## Collette Invites the University of Richmond's Osher Institute on its Trip to...

# **Flavors of Portugal & Spain:**

April 20 – May 5, 2025



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16 Days • 22 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lisbon, Tagus River Cruise, Tomar, Porto, Port Wine Tastings, Braga, Douro River Valley, Douro River Cruise, Salamanca, La Rioja, Pamplona, Bullfighter's Home Experience, San Sebastian, Choice on Tour: Zumaia and Getaria Villages or Coastal Saint James Way Hike, Bilbao, Guggenheim Museum, *Pintxos* Tapas Pub Crawl

### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon
Days 5 – 7	Turim Porto Hotel, Porto
Days 8, 9	The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley
Day 10	NH Collection Salamanca Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
Days 11, 12	Eurostars Fuerte Ruavieja , La Rioja
Days 13 – 15	NH Collection San Sebastian Aranzazu, San Sebastian
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Sunday, April 20, 2025 Overnight Flight** Sparkling coastlines... historic cityscapes... mouthwatering cuisine... aromatic wine... Northern Portugal and Spain await you with open arms for the journey of a lifetime.

**Day 2: Monday, April 21, 2025 Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins** Arrive in Lisbon, the trendy capital of Portugal. Lisbon glistens like a treasure perched on seven hills and enchants travelers with its laidback charm. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off an experience-rich adventure. (*D*)

**Day 3: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Lisbon** Good morning, *Lisboa*. Start your day on foot with your Tour Manager, walking to the public funicular. Hop on and ride to the upper side of the downtown area. Meander through historic neighborhoods, hearing the kinds of stories that bring the city – and its colorful neighborhoods — to life. Walk to the Chiado neighborhood and embrace its elegant flair and bohemian vibe, en route to a local cafe and sit down to a tasting of typical Portuguese foods and savor the flavors of the city. After, your journey will take you to the Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. This gorgeous square flaunts colorful artwork and sculptures. Enjoy time to explore on your own and return to the hotel by subway. (*B*)

**Day 4: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 Lisbon** Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer to tour today, choose an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra; from wind swept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra you will learn a thousand fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a private cruise\* on the Tagus River for a truly unique way to experience Lisbon. Sail by the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO) before crossing the river to see "Christ the King" statue. (*B*)

**Day 5: Thursday, April 24, 2025 Lisbon - Tomar - Porto** Depart Portugal's capital city and head to Tomar, home of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle, and Convent of Christ — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of a warrior monk in the domestic areas. Next stop: Porto. Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal's second largest city. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 6: Friday, April 25, 2025 Porto** Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals all of its many charms. See the São Bento Railway Station, which opened in 1916 and remains one of Portugal's most striking stations. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO), otherwise known as the Stock Exchange Palace – a 19th century Neoclassical masterpiece and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a visit. Get a taste for the port wine production scene with a tour and tasting. Enjoy your afternoon how you choose. (*B*)

**Day 7: Saturday, April 26, 2025 Porto - Braga - Porto** Today, travel to Braga and behold the "Bom Jesus do Monte" (UNESCO) – a sanctuary and Christian pilgrimage site in Tenões that boasts stunning Baroque architecture. After an included lunch, walk the narrow streets of the historic downtown. Many of Braga's locals place great importance on religion and the city has one of the highest concentrations of churches in Portugal. After, explore on your own with built-in free time. With so many shops and its quaint charm, you will find plenty of ways to pass the time in Braga. (*B, L*)

**Day 8: Sunday, April 27, 2025 Porto - Amarante - Douro** Today, say "*tchau*" to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region where you'll indulge in two nights on the grounds of a traditional winery. En route to Douro, stop in Amarante, a quaint town set on a bend in the Rio Tamega. From its balconied houses to its willow-lined



## Per Person Rates<sup>\*</sup>: Double \$6,599; Single \$8,099

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Richmond International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

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riverbanks, this town is full of surprises. Finally, step into your home for the next two nights in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, wander down to the cellar for a tasting before enjoying a dinner complete with locally sourced, traditional Portuguese cuisine. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 9: Monday, April 28, 2025 Douro** Enjoy a relaxed morning. Then, roll up your sleeves and join a cooking class (of course you'll dine on your creations with a light lunch of *petiscos*, or Portuguese *tapas*). This afternoon, join your fellow travelers for a cruise\* down the Douro River on a traditional wooden *rabelo* boat. Marvel at the rows of twisting vines, lush trees, and colorful houses from a different perspective. Enjoy your evening how you'd like. (*B*, *L*)

**Day 10: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Douro - Salamanca, Spain** Depart the lush Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time as you take a short walking tour and learn more about this ancient city. With over two thousand years of history and its sandstone architecture, Salamanca is a little gem waiting to be discovered. (*B*)

Day 11: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos where you will get to know the city during a walking tour. From its pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor, Burgos delivers a traditional Spanish experience. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. During your stay at a winery hotel, take in the mountainous vistas. (B, D)

**Day 12: Thursday, May 1, 2025 La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja** Today, it's off to Pamplona, the capital of the Navarre province and home to the legendary Feast of San Fermin – *the Running of the*  *Bulls*. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colorful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. The bullfighter's family greets you in the traditional way – with light tapas and drinks – truly welcoming you into their world for a little while. During your visit, learn firsthand about bullfighting traditions, controversies and enjoy the chance to ask your own questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at the Marques de Riscal Winery nestled in the center of Spain's beautiful Basque country – one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avant-garde design. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards before heading back to your hotel. (*B*)

**Day 13: Friday, May 2, 2025 La Rioja - San Sebastian** Are your shoes made for walking? Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of San Sebastian, a coastal city that runs along the Bay of Biscay. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighborhoods boasting with traditional architecture. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before rejoining your fellow travelers for a panoramic tour along the coastal road, finding picture-perfect views that will take your breath away. (*B*)

**Day 14: Saturday, May 3, 2025 San Sebastian** Today, **it's your choice!** You can choose a guided tour of the coastal villages of Zumaia and Getaria for a special opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline and enjoy a tasting of Txakoli wine - **OR-** take a leisurely hike along the "*Camino* of Saint James" and make your way back to the city center, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can choose to stay

### Experience It! The Douro River Valley

Home to seemingly endless rows of flourishing grapes, the Douro River Valley is a prominent wine region in Portugal. This UNESCO World Heritage Site has been producing wine for an estimated 2,000 years. However, it wasn't until the 18th century that the region started creating its famous port wine. Traditionally, the barrels of wine were transported down the river by means of a wooden *rabelo* boat. These flat-bottomed boats would carry wine from the vineyards into the surrounding regions. Stay in the heart of the region at one of the many *quintas*, an estate of various vines and fruit groves. When the rolling green hills of the valley are paired with the ambling river beside them, it creates a compelling combination that will have you wishing to stay forever.

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in San Sebastian to relax or further explore on your own! A great spot for shoppers and foodies alike, there is plenty to do to pass the time. (B)

**Day 15: Sunday, May 4, 2025 San Sebastian - Bilbao - San Sebastian** Head to Bilbao to visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, set along the Nervion River and hailed as a true icon of architectural culture, with its contemporary design. See some of the modern art housed inside its fascinating walls. Then take a walking tour of Bilbao's old town where you can find historic old churches, festive markets and quintessential Spanish squares. Enjoy some free time in the historic Bilbao downtown before returning to San Sebastian. Tonight, gather together and toast the end of a flavorful journey at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (*B, L, D*)

**Day 16: Monday, May 5, 2025 San Sebastian - Tour Ends** Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close – all of the wonderful memories will truly be the best souvenirs. (*B*)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

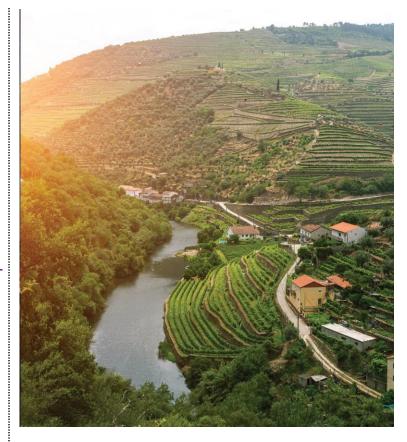
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available on this tour.

#### Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

\*River cruises are weather dependent and will be replaced with another experience if weather conditions prevent the cruise from operating.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. You're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Lisbon and Porto are compact cities with many hills, cobblestone streets and uneven ground. Our walking city tour on day 3 and day 6 will take approximately 4 hours and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods of time.



If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon airport and depart from Bilbao airport. Our transfers will depart from/arrive into these airports.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 14, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 19, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 21, 2024.

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## **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

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## **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

## Lisbon

## Seaside Villages to Mountainside Palaces

Take a step away from the bustling streets of Lisbon for an excursion to charming seaside Ericeira, once a thriving fishing village. This beach town is now world-renowned to surfers and that aesthetic can be seen everywhere from the coast to the cozy cafes. Take some time to tour the quaint downtown along with your Tour Manager. Next, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings. Your Tour Manager will show you around the Old Town before letting you explore as you'd like. After, venture to one of the most notable Romanticism inspired landscapes in Portugal, the Park of Monserrate. Find the pathways running between the ruins, lakes and waterfalls into the property's palace, which itself is the exotic dream of a 19th century British visionary. *Duration: Approximately 7 hours*. Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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