
GEEO ITINERARY

Portugal 3/21/2027

Day 1: Lisbon Arrive in Lisbon at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. We recommend arriving a day early if you have the time so that you can better explore this world-renowned city.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The nearest airport is Lisbon's **Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS)**.

Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, you might choose to have dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to get to know one another further.

Joining Instructions

Taxi: (€20-25 | ~20min) Available at the airport. €20 during 7:00am-9:00pm, €25 during 9:00pm-midnight.

**Surcharges may apply on weekends, bank holidays, and per piece of luggage.*

**Make sure the meter is reset before departure. You can estimate your fare in advance at [TaxiFareFinder.com](https://www.taxifarefinder.com) or [Taxi-Calculator.com](https://www.taxicalculator.com).*

Aerobus: (€1.20-3.10 | ~35-40min) Aerobus (Carris route 91) runs every 20 minutes from 7:45am-8:15pm. Purchase tickets on board: €1.20 for one ride, €3.10 for 1-day ticket, or €2 for 1-day TAP Voucher. Use Google Maps to determine your stop based on your hotel location.

***For Residencial Florescente hotel:** Get off at "Restauradores" stop. Cross the square to the red "Correios" (post office) building, take the street next to it to reach Rua Portas de Santo Antão. Turn left and the hotel is on your left.

Day 2: Lisbon Take an orientation walk. Explore Lisbon as you wish for the rest of the day. In the evening enjoy a Fado night and traditional Portuguese dinner in one of Lisbon's oldest neighborhoods.

Enjoy an orientation walk of Lisbon. The rest of the day is free for exploration. See our optional activities section further below for our suggestions on what to do with your time. If you have already explored Lisbon on the previous day, you could opt to take a day trip to Sintra in the foothills of the surrounding mountains.

In the evening, enjoy a Fado (Portuguese folk music) performance and traditional Portuguese dinner in one of Lisbon's oldest neighborhoods.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 3: Lisbon/Coimbra Travel to Batalha. Visit the historic Batalha Monastery with free time to wander the grounds. Continue to the medieval capital of Portugal, Coimbra.

Leave Lisbon behind and head north to the small hill town of Batalha. We visit the Batalha Monastery, which was built to commemorate the victory of the Portuguese over the Castilians at the battle of Aljubarrota in 1385. The elaborate, Gothic-style architecture of this UNESCO site is considered to be one of the masterpieces of the region.

Afterwards, if time permits, make a stop in the medieval town of Óbidos. If you're interested in visiting this town during your tour of Portugal, we recommend waiting to make arrangements for a day tour to Óbidos until Day 4.

We then continue to the medieval capital of Portugal, Coimbra.

Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4: Coimbra Enjoy a free day to explore Coimbra. Opt to visit the famous Coimbra University, explore the winding streets and the riverfront filled with restaurants and bars.

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Opt to visit the famous Coimbra University, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2013 (and also the inspiration for Harry Potter's Hogwarts). Portugal's most prestigious university, the University of Coimbra is a must-see landmark. The Joanina Library (Biblioteca Joanina) is one of the most ornate libraries in the world with its breathtaking frescoes, intricate carvings and gold-leaf touches.

Also in Coimbra you will find Conimbriga, the best-preserved Roman ruins in Portugal.

If you feel you have the time, you can opt for a day trip to the Templar city of Tomar.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Coimbra/Porto Continue to the historic and vibrant coastal town of Porto in the morning, and take an orientation walk upon arrival.

Continue to the historic and vibrant coastal town of Porto in the morning, and take an orientation walk upon arrival. Set aside the Douro River, Portugal's second city is one of the most interesting destinations in Europe. With its Medieval architecture, its Dom Luis I Bridge and Art Nouveau cafes, there's something for everyone.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by train

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Porto Enjoy a free day in this UNESCO World Heritage city. In the evening, enjoy a visit to the port wine cellars and tasting.

Enjoy a free day to explore Porto. Opt take a cruise down the Douro Valley, or explore the city which gained UNESCO World Heritage designation in 1996. Head down Allias Avenue to see the French-inspired buildings. Bargain at the Bolhão Market. Wander the city's World Heritage-listed Ribeira district, visit São Francisco church, the palatial former 19th-century stock market Palácio de Bolsa or head to the Clerigos Tower for a panoramic view of the city.

We will finish off the day with a tour of the cellars of the region's famed export, Port wine. Learn about

the art of Port making and the processes that render its rich taste. Indulge in a tasting and raise a glass to a day well spent. Saúde!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Porto Depart Porto at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The tour ends in Porto, and the city's airport is **Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport (OPO)**. If you wish to extend your stay in Porto, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:**

Day 1 Lisbon (Mar 21): Hotel Roma Lisbon

Day 2 Lisbon (Mar 22): Hotel Roma Lisbon

Day 3 Coimbra (Mar 23): Hotel Astoria Coimbra

Day 4 Coimbra (Mar 24): Hotel Astoria Coimbra

Day 5 Porto (Mar 25): Ibis Porto Centro São Bento

Day 6 Porto (Mar 26): Ibis Porto Centro São Bento

***Itinerary Disclaimer:** *While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.*