



Praça do Comércio and São Jorge Castle

The Treasures of Lisbon With Nicholas Merchant 6th - 10th October 2011

The city of Lisbon is Portugal's cultural and intellectual heart, where exceptional Manueline buildings, fine churches and monasteries, splendid palaces and outstanding museums are a reflection of the country's architectural and artistic 'golden age' in the 16th century.

We explore this delightful city, with its steep hills, cobbled streets, expansive squares and elegant buildings, including: a ride on the Glória Funicular; the Bairro Alto; the 16th-century Igreja de São Roque; the unique Elevador de Santa Justa; the Alfama District; Torre de Belém, and the vast 16th-century Mosteiro dos Jerónimos. We also visit the city's leading museums - the Museu de Artes Decorativas, Museu do Azulejo housed in the Convento da Madre de Deus, Museu de Arte Antigua and the magnificent collections of the Museu Calouste Gulbenkian.

We also venture out of the city to Queluz where we visit the Palácio Real. Originally built in the mid-1700's and surrounded by delightful gardens inspired by Versailles, the palace is essentially Rococo, with spacious salons, beautiful ceilings and fine furniture. We continue to the charming hillside town of Sintra and the Palácio Nacional. Built in Manueline and Moorish style, the interior is a remarkable and eclectic ensemble. The tour ends with a visit to the 17th-century Palácio de Fronteira, one of the oldest and finest aristocratic houses in Portugal. It is built in characteristic style with exquisite tile-work, both inside and out, and beautiful formal gardens to the rear.





Torre de Belém



Mosteiro de Jerónimos

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly London to Lisbon. Transfer to hotel. Talk by Nicholas Merchant on 'The Jewellery of René Lalique'. Afternoon orientation inc. Glória Funicular, Bairro Alto, São Roque Church & Elevador de Santa Justa. Overnights Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade (4 nights). **2:** City sightseeing inc. Museu de Artes Decorativas, Alfama District, Museu do Azulejo in the Convento da Madre de Deus & Museu Calouste Gulbenkian. **3:** City sightseeing inc. Torre de Belém, Mosteiro dos Jerónimos & Museu de Arte Antigua. Afternoon at leisure. **4:** Full day excursion inc. Palácio Real, Queluz & Palácio Nacional, Sintra. **5:** Morning excursion to Palácio de Fronteira, Benfica. Transfer to airport. Fly to London.

Tour Price: £1,455 per person Single Supplement: £231

Meals included: Breakfast daily, 3 lunches & 1 dinner

Air Taxes & Fuel Surcharges: Currently £76.97



Queluz



Palácio Nacional, Sintra

A full itinerary for this tour is available on request. Please contact Emily Pontifex

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