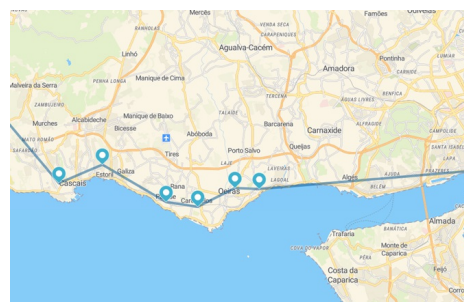




Portugal, 6 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route along the Portuguese Riviera

After decades of hard work, Portugal was awarded the World's Best Tourist Destination at the 2017 World Travel Awards. And it is not for less, since it has known to conserve its natural and wild state and to combine it with a sustainable tourist development and at the same time very comfortable and adapted to all type of travelers. In this route by car you will get to know the beautiful beaches of the Portuguese Riviera, a photogenic and stylish coastal strip that models an itinerary by car that is not demanding in terms of kilometers, but full of emotions. An essential journey with history and culture, elegant palaces and castles capable of moving in time, idyllic natural landscapes typical of a story ... Cascaís is perhaps the most known place among those you will transit, but not the only one that treasures a stunning beauty. Your beach is full of life and will not allow you to get bored even for a moment. With an incredible surfer atmosphere, the beach of Guincho is frequented daily by young athletes ready to ride on the waves with their modern boards. The most adventurous can even start in a water sport. Paço de Arcos and Carcavelos also have their charm, although very different from the one treasured by the Palace of the Marquis of Pombal, in Oeiras. Breathe luxury in all its corners and encourage the visitor to get carried away by a hedonism with a Portuguese stamp. You will also find that distinguished air in Estoril, another of the enclaves that you will visit during the trip. Far from the importance that reached during World War II, today is an attractive and cosmopolitan place open to the small pleasures of life. Internationally known as the place where the writer Ian Fleming created his mythical character James Bond and the Spanish monarch Juan Carlos I spent part of his childhood and youth, Estoril awaits the traveler with great surprises. Equally exciting is the Estoril Circuit, where the popular Formula 1 races and the Motorcycling Grand Prix happen year after year.



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From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - LISBON

Flight departure from the city of origin to Lisbon. After arrival, you can pick up your rental car and start discovering the pleasures of Portugal. Inspiration for artists and writers, and a key player in the Age of Discovery, the ancient city of Lisbon provides visitors with a fascinating history and a vibrant future that embraces thousands of artistic, cultural and leisure proposals. There's something for everyone here: shopping, nightlife, culture, excellent cuisine... For night owls, this European city oozes an incredible atmosphere that ranges from intimate and select to bohemian and edgy. As soon as you arrive, you'll feel the happy Lisbon spirit and the traditional rhythms of fado! Welcoming, cosmopolitan and with much to say, the Portuguese capital straddles seven hills and stands elegantly over the ocean and the Tagus River. The first thing you might be tempted to do is take a ride on its famous yellow trams and stroll around its old town. Before your eyes is a huge open-air museum. Our recommendations? Explore its historic neighbourhoods and the imprint that the 1998 Expo left on the city. Overnight stay in Lisbon.

● DAY 2 · LISBON - PAÇO DE ARCOS - SANTO AMARO BEACH - OEIRAS (OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE MARQUIS DE POMBAL PALACE)

Get ready to enjoy driving along one of the most beautiful and eye-catching stretches of road in the whole of Portugal. You'll have a laid-back day ahead, with not so many kilometres at the wheel, so you can take your time to enjoy the stops and appreciate all the details. It's a true luxury to travel like this, without rushing around and with the freedom to choose your own destination. And, most of all, because you're crossing one of the most stunning parts of the country. Hugging the characterful coastline, the first stop you'll make is in Paço de Arcos, a high-end residential and tourist area very close to Santo Amaro and Da Torre beaches, just before Carcavelos. This is a gorgeous area and you'll feel privileged to explore it. If your trip is in the summer, make sure you spend some time worshipping the sun on one of the surrounding beaches. A great option is Paço de Arcos, at the mouth of the Tagus River, which has been on the map since at least 1492, when Vasco da Gama passed through here with his caravels on the way to the New World. It takes just fifteen minutes from Paço de Arcos to Santo Amaro beach along the N6, aka the Avenida Marginal, a very comfortable two-lane road skirting the mouth of the longest river on the Iberian Peninsula. The landscape is very uniform, with this area being famed for laid-back residential tourism. It's great if you're travelling as a family. The town of Oeiras is the perfect place for a relaxing day in a chilled-out environment. One of the must-sees in the area is the Marquis de Pombal Palace. It's an architectural masterpiece. Set aside a few hours to visit it, because it's pretty big and will give you a fascinating insight into how the Portuguese courtiers lived. Another recommendation? The Vintage Car Museum and the Gunpowder Factory are also well worth a visit. Overnight stay in Oeiras.

● DAY 3 · OEIRAS - CARCAVELOS - PAREDE - ESTORIL

Before leaving for Carcavelos, bid farewell to Oeiras by visiting the Forte São Julião da Barra and the Oceanic Pool. This saltwater pool has the advantage of not having to get sand in your toes and also has a total of four diving boards. But if you're yearning for that feel of sand, make sure you head over to Carcavelos, one of Lisbon's very best beaches. You'll have no problem finding a space to stretch out your towel, as this is a long and wide sandy beach. You can also pay for a sun lounger, eat at the many beach bars or even rent out surfing and windsurfing equipment. This pocket-sized resort has several restaurants and bars where you can savour the local wine and a good serving of grilled spider crabs, sea bass, octopus or sea bream. After just 10 minutes along the Avenida Marginal towards Estoril, you'll reach Paredede and its beach. It's not the best for swimming as there's a lot of rock, but it is perfect for sunbathing because it has an exceptional position. After wandering around the small town of Paredede, you can head to Estoril on the N6. Following the coastline and leaving behind magnificent military forts, Estoril boasts a wide range of beaches. They're small inlets, with warm and therapeutic waters, which are surrounded by elegant villas and mansions. It's just a few minutes away, so you'll get there quickly and have more time for activities. One of them could be a sightseeing tour. If you're a lover of motorcycling, you'll know that one of the most important races in the Moto GP season is held here, and it also used to be home to a Formula 1 grand prix. If you're there at the right time, make sure you get a ticket and enjoy the experience. It's wonderful watching the riders fight for victory and hearing the roar of the engines as they whizz past you lap after lap. Besides the GP track, another of Estoril's landmarks is the Chalet Barros, a majestic castle-like villa that towers over Tamariza Beach, where you can admire the sunset while sipping on a refreshing mojito. It's also right next to the Casino, where you should end the night. Of international fame, you'll love it as soon as you step foot in its gardens. It's a true beauty and a great place to stroll around at any time of the day. It retains the glamour that placed it at the centre of politics and conspiracies during the Second World War, when it was the meeting point for former European leaders in exile and big businessmen in search of a plan to switch the war to either side. What's more, the locals say that the British journalist Ian Fleming met the Yugoslavian agent Dusko Popov here. This encounter would ultimately lead to "Casino Royale", the first novel starring the world-famous James Bond. There's no strict dress code now, but make sure you're at least smart casual. You can play black jack, roulette, poker, etc. and also dine at one of its restaurants. Around the Casino there are a wealth of villas, synonymous with luxury and the 'art of living' that surrounds Estoril. The Casal do Morgado is a must-visit to see how the traditional and highly sought-after Portuguese azulejos are traditionally made. By night, head to one of the many restaurants or trendy bars in the city. Overnight stay in Estoril.

● DAY 4 · ESTORIL - CASCAIS (OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE PALACIO DA PENA)

There are many roads that connect Estoril with Cascais. The fastest is perhaps the N6, which will take around 15 minutes. However, for today we recommend a slight detour to enjoy one of the great treasures in the Lisbon area. We're talking about the Palacio da Pena. You'll have to head inland on the A16 to the north and it will add almost an hour on to your trip to Cascais, but we promise you that it'll be worth it. (Admission not included). Everything from the garden and the views to the exterior architecture and the interiors of the Palace. You can see how the courtiers of that time lived and marvel at each of its chambers and rooms. It's a fascinating place. Thousands of botanical species from all corners of the earth live in harmony in its gardens. Features that make this place a stunning and eclectic landmark. Its architecture is a fusion of different styles that give it an authentic and truly unique style. With Arabic, Baroque and Romanesque hints, this grandiose building has various mythological scenes that give it an even more stately atmosphere. You can't get there by car, so park on the esplanade below and walk along the path inside the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park. It's a very pleasant walk because you'll be accompanied by unparalleled views. When you finish, take advantage and drive back on the N9-1, which runs inside the Park and will let you enjoy a natural landscape very distinct to what you've seen up to now. After driving for approximately 45 minutes, you'll reach Cascais, where you'll see the sea again. You can take a stroll by the yachts moored in the bay or around the Palace of the Citadel of Cascais and the Santa Marta lighthouse. Slightly further to the west, you can peer off the steepest cliffs in the area. They're called the Devil's Mouth, so you can get an idea...

The rest of the day you can spend leisurely exploring Cascais, its beach and its port.

The town is still a mecca for tourism and surfing, although it still retains its seafaring charm. In the taverns around the port, you'll still see fishermen drinking a glass of 'bagaceiro' brandy. The beaches of La Concepción, La Rainha and La Ribeira are the most famous, although Cascais wouldn't be the same without its marina, the San Sebastián Tower of the former palace of the Counts of Castro Guimaraes and the fortified walls of the citadel. But don't let the size of the town fool you. Major events are held here, such as the Cascais Cool Jazz Festival (July) or various golf tournaments, an increasingly popular sport in the area. At night, nothing better than going to a fashionable restaurant, where you can dine accompanied by music.

Overnight stay in Cascais.

● DAY 5 · CASCAIS - GUINCHO

You're about to bid farewell to Cascais, a beautiful town that became fashionable one afternoon in 1870 when the king and queen decided to move their summer residence to this fishing village, located between Lisbon and Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Europe. An example that would soon be followed by the noble, the rich and the famous. As a result, you'll find few places in Portugal with as much class, atmosphere, and luxury as the Cascais coast. Saying goodbye to Cascais is less arduous if you do so after spending a while admiring the sea from the breakwater. It's hypnotic and truly relaxing. Ten minutes from here, skirting the coast and with golf courses on your right, you'll reach Guincho. (Note: Following the EN-247, Cabo Raso will take you to Guincho Beach). You can park the car right by the beach and reach the sand after a few steps. A what a different type of beach it is! The wind constantly blows here and whips up the sand, but far from becoming an unpleasant scene, it turns this natural paradise into a sanctuary for all kinds of water sports. Lovers of surfing, windsurfing, sailing and paddle board will have guaranteed fun here. It's a beach designed by nature for water-based thrills and spills. The waves are perfect, the wind is constant, and the atmosphere is unbeatable. There's an array of shops where you can hire equipment, so look around and you'll definitely find one that fits your needs. In short, a fascinating day of waves and fun. From here, you'll have sensational views of Cabo da Roca and the Sintra mountains, letting you admire how the mist and the silence of the mountain fuse with the light and wildness of the sea.

Overnight stay in Guincho.

● DAY 6 · GUINCHO - LISBON - CITY OF ORIGIN

Set off for Lisbon Airport, located less than an hour away by car. Depending on the time of your flight, you can stop off in the capital beforehand.

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Lisbon.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Lisbon.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Oeiras.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Oeiras.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Estoril.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Estoril.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cascais.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Cascais.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Praia do Guincho.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Praia do Guincho.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Lisbon direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Lisbon



Paço de Arcos



Oeiras



Carcavelos



Parede



Estoril



Cascais



Praia do Guincho



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.