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## LISBON & MADEIRA & PORTO MULTICENTRE HOLIDAY

### 13 Days / 12 Nights



#### Tour Highlights:

• round-trip flights from London Gatwick to Madeira•

• 12 nights' accommodation in Silver or Gold plan, bed & breakfast basis (option to upgrade to halfboard)

- transfers upon arrivals and departures
- English-speaking guides throughout
- half-day tour of Sintra from Lisbon
- workshop experience making your own Pastel de Nata
- full day tour of Funchal in Madeira, including lunch and a boat trip
- full day East Island tour of Madeira, including lunch
- half-day Heritage Tour of Porto
- half-day Pastries Tour in Porto
- ample free time at leisure or for activities from our handpicked selection
- all rooms in Madeira include an Ocean view

• Outbound flight from London Gatwick to Lisbon, flight from Lisbon to Madeira Island and flight from Madeira Island to Porto and return flight from Porto to London Gatwick, all flights are by TAP Portugal.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

#### About this program

Our carefully designed small group programs offer expansive itineraries, as well as providing choice and free time. Whilst you will be traveling alongside others, you will have the freedom of the independent traveller.

We include services and tours for everybody, such as transfers and sightseeing, while offer a wide range of optional programs to choose from and do independently. The itineraries are well-balanced in terms of activities and time at leisure, on your own. We recommend this tour for ages 6 and above.

#### Silver & Gold Plans

This program is operated in **Silver and Gold** plans. The itinerary provided will be the same, however we offer a choice in terms of the accommodation based on your preference and budget.

#### In partnership with:



PACKAGE INCLUDING: ATOL protected • Round-trip airfare from/to London Gatwick on TAP Portugal flights (London Gatwick – Lisbon & Lisbon – Madeira & Madeira – Porto & Porto – London Gatwick), including hold luggage • 12 nights' hotel accommodation on bed & breakfast basis • arrival & departure transfers between airports and the hotels mentioned in the itinerary • English-speaking guides throughout all tours • half-day tour of Sintra from Lisbon • workshop experience making your own Pastel de Nata • full day tour of Funchal in Madeira, including lunch and a boat trip • full day East Island tour of Madeira, including lunch • half-day Heritage Tour of Porto • half-day Pastries Tour in Porto (including local pastries and beverages) • entrance fees as per the itinerary



#### ITINERARY

**DAY 1 - DEPARTURE** – Depart from London Gatwick Airport on your TAP Portugal direct service to Lisbon. After collecting your luggage, transfer from the airport to your hotel. Evening at leisure.

**DAY 2 –** This morning, enjoy a guided excursion only a short drive away from Lisbon. First you will pass Belém for a quick photo stop. This area of Lisbon most clearly evokes Portugal's era of Discovery and maritime expansion. It was from Belém that caravels would depart and arrive throughout the 15th and the 16th centuries. Next, through the village of **Sintra**, located right in the central western coast. With its rich history and most exquisite natural and architectural sites in the country, Sintra has been a part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1995.

Following some free time (perhaps for a quick lunch) return to Lisbon for a unique workshop experience of **making Pastel de Nata**, the World-famous Portuguese custard tarts. You will learn the whole process from scratch, including the tricks, from professional chefs and have fun while making your own sweet treats. In the afternoon transfer back to your hotel for a free evening.

**DAY 3** –Today is time for you to discover the many faces and the heritage of the Portuguese capital on your own.

**DAY 4 –** LISBON/MADEIRA – Transfer to the airport and departure from Lisbon on your TAP Portugal flight to Madeira Island, arriving later the same day. Transfer from the airport to your hotel.

**DAY 5** - Today is yours to explore or relax... Perhaps you might wish to check out our selection of optional tours.

#### DAY 6 - FUNCHAL DISCOVERY & BOAT TRIP

Following breakfast, enjoy a full-day tour of Funchal and the area, without a doubt, a genuinely excellent introduction to the island's capital. Start with a visit to the **Botanical Garden**. Walk through its cobbled pathways, admire the variety of flora and take in the fabulous view over the town. Next, we drive up to the **VillageofMonte** for a little visit and for a ride on cable car down to Funchal city centre. Pass by the old town and visit the **Farmers Market**, where you can discover the display of sub-tropical fruits, vegetables, flowers and fish. Take the chance to admire the local farmers and women wearing the typical local dress. For a perfect ending to the tour, we will guide you through the city, passing by the **Sé Cathedral**. We will then walk along the central promenade of Avenida Arriaga towards one of the oldest working wine lodges in Funchal – the Caves of "São Francisco", and **sample some of the Madeira wine** produced here. Lunch is included at a local restaurant in the Marina. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing **boat trip** in the afternoon, with the possibility to watch dolphins in their natural habitat. At end of the day return to your hotel.

**DAY 7 & 8 -** Enjoy these days of your holiday at your own leisure. We recommend joining some optional activities, exploring the shopping opportunities, or the island of Porto Santo, before continuing with your discoveries of Madeira.

#### DAY 9 - EAST ISLAND TOUR

This morning, begin your full-day tour to the east of the island to admire the stunning scenery. Along the way, see the endless **Laurissilva forest**, a Nature World Heritage Site, before arriving at the town of **Santana**, home to the remaining triangular shaped thatched roof houses. Time for a 1-hour, comfortable, flat **Levada walk**. Enjoy lunch arranged for you at a local restaurant, with awe-inspiring views, and delight at the serenity of the East. Finally, in the afternoon, we will visit the place where the settlers first set foot in Madeira, its former capital town, the charming **Machico**. Return to Funchal for an evening at leisure.

**DAY 10 -** Have one more free day to truly indulge in all the beauties this volcanic island has to offer, before heading to Porto to continue your holiday.

**DAY 11:** - MADEIRA/PORTO - Transfer to the airport and depart from Madeira Island on your TAP Portugal flight to Porto. Arrive that same morning and transfer from the airport to your hotel. After some time perhaps for a quick lunch you will enjoy a **Porto Heritage Tour.** First you will depart towards the historical centre, considered World Heritage by UNESCO, next pass by one of the trendiest and most cultural areas of the city known as Boavista and Foz,. After passing the aristocratic part of the city as well as the Avenida dos Aliados, famous for its banks and trendy shops, you will walk down the well-known Santa Catarina Street to get a feel of the city and its people. Some time at leisure will be given for a coffee or some shopping! Lastly, visit the Stock Exchange Palace with it's incredible granite work and magnificent neo-Arab influences, and then transfer back to the hotel for a free evening.

**DAY 12:** After a freemorning to relax or continue discovering Porto, in the afternoon you will indulge in the **Pastries Tour**, the perfect tour for everyone with a sweet tooth, much like most Portuguese people! Take part in Portugal's very rich tradition in baking and desserts, this walking foodie tour focuses exclusively on pastries and confectionery products, so you learn about the country's history through its sweets. Every stop comes with a beverage of choice, so feel free to have a coffee to cleanse your palate from one sweet treat to the next. You will also learn more about the city's history and culture as we go along, so it is truly a complete experience. Following your tour, you will be taken back to your hotel.

**DAY 13 - RETURN TO THE UK -** The morning is yours to spend at your leisure, feel free to really explore any part of Porto that you think that you may have previously missed or wish to return to, before you are transferred to the airport for your evening TAP Portugal flight back to the UK, arriving at London Gatwick later the same evening.

#### ACCOMMODATION

	Nights	Silver Plan	Gold Plan
Lisbon	3	<u>Hotel Lisboa Plaza</u>	<u>Hotel Lisboa Plaza</u>
		Petite Room	Lisboa Room
Madeira	7	Four Views Monumental	Pestana Carlton Madeira Ocean Resort
		Sea View Room	Classic Sea View Room
Porto	2	<u>Hotel Dom Henrique</u>	Hotel Dom Henrique
		Comfort Room	Comfort Suite

Departures: 12 July 2022 & 05 September 2022 will be accommodated at the <u>Hotel Heritage Avenida</u> <u>Liberdade</u> in Lisbon. Silver plan will stay in Baixa (standard) and Gold plan will stay in Lisboa (superior) room categories.

For more information regarding the hotels please click on the links above.

We reserve the right to change the hotels listed, however should this occur the replacement hotel will be within the same category and with similar facilities.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

#### NOTES:

- The days / times of the tours may change
- Half-board option is available in Madeira only
- We recommend this tour for ages 6 and above

#### Not Included:

- meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- tips & hotel extras

If you wish to book any Optional Activities feel free to have a look at the corresponding product on our website, alternatively download the respective document OR contact us.

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