

Retreat in Portugal and Spain

10th–16th September 2025

Program

Wednesday | 10.09.2025

Arrival

Transfer airport – Porto,
Hotel in Famalicao,
free time to settle



Thursday | 11.09.2025

Full day tour to Coimbra

Start your day with a visit to the historic **University of Coimbra**, one of the oldest universities in Europe. Explore the **Joanina Library**, an exquisite example of Baroque architecture, filled with centuries-old books and fascinating history. You'll also visit the **Royal Palace** and the **Chapel of St. Michael**, known for its intricate details and historical significance.

Afterward, take a guided walk through Coimbra's charming **historic center**, making a stop at the majestic **Sé Velha** (Old Cathedral), one of the most important Romanesque buildings in Portugal. Along the way, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the narrow streets and local shops.

Lunch will be enjoyed at a traditional restaurant, where you can savor local Portuguese cuisine.

In the afternoon, the tour continues with a visit to the **Monastery of Santa Cruz**, a national monument where the first kings of Portugal are buried.

You will also have the option to explore the **Jewish Quarter** and learn about the history of the **Inquisition** in Coimbra. Or a free time for shopping.

- 08:00 Pick up from the hotel and transfer to the convent in Requiao for Holy Mass
- 11:00 Transfer to Coimbra
- 13:00 Visit Coimbra with official guide
- 15:00 Lunch at a restaurant at your own expense
- 16:00 Carry on visit to Coimbra with official guide
- 18:00 Transfer back to the hotel

Friday | 12.09.2025

Fatima

- 6:00 Pick up from the hotel and transfer to Fatima
- 10:00 Holy mass
- 13:00 Lunch at a restaurant at your own expense
- 15:00 Transfer back to the hotel



Saturday | 13.09.2025

Requiao

Retreat-day at the Convent of Pater Milheiro

- 08:00 Pick up from the hotel and transfer to the convent
- 09:00 Holy mass, (time for Confession, time to give a testimony), the food is provided
- 17:00 Transfer back to hotel



Sunday | 14.09.2025

Full day tour to Santiago

Begin your day with a scenic drive to the magnificent city of **Santiago de Compostela**, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the world. Upon arrival, visit the awe-inspiring **Cathedral of Santiago**, the final destination of the renowned Camino de Santiago. This impressive Romanesque-Gothic structure houses the relics of St. James and features the famous **Portico of Glory**.

After exploring the cathedral, enjoy a guided walk through the **Praza do Obradoiro**, the bustling heart of the city, surrounded by stunning historical buildings. Stroll through the charming **Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where narrow streets and stone buildings transport you back in time.

On your free time, have a lunch will be at a traditional Galician restaurant, where you can sample local specialties such as pulpo (octopus), empanada, and Santiago cake.

On your time left you can have a walk on the **Alameda Park** and relax while waiting for the return time.



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- 09:00 Transfer to Santiago de Compostela
- 13:00 Visit Santiago de Compostela with official guide
- 14:30 Lunch at a restaurant at your own expense
- 15:30 Carry on visit Santiago de Compostela with official guide
- 18:00 Transfer back to the hotel

Monday| 15.09.2025

Full day tour to Porto

Begin your day with a visit the historic **Porto Cathedral (Sé do Porto)**, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece with panoramic views of the city. From there, explore the **Bolsa Palace**, a 19th-century neoclassical building known for its magnificent **Arab Room**, inspired by the Alhambra in Spain.

A short walk takes you to the **Church of São Francisco**, renowned for its elaborate Baroque interior covered in gold leaf. Afterward, head to Avenida dos Aliados, the city's central boulevard, where you can admire its grand architecture and bustling atmosphere.

Afterward, return to Porto's historic center for a visit to the impressive **Lello Bookstore**, often regarded as one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world, with its ornate staircase and stained glass.

Conclude the tour with a stroll through the charming streets of the **Clérigos neighborhood**, stopping by the towering **Clérigos Tower** for a panoramic view of the city, or simply enjoy a coffee at a local café before heading back.



Conclude the morning visiting to the iconic **Ribeira District**, Porto's riverside quarter filled with colorful buildings, narrow cobbled streets, and a lively atmosphere. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the **Douro River** and take in the stunning views of the famous **Dom Luís I Bridge**.

For lunch, savor traditional Portuguese cuisine at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy dishes such as **francesinha or bacalhau** (codfish).

In the afternoon, cross the river to **Vila Nova de Gaia**, where you'll visit one of Porto's famous **Port wine cellars**. Here, you'll learn about the history and production of Port wine, followed by a guided tasting of some of the finest varieties.

- 08:00 Pick up from the hotel and transfer to the convent for Holy mass
- 09:00 Transfer to Porto
- 10:00 Visit Porto with official guide
- 14:30 Lunch at a restaurant at your own expense
- 16:00 Carry on visit Porto
- 18:00 Transfer back to the hotel

Tuesday | 16.09.2025

Departure

Transport Famalicao to the airport in Porto

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