

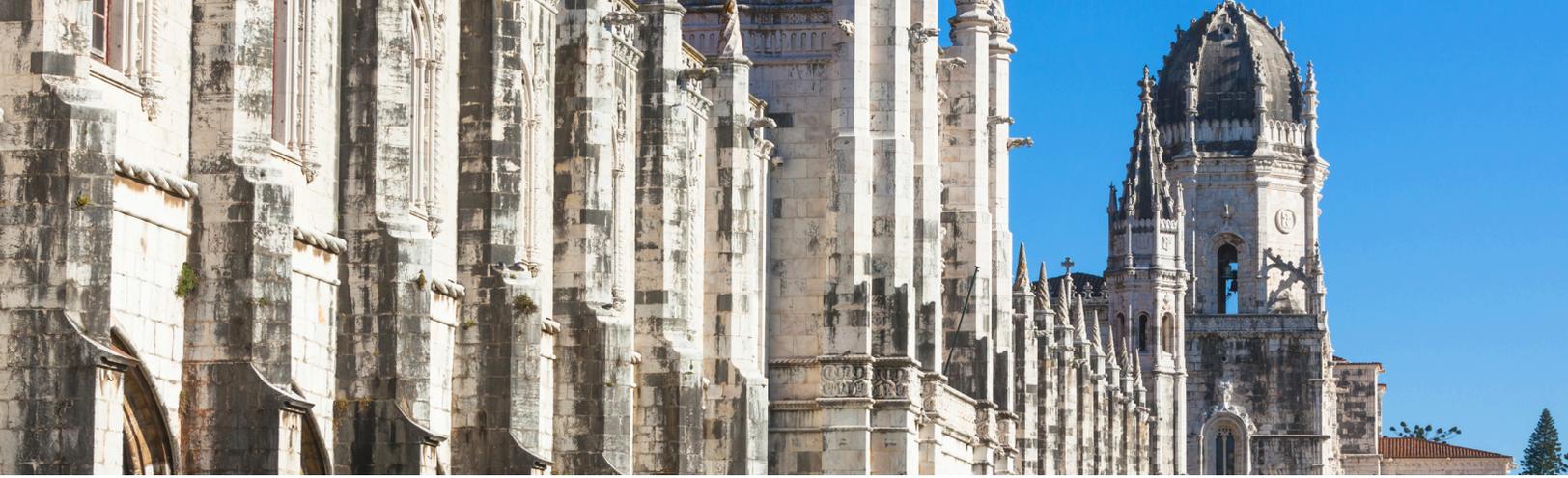
# Portugal

In the Footsteps of Crypto-Jewish  
Communities and World Explorers

Jewish Heritage

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## **Day 1 – Arrival to Lisbon (Portugal)**

Late Arrival at night.

Transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight in Lisbon.**

## **Day 2 – Lisbon**

A day dedicated to exploring Lisbon—a beautiful city that takes pride in its rich history and its strategic location at the mouth of the Tagus River, from which explorers like Vasco da Gama and Magellan set sail.

We will begin our tour in the Belém district, visiting the Jerónimos Monastery, which is famous for its notable tombs. Next, we will see the Monument to the Discoveries, featuring Prince Henry the Navigator. After that, we'll explore the city's squares and neighborhoods, enjoy views from Eduardo VII Park, and visit Alfama, Lisbon's oldest quarter, which survived the 1755 earthquake and tsunami. As time allows, we will also explore Rossio Square, Avenida da Liberdade, Marquês de Pombal Square, Bairro Alto, and more.

We'll spend the night in Lisbon.





## **Day 3 –Mafra Palace – Óbidos – Nazaré – Batalha Monastery – Tomar**

Begin with a visit to the grand Mafra Palace, built by King João V in the 18th century using gold from Brazil.

Continue to Óbidos, a walled medieval village known as the “Pearl in the Crown,” traditionally given by kings to their queens.

Then, go to the fishing town of Nazaré, with dramatic cliffs and a lovely coastline.

Visit the Batalha Monastery, a Gothic-Manueline architectural gem built to commemorate a battle victory.

End the day in Tomar.

Overnight in Tomar.





## Day 4 – Tomar – Castelo de Vide – Marvão – Trancoso (Crypto-Jewish Village)

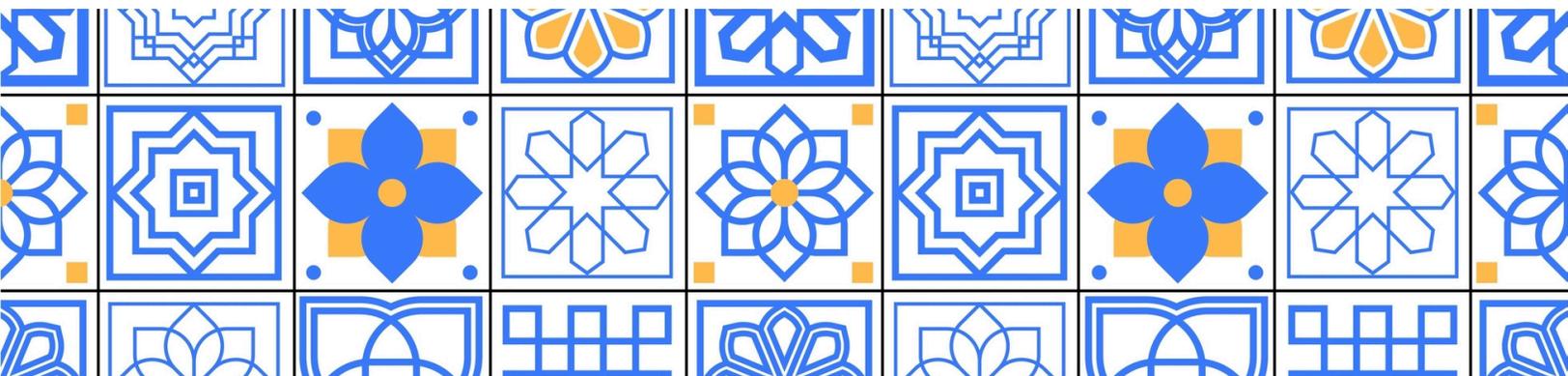
Head east to Castelo de Vide, where many residents descend from Jews. Explore remnants of the Crypto-Jews and the bridge crossed by expelled Spanish Jews entering Portugal.

View the walled city of Marvão.

Continue into the region where Crypto-Jews hid after fleeing Spain in 1496.

Prepare for Shabbat with candle-lighting and a Shabbat dinner.

Overnight in Trancoso.





## Day 5 – Trancoso – Douro River Valley – Porto

Further explore the Crypto-Jewish heritage in Trancoso, then drive north through the scenic Douro Valley, with vineyards and olive groves on terraced hillsides.

Stop in Lamego, home to impressive 16th-century churches and the "Our Lady of Remedies" Church reached by Baroque steps.

Continue to Peso da Régua and then to Amarante, the "Lovers' Village," a charming riverside town.

Taste cherry liqueur and proceed to Porto.  
Begin a city tour upon arrival.

Overnight in Porto.





## Day 6 – Porto – Douro River Cruise

Porto, Portugal's second-largest city, sits along the Douro River and has four iconic bridges. Known for its port wine, the city has a rich history as a trade center.

Tour Porto's squares, the colorful Ribeira district, Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace), São Bento Station with its ceramic tile art, and São Francisco Church.

Visit Vila Nova de Gaia's wine cellars and enjoy a scenic Douro River cruise.

After dinner, enjoy a nighttime tour of the illuminated bridges and riverside.

Overnight in Porto.





## **Day 7– Buçaco Forest – Aveiro – Coimbra**

Drive to Buçaco Forest, a stunning nature reserve. Take a leisurely walk through its landscaped gardens and forest paths, including a segment of the "Via Sacra" built by 16th-century monks.

Next, head to Aveiro, known as “Little Venice,” where you can explore its charming canals, colorful houses, Art Nouveau architecture, and lively fish market. Enjoy a scenic canal boat ride.

Continue your journey to Coimbra, Portugal’s historic university town. Explore the old city, visit the university, and admire its famous library.

In the evening, attend a traditional Fado concert before settling in for an overnight stay in Coimbra.



## **Day 8 – Sintra – Cabo da Roca – Lisbon – Flight back home.**

Visit **Sintra**, renowned for its numerous palaces and designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll through its charming streets and admire the grand mansions.

Next, head to **Cabo da Roca**, Europe's westernmost point, said to possess mystical powers.

On your way, pass through the fishing towns of **Cascais** and **Estoril**, once frequented by European aristocracy.

If time allows, consider touring Lisbon's modern Expo area before heading to the airport for your flight home.



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