

# Portugal 2023

Join Fr. John Trigilio & Fratelli & Company

May 29—June 09



## *TASTINGS:*

*Port Wine*

*Green Wine*

*Tapas Bars &  
Street Food*

*Boat Trip Tagus  
River to Cacilhas*

*Cruise on the  
Duoro River*

## *Sightseeing:*

*Lisbon*

*Nazare`*

*Compostela*

*Porto*

*Duoro Valley*

*Fado Dinner*

*Show & more.....*



*Santiago de Compostela*

*Santarem*





Dear Friends,

Join us on a new and exciting trip and journey through northern Portugal into Compostela, Spain. This venture promises to be a delightful mix of the spiritual, with Fatima Santarem and Santiago de Compostela Spain and beautiful sightseeing, food tasting, river cruise and wine tasting all along the way.

We certainly hope that you can join us.

Sincere Regards,

Lou / Fratelli & Company Group Travel, LLC & Father John Trigilio

### **Day 1 / May 28 —Departure from Newark to Portugal**

This evening we board our trans-Atlantic flight to Lisbon, Portugal. Those wishing to purchase airfare on their own should adhere to the schedule on page 8 of this brochure and contact our office. **Round trip is into Lisbon and out of Porto.**

### **Day 2 / May 29 – Lisbon**

Upon arrival we meet our tour manager and driver to take us to our Lisbon Hotel for check-in. Prior to check-in we will have a half day Panoramic /Orientation tour of the city. Afterwards, sometime to relax a bit and freshen up. Supper at hotel and overnight in Lisbon.

### **Day 3 / May 30 – Lisbon Full Day City tour**

Today, after breakfast, will start our tour at Belém district, where we can find the most emblematic Lisbon monuments such as: Belém Tower, a fortress built in the 16th century to defend the city; the Discoveries Monument, a monument built in 1960 to celebrate the departure of the caravels to discover the new world. Close by, we can find the Jeronimos Monastery (entrance), built in the 16th century by order of King Manuel I. We will stop to taste the famous “Pastel de Belém” a pastry made with the monks' recipe, at its original factory, dated from 1837. Our tour continues along the Tagus River with Marqués de Pombal Square, Liberdade Avenue, Restauradores Square, Rossio Square and Baixa Pombalina, Alfama. At Alfama, a tuc tuc, will take you to the castle, from here, you can enjoy an amazing view all over Lisbon. After the visit, we begin our walk, descending towards Terreiro do Paço square, where will have our first wine tasting experience. The day is almost over but not for us. We will take a boat trip on the Tagus River to Cacilhas. During the ride you can enjoy the amazing views of Lisbon, the river and of the fisherman's village of Cacilhas and maybe dolphins and with a beautiful sunset. Cacilhas is located at the opposite side of the Tagus River, and it's known for its phenomenal seafood restaurants. During **dinner (included)** you will enjoy what is the best sunset in Portugal, having the river and Old Town of Lisbon right in front of your eyes. A beautiful walk around the famous chafariz de cacilhas and the amazing main streets and finally will enjoy a great delicious **Seafood meal**, of course with great Portuguese wines. We will return Lisbon by bus crossing 25<sup>th</sup> April bridge over the lights of Lisbon. Overnight in Lisbon.



### **Day 4 / May 31 - Lisbon City – Morning at leisure.**

This morning is free time to relax or do some shopping. We will meet in the early Afternoon: **TAPAS - An afternoon between tapas bars! Typical food, wines, beer and spiritual drinks (included).**

In the afternoon, our guide will pick you at the hotel and will take you on a



ride through the ancient Lisbon district – Bairro Alto, an old and picturesque neighborhood in the center of Lisbon, with narrow cobble-stone streets, centuries-old houses, small traditional shops, restaurants, and nightlife. Here, we will find a great variety of taverns, bars and restaurants and we will start our “crusade” on tastings. We will descend by tram to Restauradores, we will have a “Ginginha”, as we arrive at the place where we will taste the traditional Portuguese cuisine. Return to hotel. Overnight in Lisbon.





## Day 5 / June 1 – Lisbon to Fatima and Valinhos with guide

The next 2 days will be in Fatima. Fatima is one of the most important religious pilgrimage sites in the world. Pilgrims travel to Fatima year-round but the 13th of the months of May to October are the days that celebrate the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria in the parish of Fatima in 1917. The Capelinha das Aparições marks the spot where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1917. Other sacred



sites include the Basílica de Nossa Senhora do Rosário, with its golden angels, and the modern church of Igreja da Santíssima Trindade. The rosary followed by the candlelight procession takes place every evening until the beginning of Advent in the main square. **Supper included, overnight in Fatima.**



## Day 6 / June 2 – Fatima - Santarem - Nazaré - Fátima

Today, after breakfast we depart for a full day excursion.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem is considered the most important after the Miracle of Lanciano. Studies and canonical investigations have been made during the years, being the most important the ones in 1340 and 1612, which proved without doubt the authenticity and antiquity of the Eucharistic Miracle.

### Departure to Nazaré. Lunch included.

Nazare': Nazare, named after the Biblical "Nazareth" in the 4th century, is Portugal's most



famous fishing village, now becoming important as well in the world of big wave, tow-in surfing. The tallest wave ever recorded being surfed – by a Hawaiian big-wave surfer – was off Nazare. We will visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Nazare' (Nazareth) high up on the hilltop overlooking the city and the Atlantic Ocean. The image of Our Lady of Nazareth is that of a black virgin. Carved in wood, it was brought from Merida to this oceanic promontory in the year 711 by Friar Romano, a monk of the convent of Cauliniana, who fled the Muslim invaders. Our Lady of Nazareth, founded by King Ferdinand I in 1377, which began to be rebuilt in the early seventeenth century until it acquired its present form, its medieval origins today hardly recognizable. Return to Fátima.

**Supper included and overnight in Fatima.**



## Day 7 / June 3 – Fatima to Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Today we depart Fatima enroute to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. This famous pilgrimage site in north-west Spain became a symbol in the Spanish Christians' struggle against Islam. Destroyed by the Muslims at the end of the 10th century, it was completely rebuilt in the following century. With its Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque buildings, the Old Town of Santiago is one of the world's most beautiful urban areas. The oldest monuments are grouped around the tomb of St James and the cathedral, which contains the remarkable Pórtico de la Gloria. Upon our arrival, we will check in to our hotel and have some time to relax and freshen up. **Supper included, overnight in Santiago.**



## Day 8 / June 4 - Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Today we meet our guide for Compostela and the surrounding area. Santiago de Compostela is the capital of northwest Spain's Galicia region. It's known as the culmination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, and the burial site of the Biblical apostle St. James. His remains lie within the Cathedral de Santiago de Compostela, consecrated in 1211. The elaborately carved stone facades open onto grand plazas within the medieval walls of the old town. The Old Town of Santiago de Compostela, together with the outlying Santa Maria de Conxo Monastery, constitutes an extraordinary ensemble of distinguished monuments. The squares and narrow streets of the Old Town contain Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassic buildings. This town is not only a harmonious and very well-preserved historical city, but also a place deeply imbued with faith. The cathedral, considered as a masterpiece of Romanesque



architecture, keeps the remarkable Pórtico de la Gloria, a jewel of the medieval sculpture. However, the authentic symbol of the city is the Baroque western façade of the cathedral, which forms one of the sides of the square of Obradoiro, one of the world's most beautiful urban areas. This famous pilgrimage site in north-west Spain became a symbol in the Spanish Christians' struggle against Islam. Destroyed by the Muslims at the end of the 10th century, it was completely rebuilt in the following century. With its Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque buildings, the Old Town of Santiago is one of the world's most beautiful urban areas. The oldest monuments are grouped around the tomb of St James and the cathedral, which contains the remarkable Pórtico de la Gloria. Supper on your own and overnight in Spain. **Supper on your own,**

**overnight in Santiago.**



## Day 9 / June 5 – Santiago de Compostela, Spain - Porto

This morning we depart to Porto in Portugal, our last stop of this journey. We will stop enroute in Sanxenxo for lunch on your own. Later, we continue to Porto, stopping at the heart of vinho verde wine region for an unique experience. **Vinho Verde** (Portuguese: literally 'green wine') refers to Portuguese wine that originated in the historic Minho province in the far north of the country. The modern-day 'Vinho Verde' region, originally designated in 1908, includes the old Minho province plus adjacent areas to the south.

Vinho Verde is not a grape variety, it is a DOC for the production of wine. The name means "green wine," but translates as "young wine", with wine being released three to six months after the grapes are harvested. They may be red, white, or rosé, and they are usually consumed soon after bottling. A Vinho Verde can also be a sparkling, a Late Harvest or even Brandy. In its early years of production, the slight effervesce of the wine came from malolactic fermentation taking place in the bottle.

Continue on to Porto. **Supper on your own** overnight Porto.



## Day 10 / June 6 - Porto, Portugal – FULL DAY PORTO

Porto, the unofficial capital of northern Portugal, can rival popular Lisbon for historic sites, active local scene and exciting nightlife. Porto's historic center is proud of its architecture, both traditional and unique, with winding streets jam packed with hidden gems. Modern Porto celebrates a vibrant culture, nightlife, and exciting and daring cuisine. we will have a guided walking tour of the city, with stops along the way; Sao Bento train station which is among the world's most beautiful train stations, and the famed Lello Bookstore. Considered one of the must-see attractions in Porto, this bookstore ranks high with visitors and residents alike, if only for the building's architecture. Once inside this architectural treasure you'll find even more breathtaking beauty. The art nouveau style showcases a spectacular spiral staircase, wood paneled ceiling and carved bookshelves, masterpieces one and all. In addition, this fully operational bookstore boasts several thousand tomes in various genres. Impressive indeed. Tonight, supper included and overnight in Porto.





## Day 11 / June 7 – Porto Douro Valley / Lunch at a Port estate / Cruise on The Douro River

Today will be a full day in Douro Valley and River.

This morning we'll make our way deep into the majestic Douro Valley. This region is known for fine port and other wines. The scenery is absolutely breathtaking in beauty and the area is intensely cultivated. The growing conditions are ideal for these grapes as the climate doesn't allow them to fully ripen and the wine is made using very young grapes. This gives the wine a light and bright quality along with a bit of sparkle. Quite a treat!



We'll visit some of the area's family vineyards and take an opportunity to enjoy **a lunch included among the vines**

(outside if weather permits otherwise on the interior). Breathtaking views surround us and we will surely drink them in. This is a photo-op for sure! The Douro is a swift river, dropping over 120 meters during its 160-kilometer (nearly 100 miles) trek across Portugal. This fast-moving river cuts a swath of deep canyons, carved precipitously into the landscape.

This unwieldy geography hasn't discouraged the people who make their home along the steep, fertile slopes which bank the Douro. You'll be amazed at the tiny white villages, clinging to steep hillsides. narrow strips of fields form stair-steps down to the river. The views along the Douro are some of the most picturesque you'll find in Portugal.



We'll take a scenic river cruise on our private Rabelo boat. These traditional river boats were once used to transport port barrels to eager patrons beyond Porto. Our cruise will take us along a beautiful landscape with breathtaking vistas. A wonderful way to relax! Tonight, supper is on your own and overnight in Porto.





## Day 12 / June 8 - Porto Farewell Evening / Light Tour with Dinner & Fado Show

Experience Porto after dark on this cultural night tour with fado show. By day, Porto is a lively bustling city, but at night with the Baroque building facades lit in a yellow glow, it takes on a more romantic tone. See the local landmarks at night with the ease of a city tour led by a local guide. Then, immerse in Porto's unique melancholic singing genre at a Fado show and see why it's listed as a UNESCO heritage art. As we drive you through Porto's historical center by night and



you will be able to appreciate the night lights and the historical sites (Porto's city hall, the Clérigos church and Tower, the São Bento Railway Station, Ribeira, D. Luis Bridge and much more) from the exterior. Before or after the dinner and show, the guide will take you to one of the most incredible viewpoints of the city. It's time for the show!! Enjoy an authentic Fado Live Show while tasting some of the most traditional Portuguese food at a typical Fado venue & restaurant at the city center.

**Supper included** overnight in Porto.

## Day 13 / June 9 – Porto / USA

Today, as always, all good things come to an end as we depart from our hotel in Porto to the airport for our journey home. Your memories will be with you as we leave this magnificent land that has given so much of its art, heritage, culture, cuisine and traditions to our own great county. Adeus e obrigado a Portugal!

### AIRFARE & TRANSFERS:

**This trip is priced Land & Air separately. The reason: \*anyone wishing to procure their own air travel through frequent flyer miles or other, may do so, keeping in mind, they must adhere to the “group” arrival and departure schedule in Lisbon International Airport for arrival and Porto International airport for the return to be able to take advantage of the “included” transfers to and from the airports in Portugal. Otherwise you may be obliged to take taxis or hire a private transfer to meet the group or return to the airport at your own expense. We will be pleased to assist you in booking your flights from the USA to Portugal. If you are booking “your own” air, please contact us prior to booking.**

## INCLUDED

ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT FROM DAY of ARRIVAL to DAY of DEPARTURE

ENGLISH SPEAKING LOCAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT

ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED

BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY with coffee, tea, juice

DINNERS & LUNCHESES as per itinerary

DE LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH

FIRST CLASS 4 STAR HOTELS

TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES

## EXCLUDED

ROUND TRIP TRANSFERS TO US AIRPORTS

PASSPORTS and/or VISA FEES

GRATUITIES to DRIVER, GUIDES, TOUR ESCORTS

PORTERAGE IN AIRPORTS

ITEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE (Laundry, telephone calls, room service, etc)

BEVERAGES at MEALS UNLESS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY

## PRIOR to DEPARTURE

Prior to all of our group departures Fratelli & Company Group Travel will provide you with an “information” packet which will answer many of your concerns and questions about the trip. It will give contact information, flight schedules, hotel information and telephone numbers to leave at home with family members. It will give you suggestions for packing , type of weather to expect, Euro vs US Dollar exchanges, US Embassy telephone numbers and much more. However, if you have a question or concern beforehand, please do not hesitate to call or email our office.

## PASSPORTS

Make two copies of all of your travel documents (passports picture page) in case of an emergency or loss and leave one with a trusted friend or relative.

## Travel to European Countries in the Schengen Area

Entry into any of the 26 European countries in the Schengen area for short-term tourism, a business trip, or in transit to a non-Schengen destination, requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of departure. Because many Schengen countries assume all travelers will stay the full 6 months allowed for visa-free visitors, we recommend that U.S. citizens:

- Have at least six month’s validity remaining on your passport whenever you travel abroad.
- Check the expiration date on your passport carefully before traveling to Europe.
- Carry your passport with you at all times in Europe. ID must be shown upon request by Government officials anytime in the Schengen areas.

## INSURANCE

Many times we are asked about travel insurance. We, unless licensed by the State of New Jersey, we cannot sell you insurance of any kind. There are several options that you can research such as; AARP Members, AAA Members, check your “homeowner’s policies” for travel provisions, other organizations to which you may be a member, or check online at <https://www.insuremytrip.com/> . This web site will give you comparisons from which to choose.





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Please fill in all areas and sign reverse side of application. A copy will be sent with your receipt of deposit.

Land Package - \$ 3,684. per person (double occupancy)

including Hotel City Tax approx. \$40. pp

Price quoted is based on payments made by check or cash only. For credit cards please add 3.50%

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RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT — PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

May 28—June 9, 2023—Portugal

Name as it appears on passport: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile or Work Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: (City, State, Nation) \_\_\_\_\_

US CITIZENS

U S Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN NATIONALS Check with your Consulate should you require a VISA to enter Italy

Foreign Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Alien Registration # (Green Card) \_\_\_\_\_

If you DO NOT have a passport at this time, please indicate, then provide to the tour operator/tour director the passport info ASAP

I wish to room with: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Accommodations or Single Room: \_\_\_\_\_ + Single Supplement Fee \$850.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**Fratelli & Co. GTC**, 26 Pill Hill Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

\$500. Per person deposit due with this application

Balance in Full Due 60 days prior to departure date; March 28 2022

Will you be taking Travel Insurance? It is recommended. Yes \_\_\_\_ / No \_\_\_\_ Your travel professional can assist you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: Please provide one or 2 Names and telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

I eat FISH \_\_\_\_yes or \_\_\_\_no. I eat RED MEAT \_\_\_\_yes or \_\_\_\_no.

I am GLUTEN INTOLERANT \_\_\_\_yes or \_\_\_\_no

(Optional) Do you have any SEVERE FOOD or MEDICATION ALLERGIES: Please list use separate sheet if necessary



## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**Reservations/Deposits/Payments:** A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. The balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

**Minors And Infirm:** Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

**Tour Price:** The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **November 1, 2022**. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

**Cancellations:** Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

**Travel Insurance:** Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are NOT included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

**Sightseeing & Itinerary:** Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

**Passports:** A valid passport is required, and MUST be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials. Passports must be valid up until 6 months after the return date.

**Responsibility:** Fratelli & Co., your tour operator has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

**Cancellation of Passenger's Rights:** In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1. cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, tour escort, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

**Inclusions:** All hotel taxes, service charges, Four Star First Class Hotels, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, all baggage handling and assistance abroad (except in airports for security reasons), Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

**Exclusions:** Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

**Physical and Emotional Limitations:** The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

**Miscellaneous:** Any Litigation concerning this tour shall be brought in the State of New Jersey. This agreement shall be construed according to New Jersey and Federal law. The tour operator shall not be responsible for any typographical errors or misprints. The tour operator reserves the right to substitute in its discretion any air, land and sea carrier, hotels, and service providers and itinerary.

**I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally challenged and I am able to meet the physical demands required by this tour.**

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**signature:**

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**date:**