

ANCIENT BRITONS TOUR 2015
PORTUGAL 2nd October – 17th October 2015

Friday 2nd October 2015

Meet LGW to sort out sticks	8.45	
Depart London Gatwick	11.50	TP 331
Arrive Oporto	14.10	

Coach to meet us and take to:-

Crowne Plaza Porto 2nd – 7th October 2015 inclusive (6 nights)

AV, Boavista 1466 4100 – 4114 Porto, Portugal.



Saturday 3rd October 2015

09.45 Coach to leave Hotel

11.00 Hockey game against Sport Club do Porto (Captain Jose Eduardo Caramalo) ABs in red shirts, blue shorts, white socks. Sport Club is one of the oldest clubs of Oporto in Parque da Cidade near the beach of Matosinhos and by the River Douro.

Afterwards drinks in the Bar, then back on coach to Hotel to drop off kit.

Back on coach and then to Oporto Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club for hospitality & food. We have the coach for 8 hours that day, so might have to walk back to the Hotel which is just 10 minutes away.

Sunday 4th October 2015

09.45 Coach to leave Hotel

11.00 Hockey game against Associacao Desportiva de Lousada (Captain Vitor Valinhas). Same venue as yesterday.

ABs in white shirts, blue shorts, red socks.

Afterwards drinks in the Bar, then back on coach to Hotel to drop off kit.

Back on coach and then to Oporto Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club for hospitality & food. We have the coach for 8 hours that day, so might have to walk back to the Hotel which is just 10 minutes away.

Monday 5th October 2015

09.00 Half Day City tour of Oporto, the second biggest in Portugal, which is situated on the right bank of river Douro. We will start off by visiting S. Francisco Church, gothic architecture from the 17th century. Then we will visit the Stock Exchange Palace (Palácio da Bolsa), a 19th century building, built to celebrate Porto's industrial development. Afterwards we will stop at the Ribeira Quarter, UNESCO World Heritage and explore one of the best preserved historical urban areas in the country.

Next we cross the grandiose D. Luís I Bridge, designed by Teófilo Seyrig, Eiffel's partner for a **Porto wine tasting in one of Vila Nova de Gaia cellars**. Here are stored the most famous Porto wines, which are matured underneath the characteristic red coloured roofs that dominate the heart of the city.

Free afternoon.

19.30 Coach to leave for Dinner at the famous Taylors Cellars Restaurant with a “Welcome” glass of Port Wine followed by dinner.



Tuesday 6th October 2015

Free day and evening

Wednesday 7th October 2015

09.00 Coach leaves for a day trip to Douro Valley, which has been classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is the oldest wine region in the world is also one of the most beautiful and therefore is as follows:-

10.00 Coffee break at Casa da Calcada – Amarante – one of the most romantic cities in Portugal. The river Tamega, a key tributary of the Douro, flows through this region.

12.30 Visit and lunch at Quinta de Pacheca (one of the best known estates in the Douro region), plus of course a wine tasting.

15.30 To Quinta do Seixo and Pnhao centre of Douro Valley return to Porto by coach.

Thursday 8th October 2015

08.30 Today we leave for Lisbon by coach, travelling (with a Guide) via Coimbra, Batalha, Nazaré, arriving at Lisbon.

Free time in Coimbra to explore and have a coffee break on your own. In Coimbra is the ancient Palace of the first Portuguese Monarchs, which is now the oldest university in Portugal and one of the oldest in Europe. We will pass by Sé Velha one of the most important buildings in Romanesque style in Portugal, its construction began sometime after the Battle of Ourique (1139), when Afonso Henriques declared himself King of Portugal and chose Coimbra as the capital of the kingdom.

In Batalha we will visit the Monastery of Batalha, one of Portugal's historical places, built by initiative of D. João I, in fulfilment of a vow to the Virgin to commemorate the victory at the Battle of Aljubarrota (1385). Its architectural value and historical significance led to it being classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Late lunch (wine included) in a local restaurant in Nazaré, which will be, by the sea. Then we go to Lisbon.

Pestana Palace Hotel (5 nights 8th – 12th October inclusive)

Rua Jau 54, 1300-314 Lisboa, Portugal

Free evening



Friday 9th October 2015

09.00 City Tour including guide (maximum of 4 hours).

Stop at Parque Eduardo VII, which offers an excellent panoramic view over the city. It is called so since 1903, when the King of England with the same name visited Portugal and the name of the park was changed in his honour.

We continue towards the centre, until the Commerce Square (Praça do Comércio) by the Tagus River, whose name aims to homage the trading, financial and bourgeois classes who contributed so much to rebuild the city after the earthquake of 1755. Then we will make a walk through Alfama, one of the oldest and most typical quarters of the city of Lisbon.

We continue to Belém, the area where the famous monuments related to the Portuguese discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries are located: the Tower of Belém, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Monastery of Jerónimos. The Tower of Belém is a wonderful Manueline monument, classified as World Heritage by UNESCO. The riverside of Belém is also marked by the imposing Monument to the Discoveries, built in 1960 for the celebrations of 500 years death of Prince Henry the Navigator. Also in Belém, placed in the great Empire Square (Praça do Império) is the Jeronimos Monastery, built in 1501 by initiative of King Manuel I and only completed one hundred years later. In the monastery, classified as World Heritage by UNESCO, are noteworthy the facades, the church and the cloisters that we will visit.

12.30 Lunch at the 5 Oceanos Restaurant in the docks area followed by a short boat ride:



Depart from the Terreiro do Paço Ferry Terminal. Sail upstream to the city's eastern zone - the Parque das Nações - where the Lisbon World Exhibition was held in 1998 (Expo'98). Then sail downstream to Lisbon's western zone, in Belém, to see some of the emblematic monuments located on both banks of the river Tagus.

Return to the Hotel.

Free Evening

Saturday 10th October 2015

14.15 Coach to leave Hotel

15.00 Hockey game against Lisbon Casuals HC – at National Stadium at Jamor in Cruz Quebrada which is about 5 miles west of Lisbon with drinks in local hostelry afterwards. **KIT TO BE ADVISED.**

Coach will then take us to ZamBeZe restaurant located between Largo do Caldas and S Jorge Castle, then return us to the Hotel (coach for 8 hour day).

Sunday 11th October 2015

14.15 Coach to leave Hotel

15.00 Hockey game against Belem HC – at National Stadium at Jamor in Cruz Quebrada which is about 5 miles west of Lisbon. **KIT TO BE ADVISED.**

Coach will then return us to Hotel.

Free Evening.

Monday 12th October 2015

Free day in Lisbon.

Tuesday 13th October 2015

08.30 Check out of hotel.

We start with the visit to the mysterious and unique Sintra; its unique characteristics have led UNESCO to classify it as another World heritage site. Visit to the National Palace (Palácio da Vila) also known as the Royal Palace, a unique example amongst the royal mediaeval palaces in Portugal.
Free time here for a walk and coffee so you can explore on your own.

Go to **Penha Longa Resort**
Estrada da Lagoa Azul – Linho
2714-511 Sintra Portugal.

13th & 14th October (2 nights)



13.30 Here we have a welcome lunch with drinks plus 2 nights' accommodation and the rest of the day is all free time.
The ladies will love it and for golf enthusiasts who requested it. This is ranked in the top 30 golf courses in Continental Europe.

Wednesday 14th October 2015

Free day and evening.

Thursday 15th October 2015

10.30 Depart Hotel

11.00 Arrive Coisas Do Vinho – Adega Regional de Colares for coffee and wine tasting.

12.30 Depart for **Pousada de Cascais**

We continue towards the picturesque village of Cascais, originally a small fishing village that during World War II received many refugees and exiled, including the Counts of Barcelona, King Humbert II of Italy, and King Carol II of Romania.

Pousada Cascais – Cidadela Historic Hotel 15th & 16th October (2 nights)

This is in the town centre overlooking the Marina

Free day.



Friday 16th October 2015

Free day.

End of Tour Dinner at overlooking the ocean.



Saturday 17th October 2015

Depart Hotel **Hotel Cascais Miragem** for Airport

Depart Lisbon	13.00	TP344
Arrive LGW	15.30	