

**proudly presents  
an amazing golfing holiday experience...**

# **PORTUGAL**

**16 –24 April 2024**



**Lisbon Cascais Estoril Sintra Penha-Longa**

*Sometimes you discover a destination and ask yourself...*

*“why have we never done this before?”*

*Cascais is tailor-made for golfers and non-golfers alike and is just  
a short local-train ride into rumbustious Lisbon.*

*A seaside town with top-class golf on your doorstep, more restaurants than you will  
manage and sightseeing and shopping for even the diehards.*

***What has taken so long?***

**This is what you can look forward to when you board the plane in April:**

**Tuesday 16 April**

On assembling at Lisbon Airport, we transfer by air-conditioned coach to our hotel in Cascais, which lies 25km West of Lisbon. Our 2024 group will again stay in the immensely popular 4-star seafront Vila Gale Hotel, with a choice of sea-view or land-view rooms. Cascais is a seaside town known as a holiday-mecca by those who have enjoyed its relaxed Portuguese ambience. Filled with restaurants, shops, local markets, beautiful beaches and lying on a coastline of postcard beauty, Cascais is just a short local train ride from the centre of Lisbon. Numerous restaurants line the coastline, and the casino resort of Estoril is the neighbouring suburb.



Our hotel in Cascais



Safe, protected swimming beaches



What a way to wake up each morning



A buzzing coastal town



Relaxed dining



Portuguese seafood restaurants everywhere

### Wednesday 17 April

After enjoying the hotel's famed buffet breakfast, we transfer with our local guide for a full day outing to **SINTRA**, the glorious "Garden of Eden," as Lord Byron called it....one of the Top 3 attractions in Portugal. Others have named it the "Most beautiful village in the world." A fairy-tale enclave of lush green mountains dotted with magnificent palaces, parkland and aristocratic retreats. The first castles here were built by Portugal's Moorish rulers in the eighth and ninth centuries. As the summer residence of the royal family, the town attracted a stream of wealthy European nobles whose huge mansions and villas reflect architectural styles from the 15th century to the 19th.

En route to Sintra, we stop at **Cabo de Roca**, the most Westerly point of Europe where the wind followers flock for extreme sporting opportunities.

After a guided tour of Sintra, including entrance to Pena National Palace, there is time for lunch at one of the restaurants or bars in the centre of Sintra and a walk about in the tourist shopping area before heading back to Cascais.



The magic of Sintra



The Sintra Town Square



Colourful cafes, bars and restaurants



The Sintra palace with its distinctive chimneys



Dinner on the square in Cascais



Cascais' famous lighthouse inlet

## Thursday 18 April

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Our first scheduled round of golf in Portugal is at the legendary PENHA LONGA Golf Club, a European Top 30 golf course and a golfing experience never to be forgotten. Part of the Penha Longa Resort...ranked #11 of European Resorts, the course winds through and over the surrounding hills and through the mixed forests of the region. A fitting start to a wonderful golfing experience.



The magnificent clubhouse and Pro Shop



Ocean views, forests and an ancient aqueduct



A European Top 30 golf resort...for sure



It does not get much better than this!!!

While the golfers are taking up the challenge of their first golf in Portugal, the non-golfers have the opportunity to explore the attractions and sights of Cascais...and get a taste of the laid-back lifestyle of the locals.



Portuguese leather and cork



Strolling, browsing and ice-cream



...and there's a Mall



Sardines Portuguese-style



Portuguese Custard Tarts



Cataplana.....Wow!

## Friday 19 April

Today is a big day, starting with a coach transfer along the coast to two of Lisbon's most famous landmarks, the **Padrão dos Descobrimentos** (*Monument to the Discoveries*) and **Torre de Belém** (**Belém Tower**).

The Monument to the Discoveries lies on the northern bank of the Tagus River estuary, where ships departed to explore and trade with India and celebrates the Portuguese or Age of Exploration during the 15th and 16th centuries. The monument's connections to South Africa are enormous. The Belem Tower, built in the early 16th century, was part of a defence system at the mouth of the Tagus river and a ceremonial gateway to Lisbon. The tower's importance to the history of Lisbon is reflected in its Unesco World Heritage status.



The Belem Tower



Monument to the Discoveries



They discovered the Cape

After the chance to walkabout and photograph the monuments, we proceed to the Beer Museum on Commercial Square where we start our walkabout of Lisbon, including the Baixa which is filled with restaurants, cafes and shopping of all descriptions. Major attractions certain to be popular include the Castle, the relaxed squares surrounded by laid-back eateries, the varied and endless shopping, a tram ride to anywhere or no-where just to experience the sounds, a ride on a friendly tuk-tuk to take in all of the city's sights. A big day in a fascinating city.

A special addition to our Cascais tours is a crossing of the 25 April Bridge across the Targus River to get a spectacular view of the city of Lisbon and the surrounding region.



The 25 April Bridge over the Targus River



Triumphal Arch at the impressive Commercial Square



Strolling, shopping and eating in the BAIXA



Picturesque squares of Lisbon



Tour the city on the Red Hop-On Hop-Off bus



Lisbon's famous trams



The endless view over the city from the Castle



Lunch, beers, a glass of wine..... a stop at one the BAIXA al fresco restaurants is a must



## Saturday 20 April

Our second round of golf in Portugal is at the impressive and stately ESTORIL Golf Club, home to many local and regional tournaments and regular host to the Portuguese Seniors Tournament. Winding through the indigenous forests of the region, Estoril GC is a perfect example of Portuguese golf and boasts one of the friendliest clubhouses in Portugal. Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, is probably the club's most famous member ever and wrote Dr No on the clubhouse balcony.



Estoril's stately clubhouse



Typical Portuguese fairways



Winding through the forests



Sea views from the 18<sup>th</sup> green



## Sunday 21 April

Today is a day at leisure and there is an endless list of activities and sights from which to choose. The most popular are certain to be:

- ❖ **Cabo da Roca** (*Cape Roca*), the Westernmost point of mainland Europe, where the winds and currents generate huge seas and spectacular waves crash along the coast. The weather conditions make this the natural home of kitesurfing.




Heading off along the cycle path



The famous "Inferno Caves"

- ❖ **Cycle or Quad bike** along the coast, safe on the double lane bicycle track. The perfect way to explore the region and stop along the way for a meal of Portuguese specialities.

- ❖ **Rent a scooter**  and explore the coastline and the nature reserves which lie inland from Cascais.

- ❖ **Boat trip / fishing.** Try your hand at fishing, you never know when the Big-One is coming. Or simply take a relaxing boat trip along the coast

- ❖ **Revisit Lisbon** to explore more of its endless attractions. It's just a 30-minute train ride away

- ❖ **An optional round of golf** at one of the local courses

- ❖ **Take a long walk** along the coastline, stop for a beer or glass of wine along the way and then visit the famous Estoril Casino to try your luck on the machines and tables







Dinner in Cascais



Sunset in Cascais

## Monday 22 April



After many questions at the end of every Cascais tour in the past about why the group did not get a chance to play a second round at Penha Longa, we have decided to do just that for 2024. Ritz-Carlton hospitality coupled to a majestic Trent Jones designed course makes for a superb golfing experience.



## Tuesday 23 April

Today has been kept free to allow everyone to catch up and spend the day the way they want...playing an additional round of golf, wine tasting, shopping for leather, strolling along the coast, revisiting some of the local attractions or just simply "relaxing" Portuguese style.

A big attraction in Lisbon is always the Lisbon Oceanarium, which is currently rated the best oceanarium in the world by Trip Advisor. And a great way to spend the day is to catch the coastal train into Lisbon, ride the cable cars along the coast, visit the Oceanarium, have lunch in Baixa or Alfama and be back in Cascais for sundowners.



Great views from the cable cars at the Oceanarium



The world's #3 Oceanarium



Undersea wonders



A breath-taking experience

## Wednesday 24 April

This morning we say a sad farewell to Cascais and transfer to Lisbon Airport for our flights back home.



**The tour package includes:**

- 8 nights' 4-star accommodation (Sea view) on a bed and breakfast basis in Cascais
- A full day outing with a local guide to Sintra with one entrance included
- All sightseeing specified
- 3 rounds of A-Grade golf (optional additional golf easily arranged)
- Air-conditioned coach transfers for airport transfers, golf and sightseeing as listed
- Sightseeing programme, on-site assistance and support for activities for non-golfers
- Comprehensive pre-tour literature about the tour, the destinations and the attractions
- Tour Director travelling with the group
- Detailed sight-seeing literature

**Not included:**

- International airfares (but assistance for bookings is available)
- visa costs
- golf car or pull trolley rental
- medical and cancellation insurance
- activities not specified
- gratuities

**Package price: The “per person” package prices for the tour are:**

CATEGORY	Sharing	Single
Golfer	€ 1 465	€ 2 070
Non-golfer	€ 1 210	€ 1 820

**Please Note:**

1. A deposit of €295 per person is required to secure your place on the tour
2. All prices are strictly subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
3. No changes to bookings are possible after the 10-week pre-departure date.
4. Passengers over the age of 70 years on the date of departure will be required to supply a medical certificate of good health.
5. The Travel Company will book golf cars (buggies) when requested to do so by clients but cannot accept responsibility for availability on the day.
6. All pages of the booking form must be completed in full and signed by each passenger.

**How to book.**

In order to book, you will need to [CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE](#). It is safe, secure and incredibly quick.

You'll need the following info for each traveller:

- Personal information, including travel document (passport)
- Medical & emergency contact information
- Credit/debit card for payment of the deposit

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