

November 1 – Travel Day:

The group will meet in Merrill for coach bus transportation to MSP airport.

November 2:

Welcome to Portugal! Arrive in Lisbon late afternoon. After a few hours' rest, the group will be welcomed with a dinner at the hotel.

November 3-5:

The group will have three days in Lisbon to explore the city or opt to join Harder Travel on different tours and excursions.

November 6 – Travel Day:

Travel by train to Porto late morning. Spend the afternoon exploring the historic city center just steps from the hotel.

November 7-9:

Travelers will have three days to sightsee in Porto, with optional excursions to the infamous port wine cellars, Livraria Lello bookstore, or a day trip to the Douro Valley.

November 10 – Travel Day:

The group will travel back to Lisbon and check into an airport hotel. Along the way the group will stop for an included excursion to Fátima. Rest up for a very early flight the next day.

November 11 – Travel Day:

Travel home from Lisbon airport, arriving at MSP in the afternoon. A coach bus will transport the group back to Merrill.

Accommodations

[Hotel Santa Justa](#)

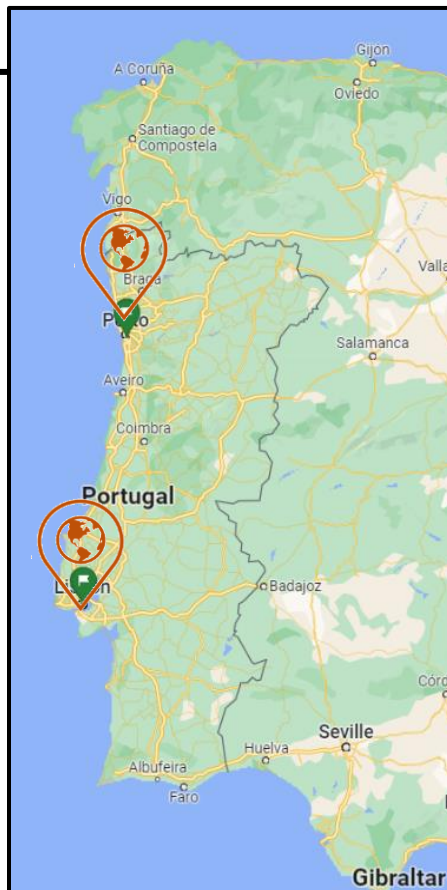
Rua dos Correeiros, 204
1100-170 Lisboa, Portugal
4 nights

[PortoBay Flores](#)

Rua das Flores 27
4050-416 Porto, Portugal
4 nights

[Melia Lisbon Airport Hotel](#)

Aeroporto Internacional de Lisboa Rua C N2,
1749-125 Lisboa, Portugal
1 night



Some of the things you'll experience in Portugal

Lisbon

- Belém Tower
- Walking Food Tour
- São Jorge Castle
- Day Trip to Sintra & Cascais

Porto

- Port Wine Cellar Tour with Fado Music
- Day Trip to Douro Valley
- Livraria Lello Bookstore
- Porto Cathedral



Flight Schedule (Times are subject to change)

- Friday, November 1st
 - Depart Minneapolis (MSP) at 5:30 PM for overnight flight to Paris (CDG) (+7 hours)
- Saturday, November 2nd
 - Arrive in Paris (CDG) at 7:55 AM
 - Depart Paris (CDG) at 1:30 PM, arriving in Lisbon (LIS) at 3:10 PM (-1 hour)
- Monday, November 11th
 - Depart Lisbon (LIS) at 5:00 AM, arriving in Amsterdam (AMS) at 9:05 AM (+1 hour)
 - Depart Amsterdam (AMS) at 12:50 PM, arriving in Minneapolis (MSP) at 2:55 PM (-7 hours)

What to Expect

Portugal is a beautiful country with rich history, sunny weather, delicious food... and steep hills. 😊 Travelers will want comfortable walking shoes, to hike up and down hills that rival those in San Francisco. On average during our last visit, we walked 15,000 to 20,000 steps per day. For some of the excursions, the group will walk to meeting points together. You could reduce this by relying on public transportation but overall this will be an active vacation with a lot of walking, mainly in hilly areas or up and down flights of stairs.

Recommended daily tours and excursions are provided to travelers and are completely optional. Each person can choose to stay with the Harder's on one to two activities per day or choose activities to do on their own. The Harder's can assist with booking individual tours if the traveler wishes. Fees for all tours will be added to the base price.

Why Harder Travel

Are you wondering if this trip is for you? People will enjoy traveling with Harder Travel if you prefer some independence to roam around these historic cities while also knowing that there are experienced travelers taking care of every detail. Carly & Nathan travel with the group and are available to answer questions and guide you throughout the trip. Cheryl Skoug from the Chamber Office will also travel with the group to assist with anything you may need.

We're here to help you every step of the way, from packing recommendations to making sure your cell phone works in a different country. We host two get togethers prior to the trip to help prepare our travelers for visiting a new country. We want you to make the most of your adventure, so come with questions! Mark your calendars for:



Friday, May 31st – Informational / Meet & Greet Potluck

We want to get to know you! Everyone is welcome to join us for an informational session about Portugal and to meet the other members of the group. We'll provide information about Europe, show you some tips for packing, and have time for a Q&A session to answer all your questions.

Friday, July 19th – Plan Your Excursions & Customize Your Trip

A few weeks prior to the gathering, Harder Travel will send several options for day trips and excursions that you can select to customize your trip. You can choose to stay with us on a daily excursion or go out and explore on your own. All excursions are optional. If you have a tour in mind that we are not attending, we'll help you book it! After you've had a chance to review your options, the group will get together to finalize daily itineraries.

Terms & Conditions

Price

The base price for the trip is \$3,450 per person, based on double occupancy. This price includes roundtrip Delta* airfare to Europe, ground transportation for airport transfers to and from Minneapolis and between Lisbon and Porto, accommodations with breakfast daily, and a welcome dinner in Lisbon.

Additional fees will be added for optional day tours or excursions that travelers select at the second gathering on July 20th. The combined total for all excursions is estimated to be about \$550, bringing the total to approximately \$4,000. There are limited single occupancy rooms available, with a supplemental fee of \$900. Please contact us for availability.

*Please note that flights within the group booking are NOT eligible for paid or complementary upgrades to Comfort+. Please contact Harder Travel for pricing if interested in upgrading to Premium Select or Delta One. Price with flights are guaranteed through June 15, 2024.

Travelers are responsible for any meals not listed above, city taxes, gratuity for excursions, optional trip insurance (from third party), souvenirs, and any miscellaneous expenses not listed.

Payment Schedule

Minimum payments are due in the following fee schedule:

- \$500 per person deposit paid upon registration to hold your spot in the group. Registration is open until June 15, 2024 or until the group is full.
 - Early Bird Discount! Register early by April 1 for \$50 off the deposit (\$450 due)
- \$2,000 per person – Due by July 15, 2024
- \$950 + balance for excursion costs or price fluctuations* – Due by October 1, 2024



We can accept checks, Venmo, PayPal, Google Pay, and all major credit cards. An additional non-refundable 3% will be added for credit card payments. Contact us to make arrangements.

Price Changes*

The price is subject to supplemental price increases after the date of initial deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government for increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, or a combination of any of the aforementioned items.

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be issued as follows:

- 180+ days = Deposit refundable less \$20 booking fee (before May 5, 2024)
- 121-179 days prior to departure – Deposits less \$100 (May 6 to July 3, 2024)
- 31 to 120 days = Deposits less \$500 (July 4 to October 1, 2024)
- 1 to 30 days prior to departure = Non-refundable (after October 1, 2024)

Travel After COVID-19

Harder Travel will not require that passengers are vaccinated or need to wear masks, however anyone traveling with the group will be required to follow any and all protocols and requirements set forth by the countries visited, and any vendor or third party that we contract with. This may include but is not limited to providing a negative COVID test, proof of vaccination, mask wearing, or social distancing. We encourage travelers to bring their own masks and social distance to their individual comfort level.

Next Steps

Read the attached waiver, sign, and return the contract with a copy of your passport and deposit. We require e-signatures or wet signatures on the forms. Please drop off or mail to:

Harder Travel
1242 Sunset Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Merrill Chamber of Commerce
705 N Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452

explore@hardertravel.com

There are 40 seats available for this tour. Travelers will be confirmed in the order the completed contract and deposit payments are received.



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Group Travel Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement For the 2024 Portugal Trip

1. I (participant) hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Harder Travel LLC, Carly and/or Nathan Harder (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any of the property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.
2. I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected to this activity, including but not limited to travel risks. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
4. I understand that the RELEASEES do not maintain any medical, health, accident, trip cancellation, or liability insurance policies for PARTICIPANT. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance portfolio, especially accident/medical coverages.
5. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
6. I understand that optional and voluntary day tours and excursions booked through third party travel agencies are not in the control of the RELEASEES, therefore the RELEASEES cannot be held liable for any loss or damage that may be incurred due to actions by third parties.



Harder Travel Registration Form Portugal 2024

Please return this form, along with your deposit and a copy of your passport to: Harder Travel, 1242 Sunset Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 or explore@hardertravel.com

Traveler 1:

Name (Last, first, middle as it appears on your passport): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Delta Skymiles Number: _____ Do you have a passport? (Must be valid through May 2025): Y / N

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Special accommodations you would like us to be aware of (food allergies, walking limitations, etc.): Y / N

If yes, please explain: _____

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Terms and Conditions, Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Traveler 2:

Name (Last, first, middle as it appears on your passport): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Delta Skymiles Number: _____ Do you have a passport? (Must be valid through May 2025): Y / N

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Special accommodations you would like us to be aware of (food allergies, walking limitations, etc.): Y / N

If yes, please explain: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____