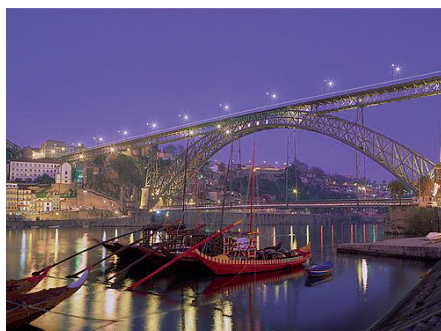




Singles holidays in the UK
Europe and Worldwide

A Taste of Portugal



Depart: 2 September 2009

8 Days / 7 nights

£1069 - no single supplement

Your holiday includes:

- Seven nights on half-board basis at the 4* Hotel Ofir in the resort of Esposende on the Atlantic coast. Located by the beach and near the mouth of the River Cávado, facilities at the hotel include a restaurant with a spectacular panoramic view of the beach, a bar and swimming pool. All rooms are en suite with a balcony.
- All excursions & guided tours included
- Guide for all transfers & excursions
- Scheduled flights to Porto
- Executive coach in Portugal
- Your own room and no single supplement

Excursions :

- Porto – guided city tour
- Douro River cruise
- Fátima, Batalha & Alcobaça
- Braga – Bom Jesus Sanctuary
- Guimarães
- Amarante
- Train ride from Amarante to Arco de Baulhe
- Barcelos Market

Full itinerary on reverse

**No Single
Supplements
on our holidays!**



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Itinerary

Day one - UK to Portugal

Scheduled flight to Porto where we are met by our professional guide who will accompany us on all transfers and day trips. Transfer in our executive coach to the 4* Hotel Ofir at the resort of Esposende on the Atlantic coast for a seven night stay on half board basis.

Day two - Porto & River Douro

Our guided tour of Porto, Portugal's second largest town and one of the most ancient in Europe, takes in the São Francisco Church, Bolsa Palace and the Stock Exchange and also a tasting at Villa Nova de Gaia, one of the greatest port cellars. In the afternoon we enjoy a cruise on the River Douro where we see Porto from a different perspective.

Day three - Fátima, Batalha & Alcobaça

This morning we explore the sanctuary of Fátima, a pilgrim destination on par with Santiago de Compostela in Spain or Lourdes in France. After lunch we continue to the UNESCO listed Dominican Abbey of Santa Maria of Vitória at Batalha. Dating back to 1388, the monastery celebrates the victory at Aljubarrota in 1385 and took almost two centuries to complete. We finish the day at the UNESCO listed Mosteiro de Santa Maria de Alcobaça, Portugal's largest church, which was founded in 1153.

Day four - Esposende

A day at leisure to take a stroll along the beach and enjoy the leisure facilities which the hotel has to offer.

Day five - Braga & Guimarães

Today we visit Braga, the country's religious capital during the 12th century. We visit Bom Jesus do Monte, Portugal's most spectacular religious sanctuary and famous for its giant Baroque Escadaria stairway dating from 1722. We continue to Guimarães, celebrated as the birthplace of the nation after King Afonso Henriques chose the city as his capital in 1139. Our guided tour takes in the narrow streets of the medieval quarter, the cobbled Rua de Santa Maria and the Castelo de São Miguel.

Day six - Amarante

The pretty riverside town of Amarante is one of northern Portugal's hidden gems. Rows of 17th century mansions with brightly painted wooden balconies line Amarante's narrow streets and the spectacular São Gonçalo Bridge dates back to the 13th century. We then enjoy a scenic train journey from Amarante to Arco de Baulhe.

Day seven - Barcelos

The pleasant riverside town of Barcelos is our destination this morning, home to the country's leading ceramics and crafts market and the source of the legendary cock that has become Portugal's national symbol. We visit the Feira de Barcelos weekly market where you have the opportunity to purchase last minute souvenirs. The afternoon is then at leisure at our hotel.

Day eight

We transfer by coach to Porto airport for our scheduled TAP flight back home.