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with Optional 4-Night Madeira Island Post Tour Extension

April 21 – 30, 2020

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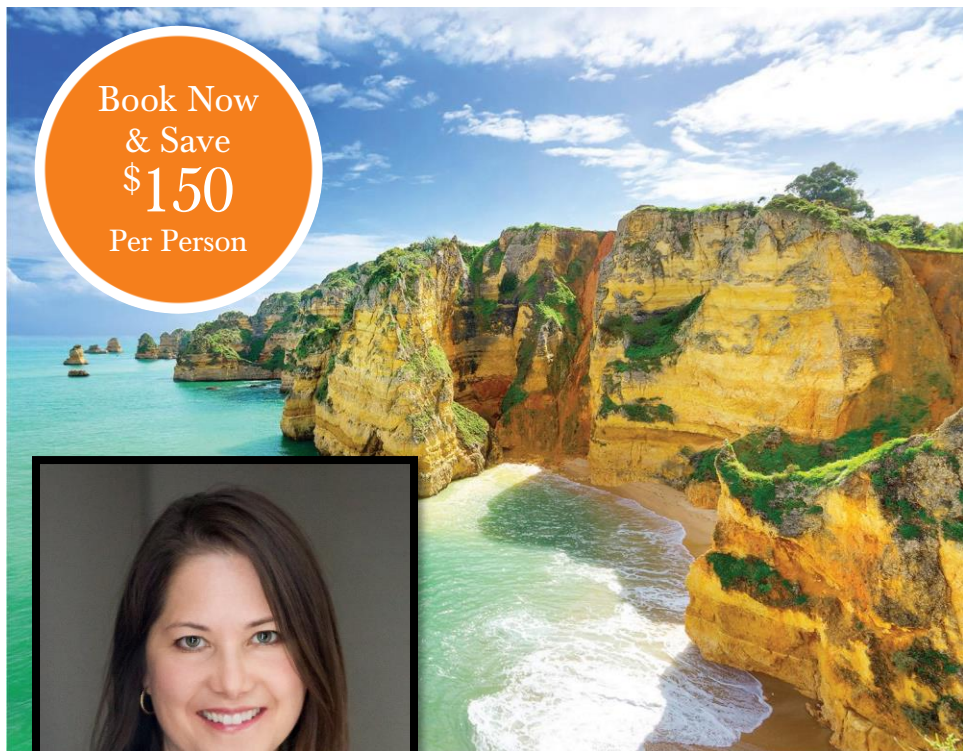
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10 Days 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

Book Now & Save \$150 Per Person:

Double ~~\$4,849~~; Double \$4,699*

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For bookings made after Oct 22, 2019 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Vancouver Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$170 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$369 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YVR



"Leisure Stays" are tours in which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



Collette Experiences

- Spend the night in the heart of the Alentejo region among vineyards and farmland.
- Stop in historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations.

Culinary Inclusions

- Experience local cuisine and wine and immerse yourself in the moving sounds of Fado.
- Indulge in a tasting of the Alentejo region's wines during a winery tour.

Must-See Inclusions

- Tour Lisbon, Portugal's capital that overlooks the Tagus River.
- Stay three nights in a resort in the foothills of Portugal's Sintra Mountains.
- Spend three nights in the sunny Algarve region.

Highlights: Lisbon, Sagres, Lagos, Algarve, Faro, Cork Factory, Alentejo Countryside Stay, 2 Winery Tours, Evora, Azeitao, Sintra, Obidos, Fatima, Fado Dinner Show, Portuguese Riviera, Choice on Tour, 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Day 1: Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Overnight Flight

Ancient castles and Roman ruins.
Groves of lemon and almond trees.
Quiet, whitewashed villages, and kind gentle people. Portugal is waiting for you.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner.
(D)

Day 3: Thursday, April 23, 2020

Lisbon - Sagres - Lagos - Algarve

Journey to the famous Algarve and **discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres**, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Garner magnificent views of beautiful Cape of St. Vincent, where 200 foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences abound. Here, the famous voyager Prince Henry the



Navigator began his explorations and from the harbour where Vasco da Gama sailed in 1499 on his epic voyage of discovery. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, April 24, 2020 Algarve
The entire day is yours to experience the beautiful Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over the world. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, April 25, 2020 Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel
 Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its archaeological and architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the

many varieties produced in the region. Portugal is the world's number one producer of cork. Visit a local factory to learn about its importance to the local economy and its many uses. Complete your day with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, April 26, 2020 Algarve - Alentejo
 Indulge in the full-bodied character of the region's wines during a **winery tour and tasting. Tonight, enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo's countryside** at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards, and cork trees. (B, D)

Day 7: Monday, April 27, 2020 Alentejo - Evora - Azeitao - Sintra
 Travel the beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora (UNESCO), known as the "Museum City of Portugal." Inside this medieval-walled city stands a 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the 16th century Chapel of Bones. Make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Spend time at the centuries-



old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Next, meet local artisans at a family-run shop that demonstrates how *azulejos*, the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, are made. (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 Sintra - Obidos - Fatima - Sintra

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Journey to Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Travel on to picture-perfect Obidos, where white washed houses are held snug by medieval city walls. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 Sintra - Lisbon - Sintra

This morning **it's your choice!** Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour by coach and uncover sights that include

Jeronimo's Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, with the tour capping off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches **-OR-** embark on a walking tour* of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Step back in time on an exploration of this residential neighbourhood, which is considered a village within a city. Stroll the neighbourhood's medieval alleys, narrow streets and small squares, and pass by beautiful churches, whitewashed houses decorated with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers. Next, climb the hill to explore the castle, which boasts the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Later, bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner to celebrate the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

Day 10: Thursday, April 30, 2020 Sintra - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Iberostar Lisboa, Lisbon
Days 3 – 5	Monchique Resort & Spa, Algarve
Day 6	Vila Gale Clube de Campo, Beja
Days 7 – 9	Hotel Vila Gale Sintra , Sintra

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! The Sounds of Fado Music

A night spent inside a "*casa de Fado*," or Fado restaurant, is an essential experience when visiting Lisbon. Traditional Portuguese cuisine, savoury local wines, and the magical sounds of Fado, is a defining part of Portuguese culture. Songs of Fado are based on the feeling known simply as *saudade* – there is no precise translation, and instead is described as a combination of deep nostalgia, strong desire, and melancholy. Fado songs tell stories of happiness, sadness, love and jealousy. Music experts cannot agree on the true origin of Fado; it comes from the Latin *fatum*, meaning fate. Some believe its drawn-out laments are a legacy of the Moorish occupation, while others say it developed from an African dance in Brazil. According to yet another theory, the music's melancholic character evolved from Portuguese seafarers who sang of home during their long absences at sea. Fado emerged as a Bohemian art form in Lisbon's working-class districts of Alfama and Mouraria in the late 18th century. But it was Amália Rodrigues who made Fado known beyond Portugal, performing all over the world during the 20th century. Credited with defining the style of the music, the government declared three days of national mourning and awarded her a province funeral when she died in 1999. A national icon, Rodriguez is buried in Lisbon's National Pantheon.
