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## Day 1: Lisbon

Arrival to LISBON airport. Meet & Greet by an OSIRIS representative. Departure for Lisbon sightseeing tour. The old quarters of Alfama, Lisbon Downtown, Commerce Square, Belem quarter with the visit of Geronimo's Monastery (visit of the church), the Discoveries Monument (glimpse), the Belem Tower (glimpse). Tour ends at the hotel in LISBON. Check-in. Free time. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 2: Coimbra and Buçaco

Breakfast and departure to the Centre of Portugal. Driving in the direction of COIMBRA one of Portugal's oldest cities (it already was an important municipality in Roman times) housing one of the world's first universities. It was the capital of the country from 1139 to 1256 and its university was founded in 1290, still one of the world's most illustrious and the city's biggest attraction. Visit of the University, the Chapel (XVI), Room of Ceremonies and the famous baroque library. Lunch. Departure to BUÇACO, stroll through the Woods of Buçaco. Visit the Palace. Return to Coimbra. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 3 : Aveiro and Ovar

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to AVEIRO ("The Portuguese Venice") or possibility of SPAIN Termas Luso. If you wish to discover AVEIRO, you will visit the city and Costa Nova (coastline of beaches). Lunch. Ferry to OVAR and arrival in S. Jacinto. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 4: Penalva do Castelo and Viseu

Breakfast and departure to PENALVA do CASTELO (historic village in stone with an old castle). Arrival at the Palace Hotel (old and charming hotel). In the afternoon: Workshop "Queijo da Serra" (how to produce traditional cheese) or "wine tasting". Lunch. Stroll through the gardens. Departure to VISEU and free time. Begin your visit to VISEU in Cathedral square, unquestionably Portugal's most beautiful square! We also recommend the Museu Grão Vasco and a relaxed walk through the narrow streets of VISEU. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 5: Rio Douro and Castelo Rodrigo

Breakfast and departure to the POCINHO for a boat cruise through Rio Douro with lunch. Departure to MARIALVA (historic village in stone). Accommodation and dinner at a Charming hotel. The Hotel is a granite appeal, in the welcoming manner of the region of Beira. Dinner and accommodation at Hotel.

## Day 6: Guarda, Sortelha and Belmonte

Breakfast and Departure to GUARDA and visit the historic center. GUARDA is an old frontier town high up overlooking the Spanish border in the east of the Beira Alta region. The heart of this welcoming city is high up on a hill with a series of narrow streets leading into the central square housing the imposing gothic cathedral. Lunch Village of BELMONTE (Jewish heritage)-a must !. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 7: Sintra and Lisbon

After breakfast, bus departure to Sintra Region. First stop in SINTRA, declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO, SINTRA was once home to the aristocracy who chose it to build their palaces and mansion-houses inspired romantic generation. Visit of "Quinta da Regaleira", an estate located near the historic center of SINTRA, classified as a world heritage site by UNESCO. Along with other palaces in this area (such as Monserrate and Seteais palaces), it is one of the principal tourist attractions of Sintra. Time to visit CAPE ROCA, a cliff rising about 140m (460ft) above the Atlantic famous for being Europe's westernmost point. Boarding the Atlantic Ocean we will reach CASCAIS and ESTORIL (Estoril has long welcomed international visitors. During World War II it acquired a glamorous reputation when Portugal's neutrality and mild weather attracted the rich and the famous, German and English spies, and European royals and aristocrats). Back to Lisbon. Accommodation and dinner at hotel.

## Day 8: Departure.

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Lisbon airport.