# Country Roads of Portugal March 6-16, 2026

### **INSIGHT VACATIONS**

#### **Included Features:**

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- Tour & hotel accommodations
- Meals as detailed on day-by-day itinerary: 10 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners with wine, and 2 Lunches (1 lunch with wine)
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes and porterage charges at hotels
- Personal Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

#### Airfare & Hometown Transportation:

• Airfare and Transfers to be determined at a later date.



#### **Tour Itinerary**

Date	Itinerary
March 06	Welcome to Lisbon
March 07	Lisbon and the Age of the Great Discoveries
March 08	The Algarve
March 09	Everlasting Évora
March 10	Monsaraz and Évora
March 11	On to Fátima and Tomar
March 12	Coimbra and the Douro Valley
March 13	Guimarães and Porto
March 14	Porto, Grande Dame on the Douro
March 15	Ancient Óbidos and Lisbon
March 16	Depart Lisbon

Itinerary is subject to change without notice at the discretion of the tour operator.

## Rooms & Pricing Double Occupancy \$4025.00

**Rates are per person based on double occupancy.** Single, triple, and quad occupancy rates are available upon request . Round-trip airfare will be an additional cost and will be determined at a future date.

**PAYMENT:** A deposit of **\$200.00 per person** is due at time of booking to hold your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA Travel no later than **December 12, 2025**. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, check (made payable to AAA Reading- Berks), or most major credit cards.

**Transfers** will be determined after final payment has been collected. A 10 - passenger minimum is required to confirm transportation from AAA Reading Berks. If private transfers are preferred, please contact your Travel Consultant for a quote with Infinity Limousine.

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## Day-by-day Itinerary

#### DAY 1 - FRIDAY March 6, 2026: Welcome to Lisbon **MEALS: Dinner with Wine**

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel. Settle in and relax before joining your Travel Director for dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travelers during a pleasant evening of good food and wine.

#### DAY 2 - SATURDAY March 7, 2026 : Lisbon and the Age of the Great Discoveries **MEALS: Breakfast HOTEL:** Corinthia, Lisbon

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belém Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit the Cloisterof Jeronimos Monastery. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner.

#### DAY 3 - SUNDAY March 8, 2026 : The Algarve **MEALS: Breakfast**

Cross the River Tagus and head towards the sun-drenched southern coast to reach Lagos, a fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After some free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel, set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. Simplicity is at the heart of Algarve cuisine, with seafood so fresh it still tastes of the sea. Just a short walk away, specialized Portuguese seafood restaurants line the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic.

#### DAY 4 - MONDAY March 9, 2026 : Everlasting Évora **MEALS: Breakfast**

Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past. Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 16th-century chapel comprising the skulls and bones of 5,000 bones. Visit the cathedral with its attractive mix of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. With the rest of the afternoon at leisure, you may wish to continue to stroll through Évora's unique historical center, or the serene city park, following the aqueduct inside the city walls.

#### DAY 5 - TUESDAY March 10, 2026 : Monsaraz and Évora MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch with Wine

Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz, situated on an imposing hilltop, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. From the castle ruins, admire the spectacular views across to the dry Spanish plains, contrasting with the blue of one of the largest artificial lakes. Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Algueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life. Sit down to a delicious lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant; cheerful atmosphere. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital.

### DAY 6 - WEDNESDAY March 11, 2025 : On to Fátima and Tomar

HOTEL: Hotel dos Templários, Tomar **MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine** This morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit Casa Relvas for a wine tasting. Despite the dry climate of the Alentejo region, they have been producing exceptional wine using innovative techniques to reduce the use of water. Journey to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Appartions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Continue to Tomar and visit one of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With your Local Expert, explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda in the cloister and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk in the domestic areas. Outside on the battlements, the Manueline Window is a national masterpiece. You also visit the Synagogue of Tomar, one of the best preserved medieval synagogues in Portugal, housing a small Jewish museum.

#### HOTEL: M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora

#### **HOTEL:** Corinthia, Lisbon

#### HOTEL: Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve

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#### DAY 7 - THURSDAY March 12, 2026 : Coimbra and the Douro Valley

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch HOTEL: Douro Palace Hotel Resort & Spa, Douro Valley In Coimbra, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the Old Town, including the University of Coimbra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit its impressive baroque university library, one of the finest in the world. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table lunch, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a port wine tasting.

#### DAY 8 - FRIDAY March 13, 2026 : Guimarães and Porto

#### MEALS: Breakfast HOTEL: Pousada do Porto Rua Das Flores

Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cozy squares.

Next, continue on to Porto, Portugal's second city, a UNESCO World Heritage town and where Portugal originates. Join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The décor is a mix of classic and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork. Alternatively, why not join an Optional Experience to see the pastel-painted houses in Porto's Ribeira district before cruising on a traditional Rabelo boat and finishing off the evening with a Portuguese dinner inthe comfort of your riverside restaurant?

#### DAY 9 - SATURDAY March 14, 2026 : Porto, Grande Dame on the Douro

#### MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: Pousada do Porto Rua Das Flores

With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-colored houses and churches covered in beautiful glazed tiles. Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque. In the evening, enjoy a mouthwatering dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant.

#### DAY 10 - SUNDAY March 15, 2026 : Ancient Óbidos and Lisbon

**MEALS: Breakfast** 

#### Hotel: TURIM Marquês, Lisbon

Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon.

#### DAY 11 - MONDAY March 16, 2026 : Depart Lisbon

#### MEALS: Breakfast

After breakfast, transfer to Lisbon International Airport.

