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#### **PO8 Camino Portugues**

The Portugues Way - packs a lot into one of the shortest, and perhaps the prettiest, of the pilgrims' ways to Santiago de Compostela.

Never far from the Atlantic coast and with the lovely rolling scenery of central and northern Portugal and Galicia as a backdrop, the route is certainly scenic. And with nine world heritage sites along the way it's truly crammed with cultural and historic highlights.

The regional gastronomy, from ocean and mountains is second to none and the wines are world-class from start to finish.

#### **Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	ltinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Lisboa, Lisboa	HLIS5 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	20mins from Lisboa airport
2	Day 4 to 6	2 nights	Estremadura, the Monastery Towns, Batalha	HBAT1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Coimbra, Coimbra	HCOI3 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Porto, Porto	HOPO2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins
5	Day 10 to 12	2 nights	Galicia, Santiago and the Interior, Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 30mins
6	Day 12 to 15	3 nights	Minho Coast, Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs

#### Includes:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Lisboa
- Guide book to Northern Spain and Portugal
- Personal Travel App including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

#### Excludes:

- Flights but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras these can be added at pick-up point
  - extra driver
  - child seats
  - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- · Local tourist taxes where applicable

### Stage 1

#### Lisboa



#### **Highlights**

Hop a tram and explore Portugal's exciting capital Rossio square and train station Skip out to Sintra, and the beaches of Cascais & Aldeia do Meco Bar hop in Bairro Alto, dine in style in Chiado Mosteiro dos Jerónimos - a Manueline delight

#### HLIS5 3-star Hotel, Lisboa

#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

## See full details



This delightful, classic hotel stands in one of Lisbon's prettiest and leafiest squares - "The Square of Joy", dedicated to the famous artist, Alfredo Keil.

Dating back to 1865, it has been very recently renovated and refurbished to maintain its former Portuguese charm, yet providing all of the comforts we expect today.

Set in the San Antonio district with a real Portuguese ambiance, it is an easy walk to the city's most important landmarks, including Rossio, Baixa, Chiado, Principe Real and Bairro Alto, featuring a great choice of restaurants and bars. The metro and bus stops are close at hand too.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom      Air conditioning      Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Deluxe, superior deluxe and mansard (double / twin) rooms; junior suites and master suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking      Public parking nearby (pay locally)      No pets allowed

#### Stage 2

### Estremadura, the Monastery Towns



#### **Highlights**

The magnificent monasteries of Batalha and Alcobaça São Martinho do Porto a little pearl set on a string of surf washed Atlantic beaches

The Convent at Tomar, delightful city of the Templars

Sierras de Aire y Candeeiros Nature Park - riddled with caves

Medieval Óbidos with its famous white houses

#### HBAT1 Boutique-Hotel, Batalha

#### See full details

#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Set in a residential area above the town of Batalha, with its astonishingly beautiful C14th Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitoria, this delightful, family run hotel will embrace you at once with its informal and relaxing atmosphere.

The hotel is light, bright and colourful with a modern, elegant design and the owner's original paintings and objects d'art adding a very special touch. The bedrooms are commodious, most having balconies and some offering spectacular views of the monastery. Not only is the owner an artist, but the she also produces all the homemade jams and honey served at breakfast!

Please note: Outdoor pool seasonal depending on weather conditions.



Main facilities	Wi-Fi all areas      Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)      Swimming pool (indoor)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom      Air conditioning      Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Breakfast only      Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Doubles and twins (some superior with balcony and view); triples and singles; adjoining rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

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#### Stage 3

#### Coimbra



#### **Highlights**

Coimbra University - stunning buildings, views and museums Sé Velha, Portuguese Romanesque at its finest Take in a fado show - Coimbra style of course Jewish Quarter - especially magical by night Roman ruins at Conimbriga

### HCOI3 3-star Hotel, Coimbra

#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This three-star, family run, city hotel is ideally located in central Coimbra just a short walk from the old town, the riverside and the university.

Nearly all the rooms offer wonderful views to the city and the breakfast room and roof-top terrace have one of the best views Coimbra has to offer.

The staff are exceptionally helpful and friendly and will go out of their way to make sure you feel at home from the moment you enter and get the most out of your stay in the city.

The hotel offers free valet-parking, making your arrival even more welcoming!



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Breakfast only      Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	<ul> <li>Standard double / twin rooms; Superior rooms on upper floors (recommended) balcony and view; family rooms</li> <li>Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility</li> </ul>
Other	<ul> <li>Garage parking (free)</li> <li>On-street parking</li> <li>Electric vehicle charging station</li> <li>Pets allows by prior arrangement</li> <li>please consult</li> </ul>

#### Stage 4

#### Porto



#### **Highlights**

Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges Visit WOW! - the World of Wine Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto

#### HOPO2 3-star Hotel, Porto

#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

## See full details



This gorgeously romantic, Baroque castle, full of character, set in its own beautiful gardens, is the perfect base to visit historic Porto.

Built in 1887 as a private house, this listed building with its imposing tower is wonderfully atmospheric and, being set on a vantage point, commands lovely views of the city.

The location is excellent - fairly near the centre (a twenty minute walk) with on site parking and the metro just a short walk away - and the manicured gardens with their stunning "azulejos" provide respite from the hustle and bustle of the city.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom      Air conditioning      Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Breakfast only      Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double, twin, (castle or garden) superior, suite, family suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (extra charge)      No pets allowed

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### Stage 5

### Galicia, Santiago and the Interior



#### **Highlights**

One of Europe's most important pilgrim destinations Take a walking tour around this World Heritage City Visit the Cathedral said to house the bones of St James Always lively with a strong tradition of street music Multitude of bars and restaurants!

## HSAC6 3-star Hotel, Santiago de Compostela

#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



With the emphasis on personal service and designed using the oriental principles of 'Wabi-Sabi' this truly unique hotel in the old town of Santiago is an experience in itself.

In one of the quieter parts of town, but within easy reach of the main sights, this 19th century house is a charming, perfect balance of old and new, creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony - its original old stone walls and oak beamed ceilings blending more than happily with elegant modern design and furnishings.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom      Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only      Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Ensuite double, superior double, single; Standard with balcony. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking      Public parking nearby (pay locally)      No pets allowed

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### Stage 6

#### **Minho Coast**



#### **Highlights**

Delightful Caminha and the fortress towns of Valença, Monção and Melgaço

Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way

Viana do Castelo with its windswept Atlantic coastline

Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge

Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

#### HMIN2 3-star Hotel, Vila de Punhe

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#### Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, you immediately feel a certain magic, the pull of the past...

Surrounded by vineyards and woodlands, the delightful grounds with courtyards, lawns, shrubberies, and a lovely pool area create a feeling of total relaxation and serenity. Read a good book or wander in the woods!

Its charming and enthusiastic owners, Joao and Ana, transformed the old farm buildings on the estate into cosy traditional cottages and then with flair and imagination added two more very modern minimalist properties - very chic - all blending in happily with the lush vegetation.



Main facilities	Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only
Room types	One and two-bedroomed cottages      Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free)      No pets allowed

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