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Portugal #2

Field Hockey Tour

Porto & Lisbon

9 Day / 7 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: The dates and times of the activities below will likely be adjusted to accommodate your game schedules, 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 FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

- Day 1** **USA – FLIGHTS**
- Fly overnight to Porto. Possible change of plane enroute. Breakfast and dinner served aloft.
- Day 2** **PORTO** **(D)**
- Morning arrival in Porto. Greeting by your Tour Manager.
 Transfer by private motorcoach to the city.
 Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.
PRACTICE SESSION
 Free time to explore the cafés and shops in the neighborhood around your hotel.
 Overnight: Porto

- Day 3** **PORTO** **(B,D)**
- Porto City Walking Tour**



Douro River



Hilltop Episcopal Palace



Porto Skyline

- **“Bairro da Sé”** - Oldest neighborhood of Porto with narrow medieval winding streets.
- **Cathedral** - Located in the city center, this house of worship dates back to the 12th century.
- **Camara Municipal** - Porto's Town Hall is an imposing structure with a bell tower rising 230 ft.
- **Praça da Batalha** - Public square dating back centuries with cafés and impressive monuments.
- **Douro River** - Runs 200 miles from near the Spanish border to Porto and the Atlantic Ocean.

Six Bridges River Boat Cruise

Cruise on the Douro River in a traditional "**Rabelo**"-style boat, similar to those that carried port wine. Cruise under the six bridges that connect Porto with Vila Nova de Gaia to its south.
Overnight: Porto

Day 4

PORTO - GUIMARÃES - BRAGA

(B,D)

Braga & Guimaraes – Full-Day Tour



Braga public square



Bom Jesus do Monte



Braga Castle

Braga

- **Bom Jesus do Monte Monastery** - 500+ steps surrounded by lush, manicured gardens lead up to a charming church for panoramic views of the city (admission included)
- **Praca da Republica** – Braga's largest square, featuring restaurants, flowers and fountains.

Guimarães

- **Old Town** – Charming pedestrian-friendly area with an abundance of traditional architecture. Several squares with cafés and restaurants contribute to an enjoyable visit.
- **Guimarães Castle** – Fortified medieval-era castle with thick stone walls and imposing towers. (admission included)

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Overnight: Porto

Day 5

PORTO - COIMBRA - FÁTIMA - BATALHA - NAZARÉ - ÓBIDOS - LISBON (B,D)

Check out and transfer to Lisbon stopping in historic and picturesque towns.



Nazaré Beach



Óbidos



Fátima Sanctuary

Choose any two of the following towns to visit enroute from Porto to Lisbon (more if time allows).

Coimbra - Architectural highlights include Coimbra University and the New & Old Cathedrals.

Fátima - Pilgrimage destination famous for sightings of the "Virgin of the Rosary" in 1917.

Batalha - Batalha Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site (optional EUR 6 entry)

Nazaré - Quaint fishing village ideal for exploring and relaxation.

Óbidos - "The Medieval City" with its massive wall enveloping the town and hilltop castle.

Arrive in **Lisbon**. Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Overnight: Lisbon

Day 6

LISBON

(B,D)

Lisbon "Old Town" – Walking Tour (Center)



Alfama District



Praça do Comércio



Rossio Square

- **São Jorge's Castle** – Moorish-style fortress with wonderful views overlooking the city. (admission included)
- **Carmo Convent** - Gothic ruins mostly destroyed by the 1755 earthquake. (admission included)
- **Chiado** – Square that is a traditional shopping area with both older shops and modern stores.

Free afternoon to relax or explore the city.

MATCH # 2 vs. a PORTUGUESE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Lisbon

Day 7

SINTRA – CABO DA ROCA – CASCAIS – ESTORIL – Full-Day Tour (B,D)



Cabo da Roca



Peña Palace



Cascais

Sintra - Charming village set amidst wooded rolling hills.

- **Peña Palace** - Majestic 19th century fairy-tale like castle. (admission included)
- **Castle of the Moors** - Classic hilltop medieval castle with granite walls and turrets. (admission included)

Cabo da Roca - Westernmost point in Europe for great views of the cliffs and Atlantic Ocean.

Cascais & Estoril - Charming seaside towns with some wonderful beaches.

Biking - Lisbon Neighborhoods & Waterfront (optional for a fee)

Enjoy a guided scenic bike ride through some of Lisbon's neighborhoods and waterfront. (Bikes and Guide included)

Overnight: Lisbon

Day 8

LISBON

(B,D)

Lisbon - Belém District – Walking Tour (West)



Belém Tower



Jerónimos Monastery



Memorial to the Discoveries

- **Belém Tower** - Originally built as a fortress to guard the entrance to Lisbon's harbor.
- **Memorial to the Discoveries** - Imposing monument to Portugal's glory days of empire.
- **Jerónimos Monastery** - Elaborate architecture makes this complex an impressive landmark. (admission included)
- **Ajuda Palace** - Magnificent neo-classical structure built for the royal family. (admission included)

Cooking Class - "Pastel de Nata" - (optional for a fee)

Learn how to prepare the classic Portuguese pastry made of eggs and topped with cinnamon. Enjoy the results as a tasty snack !

MATCH # 3 vs. a PORTUGUESE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Lisbon

Day 9

LISBON – USA

(B)

Fly back to the USA, arriving the same afternoon. Possible change of plane enroute.

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



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA to Lisbon round-trip
- Intercity transfer Lisbon / Porto / Lisbon by private motorcoach with intermediate visits
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Porto or near the game facilities
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Lisbon or near the game facilities
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)
- Porto City Walking Tour with English-speaking Guide
- Six Bridges River Boat Cruise - (boat tickets included)
- Braga & Guimarães - Full-Day Tour
- Bom Jesus do Monte - (admission included)
- Guimarães Castle - (admission included)
- Coimbra, Fátima, Batalha, Nazaré & Óbidos visits
- Lisbon "Old Town" – Walking Tour (Center) with English-speaking Guide
- São Jorge Castle - (admission included)
- Carmo Convent - (admission included)
- Sintra Village, Cabo da Roca, Cascais & Estoril – Full-Day Tour
- Peña Palace - (admission included)
- Castle of the Moors - (admission included)
- Lisbon Belém District – Walking Tour (West) with English-speaking Guide
- Jerónimos Monastery - (admission included)
- Ajuda Palace - (admission included)
- Transfers for all the above activities by private motorcoach
- **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

Field Hockey Program:

- **3 Games vs. Portuguese club / university teams at your level**
- **1 Practice Session**
- **Opponent Matching Services**
- **Water at Games & Practices**
- **Round-trip transfers to above sports activities by private motorcoach**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Other Meals (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)

Tour Price:

Click on [Victory Sports Tours - Sample Tours](#) select your sport and find **Portugal #2** for pricing.

- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included in all of the above price ranges.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- Tour Price is subject to increase if there are fewer than 20 paying travelers.
- Taxes/fees/fuel charge are subject to change according to government and airline increases, which will be finalized approx. 45 days prior to departure.

Exchange Rate Protection:

- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate.
- Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly **before** we receive your first tour deposit.
- You will **not** be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur **after** we receive your first tour deposit.

Not Included:

- Any items not listed as included in the above sections under "TOUR INCLUSIONS".
- Passport fees - Passports are required to travel internationally
- Visa fees - If visas are required, typically in the case of non-US citizens
- Personal beverages at meals
- Uniform laundry - Your tour manager will assist you in finding laundromats (most hotels in foreign countries do not have laundry facilities)
- Tips for tour manager, city tour guides and motorcoach drivers (recommended **US\$ 25-30 per traveler** to cover all tour staff)
- Any fees imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage that exceed the number of pieces allowed or size/weight allowances, such as Goalie Bags
- Travel insurance - We will offer you the option to purchase travel insurance through an independent travel insurance specialist.
- Optional Activities as noted in the itinerary.

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