



## PORTUGAL: LISBON, PORTO & THE DOURO VALLEY – A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Portugal



9 days from AU\$13,770 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Enjoy a cooking class with a viscountess in the old kitchens of her family estate, and savour the results for lunch
- Sit down to a private dinner followed by a fado performance in Lisbon, experiencing the expressive folk genre firsthand
- Dine at a fantastic seafood restaurant in Nazaré, one of Portugal’s most picturesque traditional fishing villages, before exploring the coastal town from a funicular
- Ply the scenic Douro River on a private cruise, admiring the dramatic landscape of steep hills and vineyards
- Savour a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting among the picture-perfect Douro landscape



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Lisbon, Portugal**

Arrive in Lisbon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for drinks and a welcome dinner.

***Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon | Meals: D***

### **Day 2: Lisbon | Sights, Sounds & Flavours of Portugal**

Enjoy a tour of Lisbon with an expert local guide. See the Belém Tower and visit the Jerónimos Monastery. Later, attend a hands-on workshop at the National Tile Museum, where you are introduced to this ancient Portuguese craft. This evening, experience a private dinner followed by a performance of fado, the characteristic and emotional folk music of the nation.

***Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Lisbon | Explore the Vibrant Pena Palace**

This morning, travel just outside Lisbon to the village of Sintra. In this town of palaces, enjoy a guided tour of the Pena Palace, decorated with vivid colours and evocative stone carvings. Return to Lisbon, where the rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore.

***Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon | Meals: B***

### **Day 4: Nazaré | Wave Watcher's Paradise**

Depart Lisbon for Alcobaça Monastery. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded by Portugal's first king in 1153 and became one of the most important monasteries in the country. Continue to nearby Nazaré, a picturesque coastal village that is also home to some of the world's largest surf. Savour a seafood lunch, then take a funicular to the old neighbourhood of Sitio atop the cliffs. Later, arrive in Coimbra and check in to your hotel.

***Quinta das Lágrimas | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 5: Coimbra | Stunning University & Library**

Join a local expert for a tour that introduces you to the University of Coimbra, the oldest in Portugal, and its Johannine Library. Built between 1717 and 1728, this library contains over 50,000 volumes and was constructed on the ruins of a medieval prison. Then, enjoy lunch at leisure and time to explore. Continue to your hotel in the Douro Valley where you indulge in a refreshing Scenic Sundowner before dinner.

***The Vintage House | Meals: BD***

### **Day 6: Douro Valley | Views from the River**

Start your day by embarking on the waters, as the locals have for centuries, on a traditional rabelo boat. Embark on a scenic cruise down the Douro Valley, admiring its vineyards and whitewashed estates. Cap off your cruise with a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting. Then, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

***The Vintage House | Meals: BL***

### **Day 7: Douro Valley | A Visit with a Viscountess**

Meet a local viscountess to learn about the history of her family and their estate. Enter the old kitchens, where you learn to cook using the original wood-burning stoves, on an authentic Chef's Table experience. Indulge in the hearty lunch that you helped prepare, and then journey to Porto, Portugal's second-largest city, for a walking introduction to its historic quarter.

***The Lodge Hotel Porto | Meals: BL***

### **Day 8: Porto | Design Your Day**

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Cruise the Douro & Scale the Arrábida Bridge**, gliding beneath the city's iconic bridges and gaining a unique perspective on Porto on Europe's only bridge climb.
- **Bake One of Portugal's Iconic Pastries**, during a Pastel de Nata cooking class.
- **Visit Braga's Impressive Roman Ruins** to view archaeological wonders dating back thousands of years.

Relax during an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, savour a farewell dinner at one of the city's famous port lodges.

***The Lodge Hotel Porto | Meals: BD***

## Day 9: Depart Porto

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

**Meals: B**

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## Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

## Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## Customise this Journey

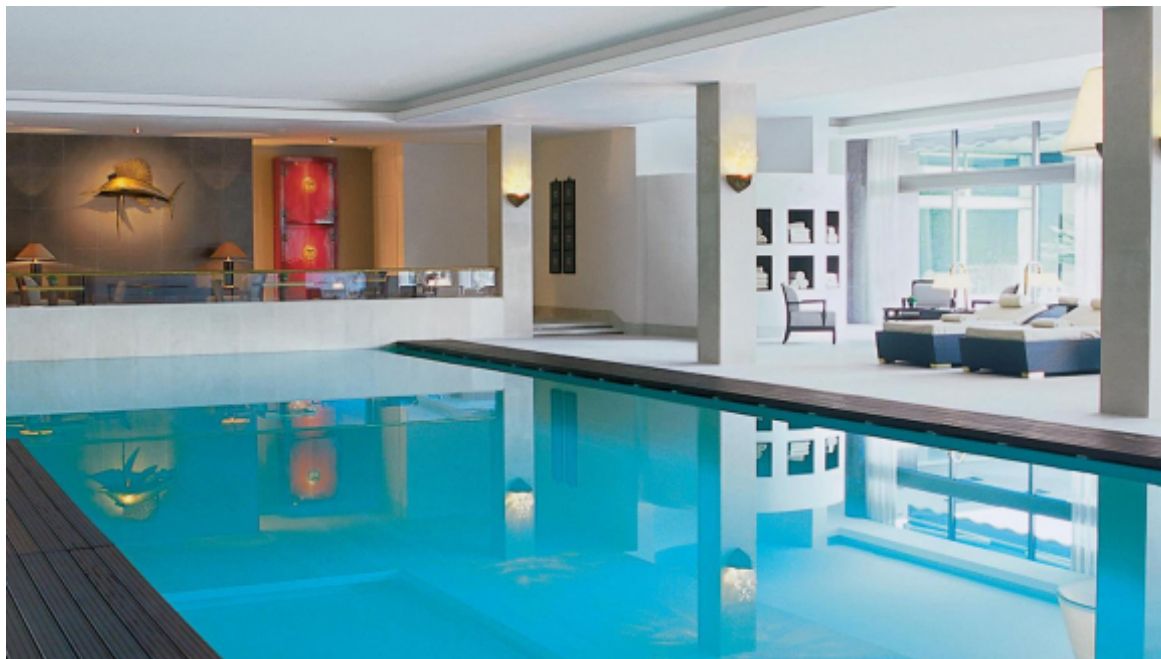
**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

## Map



## Accommodation

### Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon



One of Portugal’s premier hotels, Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon overlooks terracotta rooftops and the twinkling Tagus River from a hill in the heart of “The White City”. The 282 rooms feature fresh and elegant décor, enhanced by 18th-century replica furnishings and contemporary Portuguese art. Most come with a private balcony, so you can sip wine in the sunshine whilst spotting the city’s historic sites.

Enjoy the panoramic view of Lisbon from the penthouse fitness centre, or gaze out over the park as you dine on the fine cuisine of the acclaimed Varanda Restaurant. The old town is a short stroll down cobbled streets, making Four Seasons Hotel The Ritz Lisbon an ideal base from which to explore this charming capital.

#### Why we like it

- Stunning views of Lisbon
- Only a short walk away from the old town
- Contemporary Portuguese artwork dress the rooms
- A chance to sample rare ports at the Ritz Bar or enjoy afternoon tea in the Almada Negreiros Lounge

## Quinta das Lagrimas, Coimbra



The Quinta das Lagrimas is a retreat of peace and tranquillity located in the heart of beautiful Coimbra. Housed within an 18th-century palace, which has been restored in all its glory, this monumental hotel — surrounded by 29 acres of lush gardens — honours the love story between the Inês de Castro and Prince Pedro.

Providing a superb choice of accommodation, guests may choose from 55 rooms (of which 19 are connecting and 6 are suites) in the palace, the garden residence or the modern spa building. They will also relish a nine-hole golf course, a romantic lake, two pools and a fine-dining restaurant.

Each season of the year offers a different experience on the sprawling property and all of them are delightful. During summer, the luxuriant gardens turn into an alfresco dining area and the Colina de Camões becomes a stage for the annual Festival of Arts. During spring, the botanical gardens take centre stage, while in Autumn, green gradually gives way to a soft palette of earthy tones. During winter, fireplaces invite guests to retreat to the hotel's cozy rooms for hours of conversation and conviviality.



## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### May 21, 2025 - May 29, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

### Jun 18, 2025 - Jun 26, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

### Jul 16, 2025 - Jul 24, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

### Sep 3, 2025 - Sep 11, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

### Sep 17, 2025 - Sep 25, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

### Oct 1, 2025 - Oct 9, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,770 pp</b>	AU\$4,585	AU\$0	Available

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