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Portugal *Plein Air* Painting Trip With Nancy Tankersley

May 8 - 14, 2022

ITINERARY SUMMARY:

7 Days / 6 Nights

Based in **Lisbon & Porto, Portugal**

Trip Summary:

May 8 Sunday - Welcome Reception

May 9 Monday - Lisbon Painting Session

May 10 Tuesday - Cascais Painting Session • Travel Day to Porto

May 11 Wednesday - Porto Painting Session • Port Tasting Session

May 12 Thursday - Douro River Valley Painting Session

May 13 Friday - Porto Painting Session • Farewell Dinner

May 14 Saturday - Review Session • Departure for Home or Continued Travels

Sunday, May 8 (Lisbon)

- Tour guests will arrive independently to Lisbon.
- Hotel Check-In - We'll stay in a 4-star boutique hotel located in the heart of historic Lisbon where we'll be staying our first two nights. The hotel provides a blend of cosmopolitan comfort and personalized service. The hotel's dining room, where we'll have our breakfast each morning, has a spectacular view overlooking Rua Augusta, Lisbon's bustling pedestrian walkway.
- Once checked into the hotel, the balance of the day is at your leisure.
- 6:00 PM - **Welcome Reception** - With Portuguese wines and hors d'oeuvres hosted by Nancy Tankersley and Paint Europe... giving everyone a chance to meet each other, and hear about the week's activities.
- Dinner - On your own... or join a local cuisine group dinner at your own expense. Restaurant personally-selected by Tom Harter, Paint Europe president.

Monday, May 9 (Lisbon)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Lisbon
- Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning - Nancy will lead a morning demonstration & painting session
- Lunch - On your own or join a local cuisine group lunch at your own expense.
- Afternoon - Free time for personal painting... exploring Lisbon... going to Belém to see the **Tower of Belém**, the sail-shaped **Discoveries Monument**, and **Jerónimos Monastery**... traveling to **Sintra** to visit Penta Palace, one of Europe's finest palaces, a UNESCO World Heritage Site... taking a ride on a Lisbon quaint yellow tram... visiting the **Calouste Gulbenkian Museum**, with one of the world's largest private art collections that was the private collection of Portuguese oil magnate Calouste Gulbenkian... shopping Lisbon boutiques for Portuguese ceramics & decorative tile or quality leather & linen goods... having a nata pastry & coffee... or relaxing at an outdoor café.
- Late-Afternoon - Join Nancy for an optional "golden hour" painting session.
- Dinner - On your own or join a local cuisine group dinner at your own expense.
- After-Dinner - **Fado Performance** - hosted by Paint Europe

Tuesday, May 10 (Lisbon / Cascais / Porto)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Lisbon.
- Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning - Day trip from Lisbon to **Cascais** where Nancy will lead a morning demonstration & painting session along the Atlantic Coast
- Lunch - On your own or join a local cuisine group lunch at your own expense.
- Afternoon - Free time in Cascais for personal painting, sightseeing, shopping or relaxing.
- Late-Afternoon - **Train - Lisbon to Porto** - We'll board a late afternoon train, traveling *1st-Class* from Lisbon's Santa Apolonia Station for a 3-hour train ride to Porto's Campanhã Station.
- Early Evening - Arrival to Porto & Check-In to Hotel
- Dinner - On your own or join a local cuisine group dinner at your own expense.

Wednesday, May 11 (Porto)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Porto.
- Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning - Nancy will lead a morning demonstration & painting session
- Lunch - On your own or join a local cuisine group lunch at your own expense.
- Afternoon - We'll cross the Douro River from Porto's bustling Ribeira downtown district, to **Vila Nova de Gaia**, going over the city's iconic double-deck metal arch **Dom Luis Bridge**. In Vila Nova de Gaia we'll tour a world-famous **port wine warehouse** where we'll learn about port wine and have a private tasting session. Hosted by Paint Europe.
- Scenic **Douro River boat ride** on board a traditional Rabelo boat. Hosted by Paint Europe.
- Late-Afternoon - Free time for personal painting, exploring, sightseeing, shopping, relaxing.
- Dinner - On your own or join a local cuisine group dinner at your own expense.

Thursday, May 12 (Porto / Douro River Valley)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Porto.
- Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Day Trip to **Douro River Valley** - A most memorable day! We'll leave early from Porto's historic São Bento Railway Station, with its 1800's elaborate azulejo tile work, to spend a day painting in the picturesque Douro River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll arrive to **Pinhao**, a small village in the heart of the beautiful Douro Valley. Pinhao's train station is considered one of the most emblematic train stations in Portugal with its collection of azulejos (tiles) from 1937 related to wine production. Nancy will lead a demonstration & painting session along the banks of the Douro River lined with terraced vineyards and quintas (wine estates.) A Portuguese picnic lunch will be provided, hosted by Paint Europe.
- Dinner - On your own or join a local cuisine group dinner at your own expense.

Friday, May 13 (Porto)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Porto.
- Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning - Nancy will lead a morning demonstration & painting session.
- Lunch - On your own... or join a local cuisine group lunch at your own expense.
- Afternoon - Free time for personal painting... visiting **Lello Bookstore**, Porto's ornate bookstore considered to be the most beautiful bookstore in the world that inspired J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books... visiting the palatial **Palácio de Bolsa**, formerly the city's stock market... visiting **Aliados Avenue** to view the city's fascinating architecture... relaxing at an outdoor café along the riverfront.
- Late-Afternoon - Join Nancy for an optional "golden hour" painting session.
- **Farewell Dinner** - Gala celebration with traditional Portuguese cuisine & wines hosted by Paint Europe.

Saturday, May 14 (Porto)

- Before Breakfast - *Optional* group pleasure walk through historic central Porto.
- Breakfast - Portuguese breakfast at the hotel.
- Review Session - Share paintings and group discussion led by Nancy.
- Say Our Goodbyes - Departure home or to onward destinations.

Please Note: Paint Europe strives to operate according to our published itinerary. However, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control or opportunities that would enhance the trip, adjustments may be necessary. Hotels and itinerary are subject to changes.

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