

**A 7 days school tour to Lisbon and to other important cities of Portugal including Oporto and Aveiro, the Venice of Portugal.**



**Day 1 (8/05/2012) Arrival in Lisbon**

Departure from Udine by coach at 17.30, arrival at Venice Airport at 19.30.

Departure of the flight at 21.05, arrival at 23.20 at Lisbon Airport. Transfer to VIP EXECUTIVE DIPLOMATICO HOTEL.

**Day 2 (9/05/2012) Santa Mãria de Bèlem**

In the morning visit to the monument-packed neighborhood and one of the most visited places in Lisbon: Santa Mãria de Bèlem.

The visit of the city begins with *Padrão dos Descobrimentos* (Monument to the Discoveries), a monument on the northern margin of the Tagus River where ships departed to explore and trade with India and the Orient. It was officially unveiled in 1960 to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the death of Henry the Navigator. Along with him there are other 32 figures from the history of the Discoveries. The top of the monument (which can be reached via an elevator or

stairs) offers views of the Tagus River, the Belém neighbourhood and its many attractions, including the *Belém Tower* a fortified tower declared by the UNESCO a World Heritage Site, built on a small island in the Tagus River and the most-photographed symbol of Portugal's maritime glory. In the afternoon visit to *Mosteiro dos Jerónimos* (Jerónimos Monastery) which was the the most impressive symbol of Portugal's power and wealth during the Age of Discoveries. It was built to commemorate Vasco Da Gama's voyage and to give thanks to the Virgin Mary for its success. Within the Church there are the stones tombs of of Vasco da Gama and other famous poets and playwrights.



**Day 3 (10/05/2012) The Gulbenkian Museum and The National Museum of Ancient Art**

The third day of our visit will be dedicated to art and culture. The day starts with the visit of *Gulbenkian Museum* located in Avenida de Berna. Home to some of the greatest art works from Ancient Civilizations to the Renaissance epoch, it is indeed a place where the culture of ancient civilizations breathes alive. Here, visitors can relive the past and, for a moment, forget the present.

After lunch visit of *The National Museum of Ancient Art* located in the Palácio de Alvor-Pombal. The most famous work in the museum are the Saint Vincent Panels, which date from before 1470 and are attributed to Nuno Gonçalves, court painter of King Afonso V. The six large panels show people from all levels of late medieval Portuguese society venerating Saint Vincent, in one of the first portraits in European art.

**Day 4 (11/05/2012) The Lisbon Oceanarium and Vasco da Gama Tower**

In the morning visit to the *Oceanário de Lisboa* (Lisbon Oceanarium) which is located in the *Parque das Nações*, which was the exhibition grounds for the Expo '98. It has a large collection of marine species totaling about 16,000 individuals of 450 species. In the late afternoon



visit to the *Torre Vasco da Gama* (Vasco da Gama Tower), built over the Tagus River, which is the tallest building in Portugal with its 145 m. The steel structure represents the sail of a caravel: on the top of the tower there is a restaurant.

**Day 5 (12/05/2012) Alfama**

After breakfast visit to the oldest district of Lisbon, spreading on the slope between the Castle of Lisbon and the Tejo River: Alfama.

Visit of the mediaeval *Castle of São Jorge* (St. George's Castle) which is a Moorish castle that occupies a position overlooking the city of Lisbon; it is one of the main historical and touristic sites of the city; the view of Lisbon from the top of the castle is spectacular.

Free lunch and visit to *Museu do Fado* (Fado Museum) which explains the evolution and the passion behind Portugal's famous musical expression with audiovisual presentations, multilingual information panels, and musical archives. A multilingual audio guide is available, and there is also a multimedia section with recordings and biographic information of all the major Fado personalities, from singers to composers.

Day 6 (13/05/2012) **Aveiro, Oporto and Ribeira**

Start early in the morning and head to Aveiro, near Oporto; it is also known as the “Venice of Portugal”. For the number of canals and painted boats which are quite similar to the gondolas in Venice.



Don't miss the Boat Cruise that consists of a tour of the canals on a beautiful colored *moliceiro*'s.

In the afternoon transfer to AMERICA HOTEL in Oporto; visit to his Historical Centre declared by the UNESCO a World Heritage Site. In the evening visit to Ribeira, the most characteristic district in Oporto: the view of the city separated by a bridge from Oporto is delightful.

Day 7 (14/05/2012) **Coimbra**

Departure to Coimbra, a city in central Portugal. The day starts with the visit of the *University of Coimbra*, which is one of the oldest in Europe and the oldest academic institution in the Portuguese-speaking world. In the University a visit to the *Joanina Library* is a must; it contains about 250 thousand volumes, namely works of medicine, geography, history and such. Free time for shopping and dinner in a typical Portuguese restaurant for our last day in Portugal.

Day 8 (15/05/2012) **Last day in Lisbon and departure to Venice**

Departure early in the morning to Lisbon Airport: flight to Venice at 08.25, arrival at 10.30.  
Arrival in Udine at 12.30.

**PRICES FROM 480 € include:**

- *Accommodation in Vip Executive Diplomatico Hotel \*\*\*\* (half board) for 6 days*
- *Accommodation in America Hotel\*\*\* (half board) for 1 day*
- *Various museum tickets*
- *Metro and Bus tickets*
- *Oceanarium ticket*
- *Boat Cruise*
- *Transfers*
- *Flight*

*Lunch is not included in the price*

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