



Let's create magic again, this time in Portugal with Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB '89 as we bring the Bedan family together for our fourth "Off the Bedan Path" adventure.

PORTUGAL



April 26 - May 5, 2024

INCLUDED FEATURES:

Organized transportation for those traveling from St. Bede Academy.
 One arrival and departure airport transfer for the group flight.
 Service charges, hotel taxes and mandatory tourist city taxes.
 Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out).
 All transportation with modern A/C motor-coach as per itinerary.
 Customized travel log.
 English-speaking guide with us the entire time.
 English-speaking licensed local guides.
 Sightseeing tours and walking tours as per itinerary.
 Entrance fees included where indicated in bold letters.
 Accommodations in 4 and 5 star hotels.
 Whisper technology enhanced touring.
 Welcome to Portugal Dinner Party at famous James Bond hotel.
 Foodie Tour in Lisbon's oldest neighborhood.
 Portuguese cooking class.
 Fatima candlelight procession.
 OTBP dinner and dance party.
 Vineyard tour and wine tasting.
 Private Rabelo boat tour along the Douro with port wine on board.
 Farewell to Portugal dinner party with Fado & Folklore show in Porto.
 Breakfast daily, two lunches and six dinners.
 Private Mass with Abbot Michael.
 Optional prayer service with Abbot Michael throughout.



"You never know where life will take you, but it will always be better with friends." - Unknown

ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART THE USA

Friday, April 26, 2024 - Depart from the USA for an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

DAY 2: LISBON & ESTORIL

Saturday, April 27, 2024 - Upon arrival to Lisbon airport, meet and greet our tour director and transfer to the hotel. There will be some time to freshen up before we begin our *Welcome to Portugal* celebration. We start this amazing tour at nearby St. Antonio do Estoril Church for a private mass with Abbot Michael. This evening the celebration continues with a splendid happy hour to catch up with our OTBP family, followed by an introduction to Portuguese flavors and local cuisine in the hotel dining room.

Overnight at Palacio Estoril Hotel, Golf & Wellness (D)



DAY 3: LISBON & ESTORIL

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Our day begins with breakfast in the hotel followed by a tour of the capital, passing by Belem quarter with Jerónimos Monastery, Belem tower and Discoveries monument. Then a panoramic tour of Eduardo VII Park and Liberty Avenue, Rossio and Comercio square. Later we meet the locals and learn about traditional Portuguese dishes as we embark on a Foodie Tour through the narrow streets of the Alfama neighborhood. Warm up your taste buds when experiencing the traditional codfish cakes with “PDO Serra da Estrela” filling. Let the flavors keep coming from the “CAN the CAN” a restaurant full of the “Portugality” located in the noblest Terreiro do Paço, where we taste several Portuguese traditional dishes spiced with the new cooking trends. We continue by discovering some sweet desserts of Portugal. Our foodie tour ends with the traditional taste of “Ginjinha” liqueur considered the drink of Lisbon that is made with sour cherries. The remaining afternoon is free in Lisbon with a late afternoon transfer back to the hotel. Tonight explore Estoril and all it has to offer.

Overnight at Palacio Estoril Hotel, Golf & Wellness (B, L)

DAY 4: ESTORIL, SINTRA & CASCAIS

Monday, April 29, 2024 - Enjoy a delicious breakfast before we set off for another day of exploration, this time to nearby Sintra. First we visit the **Sintra National Palace** and its enchanted village with many palaces. Enjoy a short walking tour through Sintra’s quaint alleyways and home to one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques and of course some free time before we head to Cabo da Roca, the most westerly point of mainland Europe, also known as the end of the world for a photo stop. We continue to the scenic coastal resort town of Cascais for a walking tour along the bay. Known for its bustling marina and gorgeous beaches it is the perfect place for free time to explore and have lunch. Your afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel facilities like the spa, golf or the nearby Casino Estoril and village. Dinner will be served at our famous James Bond hotel.



Overnight at Palacio Estoril Hotel, Golf & Wellness (B, D)



DAY 5: TOMAR & FATIMA

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 - Enjoy breakfast before we leave this hotel and embark on a journey back in time as we discover the hidden gems of Tomar and Fatima. Tomar is the most important place of the Templar history in the world. Discover the mesmerizing **Convent of Christ**, a UNESCO World Heritage site that boasts remarkable architectural wonders dating back centuries. Following the walking tour in the city center you will have free time for lunch. Our final destination is Fatima where we journey to one of the world’s most important Catholic pilgrimage sites. On arrival we will **visit the houses of the little shepherds** in the village of Aljustrel and to the sanctuary for an orientation walking tour. Dinner will be at the hotel conveniently located near the night Rosary and candlelight procession.

Overnight at Hotel Estrela de Fatima (B, D)



DAY 6: NAZARE, AVEIRO & DOURO VALLEY

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - After breakfast we depart from the hotel and travel to Nazaré. This once fishing village is now a popular beach resort, known worldwide when a Hawaiian surfered a 78-foot wave. On arrival visit **Sítio da Nazaré**, located in the highest most dramatic spot of the promontory where it's possible to visit the hermitage "Ermida da Memória" and admire the image of Our Lady that was found within a small cave in the year of 1182, and was said to be from Nazareth in Galilee. Continue to Aveiro, the eternal "Portuguese Venice". You will have free time for lunch. Take a walking tour in the city without missing the chance to taste "Ovos Moles" a traditional sweet created by the nuns of the ancient convents of Aveiro.

ro. Depart towards the Douro valley where a special stay awaits us at the Quinta da Pacheca. This is one of the most prestigious and recognized properties in the Douro demarcated region. The history of the vineyard property dates back to the XVI century when it was a collection of vines that belonged to the monasteries of Salzedas and St. João de Tarouca. The evening continues with a Fado show and dinner on this stunning property.

Overnight at Quinta Da Pacheca (B, D)



DAY 7: DOURO VALLEY

Thursday, May 2, 2024 - Sleep in and enjoy a late breakfast or take a stroll around the grounds. Mid-morning we begin a guided visit to the **winery gardens and vineyards** followed by a wine tasting. Become immersed in the local culture during a hands-on cooking class using local delicacies that will be our lunch of the day. This afternoon is free time to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities and services such as the spa and swimming pool. Tonight put on your dancing shoes for our OTBP dinner and dance party.

Overnight at Quinta Da Pacheca (B, WT, L, D)

DAY 8: DOURO VALLEY, BRAGA & PORTO

Friday, May 3, 2024 - After breakfast we say goodbye to this beautiful property and travel to **Singeverga Abbey** located in Roriz village. It is the only monastery in Portugal following the Rule of St. Benedict. A Benedictine Monk will greet and guide us around the monastery with an opportunity to taste and learn about the special liqueur produced by the monks there. The Singeverga liqueur is produced by a careful selection of a great amount of aromatic and balsamic herbs, and it is the last and only liqueur produced by monks in Portugal. We continue to Braga for an afternoon visit to **Bom Jesus Sanctuary** and walking tour in the city downtown. Braga is one of the oldest cities in the country, dating back more than 2,000 years of existence. To get to the top of Bom Jesus Sanctuary we will take the **vertical tram**, an impressive piece of the 19th century engineering, the first of its kind to be installed in Portugal in 1882. Visit the church and walk the panoramic stairway, with 17 landings adorned with symbolic fountains, allegoric statues and other Baroque-style decorations along themes such as the Stations of the Cross, the Five Senses, the Virtues, Moses receiving the Commandments and at the top the eight biblical figures that contribute to the condemnation of Jesus. Depart to Porto for final destination of the day. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa (B, D)



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DAY 9: PORTO

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Let's begin our day with a hearty breakfast and then a morning visit of the city. Including a panoramic tour passing by Porto's Cathedral and Clérigos Tower. Visit to **Bolsa Palace** a UNESCO site located in the historical center of the city, built on the ruins of the Saint



Francis Convent. Walk along Ribeira quay, and free time for lunch on your own. Enjoy your afternoon for shopping and personal activities, join the optional visit to a Porto wine cellars with Port wine tasting



or opt for a relaxing afternoon at the spa facilities of the hotel. This evening we will gather one last time for our Farewell to Portugal Celebration. We begin with a one-hour cruise along the Douro River on a traditional "Rabelo" boat that used to transport the Porto wine along the river. Take in the stunning views as the sky begins to change while enjoying Port wine on board. We end our evening with a local restaurant for Fado show & Folklore where our OTBP family will participate in the traditional dances.

Overnight at Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa (B, D)

DAY 10: DEPART FOR HOME

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Enjoy our last breakfast in Portugal before we check out from the hotel and take the transfer to Oporto Airport.

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HOTELS (The following hotels are subject to change based upon availability)

Palacio Estoril Hotel, Golf & Wellness (April 27 - 30) <https://www.palacioestorilhotel.com/>

Hotel Estrela de Fatima (April 30) <https://www.hotelestreladefatima.com/en>

Quinta Da Pacheca (May 1 - 3) <https://quintadapacheca.com/>

Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa (May 3 - 5) <https://sheratonportohotel.com-hotel.com/en/>

TRIP ADVISOR

Bonnie Pohar Prokup has been the Manager of Special Events at St. Bede Academy since 2009. Prior to that Bonnie has traveled extensively during her career at American Airlines. Bonnie has been out of the country more than 100 times on trips of all sizes that she organized. Since 2004 she has shared her passion for organizing large bus trips to Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Ireland. Her knowledge is shared long before departure with an informational meeting on the trip, a Facebook page for the group with tips and when it gets closer a packing demonstration and review of what to bring and do prior to the trip. Her trips are well known and sold out by many repeat customers. It's exciting and fun that our St. Bede family is traveling to great places together. "I believe and work hard in offering the best value for the dollar and creating memories that will last a lifetime," she said.

To my Off the Bedan Path family....

"As soon as I saw you, I knew a grand adventure was about to happen." - *Winnie The Pooh*.

LAND TOUR COST (Airfare is not included)

Double \$3,579 per person based on Double Occupancy

Single Supplement \$1,250 per person based on Single Occupancy

Terms and Conditions

How to make a reservation: Please call Kollander World Travel at 800-800-5981 x 7007 or 216-692-1000 x 7007, or send an e-mail to groups@kollander.com. Kollander World Travel will be happy to quote airfare options from your preferred city.

Deposit and payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$350 is required to hold your space. Final payment (balance) is due by February 27, 2024. Space is subject to availability in the moment of booking. If we do not receive payments by the specified date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. In the case of billing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with correct pricing.

Baggage Allowance: Baggage fees may apply. Check with your carrier for fees and size/weight of bags allowed. Due to the space restrictions aboard the motor coach the tour operator has requested that there be a limit of 1 suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs. per person. Additionally, guests on tour should limit their hand luggage to a small carry-on piece and only those items needed during the day, since the overhead racks and/or under the seat storage only offer limited space. Every effort is made to ensure that baggage is properly handled. Kollander World Travel cannot be held responsible for damages, loss of luggage or personal belongings. Optional travel baggage insurance is recommended and available through Kollander World Travel.

Passport Requirements: For international travel, US citizens require a passport valid for at least 6 months following their return to the United States. To apply for a passport, you can contact your local passport office. Non-US citizens should contact the appropriate consulate for information on all necessary documents.

Tour Price Excludes: Airfare, customs user fees, passports, all visa fees, optional tours, telephone, and fax charges, excess baggage charges, sundry tips, laundry, beverages and food not specified in the itinerary, portage at U.S./Canada airports, travel insurance, service charges except where indicated and all other items of a personal nature.

Refund and Unused or Amended Tour Arrangements: Unused hotel accommodations, tour features, or services are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. If changes are requested by the traveler(s), any additional expenses will be charged to the traveler(s). If a change of accommodations becomes necessary for any reason, hotel(s) substituted will be the equivalent of those listed in the itinerary. Single rooms may be available at a supplemental charge.

Cancellation Penalties: Due to specific contracting conditions with

suppliers, all received payments are non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance strongly recommended! Kollander World Travel reserves the right to cancel the program with full refund if number of participants drops below 35. Name change up to 7 days prior to departure permitted with \$50 change fee. Once airfare is purchased, it is generally non-refundable and fees apply for any changes. Cancellation charges also apply to all accommodations and other travel arrangements.

Insurance: You may secure a policy for baggage insurance, as well as insurance against sickness or accident, trip cancellation and interruption through Kollander World Travel. Important terms concerning pre-existing medical conditions, which may not be covered, are described in the insurance brochure which will be sent for your review, or available on www.kollander.com.

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Note: Terms and conditions are subject to change without notice.

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$350.00 per person per trip. Deposit payment is due by September 29, 2023. Final payment is due February 27, 2024. I have agreed to the terms and conditions applicable to this tour package.

Signature: _____

Your personal and/or bank check welcome. If paying by credit card, please circle: AMEX, VISA, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD

Please send copies of your passports with deposit.

Name as it appears on your passport: _____ Birth Date: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____ CCV #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

My City of Departure is: _____

Please advise of any requests: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Room Type: DOUBLE _____ TWIN _____ SINGLE ROOM _____ Limited Single Rooms Available*

Roommate's Name: _____

Travel Insurance: () YES, I will be purchasing travel insurance. () NO, I decline insurance protection.