



Toledo, Spain



Sintra, Portugal

Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores & Portuguese Pousadas

Portugal: Lisbon, Évora | **Spain:** Carmona, Ronda, Úbeda, Toledo, Madrid



16 days starting from **\$7,649**

including international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: SEPTEMBER 27, 2027

Return Date: OCTOBER 12, 2027

Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

Travelers should be able to climb 60 stairs consecutively, plus walk at least 3 miles over some steep slopes and loose or uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for 3 or more hours at a time.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Lisbon, Portugal
2-4	Lisbon
5-6	Évora
7-8	Carmona, Spain
9-10	Ronda
11-12	Córdoba • Úbeda
13-15	Toledo
16	Return to U.S.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Northern Portugal: Porto & the Douro Valley

PRE-TRIP: 5 nights from **\$2,299**

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ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your overnight flight from the U.S. to Lisbon, Portugal.

Day 2 • Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive at the airport in Lisbon, where an O.A.T. representative will greet you. We'll also meet those who traveled on our optional *Northern Portugal: Porto & the Douro Valley* pre-trip extension.

Hotel Marquês de Pombal or similar

Day 3 • Lisbon

Explore Lisbon, including the Tower of Belém and the Avenida da Liberdade. Discover Baixa, an area in Lisbon that was rebuilt after the Great Earthquake of 1755. Tonight, walk to a local restaurant to enjoy a Welcome Dinner together.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Marquês de Pombal or similar

Day 4 • Sintra National Palace • Home-Hosted Dinner

Leave the city to visit Sintra and explore Sintra National Palace, a 15th-century palace where the royal family resided until 1910. After, enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner** in Lisbon.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Marquês de Pombal or similar

Day 5 • Rural Portugal • Évora

Learn about *azulejos*, the ceramic tiles used to decorate church walls, palaces, and the façades of homes. We'll also try painting some of these tiles. Then, visit a traditional artisanal cheese producer before transferring to Évora.

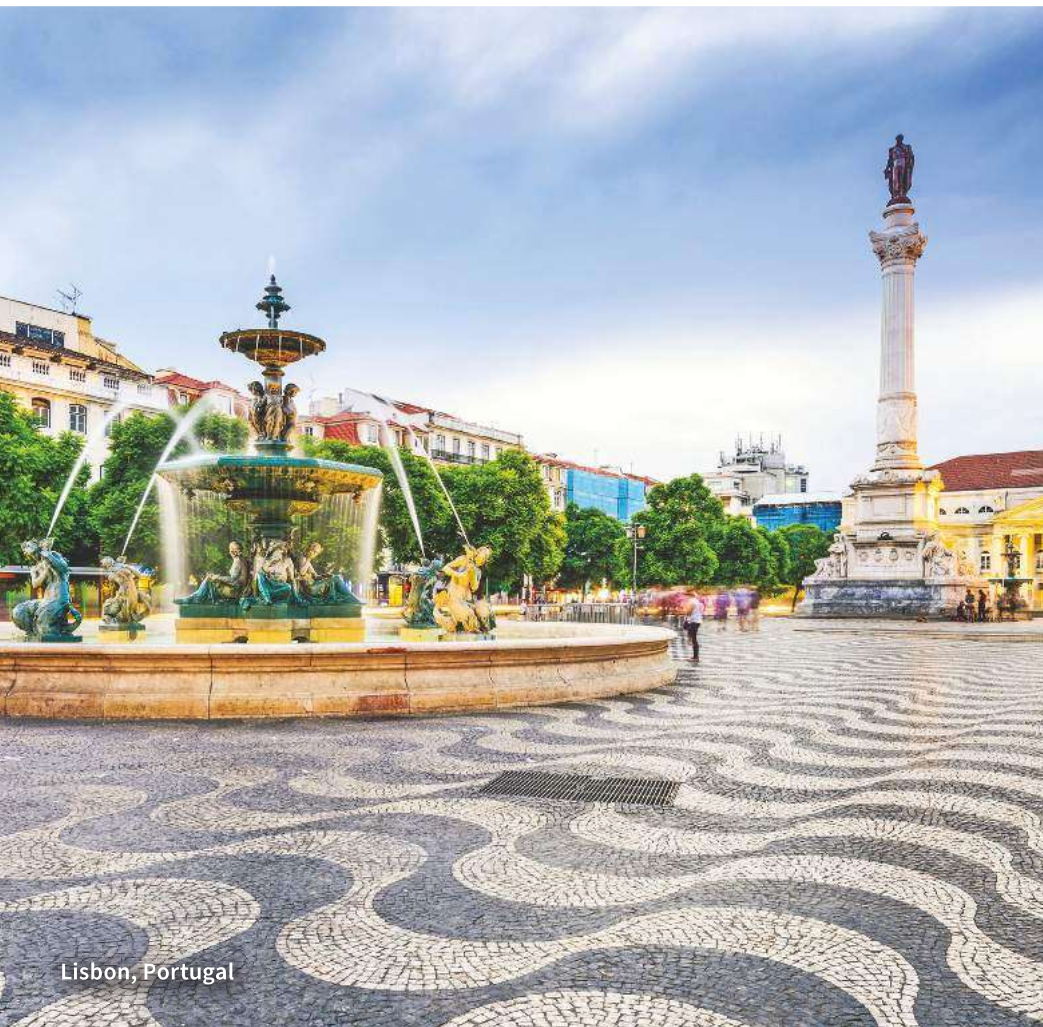
Meals: B,L,D | Pousada de Évora or similar

Day 6 • Évora • Visit local winery

Enjoy a walking tour of Évora, an ancient hilltop town, where we'll see the Roman

IT'S INCLUDED

- 14 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 28 meals—14 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 19 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next O.A.T. trip



Lisbon, Portugal

ruins of the Temple of Diana and then we'll visit the macabre bone chapel near the main square. We'll then drive to a typical Alentejo town to visit a winery to learn about a unique winemaking technique developed by the Romans. Then, enjoy time to explore independently.

Meals: B,L | Pousada de Évora or similar

Day 7 • Roman ruins of Mérida • Carmona, Spain

Head to Extremadura, Spain, an autonomous Spanish province known as the homeland of *conquistadores* Pizarro and Cortés. Stop in Mérida, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to some of Europe's best-preserved Roman ruins, including a 6,000-seat Roman theater and amphitheater.

Meals: B,D | Parador de Carmona or similar

Day 8 • Carmona • Optional Seville tour

Explore Carmona on your own, or join an optional tour to Seville, the Spanish city renowned for bullfighting, *flamenco*, and Don Juan. During the optional tour, we'll discover Seville's whitewashed homes, 2,000-year-old plazas, cobblestone streets, and the massive Seville Cathedral.

Meals: B,D | Parador de Carmona or similar



La Mezquita Cathedral, Córdoba, Spain

Day 9 • Ronda • Controversial Topic: Bullfighting

Journey to Ronda, admiring views of Andalusia’s “white villages.” Stop at La Cobatilla, a bull ranch, and tour the grounds before enjoying lunch on the property. Then, we’ll join the ranch owner for a conversation about a **Controversial Topic**: bullfighting in Spain. Bullfighting is a tradition, but the country’s younger generation views it as animal cruelty.

Meals: B,L | Parador de Ronda or similar

Day 10 • Explore Ronda Old Town

Explore Ronda’s walled Old Town, and wander the labyrinth of medieval streets, flanked by Moorish homes. We’ll also enjoy views of the canyon from atop the Puente Nuevo Bridge.

Meals: B,L | Parador de Ronda or similar

Day 11 • Córdoba • Journey to Úbeda

Journey to Úbeda, and en route, visit Córdoba. Once an Islamic capital in the tenth century, it rose to become western Europe’s largest city. There, explore the Mezquita,

its eighth-century mosque and one of the world’s greatest Islamic buildings.

Meals: B,D | Parador de Úbeda or similar

Day 12 • A Day in the Life of a family-run olive oil mill

Visit a family-owned olive oil mill during our **A Day in the Life** experience. We’ll meet with the owners of a family-run olive oil mill and tour their olive fields. During our visit, we’ll also learn about olive-oil production and sample some extra virgin olive oil. Then, sit down and enjoy a traditional meal with the family.

Meals: B,L | Parador de Úbeda or similar

Day 13 • Toledo

Depart Úbeda for Toledo, stopping en route to Puerto Lapice. In Toledo, a local guide will take you on a tour of the city, showing you ancient synagogues, churches, mosques, and impressive palaces.

Meals: B,L | Sercotel Alfonso VI or similar

Day 14 • Toledo • Explore Madrid • Optional Toledo Culinary Experience & Dinner tour

Explore Madrid during a walking tour with a local guide. You’ll visit the Prado Museum for a glimpse into Spain’s artistic history. After some free time in the afternoon, return to Toledo. Later, you can join our *Toledo Culinary Experience & Dinner* optional tour.

Meals: B | Sercotel Alfonso VI or similar

Day 15 • Toledo • Flamenco demonstration

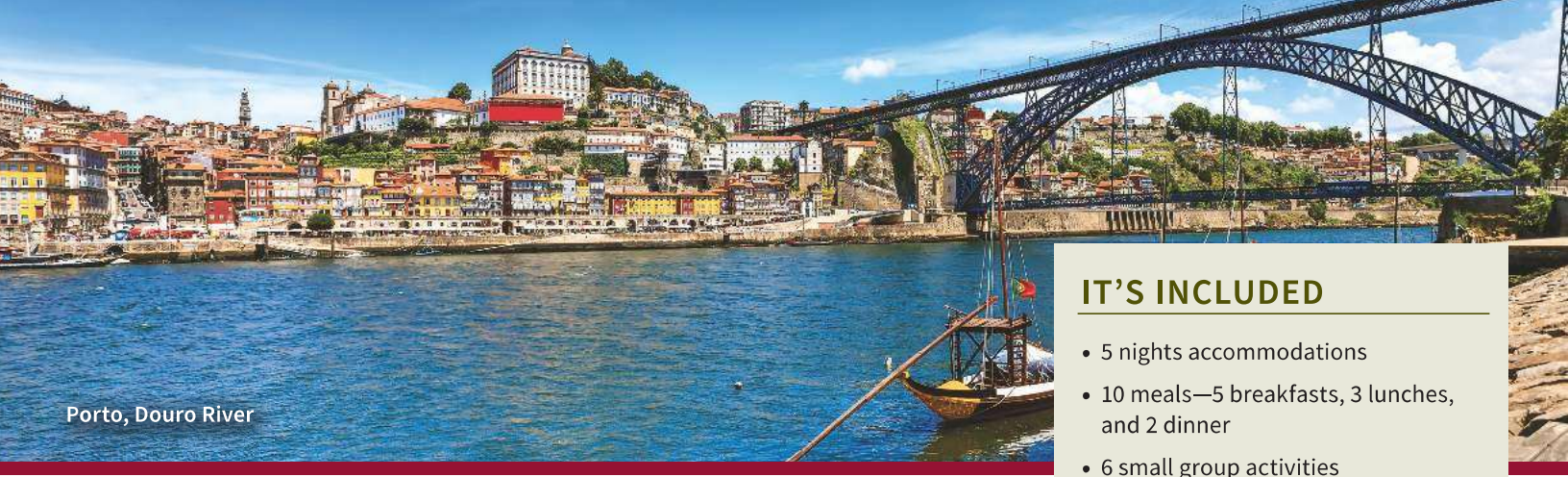
Enjoy a *flamenco* demonstration this morning, followed by free time to explore Toledo on your own. This evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner and toast to this adventure.

Meals: B,D | Sercotel Alfonso VI or similar

Day 16 • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, we depart for the airport for our return flights home.

Meals: B



Porto, Douro River

Northern Portugal: Porto & the Douro Valley

5 nights pre-trip from **\$2,299** Only **\$459** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

IT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodations
- 10 meals—5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinner
- 6 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

2027 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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Small Group Adventure only	\$6,299
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AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco or Los Angeles	\$1,350
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 per person (refundable up to 10 days after purchase).

Travel Protection: Starting from \$949.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

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