

OPTIONAL TOURS

Half-day Lisbon Tour - Wednesday, 5th September

(Departure from the Congress Venue at 9h and return at 13h)

Departure from the Congress venue to Belém District where the most important monuments of the Discoveries' times are located. Visit to the Jerónimos Monastery, built from 1502, it is a masterpiece of the Portuguese Manuelin Style (a late Gothic): the Church and the impressive Cloister. Stop by the Belém Tower, a symbol of Lisbon, built 1515-1521 and by the Monument to the Discoverers. Then, drive to the Lisbon city centre, panoramic tour by the old town Alfama and the 18th Century District of Baixa, with the Comércio and Rossio Squares. Stop and some time at leisure. Return to the hotel.



Price per Person: 35€ / (minimum 15 participants)

Full-day Alcobaça, Nazaré, Óbidos Tour - Thursday, 6th September

(Departure from Congress Venue at 08h : 30min and return at 17h)

Departure from the congress venue to Alcobaça (1h drive), with visit to the Cistercian Monastery, a masterpiece of the Gothic style, which has the longest Church and the most beautiful sculptured tombs of Portugal, as well as the Cloister, the old monks' kitchen and refectory. The tour proceeds to Nazaré, a former fishermen's village that still keeps many traditions, stops at the nice beach and at the impressive point of view Sítio for the fantastic view over the coast and the village. Time for lunch.

Continue to the village of Óbidos, walking tour at the romantic walled little town through the typical streets until the old Castle. Time for shopping or a coffee. Return to Lisbon.



Price per person: 68€ / (minimum 15 participants)

Half-day Azeitão / Arrábida / Palmela Tour - Thursday, 6th September

(Departure from the Congress Venue at 08h : 30min and return at 13h : 30min)

Departure from the congress venue and drive to the south bank of the Tagus river, crossing the modern, 14 Km long, Vasco da Gama Bridge in direction to Azeitão. Then visit to an old wine cellar, located at a traditional Portuguese Manor House and wine tasting. Drive on the panoramic road of the Arrábida Mountains until 500 m high, enjoying the spectacular views over the hills with Mediterranean vegetation and the Atlantic with nice beaches. Continue to Palmela, and stop at the old Castle, for the fantastic panoramic views over the whole region. Drive back crossing the suspension bridge Ponte 25 de Abril, overlooking Christ Statue and Lisbon.



Price per person: 38€ / (minimum 15 participants)

Half-day Tour Sintra, Cabo da Roca, Cascais - Friday, 7th September

(Departure from the Congress Venue at 9h and return at 13h : 30min)

Departure from the Congress venue to Sintra, a small delightful town in the forest covered Mountain of Sintra, immortalized as "Glorious Eden" by the World famous poet Lord Byron. Located about 30 km northwest of Lisbon, Sintra has been recognized by the Unesco as World Heritage. Visit to the Royal Palace of Sintra, a fabulous royal residence of many Portuguese Kings, dating from the 13th and 14th Centuries. After this visit, time at leisure in Sintra, for a walking tour in its narrow streets, some shopping or a typical pastry. Then panoramic drive to the Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Continental Europe (picture stop) and along the Atlantic, with fantastic views over the Coast and back to Lisbon.



Price per Person: 40€ / (minimum 15 participants)