

Portugal - Castles and History (M-ID: 2124)

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from €3,200.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

11 days

05/04/2024 - 05/14/2024 11 days

Motorcycle tour in Portugal - Alentejo, Lisbon, Tomar, and Serra da Estrela

Highlights:

Vast lowlands and endless coastlines, scenic riversides, and majestic mountains are the settings for your motorbike tour in Portugal.

Spend two nights in Lisbon, Portugal's capital, with plenty of time to explore the city and its sights.

Visit the historic city of Obidos, the monastery of Batalha, and the famous sanctuary of Fatima.

Reach the end of a continent, with magnificent views at Cabo da Roca and Cabo San Vicente, the westernmost and southwesternmost points of mainland Europe.

The motorcycling paradise of the Serra da Estrela - endless curves, grippy asphalt, magnificent views of the Serra and virtually no traffic is waiting for you on this motorbike tour.

Smile In Your Face:

Apart from the joy of motorcycling, many of the impressions beyond the road will put a smile on your face during your Portugal tour. America and the colonies are suddenly within reach when you overlook the Atlantic Ocean in front of Lisbon and Saudade, the nostalgia of the Portuguese sailors, is in the air. Folklore and fado surround you as you wander through the old town of Obidos and Tomar and encounter the history of the Knights Templar. But it is the roads of the Serra da Estrela that you will remember for a long time, because the ascent to the Torre, the highest point in Portugal, is one of the most beautiful routes for motorcyclists in Europe!

Daily Stages:

Day 1 - Arrival in Málaga

We pick you up at the airport in Málaga and bring you to the tour hotel. In the afternoon, after the handover of your motorbike, a detailed tour briefing takes place followed by a joint dinner where you meet the other riders and get in the mood for your Portugal adventure.

- Destination: Málaga

- Accommodation: 4* tour hotel in Málaga

Day 2 - From Ronda and Sierra Grazalema to Aracena

The first stage of your motorbike tour takes you through the mountains of Andalusia. You start this tour on a spectacular mountain road towards Ronda - welcome to the motorcycling paradise of Andalusia - and you continue on a winding ride through the almost untouched nature of Sierra Grazalema. Through the lowlands of the Guadalquivir, passing Seville in the distance, you reach Sierra Aracena, where your destination for the day lies.

- Destination: Aracena

- Distance / duration: 320 km / 6 h

- Accommodation: 4*hotel in Aracena

- Highlights: Serrenía de Ronda, Sierra Grazalema

Day 3 - Sheer riding pleasure in the Guadiana Valley and Sierra de Monchique

You leave Aracena and pass through a magical cork oak

forest with wonderful views of several White Villages along the way. Discover the impressive mines of Tharsis, where precious ores have been mined since biblical times. The imposing craters bear witness to the industrious work of the Phoenicians, Romans, and all subsequent cultures.

Near Mertola, with its well-preserved city walls and castle, you cross the Guadiana River and the border to Portugal. Along very entertaining roads, spiced with magnificent views, you pass mighty windmills and enter the green forests of Sierra Monchique.

- Destination: Monchique
- Distance / duration: 280 km / 6 h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Monchique
- Highlights: Tharsis, Mertola, Guadiana Valley

Day 4 - Leave the mountains and head for the coast - Lisbon awaits you

The route leads you away from the mountains and through cork oak forests to the Atlantic coast. Fantastic views of the vast ocean and coastline await you on the way to Lisbon. You reach Cabo de Sines and the peninsula of Troia, where you take the ferry to Setúbal. After the ferry ride, only a few kilometers separate you from the Portuguese capital. But before you finally get into the hustle and bustle of Lisbon, you stop for a moment at the "Christo Rei" monument. Enjoy the magnificent view over Lisbon and the "Ponte de 25 Abril", the impressive bridge over the Tajo. Incredibly beautiful!

- Destination: Lisbon
- Distance / duration: 260 km / 5 h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Lisbon
- Highlight: Atlantic coast

Day 5 - Exploring Lisbon, the capital of Portugal

Today you will explore the capital of Portugal and its sights. The best way to get a feel for the atmosphere of Lisbon's historic center is to walk through the Alfama barrio. Here you will find a labyrinth of unspoiled narrow streets and winding alleys with cobblestones, old houses, former palaces, fish stalls, and pubs. Of course, the seafarers' monument and the Torre de Belém are also worth visiting, as well as the impressive Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, and and and..... It is up to you whether you explore the city on your own or with our tour guide.

- Destination: Lisbon
- Distance / duration: - km / - h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Lisbon
- Highlights: Tram line 28, Cathedral, Torre de Belén

Day 6 - Europe's westernmost point and lots of history

Before you say goodbye to the Atlantic, visit the lighthouse at Cabo da Roca, Europe's westernmost point, and take in

the view of the ocean before heading inland, towards the medieval town of Obidos. Traditional salt mining in Rio Maior, the impressive monastery of Bathala, and the pilgrimage site of Fatima are further points of interest on your way to the ancient Templar city of Tomar. The Monastery of Christ of the Knights Templar - a kind of monastery castle - towers over this small city and was also the spiritual center of the region for centuries.

- Destination: Tomar
- Distance / duration: 270 km / 5 h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Tomar
- Highlights: Cabo de Roca, Obidos, Rio Maior, Bathala Monastery

Day 7 - The Monastery of Christ and the fantastic roads in Portugal's heartland

A real cultural highlight of the tour is the visit to the Convent of Christ (Convento do Christó). Right after breakfast, you visit the monastery with its integrated Christ Church and enjoy this cultural gem (UNESCO World Heritage Site). But the second part of today's agenda is also a challenge: beautiful panoramic roads with exceptional grip and curves, curves, curves... Wonderful views and traditional mountain villages, as well as ancient, partly abandoned settlements in the sierra, give you an idea of the splendor of times long gone. Cork oak forests, oceans of blossoms, and picturesque lakes decorate your path into the Serra da Estrela region.

- Destination: Serra da Estrela
- Distance / duration: 360 km / 6.5 h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Serra Estrela
- Highlights: Convento do Christó, Serra da Lousã, Serra da Estrela

Day 8 - Explore Serra da Estrela

You extend your stay in Serra da Estrela by one day because there are wonderful mountain passes and panoramas in the area. At Torre summit (1993m) you are at the highest point in Portugal, the ascent is one of the most beautiful motorbike routes in Europe!

The Vale do Zezere valley - once carved by a glacier - is another highlight in this mountain paradise. In the afternoon there is still time to relax in the hotel pool or to explore the mountain world of the Serra on foot. At the end of the day, you will be spoilt with culinary delights from the restaurant and the wine cellar.

- Destination: Serra da Estrela
- Distance / duration: 220 km / 5 h
- Accommodation: 4* Pousada in Serra da Estrela
- Highlights: Mountain panoramas of Serra da Estrela

Day 9 - Through the Alentejo over the Alcantara bridge to Zafra

Before you leave Serra de Estrela, you ride through beautiful roads and enjoy the view over the peaks. On the way out of the mountains, you ride past fields of grain, olive trees, and old vineyards. Over the bridge of Alcantara, still the best-preserved bridge from the Roman era, you are leaving Portugal. Back in Spain, you visit the once-mighty fortress of Badajoz, then continue through the vineyards of Ribera del Guadiana to Zafra.

- Destination: Zafra
- Distance / duration: 360 km / 6.5 h
- Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Zafra
- Highlights: Bridge of Alcantara, Extremadura

Day 10 - Sierra Morena and the Guadalquivir Valley

On today's last day of riding, you can expect some great routes in Andalusia. The mountains of Sierra Morena and Montes de Málaga provide two more motorcycling gems before you return to Málaga. During a joint farewell dinner, you will reflect on the impressions of the past week.

- Destination: Málaga
- Distance / duration: 350 km / 6.5 h
- Accommodation: 4* tour hotel in Málaga
- Highlights: Sierra Morena, Montes de Málaga

Day 11 - Departure

The luggage is packed and according to your flight time, our transfer service is ready to take you to the airport. We say goodbye and hope to see you again soon on one of our future motorbike adventures.

Please note: We reserve the right to make small changes to the tour schedule.

Countries	Portugal
	Spain
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
	motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	4 star hotel
	5 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Bus to / from	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Per rider in shared twin/double room with own motorcycle (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.):	€3,200.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F700GS:	€3,970.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F750GS:	€4,060.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F850GS:	€4,150.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F800GS ADV:	€4,150.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F900XR:	€4,150.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW R1250R:	€4,270.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW R1250GS:	€4,270.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW R1250GS ADVENTURE:	€4,390.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW R1250RT:	€4,390.00
Per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW S1000XR:	€4,390.00
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per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider):	€2,480.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room"):	€450.00
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VIP fully comprehensive insurance for BMW F700GS with retention of EUR 350,-	€180.00
VIP fully comprehensive insurance for all other BMW models with retention of EUR 500,-	€270.00

Included

Airport Transfer

9 days rental motorcycle incl. comprehensive insurance

10 x overnight stays in selected, comfortable hotels

10 x breakfast and 9 x dinner (dinner not included on the rest day in Lisbon)

Tour bus (luggage transfer, spare bike)

German-Spanish speaking tour guide on the motorcycle

Info package / maps

Souvenir gift

Not included

Flight, drinks, snacks, tips for porters/hotel service/tour guides, travel protection insurance

Gasoline and toll costs

Everything that is not explicitly listed in the included services.

More details

Highlight: Alentejo, Lisbon, Tomar und Serra da Estrela

Duration: 11 Days / 9 Riding days

Distance: 3300 km

Daily stages: 6 - 8 h

Arrival day:

Airport: Málaga, Spain - Airport code AGP

Transfer: Airport - Tour hotel (When you travel with us from Málaga, the airport transfer is included at the following times: From Málaga Airport AGP to the tour hotel: On the day of arrival of the tour, only between 9:00-18:00)

Briefing time: 18.00 h

Departure day:

Airport: Málaga, Spain - Airport code AGP

Transfer: Tour hotel - Airport (When you travel with us from Málaga, the airport transfer is included at the following times: From the tour hotel to Málaga Airport AGP: On the day of the end of the tour, only between 9:00-18:00)

Departure time: possible all-day

Accommodation on tour:

Top-notch hotels - Full comfort for you and your passenger! Enjoy our hand-picked and first-class hotels. The quality and service of our lodgings are second to none, guaranteeing you a relaxed atmosphere in which to unwind after your days of riding.

Gastronomic delights on tour:

Taste the Portuguese cuisine and its regional specialties. Try the delicious Francesinha in Porto, the sweet Ovos Moles in Aveiro and the matchless Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon. Sweet or savory, Portugal will make your culinary heart beat a little faster.

Private Tour requests:

We are also happy to organize this tour as a private tour! Your group, your private tour date.

Motorcycle insurance:

All motorcycles are fully comprehensively insured with € 3.000,- excess (exception: BMW F700GS = € 2.000,- excess). With the VIP insurance for € 30,- per rental day the excess can be reduced to € 500,- (exception: BMW F700GS = € 20,- per rental day and the excess is then reduced to € 350,-).

Meals:

The tour price includes daily breakfast and most of the dinners during the trip; alternately we dine at the hotel or out in local restaurants.

We know how important a healthy water balance is for the motorcyclist, so we provide you with sufficient drinking water on tour.

Activities:

As described in the tour itinerary. Appropriate entrance fees are included.

Service and equipment:

Tour escort by experienced tour guide with extensive local knowledge.

Rental motorcycle (booking dependent) incl. comprehensive insurance. Additional equipment and clothing can be booked on request.

Tour bus with escort motorcycle and second tour guide (route escort, carpooling if necessary).

Daily tour briefing

Roadbook + maps + gift pack