

3 GEMS OF PORTUGAL FROM THE NORTH TO SOUTH

On this 12-day trip you find not only some of Portugal's most important sights, but also an immense historical heritage and some of the most country's most sweeping landscapes. You stay at 4-star hotels of the renowned Vila Galé chain.

From North to South, Portugal offers beautiful landscapes, mountains, plains and valleys, cities brimming with culture and history, great gastronomic diversity, and incredible beaches.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 | Arrival

Arrival. Drive to your first hotel, the Vila Galé Porto Ribeira. Take a stroll through town before or after dinner.

DAY 2 | PORTO

Today, explore the capital of northern Portugal with its old town, which has been declared a World Heritage Site, and the famous port wine cellars. Just a ten-minute walk from the hotel you will find the famous Rua de Santa Catarina, a bustling shopping street. Take some time to stroll through Ribeira, discover Gaia, and visit the historic Port Wine Cellars. In the city center, don't forget to visit the Cathedral, Clérigos Tower, Bolsa Palace and a visit to the small Lello library. Casa da Música and the Serralves Contemporary Art Museum are also a must.

DAY 3 | PORTO → BRAGA

Today you change location and steer to the Vila Galé Braga. The direct connection to Braga is approx. 60 km. Make sure to visit in the afternoon: the pilgrimage church of Bom Jesus do Monte! The newest hotel in the archbishopric city and your current accommodation resulted from the extensive renovation of the former »Hospital de São Marcos«. It is located in the center right on Carlos Amarante Square, within walking distance of the cathedral and other sights. In addition to good dining facilities, you will also find an outdoor and indoor pool and a spa area.

DAY 4 | BRAGA → LAMEGO

The episcopal town of Lamego, not far south of the Upper Douro Valley, which has also been declared a World Heritage Site, is your next stage destination (approx. 140 km). On the way you will find a landscape dominated by terraces that shape the face of the mountains and you should definitely visit the Mateus Palace near Vila Real. Your current accommodation was completely renovated just a few years ago and is located on a panoramic hill on the Rio Douro diagonally across from the wine town of Régua.

DAY 5 | LAMEGO → COIMBRA → FÁTIMA → LISBOA

On your way to Lisbon (approx. 370 km) you should plan a visit to the venerable university city of Coimbra, the highlight of which is of course the university, one of the oldest in Europe and almost inevitably a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its extremely magnificent library. We recommend a visit to the monastery of Batalha and the Sanctuary of Fátima, the most important place of Marian pilgrimage in Portugal. The monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória, also called the batalha monastery, whose construction began in 1386, built over seven reigns, is one of the greatest gems of Portuguese heritage and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Fátima is one of the most important centers of Catholic faith and pilgrimage in the world, as it is where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children. Your current accommodation, a charming hotel dedicated to poetry, welcomes you right by the waterfront, in the heart of Paço de Arcos.

DAY 6 | LISBOA

Today you should devote to sightseeing downtown Lisbon, preferably on foot and with the ancient trams and funiculars. You can enjoy a magnificent view of the city built on seven hills and the mouth of the Tejo from São Jorge Castle. Don't miss a visit to the Jerónimos Monastery, the Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries.

DAY 7 | LISBOA ✦ SINTRA

Today you will experience palace and castle romance at its finest in Sintra, once again with the status of a world cultural heritage. Visit the Sintra historic center, the Pena Palace, the Moorish Castle, Monserrate Palace and its Gardens, Vila Sasseti, and stop at Casa Piriquita, known for its famous cakes

DAY 8 | LISBOA ✦ ELVAS

Today you head to your next hotel, the Vila Galé Collection Elvas located in the historic center of this Alentejo city, classified by UNESCO as world heritage. Elvas, also known as the "Queen of the Border", is one of the gems hidden in the Alentejo ray. The historic center, Islamic, medieval and sixteenth century walls, the forts of Santa Luzia and Graça, 3 fortins and the Amoreira Aqueduct are the largest and best preserved land fortifications in the world.

DAY 9 | ÉVORA ✦ ALBUFEIRA

On the way to Albufeira don't miss a visit to the UNESCO-protected old town of Évora beckons with cultural jewels from a 2,000-year history. Experience the Roman history of Évora in the Temple of Diana or explore the Moorish part of the city in the north. One of the most important and imposing sights of the city is undoubtedly the Bone Chapel, the walls and ceilings of which are covered with hundreds of human bones. Your accommodation is the elegantly modern Vila Galé Collection Praia, located next to the beautiful Galé beach. This boutique hotel is prepared for couples that are looking for comfort, privacy and absolute tranquility, offering a spa, pools and large gardens

DAY 10 | ALBUFEIRA

Today explore Albufeira, the tourist hot spot of the Algarve with numerous beautiful beaches. Most of the local beaches have been awarded the Blue Flag and offer a wide range of water sports. The great variety of bars, restaurants and clubs have also made Albufeira's nightlife the most famous in the Algarve.

DAY 11 | ALBUFEIRA ✦ SAGRES

Today you can also explore the western part of the Algarve. We recommend a tour to the port town of Lagos and to Sagres, where you should definitely head for the most south-westerly point of continental Europe, the Cabo de São Vicente.

DAY 12 | DEPARTURE

Program end

HIGHLIGHTS

CHARMING HOTELS OF
VILA GALÉ COLLECTION CHAIN

PORTUGAL'S MOST IMPORTANT SIGHTS



Discover
**Greatest gems of
Portuguese heritage.**


MAP


PRICE 2 PAX IN DOUBLE ROOM

➔ From **1 360€**

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 2 nights accommodation Vila Galé Porto
- 1 night accommodation Vila Galé Collection Braga
- 1 night accommodation Vila Galé Collection Douro
- 3 night accommodation Vila Galé Collection Palácio dos Arcos
- 1 night accommodation Vila Galé Collection Elvas
- 3 night accommodation Vila Galé Collection Praia
- Breakfast included in all hotels
- 1 Welcome Dinner (1st night of stay) per pax in Each Hotel - excluding beverages *** (***) Except Vila Galé Porto Ribeira / stay in BB)
- Welcome drink at arrival (in all the Hotels)
- WiFi free of charge in the Hotels
- Parking in all the Hotels with 20% discount (except VG Collection Praia)



PRICE IN EURO

	Double Room	Single Room
12.02.2022 ➔ 24.02.2022	1360 €	950 €
25.02.2022 ➔ 31.03.2022	1435 €	1000 €
01.04.2022 ➔ 28.04.2022	1 636 €	1152 €
29.04.2022 ➔ 26.05.2022	1770 €	1240 €
27.05.2022 ➔ 23.06.2022	1941 €	1341 €
24.06.2022 ➔ 14.07.2022	1955 €	1355 €
15.07.2022 ➔ 27.08.2022	2150 €	1470 €
28.08.2022 ➔ 01.10.2022	1956 €	1355 €
02.10.2022 ➔ 31.10.2022	1770 €	1240 €
01.11.2022 ➔ 17.11.2022	1360 €	975 €



FURTHER INFORMATION

- Ideally planned for entry through Porto airport and exit through Faro, can be adapted to either airport.
- Possibility of extra nights accommodation.
- The circuit may change accordingly to Hotel's availability and/or clients desire.
- All seasons : in all the hotels with more than 1 night stay, and if clients will want extra HB the supplement is 18,40 per pax , at VG Palácio dos Arcos Collection 25,60 / excluding beverage
- Cancellation policy: until 72h prior arrival no costs
Less than 72h 1^a night will be charged per unit
No show : 100% will be charged.
- Car Hire (Available for an extra cost).
- Package exclusive to Portimar and representatives.

