



LAND JOURNEY



NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Portugal

Alluring Alentejo

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Delight in the Alentejo's **brehtaking capital, Évora**, an open-air museum of Portugal's fascinating past.
- ▶ Spend the day in **spectacular Lisbon**, taking in its Old-World grandeur.
- ▶ Learn how to **prepare traditional Portuguese dishes** during a fun, hands-on lesson in a private home.
- ▶ Savor delectable meals amid the warm ambience of a **family-owned winery** and a **countryside homestead**.
- ▶ **Journey to Spain** to admire impressively preserved **Roman ruins in Mérida** and the Portuguese flair of lovely **Olivenza**.
- ▶ Feel the heartfelt, melancholy emotion of **fado, Portugal's iconic music**.
- ▶ Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
 - **7 nights** in Vila Viçosa, Portugal, at the deluxe Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa.
- Extensive Meal Program**
 - 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
 - Opportunities to sample local cuisine.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
 - **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
 - **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
 - Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
 - **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
 - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Lisbon and transfer 🔄 to hotel in Vila Viçosa
- Day 3** Vila Viçosa | Borba | Estremoz
- Day 4** Évora
- Day 5** Lisbon
- Day 6** Mérida | Olivenza
- Day 7** Elvas
- Day 8** Monsaraz
- Day 9** Transfer 🔄 to Lisbon airport and depart for gateway city ✈
- Day 10** Arrive in gateway city

Flights ✈ and transfers 🔄 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

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Above left: Monsaraz | Above: Fado performance





Discovery

AHI Connects: Cooking at Sofia's House. Chef Sophia cordially welcomes you to her 18th-century home in Évora's old town for a hands-on session covering authentic ingredients, techniques and cultural insights. Then dig into your tasty creations!

The Marble Route. Portugal's renowned white marble has been extracted from this region since Roman times. On guided strolls, soak up the gleaming splendor of Vila Viçosa, your home base, and two other marble towns, Borba and Estremoz. The local marble covers every surface, from façades and fountains to doorsteps, benches and pavement. While in Vila Viçosa, tour the majestic Ducal Palace, the royal house of the Bragança dynasty. Later, at a beautiful winery, relax over a tapas lunch paired with fine Portuguese wines.

Évora. Wonderful surprises await around every corner in Alentejo's capital city. Witness Roman ruins, Moorish-influenced architecture, and handsome, 16th-century palaces and noble houses from its pinnacle as a royal city. Visit one of Évora's most popular and unusual monuments, the Chapel of Bones, built by Franciscan monks in the 16th century.

Lisbon. Revel in Lisbon's vibrant character and stunning architecture on a scenic tour/ guided walk. Go inside Jeronimo's Monastery to see the enchanting cloisters ornamented in the Manueline style, and marvel at the magnificent, 16th-century Tower of Belém standing guard over the Tagus River.

Mérida and Olivenza. Head into Spain and visit Mérida, home to superb ruins that reflect the glory of the Roman Empire. Appreciate the classical lines of the elegant theater and stand in the amphitheater where gladiators battled. Next, meander in Olivenza, one of Spain's prettiest villages, which was part of Portugal until 1801. See the blend of cultures revealed along its lanes and view interesting historic artifacts at a museum housed in a 13th-century castle and 18th-century bakery.

Elvas. This border town once protected the key crossing between Madrid and Lisbon. Its 17th-century fortifications include a thick city wall with jutting bulwarks to defend from any angle. On a guided walk, discover its strategic importance and delight in inviting squares like the strikingly tiled Praça da República.

Monsaraz. Relish the timeless, traditional beauty of this picturesque, hilltop village that boasts whitewashed buildings and gorgeous views over the rolling Alentejo countryside.

Cork Farm. Dotted with ancient cork forests, the Alentejo is one of the world's largest cork producers. Visit a *herdade*, or homestead, on a family-owned estate. Walk through the farm and cork forest, learn how cork is made, and enjoy a delicious lunch served with wine.



Évora

Enrichment

- ▶ **Alentejo: Portugal's Best Kept Secret**
- ▶ **Fado, the Portuguese Song**

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Historic Center of Évora, Portugal**
2. **Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém, Portugal**
3. **Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, Spain**
4. **Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications, Portugal**



Vila Viçosa

Accommodations

Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa |

Vila Viçosa



Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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- **Home support staff and ground team.**
- **A global network of trusted partners.**

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Tower of Belém