

Optional Lisbon Postlude May 9–11, 2026

Saturday, May 9:

*Málaga, Spain / Disembark Sea Cloud Spirit /
Lisbon, Portugal*

Morning

Upon disembarkation in Málaga, take a short flight to **Lisbon**, Western Europe's oldest capital after Athens. Visit two early 16th-century UNESCO World Heritage Sites linked to Portugal's Age of Discovery: **Belém Tower**, a Manueline-style fortification that guarded the harbor, and the vast, ornate **Jerónimos Monastery**, built to honor Vasco da Gama's voyage to India and housing his tomb.

Afternoon / Evening

After lunch, take a guided tour of the **National Tile Museum**, housed in a 16th-century convent. Follow the history of the *azulejo*, Portuguese ceramic tilework, from the 15th century to the present.

Venture into the Alfama district for dinner. Attend a performance of *fado*, the UNESCO-recognized traditional Portuguese music, at one of Lisbon's famed clubs. **L, D**

Sunday, May 10:

Lisbon / Sintra

Morning

Journey west to the historic royal retreat of **Sintra**, a UNESCO-recognized center of 19th-century Romantic architecture. First, you may stop en route at Lisbon's 17th-century **Palace of the Marquises of Fronteira**, with its extensive *azulejo* tile collection depicting historical battles.

Alternatively, visit Sintra's 19th-century **Montserrate Palace**, blending Neo-Gothic, Indian, and Moorish styles and surrounded by award-winning botanical gardens.

Afternoon / Evening

After lunch in Sintra, take a private tour through the wooded grounds of **Quinta da Regaleira**. This early 20th-century estate features Neo-Manueline architecture, enigmatic underground tunnels, and gardens filled with esoteric symbolism relating to alchemy and Masonic traditions, including the famous Initiation Well.

Return to Lisbon for a festive farewell dinner. **B,L,D**

Monday, May 11:

Lisbon / Return

Transfer to Lisbon airport this morning for your return flight home. **B**

Postlude Rate:

\$2,999 Double rate, per person

\$3,999 Single rate

Includes: Economy-class, one-way flight (Málaga-Lisbon), two nights at Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon, with meals (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) and excursions as noted. *See main program for exclusions.* **Note: Lecturer is scheduled on the main program only.**



Jerónimos Monastery, Lisbon, Portugal



Palace of the Marquises of Fronteira, Sintra, Portugal