

LISBON

HISTORY, ART & PALACES

Friends of National Museum Wales
14th - 19th June 2019

£1,249 per person*



Lisbon Skyline as seen from Almada



Jeronimos Monastery



Belem Tower

OUR TOUR 6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS

What's included

- Return UK airport transfers
- Return flights to Lisbon
- Return airport transfers in Portugal
- 5 nights bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Dinner at the hotel on 2 evenings
- Whisper sets
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Excursions as detailed overleaf
- City Tax

What's not included

- Single Supplement - £425 per person
- Travel Insurance - £45 per person (no upper age limit)

Lisbon is a wonderful and attractive city with differing districts to explore, rich in art, history and architecture. Our 6 day tour includes the highlights of the city such as the gem of Jeronimos Monastery, the traditional Tile Museum, art in the Gulbenkian and the stunning Cathedral but we will also explore further afield. Evora is one of Portugal's finest and most delightful towns - a true open-air museum with a large number of wonderfully preserved monuments and buildings. The palaces around Sintra are world famous and we visit the Sintra National Palace and Queluz Palace with its beautiful gardens.

Our hotel

The 4 star Hotel Mundial is located in the heart of Lisbon with the historical St Georges Castle in the background and within easy reach of the sights, local transport, restaurants, and shops. Facilities here include two restaurants, two bars including a rooftop bar and panoramic lounge. Bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with air-conditioning, television, mini-bar and WiFi.



Figueira Square, Lisbon - a short walk from the hotel

*Based on two sharing in a twin / double room with a minimum of 35 paying members travelling, should fewer than 35 travel the cost will increase.



Queluz Palace

OUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Coach transfer from our local area to the departure airport for our flight to Lisbon. On arrival we will be met by the guide and coach for the transfer to Lisbon. En route to the hotel there will be a brief orientation tour, time permitting. Dinner at the hotel is included this evening.

Day 2 - Full day in Lisbon visiting the highlights of the city, including the Cathedral, Jeronimos Monastery, Fronterra Palace, Belem and The Tile Museum. Lisbon's ancient cathedral was built by Portugal's first king on the site of an old mosque in 1150. From outside it resembles a medieval fortress, while inside it appears predominantly Romanesque, with a Gothic choir. The Jeronimos Monastery is the most impressive symbol of Portugal's power and wealth during the Age of Discovery. King Manuel I built it in 1502. The collection at the Tile Museum is the only one of its kind in the world, and contains a splendid array of tiles from as early as the 15th century along with displays on how they are made. The highlight of the museum is a blue and white composition of 1300 tiles, of Lisbon's cityscape made in 1738, prior to the Great Earthquake, and reputedly the country's longest tile piece. Dinner at leisure.

Day 3 - After breakfast we drive to Evora, one of Portugal's finest and most delightful towns. It is a true open-

air museum with a large number of wonderfully preserved monuments and buildings of public interest that led UNESCO to protect it as a World Heritage Site. We will have a guided tour to ensure we do not miss the Temple, the Cathedral & its cloisters - a blend of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. There are 14th century sculpted Apostles on the portal and the Cathedral houses a large Renaissance organ, thought to be the oldest in Europe. The Church of São Francisco is famed for the display of bones and skulls of some 5000 people covering the walls and columns of the church's Chapel of Bones. Dinner at leisure. Please note that it can take almost 2 hours to drive to/from Evora but it is well worth it. Dinner will be at leisure this evening.

Day 4 - Today we will have a full day to explore Lisbon at leisure. The city offers plenty to do and see, however should anyone wish to explore further afield, the train station is a 10 minute walk from our hotel. Dinner at leisure.

Day 5 - This morning we travel to Queluz and visit its palace. The Versailles-like palace is the country's finest example of Rococo architecture. One of the highlights is the elegant Throne Room, with mirrors, crystal chandeliers and gilded statues. Beyond is the Music Room, where the queen's

orchestra performed operas and concerts. Also noteworthy is the royal bedroom, a square room with stunning murals of Cervantes' "Don Quixote," a domed ceiling, and a floor decoration in exotic woods. The beautiful formal gardens are adorned with elaborate statues and fountains with themes of classical mythology. This afternoon we visit Sintra and the National Palace. The charming town of Sintra with time for lunch (not included) and a chance to explore. The town still retains much of its medieval layout with labyrinthine streets, deep stone steps and arcades. Whilst here we also visit the Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with amazing stuccos, painted walls and various tiles from the 19th century. This evening we will have a group dinner at the hotel.

Day 6 - This morning we will visit the Gulbenkian Museum one of Europe's unsung treasures. Part of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, it houses a magnificent collection of Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Islamic, Asian and European art and is one of the world's finest private art collections. Subject to flight times, there may also be time at leisure before the return coach transfer and our flight to the UK. Return transfer by coach to local area.

The exact order of excursions is subject to change and flight times.



How to Book

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