

Conquering Cuisine by Denis Chiappa presents...

## Portugal's Old-World Charms

with Optional 2-Night Porto Pre Tour Extension

**June 20 – 30, 2027**



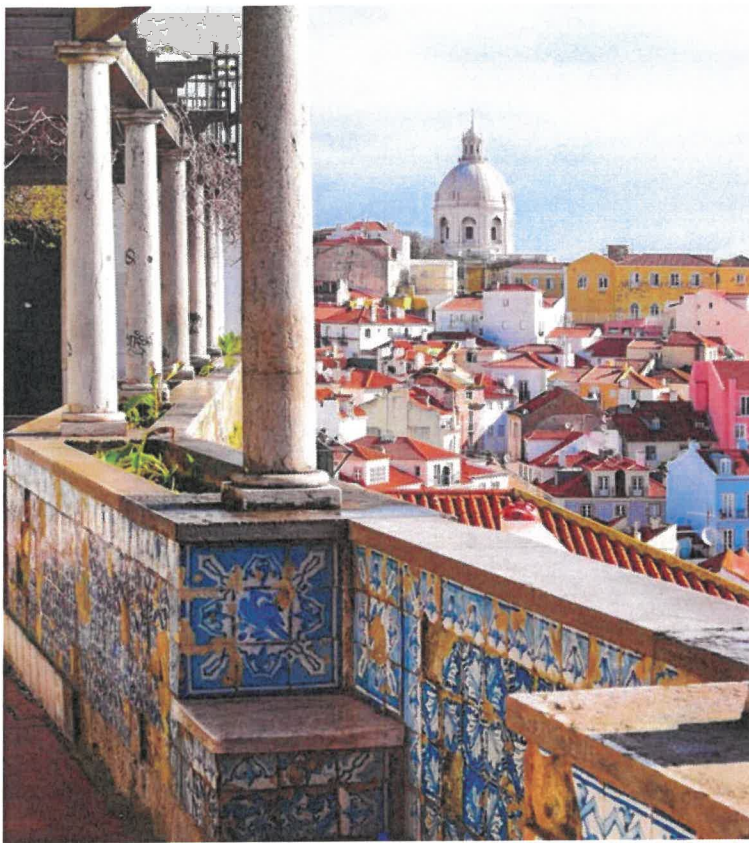
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**HIGHLIGHTS...** Douro Valley, Porto, Amarante, Douro River Cruise, Home-Hosted Dinner, Aveiro, Alentejo, Lusitano Stud Farm, Olive Press Experience, Local Winery Visit, Évora, Lisbon, Alfama Walking Tour, *Fado* Performance

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 – 4 Monverde Wine Experience Hotel , Douro River Valley
- Days 5 – 7 Vila Gale Collection Alter Real, Alentejo
- Days 8 – 10 Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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Optional Excursions

**Day 1: Sunday, June 20, 2027 Overnight Flight** Ancient castles, historic cityscapes, groves of olive trees, quiet whitewashed villages, delightful cuisine, fragrant wine, and welcoming locals – Portugal awaits with open arms.

**Day 2: Monday, June 21, 2027 Porto, Portugal - Amarante** Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante, your home for the next three nights. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

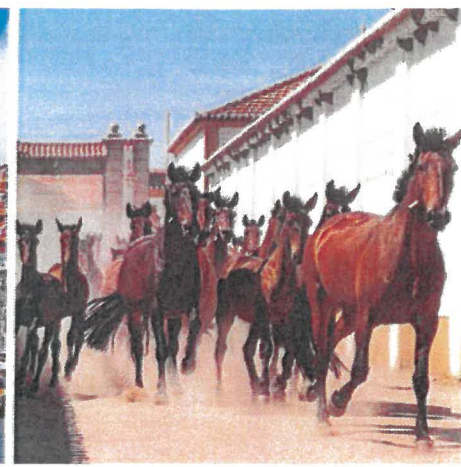
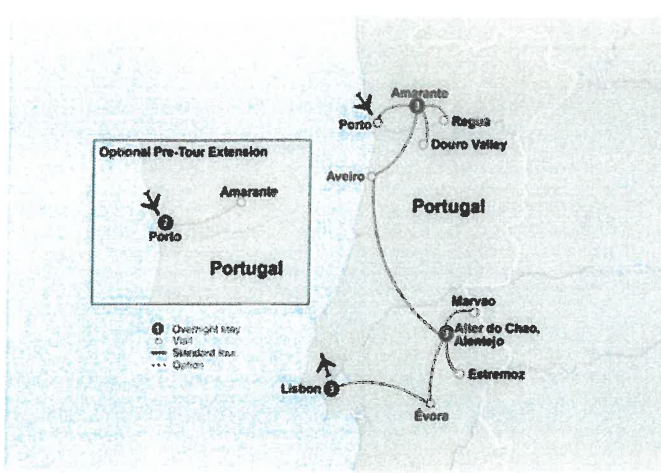
**Day 3: Tuesday, June 22, 2027 Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante** Begin the day exploring the picturesque town of Amarante, renowned for its traditional sweets and scenic location along the Rio Tâmega. Stroll across the historic São Gonçalo Bridge, a proud symbol of the town's resistance against Napoleon's troops. Continue to Régua, where you'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, embark on a Douro River cruise, soaking in the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Disembark in Pinhão and return to Amarante for a relaxing evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 4: Wednesday, June 23, 2027 Amarante - Porto - Amarante** Today, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and flavors of Porto. Begin with a guided walking tour led by a local expert, uncovering the charm of this hilly city. Wander through the lively Ribeira district, nestled along the riverfront in the heart of the old town, and take in its colorful facades and bustling atmosphere. Following the tour, visit a local pastry shop for a tasting and hands-on workshop. In the afternoon, venture just outside Porto to a home-hosted experience. Join your host family in preparing a fresh, market-inspired dinner together, sharing stories and traditions as you cook and dine in a warm, authentic setting. (B, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, June 24, 2027 Amarante - Aveiro - Alentejo** This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its colorful canal boats, traditionally used for harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal to the village of Alter do Chão for a 3-night stay. (B, D)

**Day 6: Friday, June 25, 2027 Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Marvão - Alter do Chão)** Begin your day in the charming hilltop village of Marvão, where breathtaking views stretch across the plains – on a clear day, you may see all the way to Spain! Your journey into local culture continues at a nearby olive grove, where you'll learn about traditional olive oil production, visit a historic press, and enjoy a tasting of the region's unique oil over lunch. Later, return to your hotel for a brief visit to the historic Alter Stud Farm, established in 1748 and home to the renowned Lusitano purebred horse. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure – relax and make the most of your hotel's amenities. This evening, you may choose to dine on your own in nearby Alter do Chão; round-trip transportation will be provided. (B, L)

**Day 7: Saturday, June 26, 2027 Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chão)** Start the day like a true local at the Estremoz city market, an exciting place to be on a Saturday, when the countryside comes to town with baskets full of fruit, vegetables, grains, olive oil, cheeses, olives, and livestock. Peruse the adjacent flea market where browsing can feel like traveling back in time. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Enjoy more time in the picturesque Portuguese village of Estremoz to visit a local tile museum **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region paired with a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner. (B, D)



**For bookings made after Nov 21, 2026 call for rates.**

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**Day 8: Sunday, June 27, 2027 Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon** Say goodbye to Portugal's charming countryside as you travel to the vibrant capital of Lisbon. On the way, your journey takes you to the medieval walled city of Evora (UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Continue to a local cork farm for a guided visit and included lunch, gaining insight into one of Portugal's most important traditional industries. Arrive in Lisbon in the late afternoon. (B, L)

**Day 9: Monday, June 28, 2027 Lisbon** Travel to Belém to visit the exterior of two of Lisbon's most iconic landmarks: the Belém Tower (UNESCO) and the stunning façade of the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO). With your local expert, delve into the rich history and significance of this remarkable monastery before continuing on to a guided tour of the elegant Ajuda Palace. After some free time to enjoy lunch on your own, head to the vibrant Alfama district – Lisbon's oldest quarter – where stories, legends and hidden corners await. Are we all descendants

of Ulysses? How many of Lisbon's hills can you climb? Follow your expert guide through narrow alleyways and shadowy courtyards as you uncover the mysteries of this captivating neighborhood. Return to your hotel in the evening for a night at leisure. (B)

**Day 10: Tuesday, June 29, 2027 Lisbon** It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer a guided experience today, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra. From the windswept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra, you'll hear many fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travelers for an unforgettable farewell dinner of Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). (B, D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, June 30, 2027 Lisbon - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

### Experience It! The Alentejo

The Alentejo is Portugal's rural interior, where rolling hills combine with the sun, the heat, and a slower pace of life. It's a vast landscape dotted with cork oaks and olive trees that withstand time. Here and there, you'll find a walled town, such as Marvão, or ancient stone monuments (dolmen) that recall the magic of the past. Around the hills, low, whitewashed houses stand on small knolls, castles evoke echoes of old battles and conquests, and yards and gardens reveal the Arab influences in the region. Savor the unique Alentejo gastronomy, from olives to meats and cheeses and especially the local breads. This is Alentejo.

## EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

### Optional 4 Days 2-Night Porto Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,199.00 USD single, land only

**For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit  
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**TOUR:** Portugal's Old-World Charms featuring Douro Valley, Alentejo & Lisbon  
**GROUP NAME:** Conquering Cuisine by Denis Chiappa

**DEPARTURE DATE:** Jun 20, 2027  
**BOOKING NUMBER:** 1414112

### AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options. Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change. Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

**PASSENGERS NAME:** (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Seaside Villages to Puzzling Palaces	69.00



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## Lisbon

### Seaside Villages to Puzzling Palaces

**\$69 USD**

Take a step away from the bustling streets of Lisbon for an excursion to charming seaside Ericeira, once a thriving fishing village. This beach town is now world-renowned to surfers and that aesthetic can be seen everywhere from the coast to the cozy cafes. Take some time to tour the quaint downtown with your Tour Manager. Next, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings. Your Tour Manager will show you around the Old Town before letting you explore as you'd like. After, venture to the notable and romantic Palace of Regaleira at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity where you will be able to descend via a spiral staircase into the crypt. Discover the monumental initiation well that, at the bottom, leads via a grotto to a surprising lake hidden in the middle of the gardens. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 6 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Extend your vacation with

### Optional 4 Days 2-Night Porto Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,199.00 USD single, land only

3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Porto.

#### Day 2: Porto, Portugal

Welcome to Porto, Portugal's UNESCO-listed gem. Upon arrival, your Tour Manager will meet you to share insider tips and help you get oriented with the area surrounding your hotel. As arrival times may vary, no group sightseeing is scheduled today. Spend the day as you wish, strolling through the city's historic streets, relaxing at a café, or soaking in the riverside views before savoring Porto's culinary scene. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Porto

Today, dive into Porto's vibrant rhythm by navigating the city via metro — an easy and authentic way to get around like a local. With your Tour Manager, discover the city, famed for its steep hills and streets adorned with colorful *azulejos*. Begin with a special visit to *Livraria Lello*, one of the world's most stunning bookstores, where a unique experience awaits. Continue your journey on foot through the historic Ribeira district, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its lively riverfront and charming architecture. Learn about Porto's rich commercial past and admire its architectural splendor as you explore. Cross the Douro River to visit WOW – The Wine Experience, an interactive museum that brings the fascinating story of wine to life through engaging exhibits. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Porto - Amarante

Spend the morning at leisure, with time to explore Porto on your own. Whether you choose to revisit a favorite spot or discover something new, the city is yours to enjoy. In the early afternoon, depart for Amarante and settle into your hotel. This evening, join your fellow travelers as your main tour begins. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Important Tour Extension Information:

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3.** This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

**Fully-guided** extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The Porto walking city tour will take approximately 4 hours and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods of time.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Porto is a compact city with many hills, cobblestone streets, and uneven ground.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Porto has intense traffic so the best way to move around in the city is by metro and walking.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

#### Tour Extension Travel Requirements:

AAA Vacations® will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Breakfast is not provided on the last morning for travelers leaving before the hotel breakfast room opens.