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AN INTIMATE SMALL-GROUP JOURNEY

Portugal 2027

PORTO • DOURO • COIMBRA • ALENTEJO • LISBON

April 17–27, 2027

TRAVEL DATES

11 days / 10 nights

LENGTH

Hosted by Shriti Plimpton
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\$5,195

per person, double occupancy

\$6,695 single occupancy, limited availability

Wine is part of the story. Portugal is the story.

Wine gives this journey its thread — Port in the city that made it, Vinho Verde in the green north, Alentejo reds beside the food and farmland that shaped them. But the days reach further than the glass: into history, architecture, cooking, olive oil, cork, music and the regional traditions that still hold.

Wine in context

You taste Port where it's aged, in Porto and along the Douro. Vinho Verde comes with a northern lunch. Amphora wine appears in the one corner of the Alentejo where that tradition survived. Each wine arrives with its place attached.

More than wine

A hands-on Portuguese cooking evening. An olive-oil estate and a tasting beneath old trees. Cork, from the bark to the bottle. A UNESCO river valley, a medieval university, and a chapel built of bones.

Culture with depth

Local guides who know the streets and the families. Cante Alentejano sung the way it's always been sung. Fado on the last night, in a room small enough to hear the guitar breathe.

Room to enjoy it

Four nights in Porto and three in Évora mean unpacking once and settling in. There's a full free day in Lisbon and unscheduled afternoons along the way — time to wander, rest, or go back to the place you liked.



North to south, in four stays.

The route runs the length of the country, from the granite north down through the limestone hills to the wide Alentejo plain and the Atlantic light of Lisbon — with only four hotel check-ins across eleven days.



Porto 4 NIGHTS

The base for the north — historic Porto and its Port cellars, a day in the UNESCO-listed Douro Valley, and a day in Guimarães and the Vinho Verde country.



Alvados 1 NIGHT

A single night in the limestone hills of the Serras d'Aire e Candeeiros, built around a hands-on Portuguese cooking evening — reached by way of Coimbra and its historic university.



Évora 3 NIGHTS

Inside the walls of a UNESCO city, and the base for the Alentejo — wine estates, olive oil, cork, amphora wine, Cante Alentejano and a blending workshop.



Lisbon 2 NIGHTS

Guided sightseeing, a farewell dinner with live Fado, and then a full free day in the capital before the journey home.

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Comfortable, well-located accommodations chosen for character, convenience and connection to the places we're visiting — historic centers you can walk out into, and one small property in a natural park. Daily breakfast is a substantial hotel breakfast, not a light continental plate.



Porto, the Douro and the green north.

DAY 1 · SAT 17

Porto

Arrive, and let the city come to you

You'll make your own way from Porto airport to the hotel, check in and settle. Nothing is scheduled today on purpose — walk down toward the river, find a café table, and let the first evening be yours.

DAY 2 · SUN 18

Porto

Granite, azulejos and the cellars of Gaia

A guided exploration of Porto — the tiled churches, the working riverfront, the streets that made the city a trading port. Later, cross to Vila Nova de Gaia for a private guided visit through the Graham's Port cellars with a tasting, followed by dinner with wine at Vinum, looking back over the water at Porto.

DAY 3 · MON 19

Douro

A river valley carved into terraces

Into the UNESCO-listed Douro Valley, where two thousand years of hand-built stone terraces step down to the water. A winery visit, tasting and lunch at Quinta do Crasto, then a private cruise aboard a traditional Rabelo boat — the flat-bottomed craft that once carried the wine downriver — and a stop in Pinhão before returning to Porto.

DAY 4 · TUE 20

Minho

Where Portugal began, and where it turns green

Guimarães, the birthplace of the country, explored with a local guide. Then on into the Vinho Verde region for a regional lunch paired with its wines, Alvarinho among them — bright, low in alcohol, and made for the damp green hills it comes from.



A cooking fire, then the Alentejo.

DAY 5 · WED 21

Alvados

Coimbra, and dinner you cook yourself

South from Porto to Coimbra for a guided walk through the old city and its historic university, one of Europe's oldest. Then into the limestone hills to Alvados, where the evening is a hands-on Portuguese cooking experience — you make the dinner, and you sit down to it with wine.

DAY 6 · THU 22

Alentejo

Out onto the wide plain

The landscape opens: cork oaks, wheat, whitewashed villages. A guided Alentejo wine experience with a tasting and a regional lunch, and a look at how the region's newer cellars are built into the ground to keep the heat out. Check in to Évora for three nights.

DAY 7 · FRI 23

Évora

A Roman temple, olive trees and cork

Guided Évora, including the Chapel of Bones, whose walls carry a message about mortality you don't forget. Then an olive-oil estate — how the fruit becomes oil, why the good stuff tastes peppery, and a tasting beneath the old trees — followed by cork, from stripped bark to finished stopper.

DAY 8 · SAT 24

Évora

Clay amphorae, and a bottle with your name on it

Vinho de Talha — wine still fermented in clay amphorae, a practice carried here by the Romans and never quite abandoned — tasted with a traditional regional lunch and live Cante Alentejano, the region's unaccompanied choral singing. In the afternoon, a guided blending workshop: you build a blend, and you take your own bottle home.



Lisbon, Fado and a day of your own.

DAY 9 · SUN 25

Lisbon

Into the capital, and a farewell dinner

North-west to Lisbon for guided sightseeing across a city of seven hills — tiled façades, river light, and the neighborhoods that survived the 1755 earthquake. In the evening, the farewell dinner: Portuguese food and wine with live Fado, the city's music of longing, performed close enough to hear every word.

DAY 10 ·
MON 26

Lisbon

A full free day

Nothing scheduled. Spend it on the tram to Belém, in the tiled rooms of a museum, at a long lunch, or back in the neighborhood you meant to return to. Your guide can point you at whatever kind of day you're in the mood for.

DAY 11 · TUE 27

Departure

Breakfast, and home

Breakfast and check-out, with your own transportation to Lisbon airport — or the start of a few more days in Portugal, if you've decided to stay on.

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HOTEL CHECK-INS
IN 11 DAYS

The route is built to keep the suitcase closed. Porto, the Douro and the Minho all work from one hotel; the whole Alentejo works from Évora. What would otherwise be packing days become touring days instead.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Most of the trip is already in the price.

The touring, the guides, the transportation and the experiences are all part of the journey rather than a list of extras offered along the way.

- 10 hotel nights
- Daily breakfast
- Private transportation during scheduled touring
- Professional English-speaking guides as scheduled
- Wine-region visits and tastings
- Private Douro Rabelo boat cruise
- Hands-on Portuguese cooking experience
- Guided cultural touring throughout
- Olive-oil estate visit and tasting
- Cork production experience
- Vinho de Talha amphora-wine experience
- Live Cante Alentejano
- Wine-blending workshop, with a bottle to take home
- Lisbon touring
- Farewell dinner with live Fado

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Travel insurance
- Guide and driver gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Meals not specifically identified as included

Airport transfers aren't part of this program. You'll arrange your own transportation from Porto airport to the hotel on arrival, and from the Lisbon hotel to the airport on departure — both are short, straightforward trips, and we're glad to tell you how to do them.



PRICE & JOINING THE GROUP

One price, for the whole journey.

Everything on the previous page is covered by the land price below. April 17–27, 2027 — 11 days and 10 nights, Porto to Lisbon.

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$5,195

\$10,390 per couple

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$6,695

Per person. Single occupancy is limited and subject to room availability.

AN INTIMATE GROUP

This is a small-group journey, and it's built that way on purpose — a group that fits around one lunch table, into one cellar, and into a Fado room without filling it. A minimum of 15 travelers is needed for the journey to run.

PLEASE NOTE

This journey requires a minimum of 15 travelers to operate. If the minimum is not reached, deposits will be refunded.

TO JOIN THE GROUP

Talk to Shriti or Paul, or reach us directly.

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If you'd rather not fly straight home.

Some travelers like to build their own days onto either end of a trip like this. These are independent extensions — arranged by you, and not part of the \$5,195 journey — but the route lends itself to them, so they're worth knowing about while you're booking flights.

BEFORE · ARRIVING EARLY INTO PORTO

The far north, and over the border

Porto sits close to the top of the country. A few extra days beforehand can take in the Minho river towns, the Atlantic coast, or a crossing into Spanish Galicia — Santiago de Compostela is a few hours away by road. Arriving a day or two early is also the easiest insurance against a delayed flight.

AFTER · STAYING ON FROM LISBON

More Lisbon, or the coast beyond it

The journey ends in the capital, which makes staying on simple. Sintra's palaces are a short train ride; so are the beaches at Cascais and the fishing towns down the Setúbal coast. Two or three more nights turns the last day into a proper second act.

Extensions are entirely optional and independently arranged. Hotels, transportation and activities outside April 17–27 are not included in the journey price, and the group program begins with hotel check-in in Porto and ends after breakfast in Lisbon.

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