

Lisbon, Portugal, the right getaway in December. Continue to Madrid for Christmas

\$1999 land price twin \$485 single supplement

Price based on 8 going.

Once the nerve-center of a vast colonial empire, Lisbon is the second oldest capital in the European Union. Its Western location attracted Arab, Afro and Mediterranean influences. Portugal's largest city, Lisbon, is unusual with steep hills, a majestic estuary, and ancient cobble stoned streets. Many buildings are decorated with Moorish style tiles. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Germanic tribes ruled, then Arabs, Berbers and North African Jews arrived, much later came Spanish Hapsburgs. Lisbon is lively this time of year; with festivities this December week leading up to Christmas. We hand picked special restaurants and experiences for this trip.

Day 1: December 17th – Lisbon (D)

Arrival t Lisbon Airport and transfer to hotel. Ask us to help with airfares. Rest of the day at leisure. Tour briefing with the guide and welcome dinner at “Solar dos Presuntos”, one of the most famous restaurants in Lisbon with very typical local food. <https://www.hotel-marquesdepombal.pt/en/>



Day 2: December 18th– Lisbon / Belém / Lisbon(B+L)

In the morning, a full day tour in the bus begins, a very comfortable way of getting to know the city's most popular places. Lunch at “Martinho da Arcada”, in Terreiro do Paço, or similar restaurant.

After lunch, head to Belém, and Jerónimo's Monastery, Belém Tower, Monument of the Discoveries (Padrão dos Descobrimentos) and Carriage Museum (entrance). We taste the renowned Pastel de Belém, Portugal's most famous pastry. You can also try King Cake (Bolo Rei), a traditional Portuguese Christmas cake, with candied fruits.



Return to Lisbon and rest of the day at leisure.

In the evening, we visit Wonderland Lisboa, the most emblematic Christmas market in Lisbon, with its festive atmosphere. We suggest you enjoy dinner in or near Wonderland, stalls and restaurant offer varieties of local food.



Day 3: December 19th – Lisbon (B+D)

Head to the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, one of the most important private collections in the world, Mr Gulbenkian was an early oil magnate with an eye for brilliant collecting. Lunch optionally at the museum café.

Then, some free time to stroll and enjoy the beauty of the Gulbenkian Foundation Gardens, nature in the center of a big city. It is now time to taste some traditional food at the Ribeira Market, from pastry to snacks and main course traditional dishes. Don't forget to drink a "Ginginha", a cherry liquor served in a small chocolate cup.

By the end of the afternoon, enjoy an amusing culinary experience by joining a cooking class.

In the evening, we visit Rossio's Christmas Market to enjoy the Christmas illuminations of downtown Lisbon.



Day 4: December 20th – Lisbon / Óbidos / Nazaré / Fátima / Tomar / Lisbon (B+L)



Departure towards the lovely medieval village of Óbidos, one of the most picturesque, well preserved in Portugal. During Christmas season, the medieval village turns into a fantastic Christmas village, with activities and decorations. Straight away, head to the North Beach (Praia do Norte), in Nazaré, where the Nazaré Canyon creates the famous big waves. Lunch at "Taberna da

Adélia" in Nazaré or similar restaurant for local sea food from the Portuguese Coast.

After lunch, continue to the Sanctuary of Fátima, a place of pilgrimage that commemorates the apparitions of "Nossa Senhora de Fátima" to the three shepherds. Finally, we visit the Convent of Christ in Tomar, full of history of the Templars in Portugal. Return to Lisbon.

Day 5: December 21st– Lisbon / Sintra / Cascais / Lisbon (B+D)

Today, we visit the magical town of Sintra, a village full of



beauty near Lisbon. Departure to Cabo da Roca, the most western point in Europe, where our tour begins. Continue to Sintra and lunch at leisure. After lunch, visit the marvellous Pena Palace and the Quinta da Regaleira, the two most famous attractions in Sintra. We head to Cascais for a panoramic tour. Return to Lisbon.



In the evening, farewell dinner with Folk and Fado show at the restaurant Páteode Alfama.

Day 6: 22nd – Lisbon (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Airport. Or join us in Madrid for our post Christmas tour.

Note: B = Breakfast; L= Lunch; D = Dinner

Price based on minimum of 8 travelers Twin \$1,999 per person

Single Supplement \$485 VAT included;

City tax not included

Included:

Accommodation in 4 star hotels

Breakfast daily

Tour guide and tour escort Dec 17-22 who will help guide you when there is an optional meal

One transfer in and one transfer out. Private transfers can be arrange

Tours as mentioned

Meals as mentioned.

Not included:

- Travel health insurances;
- City taxes; Euro 2.- per night collected by hotel directly;
- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Visas if needed
- Any items or subjects not mentioned as included.

