



# Lisbon & the Azores Convention

9 days | Jun 21 2024—Jun 29 2024

Lisbon, Portugal's coastal, capital city, is known for many things, not least among them its traditions of artistry, architecture, and artisanal food. On this tour, join fellow Group Coordinators for an exploration of the city's traditions, from their early days to more modern interpretations. Then, trade the buzz of Lisbon for island life as you get to know São Miguel, an emerald island in the remote Azores archipelago. Tour point value: 1,700 for one; 3,200 for two.



## Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 2 wine tastings
- 1 liquor tasting
- 3 food tastings
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 on-tour flights

## Included highlights

- Convention Tour meeting and networking
- Cozido das Furnas dinner
- Lagoa do Fogo Volcano
- Sete Cidades
- Pineapple plantation visit
- Portuguese wine tastings
- Multicultural culinary walking tour of Lisbon

## Tour pace

You will walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon today.

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## Lisbon → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Lisbon

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Portugal! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Convention meeting & sightseeing tour of Lisbon

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, tasting*

Join your group for a Convention Tour meeting, a series of presentations and discussions designed with Group Coordinators' questions, experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by senior members of Go Ahead Tours staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and tours
- Discuss tour planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator and learn about new program updates
- Enjoy coffee, tea, and an included lunch

Later, set off on a guided sightseeing tour of Lisbon, Portugal's lively capital city.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park and pass the Praça Marquês de Pombal as you travel along Avenida da Liberdade
  - Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém
  - View the outside of the church at Jerónimos Monastery, built to honor voyagers
  - Try pastéis de nata, a famous Portuguese custard tart
  - End the afternoon at the bustling Time Out Market, where you'll have free time to explore the local cuisine at your own pace
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### Day 4: Flight to Ponta Delgada & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Fly to Ponta Delgada, located on the island of São Miguel, and enjoy a guided tour of the Azores' capital city.

- Begin at Forte de São Brás de Ponta Delgada, a Renaissance-style fortress used as a base for the Portuguese Navy
- Continue walking along the scenic promenade to see the San Sebastian church and the Church of São José

Gather for a traditional dinner of Cozido das Furnas, a stew cooked inside an underground, volcano-heated steam chamber.

### Day 5: Lagoa do Fogo & Sete Cidades

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Spend today exploring different areas of São Miguel island.

- Visit Lagoa do Fogo, where you'll be able to soak in spectacular views of the Água de Pau Massif volcano from the south side of the lake
- Have a swim in the pools and waterfalls located within the Caldeira Velha forest
- Stop in downtown Ribeira Grande for an included lunch
- Head to the Sete Cidades village, where you'll enjoy magnificent views of the surrounding crater and lake
- Visit Mosteiros, a fishing village located on the western tip of the island, before returning to Ponta Delgada

### Day 6: Pineapple plantation & Azorean wine tasting

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, wine tasting, dinner, liqueur tasting*

Spend the day indulging your taste buds in some of the flavors for which the Azores are known.

- Step inside a traditional greenhouse where Azorean pineapples—an island specialty—have been cultivated for more than 150 years
- Learn about the processes locals use to produce the delicious fruit
- Take part in a tasting of housemade pineapple liqueur and jam

Afterwards, tour an Azorean vineyard and taste wines produced from grapes grown in the Azores' sometimes harsh climate.

Enjoy an included dinner this evening with your group.

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## Lisbon → 2 nights

### Day 7: Flight to Lisbon & sunset food walking tour

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, dinner*

Spend a free morning in São Miguel before boarding an afternoon flight back to Lisbon.

This evening, meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour of Lisbon.

- Start in the vibrant neighborhood of Príncipe Real where you'll stop to taste petiscos snacks, the Portuguese version of tapas across the border in Spain
- Take in the beautiful views of Lisbon's red roofs which cover the city
- Head next door to the Barrio Alto neighborhood where you'll sample breads, cheeses, and chouriço, a delicious port sausage
- End with a visit to a family-owned restaurant where you'll sit down to enjoy a variety of small plates featuring local dishes

*Please note: You'll be divided into groups of 20 people or less the food walking tour. Each group will have their own local guide.* This evening, meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour of Lisbon.

### Day 8: Setúbal Region wine tasting

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting, farewell dinner*

Travel just south of Lisbon to the Setúbal Peninsula, home to sweeping vistas, delectable seafood dishes, and unique landscapes that contribute to the region's wine history.

- Make your way to a local village, where you'll enjoy an included lunch
- Head to a winery, where you'll learn about the prestigious Setúbal region and how wine has been the area's main export since the late Middle Ages

## Ponta Delgada → 3 nights

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- Sit down to sample some of the varietals from this historic area, which is known for its sweet dessert wines
- After, visit a factory that produces Azulejo tiles
- Learn the stories and history behind these hand-painted tiles, which are a common decorative element in the region's architecture and feature motifs that reflect European, Islamic, Chinese, and Hispano-Moorish influence
- Watch as artisans use traditional European methods to create the colorful, intricate tiles

Return to Lisbon to celebrate your trip with your group at tonight's farewell dinner.

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## Flight Home

### Day 9: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.