

Art, history & pristine palaces...

# LISBON & THE SILVER COAST

5 days – 4 nights. £915 per person\*

## Our Tour



### What's included

- \* Return coach transfers to departure airport
- \* Return flights from the UK
- \* Return airport transfers in resort
- \* 4 nights half board accommodation
- \* Lisbon tour including Jeronimos Monastery & the National Tile Museum
- \* The stunning Sintra National Palace plus Queluz Palace and Gardens
- \* Visit the pretty town of Obidos and Mafra National Palace

### Extras

- \* Single supplement – £176 per person (double/twin for sole occupancy)
- \* Travel insurance – £47 per person
- \* Gratuities



## The Arts Society Winchester

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

With its wild Atlantic coastline, stunning beaches, historic towns and varied cultural treasures, Portugal's Silver Coast makes for the perfect break. The dramatic scenery and golden sands of the shore give way to cool forested hills, where medieval towns are tucked into the idyllic scenery and embellished with Portuguese tiles. Elaborate palaces house royal treasures and astounding artwork. Within easy reach of the Silver Coast is the timeless city of **Lisbon**, with its trundling trams, amazing architecture, fabulous museums and café culture.



\*Based on sharing a twin / double room and on a minimum of 25 members travelling. Should only 20 travel the price will increase to £975.00 per person.

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**Day 1** - Arrive at our departure airport for the flight to Lisbon. We will be met by our local guide who will accompany us on our transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2** – Today, accompanied by a local guide, we visit **Lisbon**. Richly historic yet buzzing and vibrant; elegant boulevards and a warren of ancient streets; wide vistas and intricately detailed tiles: with all of this set against a sun-kissed backdrop, it's no wonder that Lisbon continues to charm those who visit. Packed with heritage and a timeless elegance, this alluring city has vintage trams, Moorish features, and majestic architecture found amongst its charming neighbourhoods. Whether you're hunting out artistic treasures, enjoying the wonderful coastal cuisine or taking in the spectacular views from the hillside terraces, Lisbon is a delight for every group. We will visit the highly ornate **Jerónimos Monastery**, an imperious 15th century monastery in Belém which is one of the must-see sights of Lisbon. Delicate Gothic details, elaborate portals, Renaissance carvings, and majestic pillars form this breathtaking construction, built following Vasco da Gama's first journey to the Far East. The monastery's grandeur is a celebration of the wealth that Portugal's golden age of exploration brought. Another highlight is the **National Tile Museum**, known for its composition of Lisbon's cityscape made in



*Queluz Palace, Sintra*

1738 using 1300 tiles. There will also be some time at leisure to explore the city independently.

**Day 3** – This morning we visit dreamy **Sintra** which sits amongst verdant wooded hills, a cool respite from the coast with its shady gardens and misty glens. Pretty pastel façades cluster in the historic centre of the town, which is dominated by the pale turrets of the elegant **National Palace** – historically a summer resort for Portuguese royalty, where a guided tour will be arranged. This afternoon we move on to **Queluz Palace & Gardens**. Powder blues and buttery yellows adorn the edifice of this ornate and opulent palace, an 18th century summer residence designed for royalty. Inside, the pastels give way to gilded treasures, mirrored thrones and intricately embellished ceilings. Outside, the grounds continue the palatial vision with immaculate formal gardens, stunning fountains and trickling canals bedecked with painted azulejos (Portuguese tiles).

**Day 4** – Today we visit the lovely little town of **Óbidos**. Within its ancient walls, cobbled alleys, whitewashed houses and

terracotta roofs are accompanied by pretty churches and shops selling the local liqueur, Ginjinha de Óbidos. This sour cherry brandy is typically served in a small chocolate cup. The town has also been designated a UNESCO City of Literature thanks to its literary heritage and creative atmosphere. This afternoon we head to **Mafra** with a visit to the **National Palace**. The words “massive,” “monumental,” “gigantic,” “colossal,” and “vast” fail to describe the scale of Mafra's Baroque royal palace. This grandiose palace-monastery was ordered by King João V in 1717 to celebrate the birth of his first child, to compete in magnificence with the Spanish royal palace, El Escorial.

**Day 5** - After breakfast we check-out of our hotel and board our coach, with our guide, to Lisbon. Flight time permitting, time will either be at leisure to explore the city independently or with the option to visit the Gulbenkian Museum (admission not included). The museum is one of Europe's unsung treasures. Part of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, it houses a magnificent collection of Egyptian; Greek; Roman; Islamic; Asian and European art and is one of the world's finest private art collections, amassed over a period of 40 years by oil magnate Calouste Gulbenkian.

*The exact order of excursions is subject to change and flight time dependant.*

## Our Hotel

The Hotel Vila Galé Cascais is located close to the renowned Cascais Marina and the historic town centre. All en-suite bedrooms are spacious and comfortable, with air conditioning, mini-bar, hairdryer, WiFi and TV. Hotel facilities include free WiFi access in all areas, 2 bars, restaurant and an outdoor pool.



## How to book

Please complete a booking form and return to Anita Soar with a deposit of £200 per person. Please make cheques payable to Success Tours Ltd.