

# PORTUGAL

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### Lisbon

Europe's bargain basement: One-time super-power, earthquake 1755

Downtown: Grid-plan downtown, Rua Augusta, fine ped zone, fun old trolleys

Alfama: Back Door, salty sailors' quarters, explore Gulbenkian Museum

Belem District: Museum and monument suburb

Monument to the Explorers: Henry the Navigator, Vasco de Gama, broke Italy's trade monopoly with East, with all that money they bought a cultural boom

Hieronymite Monastery: Manueline style

Museum of coaches: Best in Europe

Bullfight: Don't kill the bull, very rough on matadors

### North from Lisbon

Sintra: Moorish castle ruins, modern Pena Palace Castle, near Lisbon

Cabo da Roca: Western-most point

Obidos: Cute little medieval walled tourist trap between Lisbon and Nazare

Nazare: Colorful fishing village, swimming

Alcobaca: Church and market

Batalha: Monastery commemorating a 1388 Portuguese victory, greatest architecture in Portugal

Fatima: Huge pilgrimage center, packed with pilgrims on 13th of each month

Coimbra: Great mini-Lisbon to visit, university town, tangled old quarter, unique Fado singing

Porto: Port Wine Tours

Douro River Valley: Vineyard tours/tastings

Evora: "Wild west" feel, Roman temple, bone chapel



### Algarve

Portugal's south coast: Lagos = main resort

Salema: Best beach village, "back door" between Lagos and Sagres, get casa particolare (B&B) best beaches on Atlantic coast nearby

Sagres: SW tip of Portugal, "end of the world"

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