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Portugal's Algarve and Lisbon

Saturday, February 18 to Wednesday, March 08, 2023

Enjoy a nineteen-day winter escape to the Algarve, southern Portugal's sunny seaside paradise, and Lisbon, Portugal's exciting capital city. Golden beaches, unique coastline vistas and distinctive historical towns and villages offer the visitor a wealth of visual and cultural experiences. Our boutique, 40-room hotel close to the town of Albufeira, will be home for 12 nights. From here we tour exciting sites, lounge on the beach, or simply relax in comfort on our personal balcony. The program includes five escorted tours in the Algarve including a full-day tour of Seville, one of Europe's most exciting cities. In addition, golf may be an option of interest to some of us. Following our time in the Algarve, we leave for Lisbon, once one of the most influential cities in Europe's evolution. En route we visit Evora, perhaps the finest tourist destinations of central Portugal. Its 5,000-year history offers us a delightful city that exudes Portuguese charm with its vast array of classic buildings, Roman antiquities and more. Then four more days to tour in Lisbon and area. Don Kasta will be the tour leader.

Land Only: \$3,995.00 for double occupancy. Single supplement: \$895.00

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 - Saturday, Feb. 18:

Direct flight from Toronto to Lisbon, Portugal via Air Transat.

Day 2 - Sunday, Feb. 19:

Morning arrival in **Lisbon**. We meet our private coach which will deliver us to our hotel in the Algarve, the Vila Gale Collection Praia, a short walk from the town of **Albufeira**. Settle in and a brief orientation walk of the immediate area before a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 - Monday, Feb. 20:

A relaxing day. Time to stock the larder for lunches and snacks, and walk on the beautiful Praia. Late afternoon gathering for an aperitif and brief information session before dinner. For the golfers, we will be recommending local courses and transfer arrangements.

Day 4 - Tuesday, Feb. 21:

Excursion to **Lagos**, a wonderful tour where you'll have a chance to wander back in time to the era of the Portuguese primacy in the Age of Discoveries. We visit the Church of Saint Anthony, then on to the spectacular rock formations in Ponta da Piedade. Next we're off to **Sagres**, the most westerly town of the Algarve and a prime destination for visitors who appreciate nature's raw beauty. The region is noted for its massive cliffs and vast beaches, carved out through time by the huge Atlantic waves. Today these powerful waves have drawn experienced surfers to Sagres, and this in turn has allowed the town to gain an unobtrusive, cool vibe.

Day 5 - Wednesday, Feb. 22:

A casual walk to **Albufeira** to explore this former fishing village that has become a major holiday destination, with sandy beaches and a busy nightlife strip. Local fishermen now use the modern marina, also a base for diving, dolphin-watching and boat trips. It's surrounded by candy-colored apartments, with a waterfront promenade.

Day 6 - Thursday, Feb. 23:

A day to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities and the nearby beach.

Day 7- Friday, Feb. 24:

Silves and Monchique are our destinations for today. Silves is a typical regional town with small narrow streets, whitewashed houses and an imposing church situated next to the castle that dominates the whole town. The Castle of Silves is one of the most important historical monuments in the Algarve. This fortification has the form of an irregular polygon surrounded by a strong wall and outside the main door is a bronze sculpture of King Dom Sancho I. Time for lunch then on to Monchique. This magnificent town with its surrounding area is considered by many to be one of the most peaceful places in the Algarve. The mountains offer remarkable views over the landscape and is marvellous for lovers of nature walks.

Day 8 - Saturday, Feb.25:

Day at leisure. For golfers, a day on the links.

Day 9 - Sunday, Feb.26:

A full-day tour by coach to unforgettable **Seville**, the capital of the region of Andalusia and home to three UNESCO World Heritage sites. Its historic centre is dominated by the colossal Gothic cathedral, a superb mix of resplendent Mudéjar palaces, baroque churches and winding medieval lanes. There are many outstanding sites within this former Moorish capital.

Day 10 - Monday, Feb.27:

Join your tour leader for a bus trip to **Loulé**, an authentic Portuguese market town. Its historic centre features an Arabian-inspired covered market with stalls selling fresh produce and regional handicrafts. Surrounding the market are busy shopping streets, tree-lined plazas and a warren of alleys, all barely changed since the medieval period. Time to shop and visit the ancient castle, a Gothic church, and traditional tradesmen's houses.

Day 11 - Tuesday, Feb. 28:

Free day to enjoy the area.

Day 12 - Wednesday, March 1:

Today we travel to nearby **Faro**, the best-known city in Portugal's deservedly famous Algarve region. Here we visit the exceptional archaeological museum and the "Bishops' Palace," once a Renaissance

cathedral that was heavily bombed in World War II, but later restored. Opportunities to shop for the treasures of the area, including the famous "cataplana", a copper cooking pot, beach-inspired jewelry, local brandy, piri piri, ceramics and cork products.

Day 13 - Thursday, March 2: Our final day in the Algarve. Some shopping or perhaps one more game of golf, or just relax and prepare for our transfer to Lisbon.

Day 14 - Friday, March 3: We say "Adeus" to the Algarve and as we travel north to **Evora**, one of Portugal's most famous tourist cities. It was of significance when it was ruled by the Romans and is on the list of "1000 Places to see Before You Die." A late lunch before continuing on to **Cascais**, a lovely resort town close to Lisbon and our home on the beach for the next five nights. Dinner in our hotel.

Day 15 - Saturday, March 4:

This morning our local guide leads us on a panoramic tour of **Lisbon**, a city best known for its colonial history, ornate architecture and tradition of Fado music. Its postcard-perfect panorama of cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals presents a captivating scene crafted over centuries. Visits will include the compact Alfama District, the Tower of Belem, and the grand Jeronimos Monastery constructed in the early 16th century and financed with profits generated by the spice trade. The nearby stunning Monument of the Discoveries was designed to commemorate the Age of Discoveries in Portugal. After a late lunch, we have a boat tour to see the skyline of Lisbon from the water. Participants will have a Lisbon Card allowing free travel on the local transit system and entry to a number of museums, etc., for our three days in the city.

Day 16 - Sunday, March 5:

A day for individual choices. Perhaps Fatima with its shrine is available, returning to Lisbon for an afternoon of individual sightseeing. Or a full day in the city to explore sights of personal interest. Your guide will assist with any arrangements.

Day 17 - Monday, March 6:

Today we visit **Estoril and Sintra**. Estoril is a stylish and sophisticated resort town, situated on the beautiful Costa do Estoril coastline. This town strikes the perfect balance between Portuguese charm and outstanding tourist facilities; elegant villas, grandiose hotels and quality bars and eateries all situated in a general atmosphere of luxury with tailored gardens. In Sintra we visit the historic center famous for its 19th-century Romanticist architecture, royal palaces and castles which resulted in the classification of the town and its historic passage as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight a traditional Fado concert!

Day 18 - Tuesday, March 7:

Day to relax in **Cascais**. Enjoy the amenities of our hotel or engage in some retail therapy at the nearby shops. Tonight is our farewell dinner.

Day 19 - Wednesday, March 8:

After breakfast, transfer to the Lisbon airport for our direct flight to Toronto.

NOTE REGARDING AIR COST

Current individual air cost including all taxes is \$919.00 available through the Agency with Air Transat. A Lounge Pass is also included with the \$50.00 service fee if booked at least 90 days prior to departure. Please contact the Agency should this service be required. A group air fare may be available subject to registration numbers.

Included:

- Group coach transfers as per itinerary;
- 4-star accommodation in both the Algarve and Cascais;
- Daily breakfast; 2 dinners in the Algarve and 2 dinners in Cascais;
- Selected excursions in both the Algarve region and Lisbon area;
- Services of Pauwels tour staff member and local tour escorts as required.

Not Included:

- Air fare
- Items of a personal nature;
- Beverages with meals;
- Travel insurance: available on request from the Agency.



Vila Gale Collection Praia

TERMS & CONDITIONS**RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. Pauwels Travel shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may include hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relate to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the “Algarve & Lisbon Tour” from February 18 to March 08, 2023.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1500.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. “Liz” for “Mary Elizabeth”) _____

ADDRESS _____

Postal Code: _____ PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here. e cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____

Other _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: ☐ Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

“I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment”.

Date _____ **Signature(s)** _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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