

Drive south today, stopping en route to visit the quaint and white walled town, of **Óbidos**. Founded by the Moors, in the 18th century, it has a picturesque landscape of town walls and grand castle. Stroll through town, with its narrow and winding streets and charming white wash houses. Then continue on to the quaint and aristocratic town of Sintra, where English poet Lord Byron lived, and called "**Paradise in Earth.**" Stroll the Old Town of Sintra, constructed in the medieval style, with narrow streets and winding steps with numerous restaurants and cafes. Meals: B

Hotel: Hotel Tivoli Palacio de Seteais

DAY 4 – Sintra & Cascais to Lisbon

A World Heritage Site, Sintra has a magical terrain dotted with grand palaces and castles. Your morning tour will explore some of the castles, with a highlight being the 'Palácio da Pena,' or **Pena Palace**.



Charming fishing village of Cascais

Perched on the craggy slopes of the **Serra de Sintra**, with stunning views of the coast, the Pena Palace is one of Portugal's most beautiful, and offers the most complete example of Portuguese architecture from the Romantic period. Then continue your drive, following the scenic coastline, referred to as the Portuguese Riviera, with breaks to take in the wonderful vistas. Stop in the center of the quaint town of **Cascais** to explore its colorful boutique shops. Arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal since its conquest from the Moors in 114, a magnificent and legendary city with over 20 centuries of history. Meals: B

Hotel: Hotel Lapa Palace

Torre de Belem, Lisbon



DAY 5 - Lisbon

This morning enjoy a tour of Lisbon, starting with a visit to the 16th century **Belem Tower** and **Jeronimos Monastery**. Your next stop is to explore **Alfama**, one of the oldest quarters in Lisbon, which amazingly still retains much of its original layout. Adjacent to the Alfama are the old quarters of **Castelo and Mouraria**, which sit on the western and northern slopes of the hill that is crown by St. George's Castle. Take a ride on the charming tram for a breathtaking panoramic view of the city. Lisbon is full of mosaic pavements around colorful buildings with dazzling tiled façades. Meals: B

Hotel: Hotel Lapa Palace

medieval villages that have changed little over the centuries. Stop in **Reguengos** to visit the region's best-known winery, the **Esporão Wine Estate**. Dating back 700 years, the estate boasts three historic national heritage monuments: a stunning medieval Tower, the Bow and the Chapel. Old but one of the most dynamic and forward thinking wineries in Portugal, enjoy its history, vineyards and atmospheric cellars. Enjoy lunch at the estate restaurant along with tasting the local olive oils and cheeses, paired with some of their excellent wines. This afternoon arrive in **Évora**, a royal city with more than 2,000 years of history. Enjoy a walking tour

DAY 6 – Reguengos de Monsaraz & Évora

This morning drive into the **Alentejo region** of soft rolling hills and plains, covered with cork oaks and olive trees. Also dotting the landscape are

through the labyrinthine streets – admiring the Moorish courtyards, Renaissance fountains, and Gothic doorways and turrets. See some of the local monuments including the **Roman Temple**, dating back to the second century, the Bones Chapel and the **Medieval Cathedral**. Meals: B,L

Hotel: Convento do Espinheiro

DAY 7 - Igrejinha & Arraiolos to Lisbon

Late morning depart Évora and drive to **Herdade dos Coelheiros** wine estate for a private visit. This is a beautiful property of cork trees, walnut orchards and vineyards. The colonial style country house is landscaped with tropical and local plants and is painted in typical Alentejo colors. The owner is one of the most exuberant personalities in the Portuguese wine world and her enthusiasm is infectious. After lunch at the estate, explore the quaint little town of **Arraiolos** and its traditional tapestry, before returning to Lisbon. Meals: B,L

Hotel: Hotel Lapa Palace

DAY 8 – Depart Lisbon

Today you are taken to the airport for your flight home or on to your next destination. Meals: B

Departures Scheduled upon request

Land/cruise Price: From \$7,650* per person, double occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$1,635* Intra Tour Air: none

Call for price for Solo Travelers or parties of 5 or more.

International Airfare not included - Contact Travcoa for the best international flights and your air reservations.

**Prices subject to change. The price of your journey will change based on travel date and availability. Additions, changes or customization to the length or inclusions of your itinerary will incur additional costs. Christmas and New Years period supplements will apply.*

Portugal

THIS TRAVCOA INDEPENDENT JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers and fully guided daily sightseeing provided by a private deluxe A/C vehicle
- Local English-speaking guide for sightseeing in each city
- Entrance fees per final scheduled itinerary
- Airport portorage, where available (2 bags per person)
- Local taxes
- TravcoAssist (Medical & Travel Assistance Plan)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travcoa Travel Director
- Intra Tour Flights
- Meals, except where noted in the itinerary
- International Airfare
- Airport taxes
- Visas except where noted
- Gratuities
- Travcoassist Gold Travel Protection Plan available at 8.5% of trip cost (cancellation insurance)
- Any item not noted as included

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT POLICY:

At the time of reservation: \$1,000 per person
90 days before departure: Balance due

CANCELLATION POLICY:

The cancellation policy is applicable to journey price, single supplements, intra-tour air, extensions and other tour related arrangements. Penalties are valid from date of reservation until:

90 days or more before departure	\$250 per person
89 to 60 days before departure	20%
59 to 30 days before departure	50%
29 days or less and en route	100%

Travcoa will only reimburse according to our cancellation policy

Ask your Travcoa consultant for full details on journey inclusions as well as reservation requirements and the complete Terms and Conditions. (See full details on www.Travcoa.com)

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The Convento do Espinheiro, is a luxurious hotel offering outstanding spa facilities. Take a relaxed swim in the outdoor swimming pool, overlooking rolling hills. Enjoy fine dining at the Divinus Restaurant, the elegant in-house gourmet restaurant.