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# Porto - Lisbon with charm

#### ALONG PORTUGAL'S CYCLE PATHS

Beautiful, beautiful Portugal! This cycle tour takes you to the beautiful west of Europe. The dream starts on two wheels in the northwest of the country, in the charming coastal town of Porto. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site on your own. A ride on the historic tram of course cannot be forgotten! Between tradition and romance you discover one highlight after another. Be it the cultural sites and monuments or the untouched nature on Portugal's coastal paths. In other words: a holiday dream come true!

### Details of Porto to Lisbon

Enjoyment, culture and cuisine are very important on this cycle tour! Away from the big cities, the hustle and bustle is replaced by rest and relaxation on the Atlantic coast. You will cycle comfortably and happily along the ocean towards large pine forests.

The special thing about cycling through Portugal is the hospitality. Allow yourself to be captivated by the individual towns and feel the warmth of the locals. But that's not all: Portugal's cuisine invites you to dive in. Enjoy fine wines and other delicacies, you will love it!

### Highlights of the Portugal tour

- Furadouro: In the fishing village of Furadouro you can really enjoy yourself. Our recommendation: enjoy a wonderful grilled fish in one of the small restaurants!
- Aveiro: This so-called Venice of Portugal is known for its canals and salt pans. If there is time for it, be sure to take a trip through the old town and cruise on the 'Moliceiros' through the town.
- Lisbon: Once in Lisbon, you can really relax. Take your time and explire the beautiful, charming old town with all of its tourist highlights. Just lovely!

#### Interesting facts about the route from Porto to Lisbon

Over eight days you cycle 235 kilometres through Portugal's most beautiful regions. Mostly you cover the routes on flat coastal paths. Short climbs await you only in the last two stages. As already announced, enjoyment is the focus of this tour. Transfers in some sections provide an extra helping of relaxation!

### Active holidays with Charm

On our 'Cycle Tours with Charm' you can enjoy the full service of our individual active holidays while staying in very special accommodation with that extra something in the best location. That means you can look forward to luxury furnishings and decor in the local style, as well as cuisine at the highest level. Many of our hotels with charm also offer large pools and a wellness area where you can relax after a lovely day of cycling.

Find all information about our Cycle Tours with Charm.



#### To the online version



# *Itinerary*



#### Arrival in Porto

Arrival at the airport of Porto and transfer to the hotel. Then personal welcome briefing. Take your time to discover Porto on your own.



## Porto – Furadouro/Surrounding

approx. 40 km

This morning you exchange the hustle and bustle of the city for the peace and quiet of the Atlantic shore. You will have a lovely ride along the coast, partly through a pine wood. The day ends in Furadouro, a hospitable town renowned for its excellent fish. Enjoy your meal!



## Furadouro/Surrounding – Aveiro

approx. 40 km + Ferry ride

For this stage, you must not miss visiting the small town of Costa Nova, with its picturesque town centre of multicoloured striped houses; if you have time take a ride on a Moliceiro, the hand painted wooden boats used for gathering seaweed. Travel through the channels of the "Portuguese Venice" in one of the beautiful Moliceiros boats and let yourself be seduced by the typical pastry of Aveiro, a delight for both the senses and the eyes. Take part of a workshop and learn how to do it! The best part is you can eat it at the. Also visit the salt pans and enjoy the properties of sea salt on the skin, after putting your feet in the small reservoirs. Dance next to the salt pans and feel the wind on your face. Your bike tour for today is a pleasant ride of 49 kms, through the Protected Natural Reserve of the São Jacinto dunes.



# Aveiro – Figueira da Foz

approx. 35 km + transfer

Today you leave the enchanting city of Aveiro, in the direction of Figueira da Foz. Ride quietly along the canal that gives the city the name "Portuguese Venice". Enjoy nature with a beautiful ride through green fields. Reach Mira and observe the golden effect of the sunshine on the sand, the sea, the vegetation and the brightness of the contrasting colors of the landscape. Be sure to visit the fantastic fishing village of Praia de Mira and discover the typical colorful wooden houses they call "palheiros". Indulge yourself with the fantastic gastronomic specialties made with fresh fish that you can find here. Stroll past the beautiful lagoon of Mira and enjoy its natural landscape. Transfer by bus to Figueira da Foz, where you stay overnight. Surrounded by preserved dunes, the picturesque and tranquil village of Praia da Tocha has a huge golden sand beach that extends to the north. Also known for its amazing golden sandy beach, Figueira da Foz is the ideal destination to rest and maybe to dream.



## Figueira da Foz - Sao Pedro de Moel

approx. 65 km

In stage this you will meet the Portuguese silver coast. You'll be riding between long beaches and a big pine forest that makes you feel in the wilderness. This pine forest planted in the 15th century

served to supply the naval construction during the Portuguese discoveries. Today is an immense forest, perfect for nature activities and home to many kinds of wildlife. The ride takes place in a cycleway that follows a road called Estrada Atlântica (Atlantic Road). You may stop at Praia da Tocha to admire the palheiros (typical wooden fishermen houses) that make this a very picturesque spot in the coast. São Pedro de Moel, is one of the most beautiful beaches of the Portuguese coast, with an excellent location in a clearing of the Pinhal de Leiria. Famous for surfing, this is a splendid beach, with tasteful and aristocratic atmosphere, limited to the north by steep rocks and to the south by a small stream. Explore the beauty of the sea and practice deep sea fishing near the lighthouse, as there are cliffs that attract several species of fish, such as sea bass, and goldfish.



### São Pedro de Moel – Obidos

approx. 69 km

Explore the traditional Nazaré with one of the most beautiful beaches of Portugal and possibly the most famous fishing town in Portugal. Nazaré is unique in many ways. It has an atmosphere of times gone by, contentment and traditions which continue to thrive and make it a special place to visit. The wooden fishing boats still used today are colourful and narrow with curved prows and decoration evocative of the first fishermen of the area. Another tradition quite unique is that of the seven skirts. Fisher women here still wear seven colourful layers of skirts, as well as wooden clogs and a predominantly black headscarf. At the height of the cliff, a small village is the birthplace of Nazaré, where the legend of a knight saved by Virgin Mary was born. Up there, go to the belvedere and contemplate the vast ocean and the magnificent view over Nazaré. Óbidos will your final destination of the day: a charming small and fortified town which can be suggestive of a medieval film set. It has been carefully preserved and its inhabitants take careful pride in maintaining the architectural image of days gone by, with its monuments, narrow winding streets and white-washed houses with windows and terraces full of flowers. Impressive 18th Century blue tiles line the walls within the southern gate that acts as the main entrance.



## Obidos – Lissabon, transfer

After checking-out in Óbidos, you will leave your bikes at the hotel as a transfer will take you towards Lisbon. The transfer will end at your hotel in Lisbon. Check-in at free time to explore the city. Visit Lisboa, a romantic city opened to the sea that has always defined its destiny. Begin with the two landmark monuments, the Tower of Belém and the Monastery of Jerónimos. Both have been designated World Heritage status given how they epitomize the beauty of the Manueline style that developed out of the Portuguese Voyages of Discovery. Visit Alfama, Lisbon's oldest quarter. Spread over the south-eastern slope of the hill crowned by Castelo de São Jorge, the picturesque neighbourhood is composed of a maze of narrow streets, winding alleyways, and steep flights of steps. Bairro Alto is a picturesque working-class quarter dating from the 16th century that has traditionally been the city's bohemian haunt of artists and writers. Its grid of streets is quiet during the day, but is transformed at night into the city's vibrant nightlife quarter. Behind colorful and graffiti-ridden façades is a variety of traditional and international restaurants, tourist-packed Fado Houses, and a multitude of bars and alternative shops that stay open until late at night.



#### Departure or extension

Transfer to the Lisbon airport from where you will departure.

# Tour character

Mostly flat coastal paths. On the last two stages you will find some short increases. Sealed ways, country roads and Ecovias (typical Portuguese cycle paths also on "natural grounds"). If you bike regularly, you will not have problems on these stages!

# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Porto

Season 1

01.03.2023 - 30.04.2023 | 01.10.2023 - 30.11.2023 | Arrival sunday

Season 2

Season 2

01.05.2023 - 30.09.2023 |

Arrival sunday

Porto - Lisbon with charm, 8 days, PO-PORPL-08D

1,169.00 1,229.00 Base price

399.00 439.00 Surcharge single room

Category Charm: please check accommodation, if necessary equivalent alternative hotels!

Season 1

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Porto

	Mar 1, 2023 - Apr 30, 2023   Oct 1, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023   Arrival sunday	May 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2023   Arrival sunday
Porto		
Double room p. P.	89.00	105.00
Surcharge single room	35.00	35.00
Lissabon		
Double room p. P.	109.00	109.00
Surcharge single room	49.00	49.00

# Our rental bikes

Filter

E-Bike 119.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

#### Services

#### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Luggage transfer (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Best developed route
- Detailed travel documents (digitla) 1x per room (German, English)
- Transfers from Porto airport and to Lisbon airport
- Transfer according program
- Rental bike
- GPS-data is available
- Service hotline (English)

#### Infos

#### **Arrival / Parking / Departure:**

Porto or Lisbon airport

#### Things to note:

- Ferry ride on day 3 is not included in the price!
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found here!

# Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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