Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores & Portuguese Pousadas

O.A.T. small group (16 max)

From a Roman colony and centuries of Moorish rule to the great explorers of the Age of Discovery, Spain and Portugal are home to extraordinary beauty and untold remnants of a tumultuous past. We’ll chart our own course for discovery in these ancient lands during O.A.T.-exclusive stays for eight nights in intimate Portuguese pousadas and Spanish paradores, restored historic inns—from castles and convents to manor homes and monasteries—that evoke the glory of an earlier era. We’ll also dine with a family in their home and discover the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during a cooking lesson, explore the village of Sintra, situated within a fairytale landscape of lush forests, turreted palaces, and castle ruins—a recently added feature—including a visit to the medieval Sintra National Palace, and learn about life on a family-owned olive oil mill—a recently enhanced feature—during our NEW A Day in the Life near Úbeda, a town situated in the Jaén province which is bordered on all sides by numerous olive groves that produce some of the world’s best olive oil. Click here for more details.

Dates: 3/4-3/19/2022

Pricing: Base tour $3695 per person; Air SMF: $1000, Air SFO $900, Air LAX $1100

Trip escort: Sue Barnes, UC Retirees Travel program coordinator and former director of UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center & UC Davis Retiree Center.

Registration: Email Sue Barnes, UCRetireesTravel@gmail.com, to be added to the waiting list.