TCU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Discovering Portugal

October 14-26, 2026

**13 days for $5,872 total price from Dallas-Fort Worth**

**($5,195 air & land inclusive plus $677 airline taxes and fees)**

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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Texas Christan University**

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**Dear TCU Alumni, Parents, and Friends,**

Travel with us on an exclusive 13-day small group journey as we navigate through Portugal, staying in two unique *pousadas*, Portugal's famed historic lodgings, along the way. From Lisbon to the north, through the pastoral Alentejo region and south to the Algarve, experience a country rich in history, blessed with natural beauty, and well-versed in hospitality.

Begin with a three-night stay in Lisbon, one of the world's oldest cities, offering highlights such as the iconic Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Travel north to Porto, and enjoy a private cruise along the Douro River to a port lodge, where you have the opportunity to taste the region's renowned wine. In the pastoral Alentejo region, spend two nights in a 13th-century castle restored as a *pousada* before continuing south to encounter Portugal's maritime legacy in Sagres. After, return to Lisbon to spend a night in a restored 19th-century palace, a fitting finale to our adventure.

Space on this exclusive departure is limited to 24 guests and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this memorable journey through Portugal!

**Frog for Life,**

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## TCU RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING PORTUGAL

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

***If you prefer,*** you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Upon receiving your request, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
**Attn: Special Interest Groups**
**One Newton Place**
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**
**Newton, MA 02458**

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____)_____ Cell Phone (_____)_____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

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*From Lisbon to the north of Portugal, through the Alentejo region and south to the Algarve, our small group navigates the gentle charms of this country rich in history, blessed with natural beauty, and well-versed in hospitality. Complementing our discoveries: stays in two unique pousadas, Portugal's famed historic lodgings.*

| Avg. High (°F) | Oct | Nov |
|---|---|---|
| Lisbon | 71 | 63 |
| Estremoz | 73 | 61 |
| Sagres | 70 | 64 |

## Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

*Walk 2-4 miles per day, often uphill, on uneven terrain, or cobblestones; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights and hotels; steep grades while walking in Lisbon and Porto*

## Your Tour at a Glance

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Lisbon | | |
| 2-4 | Lisbon | Eurostars Das Letras | First Class |
| 5-7 | Porto | Pestana Douro Riverside | Sup. First Class |
| 8-9 | Estremoz | Pousada Castelo Estremoz | Sup. First Class |
| 10-11 | Sagres | Pousada Sagres | First Class |
| 12 | Lisbon | Pestana Palace Lisboa | Deluxe |
| 13 | Depart Lisbon for U.S. | | |

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*

**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal**

**Day 2: Arrive Lisbon** We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. Late this afternoon we meet our fellow travelers and tour director at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner. *D*

**Day 3: Lisbon** Highlights of our tour of one of the world's oldest cities include the ornate 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery, where Vasco da Gama spent his last night ashore before sailing to the Far East; Belém Tower, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; and the iconic Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal's Age of Discovery. Next we visit the historic heart of Lisbon: the vibrant and popular Baixa ("Downtown") neighborhood built after the 1755 earthquake that destroyed much of the city. On our walk here, we see the grand plazas, restaurants, shops, and Neoclassical and Pombaline-style buildings for which Baixa is known. Then we return to our hotel, with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we visit a local restaurant for dinner and a performance of *fado*, the traditional melancholic music of Portugal. *B,D*

**Day 4: Sintra/Cascais** The first stop on today's discoveries: Pena Palace, the colorful architectural extravaganza boasting double chimneys and multiple design styles. Following our tour here, we continue on to the nearby coastal resort of Cascais. We have time for lunch on our own here, then tour the Citadel of Cascais, built between the 15th and 17th centuries. Once a summer retreat for royalty, today the citadel houses a museum, which we tour, and a deluxe hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own in Lisbon. *B*

**Day 5: Lisbon/Obidos/Porto** Traveling north today, we stop in the classic fortified town of Obidos, where we take a walking tour through its medieval streets. Then, we continue on to the historic town of Porto, our home for the next three nights. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 6: Porto** Today we explore Porto, the country's second largest city known for its rich history, multiple bridges spanning the Douro River, and as the home of port wine. Highlights of our panoramic city tour include the medieval city center, a UNESCO site; and the baroque Clérigos Church, with its signature

*Cover Photo: Lisbon's colorful cityscape capped by the landmark Castelo de Sâo Jorge*

*We see the Ponta da Piedade rock formations on Day 11.*

bell tower. Then we enjoy a private "six-bridge" cruise on the Douro, upon whose banks the Romans planted grape vines millennia ago. Our tour ends with a visit to a port lodge for a tasting of the fortified wine exclusive to this region. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy this fascinating city as we wish, perhaps to wander the narrow cobbled streets of the medieval Ribieira (riverside) district – or to stroll the broad boulevard and public square of Praça da Liberdade, flanked by imposing civic buildings and trendy boutiques. We dine together tonight. *B,D*

**Day 7: Guimaraes/Braga** We travel to the lovely city of Guimaraes, considered the "birthplace" of Portugal for having been the birthplace of Afonso Henriques, the country's first king. With its well-preserved historical center (a UNESCO site) and harmonious design, Guimaraes is closely tied to the Portuguese national identity. We get a taste of this unique atmosphere on a walking tour through the medieval streets and squares lined with period houses; and past such landmarks as the Castle of Guimaraes, Chapel of St. Michael, Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, and graceful Oliveira Square. After lunch on our own, we depart for nearby Braga, a 2,000-year-old city (and Portugal's third largest) made young by the presence of university students. Known for its religious festivals, Braga is an elegant town laced with narrow lanes, plazas, and an abundance of baroque churches. Highlights of our walking tour include the fortified Torre de Menagem, Largo do Paco square, and the impressive Braga Cathedral, Portugal's oldest and one of the country's most important buildings. *B,D*

**Day 8: Porto/Coimbra/Estremoz** Today's travels bring us first to historic Coimbra, where we take a walking tour of the 13th-century university, a UNESCO site. We also visit the Santa Cruz Monastery to see the medieval tombs and ornate sacristy. Then, we continue our journey south to Estremoz in the Alentejo region, Portugal's agricultural center with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive, citrus, and cork trees. Late afternoon we reach our *pousada* set in a 13th-century castle in the historic city center. *B,D*

**Day 9: Evora** This morning's walking tour of the walled city of Evora introduces us to the charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO site, thanks to the many relics from its Roman and Moorish past. We see a Roman temple, the 12th-century cathedral, central Giraldo Square, and the Church of St. Francis, home of the 16th-century Chapel of Bones adorned with human skulls and bones. Then, we have free time to explore this Golden Age city independently. Mid-afternoon we depart for Estremoz and our *pousada*; dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 10: Estremoz/Sagres** As we continue our journey south, we visit a cork factory then arrive late morning at a country estate lush with vineyards, olive groves, and forests of cork oak. Here we learn about olive oil and wine production and enjoy a tasting, followed by lunch in the lovely surroundings. Later, we continue on to the picturesque fishing village of Sagres and our intimate *pousada* overlooking the Atlantic and the Sagres promontory. We dine together tonight at our *pousada*. *B,L,D*

**Day 11: Sagres/Lagos** Today we encounter this region that launched Portugal's Age of Discovery, when in the 15th century, explorers went out to sea, sailed along the coast of Africa, and eventually reached the Cape of Good Hope and beyond. It was Prince Henry the Navigator who sponsored these

> Astonishment leads us on …"
>
> – Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen

expeditions; much of our touring in the historical town of Lagos and in Sagres today celebrates his legacy. Our explorations begin with a cruise along the limestone coastline, featuring the dramatic rocks of Ponta da Piedade. We also see the statue of Prince Henry the Navigator and stop at the Ponta da Piedade and Cape St. Vincent viewpoints to witness the dramatic Atlantic as it nears shore at mainland Europe's southwestern-most point. Then, we return to Sagres for an afternoon at leisure before we gather for dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 12: Sagres/Lisbon** We embark on a leisurely drive back to Lisbon today, stopping for lunch on our own along the way. After reaching our hotel in a restored 19th-century palace mid-afternoon, we have time at leisure until we gather to celebrate our discoveries at tonight's farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 13: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

*Signature Azulejo tiles in Porto*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights' accommodations: 7 nights in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels; 4 nights in Superior First Class and First Class *pousadas*
- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

*Café life in Portugal*

## Tour Departs: October 14, 2026

**Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.**

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|---|---|
| Boston, New York | $5,472 |
| Chicago, Washington, DC | $5,772 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia | $5,872 |
| Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa | $5,972 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | $4,595 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $677, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – $3,995 per person; Premium Economy – $1,995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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**888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.*

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: 10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of Texas Christian University (TCU), as sponsor, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. TCU and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, TCU and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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