

Southern Portugal

9 DAYS

DEPARTURE EVERY MONDAY
AND THURSDAY
FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER

DAY 1 – USA/LISBON

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Lisbon. At the airport, after being welcome by your tour host, you will be taken by private car to your hotel where the balance of your day and evening will be at leisure for relaxation or to enjoy Portugal's delightful hospitality and wonderful cuisine. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3 – After breakfast, morning half-day **tour of Lisbon** takes to many of its most historic and scenic sights. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure to relax, take an optional tour (Sintra and Lisbon Coast) or shopping. In the evening, a visit to a



*Alvor Church,
Algarve*

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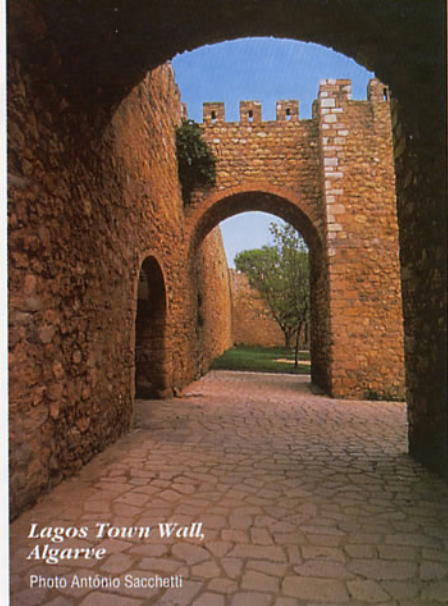
typical “Fado” house for dinner and entertainment is recommended. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 4 – A look out to the sea at typical **Nazaré**, before admiring the harmonious lines of the **Monasteries of Alcobaça** and **Batalha**. The faith that they exude is rekindled at **Fátima**, a place of pilgrimage. Then on, to **Tomar**, where one feels the mystery and the strength of the knights Templar. **Abrantes** – dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 – Beautiful **Castelo de Vide**, proud of its **Jewish quarter** of whitewashed houses, and **Marvão**, keeping watch over the plain from the top of its castle. Beyond the marble quarries of **Estremoz**, lie, **Elvas**, overlooking the border, and **Vila Viçosa** – the home of kings. The colourful pottery of **Redondo** greets us on our way. **Évora** – dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – **Évora** – a morning walking tour will unveil the artistic treasures of this **museum town** which is **part of World Heritage**. A journey southward passing by **Beja** and **Silves**. **Vilamoura** – dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – **Algarve** – the charm of the old legends of bewitching Moorish maidens and the call of the sea that led to the discovery of the new worlds. Visits to **Lagos** and the



*Lagos Town Wall,
Algarve*

Photo António Sacchetti

Promontory of Sagres – the symbol of the Portuguese epic. The afternoon will bring an invitation to take a dip in warm sea. **Vilamoura** – dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8 – A last look at this zone nestling among Land, Sea and Sky. The return trip will be made along the coast – **Setúbal** and the **Arrábida Mountain Range**, the latter's unique vegetation making it both beautiful and mysterious, are at the gates of **Lisbon**. Overnight at your hotel in Lisbon.

DAY 9 – Breakfast at hotel. Probably a short time for last minute shopping, then on to the airport for your return flight home. Transfer with assistance by private car.



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