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## **Portugal's Algarve and Lisbon**

18 days, Tuesday, February 22 to Friday, March 11, 2022

*Enjoy a winter escape in the Algarve, southern Portugal's sunny seaside paradise. Golden beaches, unique coastline vistas and distinctive historical towns and villages offer the visitor a wealth of visual and cultural experiences. The charming apartment hotel of Praia do Vau, on the outskirts of Portimao, will be home for 11 days and nights. From here we tour exciting sites, lounge on the beach, or simply relax in comfort on our personal sea view balcony. The program includes four escorted tours in the Algarve: Faro with its distinctive Portuguese atmosphere, wine tasting/vineyard experience, and the exciting towns of Sagres and Lagos. 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, today Portugal's capital. 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.*

**Price: \$4,995.00 for double occupancy; single supplement available on request.  
Includes all taxes and gratuities.**

### **Proposed Itinerary**

Day 1 - Tuesday, Feb. 22:

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

Day 2 - Wednesday, Feb. 23:

Morning arrival in Faro and airport transfer to our hotel in Praia do Vau near the city of Portimao. Check in to our apartment in the Jardim do Vau, all well equipped with many amenities including: one bedroom with two single beds; living and dining room with sofa bed; bathroom with bath tub; kitchenette equipped with fridge, microwave, coffee maker, electric kettle and toaster; balcony with sun lounges, table and chairs. Other features include air conditioning, digital TV, iron and ironing board, and daily housekeeping. Settle in and a brief orientation walk of the immediate area before dinner.

Day 3 - Thursday, Feb. 24:

A relaxing first day. Time to stock the larder for lunches and snacks, and walk on the beautiful Praia do Vau. 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 - Friday, Feb. 25:

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. Afternoon at leisure or a quick "18" on one of the region's classic golf courses.

Day 5 - Saturday, Feb. 26:

A day to explore Portimão, the largest city in the western Algarve. The city's old and once bustling fishing docks have been responsibly transformed into a scenic promenade, leading to the quaint, tree-lined plazas of the old town. Here we find pleasant pedestrian shopping streets, historic buildings and a varied selection of cafes, bars and restaurants specialising in freshly cooked seafood. A visit to the 15th century Church of Our Lady of Conception and the 17th century Jesuit site are highly recommended.

Day 6 - Sunday, Feb. 27:

Excursion 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. After lunch, off to the "end of the world" - Cape St. Vincent, the most south-westerly point of Europe.

Day 7- Monday, Feb. 28:

A morning walk to nearby Ferragudo, a lovely fishing village with Roman roots. Lined with cafes, this is the perfect spot for a breakfast coffee and pastry or a bite to eat at lunch while watching the daily catch being unloaded. Of note is the 16<sup>th</sup> century fort that protected the area from pirates. After, relax on the beach or your own balcony.

Day 8 - Tuesday, March 1:

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 and its surrounding area are 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 9 - Wednesday, March 2:

A day at leisure but with a possible optional excursion to Seville. Its historic centre is dominated by the colossal Gothic cathedral, is 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 - Thursday, March 3:

After breakfast we tour the lovely countryside around Portimao with a visit to local winery with lunch. A stop in Alvor, a whitewashed settlement with Moorish roots, as you might tell from the Arabic name, and there's a lattice of old streets laid out on a hillside rising up to the ruins of a Moorish fortress. Cameras anyone?

Day 11 - Friday, March 4:

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. Nearby is Estoi with its interesting Roman ruins and Albufeira, formerly a quaint fishing village subjected to Moorish influence in the 8th century. 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 12 - Saturday, March 5:

Our final day in the Algarve. One more game of golf or relax and prepare for our transfer to Lisbon.

Day 13 - Sunday, March 6:

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.

Day 14 - Monday, March 7:

This morning a 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 present a captivating scene crafted over centuries. Visits will include the compact Alfama District, the Tower of Belem, the grand Jeronimos Monastery constructed in the early 16<sup>th</sup> 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, optional harbour boat tour or a walk through the old part of Lisbon.

Day 15 - Tuesday, March 8:

A day for personal choices. A morning excursion to Fatima with its shrine, 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 your arrangements.

Day 16 - Wednesday, March 9:

Estoril and Sintra are our destinations for today. 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 17 - Thursday, March 10:

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 18 - Friday, March 11:

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

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**Included:**

- Direct return flight from Toronto via Air Transat to and from Portugal;
- All airports taxes and fees;
- 4-star accommodation in both the Algarve and Cascais;
- Daily breakfast; all 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/or local tour escorts as required;
- Lectures/presentations on selected topics of interest.

**Not Included:**

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

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible. We request you send your registration together with a refundable deposit by e-transfer of \$250.00 per person. The feasibility of operating the tour will be reviewed 90 days or more prior to departure and, if deemed operational, registered participants will be offered the opportunity to reconfirm their place by paying an additional deposit of \$1,500.00 per person **or** withdraw their registration and receive a full refund of their deposit. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form and refundable deposit.

### 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 85 days prior of the departure date. For cancellation received in writing 84 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

84 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. We 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 including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially 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 relates 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.

#### A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.

It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare's conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on "The Algarve and Lisbon" tour Feb. 22 – Mar. 11, 2022

I/We have submitted our E-transfer payment (\$250.00 per person, refundable until departure is guaranteed.)

(Note to clients: Insurance premium will not be required until the trip is guaranteed to go. You will be invoiced for the balance of the trip cost prior to departure.)

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

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

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a single room required?  YES  NO

If sharing, what is your bed preference:  twin (2 beds)  double (1 bed)

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. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

**Insurance:** Please call the office for premiums.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

All-inclusive Package  Non-medical Package  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**  Decline Insurance

PAYMENT: E-transfer to [tours@pauwelstravel.com](mailto:tours@pauwelstravel.com). (Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit card payments at this time.)

"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 and copy of passport to:

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