

# Portugal Holiday March 2025



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## **TOUR ADVENTURES FOR 2024**

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Experience San Diego	November 18	7 days	6
Deluxe Victoria Christmas Getaway	December 24	4 days	3
* Thanksgiving in Parksville Sold out			
A PEEK AT 2025			
Yukon's Northern Lights	February 22	5 days	3
Mexico's Riviera Maya	January 7	10 days	5
Rhythms & History of the South	March 10	10 days	7
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**General Information** 

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CONSUMER PROTECTION BC

## **Special Features**

### All Ageless Overnight Adventures Include:

- Home pick-up & drop-off service
- Deluxe transportation
- Ageless Adventures tour guide
- Baggage handling and all taxes

### Peace of Mind Plan

When choosing a North American tour it is important to be aware of our Peace of Mind Plan. Our plan is second to none in the travel industry. An Ageless Adventures Peace of Mind Plan guarantees a full refund of all trip payments in the event of a cancellation for any reason up to 48 hours before the tour. This excludes the cost of the plan fee itself. During the course of a trip, if a passenger has to return home due to illness or a death in the immediate family, the plan fee guarantees a refund of any unused portion of the trip. (Not available on some tours)

## **Tour Activity Levels**

## Home Pick-up & Drop-off Service

Our popular individual home pick-up and dropoff service will continue to be offered within the immediate Vancouver lower mainland area.

## EASY

You must be able to walk to and from the coach, hotels, venues, & restaurants.

# MODERATE

You should be able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground or inclines, and for this reason these tours would not be suitable for people requiring walkers.

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You must be able to walk a kilometre or more on uneven ground or extended inclines.

Extreme cold and high altitudes will be experienced on some tours.

Wherever boats (excluding ferries) are involved and because of tide conditions, you must be able to negotiate the possibility of a steep ramp to gain access to the boat or wharf.

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It is requested that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion. Ageless Adventures cannot provide individual assistance to tour members with special needs.

## 5% Early Payment Discount

When full payment is received 75 days prior to departure you will receive a 5% early payment discount.

## **Fabulous Kootenays**

September 9 - 13 9 included meals

Highlights: Kelowna • Gray Monk Estate Winery • Vernon • Nakusp • Nikkei Internment Centre • Nelson • Prestige Lakeside Resort • Rossland • Watermark Beach Resort • Orofino Winery • Crowsnest Winery



Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$2,656.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$3,578.<sup>00</sup>

Prices include all taxes Peace of Mind Plan: \$175.<sup>00</sup>

## Discovery Coast Passage

September 20 - 24

## 10 included meals

Highlights: Hat Creek Ranch • Chasm Provincial Park • Clinton • Williams Lake • The Freedom Highway • Coast Mountain Range • Chilcotin Plateau • Bella Coola • Grizzly Bear viewing • Discovery Coast Passage cruise • Port Hardy • Qualicum



## Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$2,124.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$2,559.<sup>00</sup> Adults 56 - 64 or Non BC seniors 65+: Add <sup>\$</sup>80<sup>00</sup> to the above rates Prices include all taxes Prace of Mind Plan: \$175.<sup>00</sup>

## Autumn In Quebec

October 8 - 15 15 included meals

Highlights: Montréal • Old Montréal • Ste-Catherine Street • St-Helen Island • Mont Royal • St-Joseph's Oratory • Montréal's Old Port • Place Jacques • Notre Dame Basilica • Chemin Du Roy • St. Lawrence River • Québec City • Château Frontenac • Place d'Armes • Plains of Abraham • Charlevoix Region • King's Road • Montmorency Falls • Charlevoix train ride • Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu • Baie-Saint-Paul





**Tour includes:** Round trip flight with Air Canada, seven nights accommodation, seven breakfasts, three lunches, five dinners, meal gratuities, all side tours and entrance fees, services of local guides, local guide gratuities

> Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$5,459.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$6,919.<sup>00</sup>

Prices include all taxes

Peace of Mind Plan: \$280.00



Uneven ground on portions of this tour. Plus some stairs involved.

# Desert Canyons October 11 - 21 22 included meals

Highlights: Zion National Park • Bryce Canyon National Park • Moab • Arches National Park • Monument Valley Jeep Tour • Glen Canyon National Recreation Area • Lake Powell Cruise • Grand Canyon • Grand Canyon National Park Lodge • Oak Creek Canyon • Sedona • Old Town Scottsdale • Scottsdale





**Tour includes:** Round trip flight with WestJet, ten nights accommodation, ten breakfasts, five lunches, seven dinners, meal gratuities, all side tours and entrance fees, Park Rangers / step-on guides

Explore four incredible National Parks and their breathtaking scenery. Grand, Bryce, Arches, and Zion Canyon National Parks will astound you with their landscapes and rock formations. The parks will be brought alive by Park Rangers and local step-on guides.



Double or Twin: **\$7,654.**<sup>00</sup> Single: **\$9,499.**<sup>00</sup>

Prices include all taxes Peace of Mind Plan: \$385.00



Warning! Altitudes exceed 8-9,000 ft (2,700m). Possible unstable or uneven ground

## Wickaninnish Inn

Stormwatching at Long Beach December 1 - 5

9 included meals

Highlights: Qualicum • Pacific Rim National Park Reserve • Long Beach • Wickaninnish Inn • Tofino • Wild Pacific Trail • Ucluelet



This is an opportunity to treat yourself at one of BC's most well known, deluxe properties, the Wickaninnish Inn: Rustic Elegance on Nature's Edge. Surrounded on three sides by the wild blue waters of the Pacific with an old growth forest as a backdrop, explore spectacular Chesterman Beach. The Wickaninnish Inn was built to embrace Winter Storm Season. Whether you bundle up outside or watch it all from the comfort of your fireplace-warmed suite. Ocean and beach views are standard from every guest room.



**Tour includes:** Four nights accommodation, four breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners, meal gratuities, all side tours and entrance fees, ferry tolls

## **Price Per Person:**

1<sup>st</sup> floor 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Double / Twin: \$3,318.<sup>00</sup> \$3,529.<sup>00</sup> \$3,927.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$4,617.<sup>00</sup> \$5,126.<sup>00</sup> \$5,913.<sup>00</sup> Adults 56 - 64 or Non BC seniors 65+: Add \$18.<sup>00</sup> to the above rates Prices include all taxes Peace of Mind Plan: \$175.<sup>00</sup>

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# Deluxe Victoria Christmas Getaway

The Hotel Grand Pacific December 24 - 27 7 included meals

**Highlights:** Victoria • Three nights at the Hotel Grand Pacific • Christmas Eve Dinner • Christmas Festivities Room • A traditional Christmas Dinner • Three full buffet breakfasts • Festive Afternoon Tea in the Empress Hotel • An Evening at Butchart Gardens • A choice of a visit to the Royal BC Museum or a Horse Drawn Carriage Ride



Step into the enchantment of the holiday season at the Hotel Grand Pacific located in Victoria's picturesque Inner Harbour, where lasting memories are created for a lifetime.



**Tour includes:** Three nights accommodation, three breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, meal gratuities, afternoon tea at the Empress Hotel, Butchart Gardens entrance fee, ferry tolls, choice of visit to the Royal BC Museum or a Carriage ride (carriage ride an additional \$20 charge), all side tours and entrance fees



# Yukon's Northern Lights

Whitehorse, Yukon

February 22 - 26, 2025

**Highlights:** Whitehorse, Yukon • Aurora Viewing tours • MacBride Museum • Beringia Interpretive Centre • Yukon Wildlife Preserve • Dog Sled Ride



To the north an eerie, sulphurous sheen begins to ripple into the night sky. It arcs itself into an ebb and flow, slowly growing, then suddenly bursts across the full expanse of the night sky waving and dancing as if it were happy. It is the spectacular northern lights and viewing is common in the Yukon. Northern Lights viewing takes place outside the city in a heated cozy cabin or wall tent. Hot drinks and snacks are provided. Other highlights include: a guided tour of Whitehorse, a visit to MacBride Museum which houses information on the Klondike Gold Rush, Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, and experience a dog sled ride. Three Aurora Borealis viewing nights are included.

**Tour includes:** Round trip direct flight with Air North, four nights accommodation, four breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, meal gratuities, services of local guides, all side tours and entrance fees, dog sled ride, three Aurora Borealis viewing nights

Out of province Medical Insurance is recommended

## **Price Per Person:**

Double or Twin: \$3,039.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$3,597.<sup>00</sup> Prices include all taxes Peace of Mind Plan: \$225.<sup>00</sup>



Winter conditions prevail. Not recommended for anyone with a walker

# Thanksgiving on Salt Spring Island

# October 14 - 17

3 nights 4 days

8 meals

## **Highlights:**

BC's Southern Gulf Islands • Salt Spring Island • Ganges • Harbour House Hotel • Thanksgiving Dinner • Cetacea • The Glass Foundry • Sunset Farm • Salt Spring Wild Cidery • Drummond Park • Salt Spring Island Cheese Company • Chemainus • Chemainus Theatre • The Raptor's Centre • Ladysmith

## **Tour includes:**

Three nights accommodation Three breakfasts Two lunches Three dinners Meal gratuities All side tours and entrance fees Ferry tolls

## **Accommodation:**

Salt Spring Island	Harbour House	
	Hotel	
Chemainus	Best Western Plus	

## AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: \$140.00

Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$2,078.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$2,598.<sup>00</sup> Adults 56 - 64 or Non BC seniors 65+: Add <sup>\$20.00</sup> to the above rates Prices include all taxes





### Day One:

### Vancouver – Salt Spring Island

#### Meals: D

Meals: B. L. D

Meals: B, L, D

Meals: B

Sail with BC Ferries from Tsawassen to Salt Spring Island through the beautiful Southern Gulf Islands. Arrive in Long Harbour and enjoy some free time exploring the village of Ganges with its eclectic shops, restaurants, and galleries. Check in to your ocean view room in the Harbour House Hotel for a two night stay. Known for its relaxed and refined style the hotel is only steps from the village. Tonight join the group for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel.

### Day Two:

## Salt Spring Island

Today is an opportunity to really get to know Salt Spring island. Smaller vans will take the group on an in depth tour with a local guide. Visit **Cetacea**, a family run business known for creating innovative marine mammal skeleton exhibits; **The Glass Foundry**; and **Sunset Farm**, a working sheep farm. Enjoy lunch and a tasting at **Salt Spring Wild Cidery**. After lunch enjoy a unique experience at **Drummond Park** with a Hawaiian Interpretation celebrating Salt Spring's Hawaiian links. Finally make a stop at **Salt Spring Island Cheese Company**, a family owned establishment specializing in hand packaged artisan goat cheeses. Tonight the group will savour dinner at one of Salt Spring's many local restaurants.

### Day Three:

### Salt Spring Island – Chemainus

Spend the morning relaxing or exploring. Walk with the group to a local pub for an early lunch before taking the ferry from **Vesuvius Bay** on Salt Spring to **Crofton** on **Vancouver Island**. Enjoy time in quaint downtown **Chemainus** before checking in to the **Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn** for a one night stay. Tonight will be a special treat with a visit to the **Chemainus Theatre** for a buffet dinner and then attend the play **The Piano Teacher**, a Governor General's award-winning play about loss, love, friendship, and the healing power of music.

## **Day Four:**

## Chemainus – Vancouver

This morning will include a visit to **The Raptor's Centre** giving you a chance to get close to and learn about birds of prey. Then travel to **Ladysmith**, a charming small town with a vibrant downtown and picturesque waterfront, for some free time and lunch on your own. The journey back to the lower mainland will be on BC Ferries from **Departure Bay** in **Nanaimo** to **Horseshoe Bay**.







# Mexico's Riviera Maya

All Inclusive  $4^{1/2}$  star **Ocean Maya Royale Resort** 

# January 7 - 16, 2025

All Inclusive

9 nights 10 days

## **Highlights:**

Mexico · Riviera Maya · Caribbean Sea · Playa del Carmen • Cancun • Fifth Avenue • Sunset Dinner Cruise

## **Tour includes:**

Round trip flight with Sunwing Airlines Nine nights accommodation Superior Deluxe Rooms All meals and alcohol (at the resort) Airport transfers Resort gratuities Sunset dinner cruise All side tours and entrance fees

## Accommodation:

Playa del Carmen

**Royale Resort** 

Ocean Maya

## AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: \$350.00

Medical Insurance Recommended

## **Passport Required**

Deadline to register: October 1, 2024





Situated alongside the Caribbean Sea is the adults only. all Hola! Situated alongside the Gambboah God is Situated alongside the Gamboah God is Situated alongside the Gamboah God is Situated along

This 4<sup>1/2</sup> star beach resort offers many amenities including two pools, seven restaurants, four bars, tennis courts, fitness centre, 24 hour drinks & snacks, evening entertainment, and live music. Plus, it is one of the most beautiful and calm beaches in the world. Playa del Carmen is the region's top destination and our home for ten days. Included in the getaway is a side tour to Fifth Avenue in Playa del Carmen, and a dinner cruise.



## **Day One:**

Stay 'n' Play

### Vancouver - Cancun, Mexico

Meals: D

Depart on a Sunwing flight to Cancun, Mexico. Upon arrival in Cancun check in to the 4 1/2 star, all inclusive Ocean Maya Royale Resort, your home for nine nights. Join the group for dinner to get to know each other.

Cancun

## Day Two:

**Meals: All inclusive** 

Today is a free day to enjoy the many amenities that this lovely resort has to offer. Your tour quide will review the resort amenities and optional side tours. Every day the group has the opportunity to meet at the resort's afternoon happy hour.

## **Day Three:**

**Day Nine:** 

## Cancun

Enjoy a side tour to popular Fifth Avenue in Playa del Carmen and savour local flavours at an included lunch in a local restaurant.

## **Days Four - Eight:**

Cancun

Cancun

**Meals: All inclusive** 

**Meals: All Inclusive** 

Free days to enjoy the many amenities that this lovely resort has to offer.

**Meals: All inclusive** 

After a relaxing day the group will cap off this getaway with a stunning sunset dinner cruise. The perfect end to your holiday!

#### Day Ten: Cancun Meals: All inclusive

Depart on a late afternoon flight back to Vancouver with sun kissed faces and warm memories.



Uneven ground, considerable walking.

## **Price Per Person:**

Maya Superior Deluxe Garden Double or Twin: \$4,019.00 Single: \$4,918.00 Maya Superior Deluxe Ocean View Double or Twin: \$4,589.00 Single: \$5,469.00

Prices include all taxes

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# **Experience San Diego**

Hilton Garden Inn Old Town

## **November 18 - 24**

6 nights 7 days

15 meals

Stay 'n' Play

## **Highlights:**

San Diego • Old Town • Hop-on, Hop-off Trolley • Gaslamp Quarter • San Diego Zoo • Little Italy • Coronado Island • Hotel Del Coronado • Oceanside

## **Tour includes:**

Round trip flight with Air Canada Six nights accommodation Six breakfasts One lunch Three dinners One Happy Hour with appetizers Meal gratuities All side tours and entrance fees Uber transportation and gratuities

## **Accommodation:**

San Diego

Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Old Town

## AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: \$250.00

Deadline to register and final payment: September 4, 2024

### Medical Insurance Recommended

**Passport Required** 

Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$4,198.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$5,269.<sup>00</sup> Prices include all taxes





Join Ageless Adventures on our first visit to **California's** beach city of **San Diego**. This city is know for its miles of striking coastline and world-class attractions. The **Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Old Town** is our home for six nights.

**Old Town San Diego** has a quaint atmosphere, streets filled with the historic culture of the many traditions left behind. Terrific restaurants, historic sites, and unique shopping. Learn more about Old Town San Diego, from its indigenous people, to how San Diego became the first European settlement. Old Town has over 35 historic sites and museums with unique merchandise.

Explore some of the top highlights of San Diego with your one day trolley pass on the city's **Hop-on, Hop-off Trolley Tour**. Choose your own adventure as you get on and off the trolley at any of the 11 included stops, covering famous sights including the **Gaslamp Quarter**, the **San Diego Zoo**, **USS Midway** and the **Cruise Ship Terminal**, **Little Italy**, and many more. This San Diego trolley tour also features live commentary from the on-board guide during your ride.

Visit Little Italy for dinner. Once home to generations of Italian families who made their living in San Diego's flourishing fishing industry, Little Italy is now a lively neighborhood packed with restaurants, patio cafés, craft brewpubs, urban wineries, and little plazas with fountains and views of the bay.

The **San Diego Zoo** is a world class zoo which is well known for its lush, naturalistic habitats and unique animal encounters and is home to more than 3,700 rare and endangered animals representing approximately 660 species.

Sit back in the comfort of your own expedition cart, as you enjoy a 60-minute guided tour of the Zoo, led by one of their knowledgeable guides. As you explore the Zoo together, your guide will share stories about the plants and animals in their care, and how their conservation work is making an impact worldwide. Questions are encouraged! Step off the cart for a look at some of your favorite critters, and snap some amazing photos as you enjoy this unique zoo experience.

**Coronado** is a California resort city on a peninsula in **San Diego Bay**. It's known for the grand Victorian **Hotel del Coronado**, which opened in 1888. Across from the hotel, the wide, flat **Coronado Beach** draws surfers and sunbathers. The **Coronado Ferry Landing** has shops, restaurants, and a small beach. Enjoy lunch at the famous hotel.

Travel by train from San Diego to **Oceanside**, a relaxing day trip. Oceanside is a coastal city known for palm-dotted **Harbor Beach** and nearby **Oceanside Harbor**, with its marina and shops. To the south, the long **Oceanside Pier** juts into the **Pacific Ocean**. After a day away join the group for a fun-filled "Happy Hour".

The last day of the tour is your time to relax and enjoy or revisit one of your favorite sites and of course a farewell dinner with friends.



# **Rhythms & History of** the South

Featuring New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville

# March 10 - 19, 2025

9 nights 10 days 17 meals

## **Highlights:**

New Orleans • French Quarter • New Orleans School of Cooking • The Bayous of Louisiana Oak Alley Plantation • Memphis • Beale Street • Mississippi Riverfront • Rock 'n' Soul Museum • Sun Studio • Graceland • Nashville Wildhorse Saloon • Ryman Auditorium Country Music Hall of Fame • Studio B · Grand Ole Opry House · Hermitage Plantation • Belle Mead Plantation • General Jackson Showboat

## Tour includes:

Round trip flight with Air Canada Nine nights accommodation Nine breakfasts Two lunches Six dinners Meal gratuities All entrance fees on items mentioned above Services of a step-on guide in each city

## Accommodation:

**New Orleans** Hotel Monteleone Memphis Westin Memphis Beale St. Hotel Nashville Hilton Garden Inn

## AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: \$350.00

Deadline to register and final payment: December 10, 2024

## **Price Per Person:**

Double or Twin: \$8,149.00 Single: \$10,409.00

Prices include all taxes

### Medical Insurance Recommended

**Passport Required** 

Uneven ground possible, considerable walking. Not recommended for anyone using a walker



Great music, world class cuisine, southern charm and hospitality, are all Southern Treasures to experience on our Rhythms & History of the South Tour featuring New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

### Day One:

Vancouver - New Orleans

### Meals: D

Meals: B, D

Meals: B, L

Arrive in New Orleans known as the Big Easy and on to the Hotel Monteleone where it's been said that the French Quarter begins in the lobby. In fact, this establishment sits majestically at the foot of Roval Street, the best point of departure for all things New Orleans. The Hotel Monteleone is our home for three nights. Join the group for a welcome dinner.

### Day Two:

### New Orleans

Begin your day with a guided tour of the city. Sights along the way include the French Market, Garden District, Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, the Superdome, and more. The afternoon is yours to explore the historic French District, the amazing French market place. Tonight discover how to cook New Orleans Style with a cooking demonstration and dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

### **Day Three:**

### New Orleans

Get ready for an exciting adventure! Take a thrilling ride through the swamps and bayous of Louisiana, accessible only by airboat. The captain, a native of the area, offers a colourful history of the Cajun way of life. Travel by coach from the swamps and bayous to the magnificent Oak Alley Plantation, Oak Alley Plantation, crowned the "Grande Dame of the Great River Road," is admired as one of the most spectacular antebellum settings in the South. Have lunch at the Oak Alley **Restaurant** followed by a tour of the plantation house. The evening is yours to enjoy and explore.

### **Day Four:**

### New Orleans – Memphis

Meals: B, L, D Travel north en route to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. The three night stay is at the Westin Memphis Beale St. Hotel. Dinner tonight is at Charlie Vergos' Rendezvous for their world famous barbeque in Memphis.

### **Day Five:**

### Memphis

### Meals: B, D

Memphis, the Gateway to the Old South. Filled with Southern charm, beautifully restored mansions, sculptured tree-lined parkways, on a setting high on the Fourth Chickasaw Bluff, this river city boasts the world's finest BBQ restaurants and the "Red, Hot, and Blue" sounds of the Beale Street Historic Entertainment District.





Come with us on an inclusive tour which will take you to Harbor Town, Mud Island, the Pyramid, Historic Cotton Row, Beale Street, South Main Historic District, the National Civil Rights Museum / Lorraine Motel, and Victorian Village. A special stop will be made at the historic Peabody Hotel to view the "March of the Peabody Ducks". The day would not be complete without a visit to the Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

### Day Six:

### Memphis

Experience a guided tour of the legendary **Sun Studio**. The tour explains the history of the most famous recording studio in the world, where the blending of the blues and country music came together in the big bang of Rock 'n' Roll. Hear outtakes from sessions, relive the history of the studio that launched the musical careers of **Johnny Cash**, **B.B. King**, **Roy Orbison**, **Elvis Presley**, and more.

Tour Graceland, home of Elvis Presley. Highlights of the Graceland Platinum Tour: Audio-guided tour of Graceland Mansion and Grounds, Elvis' two custom airplanes, automobile museum, Elvis Fashion King Exhibit, Elvis Lives: The King and Pop Culture.

### **Day Seven:**

### Memphis - Nashville

Say goodbye to Memphis as our journey continues to **Nashville**. Hear the music where music lives. Nowhere else can you hear such diverse sounds as country, jazz, gospel, and rockabilly. Upon arrival in Nashville check in to the **Hilton Garden Inn**, your home for three nights. Join the group for dinner at the famous **Wildhorse Saloon**, but don't forget your dancing shoes for some line dancing lessons and live entertainment – a great way to kick off our visit to Nashville.

### **Day Eight:**

#### Nashville

## This morning a local guide welcomes you to Nashville. View the **Ryman Auditorium**, **Music Row**, the **State Capitol**, the **Parthenon** and much more. After lunch visit the **Country Music Hall of Fame**, the largest museum of popular music in the world. Tour the historic **RCA Studio B** for an up close look at Nashville's oldest remaining record studio. Meet up again tonight for your reserved seat at the renowned "**Grand Ole Opry**".

#### **Day Nine:**

### Nashville

It's a leisurely start for a day that features some of the history of this area. The first visit today is at **The Hermitage**, Home of President Andrew Jackson. The story of The Hermitage reflects the changes from frontier forest to Andrew Jackson's prosperous farm which deteriorated into post-Civil War dilapidation and was finally rescued to its current state as a public museum and National Historic Landmark – it mirrors many stories in American history. These stories of Indians, white men moving west, slavery and freedom, the changing roles of women, religion and reform, and fortunes made from cotton, are the stories of Jacksonian America.

In the afternoon another significant site is the beautiful **Belle Meade Plantation**. Belle Meade Plantation represents a history of agricultural and Thoroughbred breeding success without equal in the American south. Its rise and eventual fall encompass a full century of Southern history. Tonight board the **General Jackson Showboat** for dinner and musical entertainment. What a way to cap the Rhythms & History of the South Tour!

#### Day Ten:

Depart for your return flight to Vancouver with memories of your Southern Adventure!

# Nashville – Vancouver

## the South Tour! Meals: B



## Meals: B, D

## Meals: B

Meals: B. D.

Meals: B

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# **Portugal Holiday** with Heather McMann

March 11 - April 1, 2025

Overnight flight + 20 nights 22 days

34 meals

## **Highlights:**

Lisbon • Sintra • Pena Palace and Gardens • Quinta da Regaleira • Cascais • Obidos • Coimbra • Universidade de Coimbra • Porto • Duoro Valley • Rabelo boat tour • Braga • Guimaraes • Evora • Arte em Cortica • Lagos • Portimao • Silves • boat excursion to caves (subject to availability)• Olhao

## **Tour includes:**

Round trip flight with Air Canada Twenty nights accommodation Twenty breakfasts Two lunches Twelve dinners (include a glass of beer or wine) Wine & liquor tastings Meal gratuities Two boat tours (subject to availability) Hop-on Hop-off bus tickets in Lisbon and Porto All side tours and entrance fees Whisper headsets Services of local guides Local guide gratuities

## **Accommodation:**

Lisbon	Turim Av Liberdade Hotel
Coimbra	NH Coimbra Dona Ines
Porto	Eurostars Porto Das Artes
Evora	Hotel M'Ar de Ar Muralhas
Lagos	Hotel Tivoli Lagos Algarve
	Resort
Olhao	Real Marina Hotel & Spa
Lisbon	Turim Av Liberdade Hotel

AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: Not available for this tour

Medical Insurance and Passport Required

Deadline to register: December 28, 2024



Considerable walking over uneven ground and cobblestones



Perched on the Atlantic at the far edge of Europe, Portugal preserves a traditional colourful culture. But along with the old you'll also find the modern, especially in the culturally rich capital of Lisbon and the beautiful city of Porto. Medieval castles, cobblestone villages, captivating cities, and golden beaches: Portugal can be many things. History, great food, friendly locals, seaside resort towns, and idyllic scenery are just the beginning.

Portugal still feels like Europe used to be, you can still enjoy an old-style, old-world life here. Though its coast is Atlantic, Portugal is typically Mediterranean, with its warm weather and lifestyle. The sea which forms the country's western border plays a significant role in Portuguese life and diet, fish and seafood are on menus throughout the country.

This 22 day getaway is an opportunity to experience Portugal's Mediterranean charm. We will visit many cities and towns that will give a true flavour of this extraordinary country. Local guides will often join the group and many times entrance will be included to historical sites such as incredible cathedrals, ancient universities, medieval castles, and stunning gardens. Don't forget about the incredible local food and drink. Port wine is the pride of Portugal and there will certainly be opportunities to taste it along with many of the local delicacies.

### Days 2 – 6:

Savour the old-world culture of **Lisbon**. One of the most vibrant and charismatic cities in Europe it is spread across seven hillsides and filled with charming cobbled streets and is breatbtaking in every way

breathtaking in every way. Visitors flock to the city for its fado music, historic ruins, winding old town, trams, not to mention those pasteis de nata (delicious rich egg custard tarts you must try). Lisbon effortlessly blends traditional heritage with striking modernism and has a glorious year round climate. There will be free time to explore on your own as well as side tours to nearby charming towns such as Cascais and Sintra, situated in the cooling hills of the Serra de Sintra. Once a summer retreat for Portuguese nobility and rovalty. Sintra is a UNESCO



World Heritage Site with opulent palaces, villas, and historic sites.

### Days 7 – 12:

Enroute to **Porto** will be one night in the Moorish city of **Coimbra** with its dark cobbled lanes and monumental cathedral. Six nights will be spent in Portugal's second largest city: Porto, which gave the country (and port wine) its name. Porto is a fantastic walking city with winding



cobblestone streets, mosaic-patterned stones line the streets. Houses with red tile roofs tumble down the hills to the riverbank and flat bottomed boats ply the lazy river. There are sumptuous Baroque churches, and a variety of restaurants, boutiques, and museums. There will be a walking tour of the city with some incredible stops. Side trips will include the breathtaking **Douro Valley**, the winding terraced region that produces the country's port wine. Included will be a boat tour in a rabelo boat – these boats used to transport the wine barrels along the **Douro River**. As well visit the historic cities of **Braga** and **Guimaraes**.

### Days 13 - 14:

Spend two nights in the beautiful town of **Evora** in the central valley of **Alentejo**. Cobbled streets tucked behind fortress walls, historic sights, and incredible dining make this UNESCO World Heritage Site a must visit. The best way to see the city is on foot, walking through its narrow streets



lined with white houses, discovering along the way the monuments and details that reveal the history of Evora and its rich heritage. Judging by the calm, welcoming surroundings, one easily sees why this city, which dates from the Roman era, was chosen by the kings of Portugal in the 15th century to serve as their residence, a fact that contributed to its development and cultural importance in the following centuries.

## Days 15 – 17:

The next destination as we explore Portugal is south to the **Algarve** region. Surrounded on two sides by the Atlantic the Algarve is famous for soaring cliffs, sea caves, golden beaches, scalloped bays, and sandy islands. Stay three nights in the port town of **Lagos**, which launched many naval excursions during Portugal's extraordinary Age of Discovery. Lagos lies along the bank of the **Rio Bensafrim**. Its old town's pretty, cobbled lanes and picturesque squares and churches are enclosed by 16th-century walls. Beyond the walls is a modern but not unattractive sprawl and some truly fabulous beaches. Enjoy a side trip to **Portimao**. Once a bustling fishing centre it now has a scenic promenade and quaint tree-lined plazas in the old town. A boat tour to visit sea caves will be included subject to availability. As well visit the unique town of **Silves**, with its cobbled streets it will make you believe time has stood

still, it stands out because of its Arabic architecture. The town is famous for having the most well preserved castle of the Algarve, entrance is included.

### Days 18 - 20:

Three nights will be spent in the beautiful town of Olhao, also in the Algarve. Olhao is a traditional and characterful fishing town with a pretty waterfront

and a maze of cobbled back streets. Olhao opens out onto the calm waterways and lagoons of the **Parque Natural da Ria Formosa**. This is still a busy fishing town and is the most authentically Portuguese town in the Algarve. You will truly soak in the Portuguese lifestyle here.

## Days 21 – 22:

Return to Lisbon for one more night and a sumptuous farewell dinner before your return flight to Vancouver, no doubt more than a little in love with Portugal!

There are many more highlights on this incredible adventure. For a more detailed itinerary please contact our office.





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