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Portugal

Sports Tour

Lisbon, Coimbra & Porto

11 Day / 9 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **Depart USA**

Morning Depart USA on your night flight to Lisbon, Portugal, via major scheduled international airline. Dinner and Breakfast served aloft as you journey eastward to the Iberian peninsula.

Day 2 **Lisbon**

Afternoon Arrive at Lisbon International Airport.

Lisbon is the capital and largest city of Portugal with a population of approximately 550,000 with 3 million living in its metropolitan area. With original settlements dating as far back as the 8th century B.C., Lisbon and Portugal underwent Roman and Muslim rule before Portugal finally emerged as an independent state in the 17th century. Modern Lisbon is a delightful combination of newer 20th century buildings and older architectural styles dating back to its imperial heyday dominated by white stucco walls and red-tiled roofs with many cobblestone streets still in existence.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to your hotel for check-in.

Afternoon Free time to explore the city's many neighborhoods and explore sights on your own, such as the **São Jorge Castle**, a Moorish-style fortress with wonderful views overlooking the city, the ruins of the Gothic **Carmo Convent** mostly destroyed by the 1755 earthquake or the **Ajuda Palace**, a magnificent neo-classical structure built for the royal family who never occupied it due to their exile to Brazil after the Napoleonic invasions.

PRACTICE SESSION.

Evening Welcome Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 **Lisbon**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Lisbon City Tour**



Belém Tower



Alfama District



Memorial to the Discoveries

Board your private motorcoach for a tour by your English-speaking Guide of Lisbon's modern and historic attractions.

Highlights include the **Belém Tower**, an intriguing structure originally built as a fortress to guard the entrance to Lisbon's harbor and displaying the distinctively Portuguese **Manueline** architectural style blending late Gothic with Moorish and even Roman features.

Jerónimos Monastery is a fabulous example of the Manueline style with an abundance of intricate and elaborate architectural details making the complex one of Lisbon's most impressive landmarks.

The **Memorial to the Discoveries** is an imposing monument to Portugal's glory days of empire known as the **Age of Discovery**.

Other attractions include the **National Coach Museum** with highly-decorated coaches featuring life-size gold-leaf covered wooden carvings dating back to the 18th century and the **Alfama**, a medieval-era neighborhood that is a maze of winding streets dotted with churches, small squares and the whitewashed walls of private homes.

Afternoon Transfer back to your Hotel. Lunch on your own.

Free afternoon to explore Lisbon's many walkable neighborhoods for shopping and sightseeing. Look out for attractive handicrafts, such as hand-painted tiles, ceramics, and fine textiles, including tablecloths and fine embroidery.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. a PORTUGUESE TEAM

Day 4

Sintra – Cabo de Roca – Cascais & Estoril

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Sintra Village, Cabo da Roca, Cascais & Estoril – Full-Day Tour



Cabo da Roca



Pena Palace



Cascais

Start the day visiting the charming village of **Sintra** set amidst wooded rolling hills and featuring the majestic 19th century **Pena Palace**, a fairy-tale like castle with a mixture of many different architectural elements typical of the Manueline style.

Continue to **Cabo da Roca**, the westernmost point in continental Europe for awesome views of the cliffs and Atlantic Ocean, followed by a visit to the charming seaside towns of **Cascais**, and a drive along the **Estoril Coast**, stopping to view the **Casino Estoril** gardens before arriving back in Lisbon.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 5

Évora & Azeitão

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Évora & Azeitão – Full-Day Tour



Roman Aqueduct in Evora



Evora's Do Giraldo Square



Roman Temple

Visit the beautiful town of **Évora**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the old town's center. Admire the **Roman Temple**, the **Bones Chapel**, the **Évora University** and the **Évora Market**, all of them within Évora's medieval walls.

Later visit the village of **Azeitão**, where the local 'Muscatel' wine is produced.

Evening

MATCH # 2 vs. a PORTUGUESE TEAM

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 6 Lisbon

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Free day in Lisbon to explore the city's many neighborhoods and explore sights on your own, such as the **São Jorge Castle**, a Moorish-style fortress with wonderful views overlooking the city, the ruins of the Gothic **Carmo Convent** mostly destroyed by the 1755 earthquake or the **Ajuda Palace**, a magnificent neo-classical structure built for the royal family who never occupied it due to their exile to Brazil after the Napoleonic invasions.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening MATCH # 3 vs. a PORTUGUESE TEAM

Day 7 Lisbon – Óbidos – Nazaré – Batalha – Fátima – Coimbra

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer to the city of **Coimbra** via the four lovely towns below.

Morning & Afternoon **Óbidos, Nazaré, Batalha & Fátima**



Nazaré Beach



Óbidos



Fátima Sanctuary

The first stop of your journey is **Óbidos**, 'the medieval city' with its massive wall enveloping the town and hilltop castle affording great views of the surrounding region.

Continue on to **Nazaré**, a lovely fishing village where you will have an opportunity to explore and have lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, head to the **Mosteiro Santa Maria da Vitória**, best known as **Batalha Monastery**, a Gothic masterpiece, which UNESCO designated a World Heritage Site in 1986.

Final stop prior to arriving in Coimbra, is the village of **Fátima**, world-famous for reported sightings of the "Virgin of the Rosary" in 1917. Visit the **Chapel of Apparitions** and the tombstones of Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, the three children who were the "seers".

Early Evening Arrive in **Coimbra** and check in to your Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 8 Coimbra

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Coimbra Walking Tour



Coimbra University



Coimbra Skyline



Coimbra Cathedral

Known as the educational centre of Portugal, **Coimbra** is also a very attractive community, full of medieval churches and architectural beauty. Highlights of the tour are the **University of Coimbra**, the "**New Cathedral**", "**Old Cathedral**", and the **Mosteiro da Santa Cruz**.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own and free time before your game.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 4 vs. a PORTUGUESE TEAM

Day 9

Coimbra – Porto

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer to the city of **Porto** (2 hours).

Porto is Portugal's second-largest city with a population of 235,000 and 1.7 million in the metro area. Once an Roman outpost, its lovely Old Town is located on the banks of the Douro River and was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. One of Portugal's most famous products, Port wine, was named after this city.

Noon

Porto City Tour



Douro River



Hilltop Episcopal Palace



Porto Skyline

Start your tour in the heart of the city, walking around one of Porto's oldest districts, "**Bairro da Sé**". Admire the colossal **Cathedral** built in the 12th century and discover all the architectural treasures the city has to offer.

Highlights of the tour are the elegant **Aliados Avenue**, the **Camara Municipal** (Town Hall), and **Praça da Batalha**, one of Porto's main squares.

Later visit the **Vila Nova de Gaia**, where the world famous Port wine is produced.

Afternoon Check in to your Hotel.

Evening Rest of the day free to relax or explore the city.
Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 5 vs. a PORTUGUESE TEAM**

Day 10 **Porto – Lisbon**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out from hotel.

Morning & Afternoon Free time to explore Porto and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon Transfer to Lisbon.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 11 **Lisbon – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out from hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Lisbon International Airport for your return flights home.

Afternoon Arrive back in the USA.

Your Portuguese Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Lisbon round-trip.
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.
- Transfers Lisbon – Coimbra – Porto – Lisbon by private motorcoach.
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Lisbon at the beginning of the tour.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Coimbra.
- One night at a Three-Star Hotel in Porto.
- One night at a Three-Star Hotel in Lisbon at the end of the tour.
- Breakfast and one other meal (usually Dinner) daily.
- Lisbon City Tour with English-speaking Guide.
- Sintra Village, Cabo da Roca, Cascais & Estoril – Full-Day Tour.
- Évora & Azeitão – Full-Day Tour.
- Óbidos, Nazaré, Batalha & Fátima visits (en route to Coimbra).
- Coimbra Walking Tour.
- Porto City Tour.

- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Portugal and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from our **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Sports Program:

- ***Five Games with clubs / university team at your level.***
- ***One Practice Session.***
- ***Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.***
- ***Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.***

Summary of Included Meals:

- 9 Breakfasts
- 9 Dinners

Tour Price:

- Approx. \$ 2299 in March to \$ 2899 in August, from New York, per person, **twin/triple** occupancy.
- Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- All activities to be arranged and confirmed after deposits received.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rates. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.