

TENTATIVE ITINERARY LISBON

October 10 - 18, 2009

Lisbon - the Alfama / Moorish atmosphere

- * charming old town built on the slopes of a hill crowned by the Castelo de Sao Jorge (castle St. George).
- * Museu Escola de Artes Decorativas, museum and school of the decorative arts in a restored 17th century palace.
- * Igreia de Santa Luzia, church with exquisite exterior of the famous azulejo tiles (decorative blue glazed tiles indigenous to Portugal).
- * Casa dos Bicos, mansion with facade of pointed white stone diamonds.

Lisbon - Baixa / lower town

- * Praca do Comercio, riverfront square.
- * Cafe Martinho da Arcada, literary haunt of 1782 in picturesque arcade.
- * Elevador de Santa Justa, 1902 elevator in Gothic style tower.

Lisbon - Bairro Alto / upper town

- * Capela de Sao Joao Baptista, chapel of rare stones and mosaics built in Rome, shipped to Lisbon, and erected in 1747.
- * Instituto do Vinho do Porto, port wine institute.

Lisbon - modern city

- * Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, Portugal's finest museum with many rare objects of art; French art nouveaux jeweler, Lalique.

Belem - out lying

- * Mosteiro dos Jeronimas, Jeronimus Monastery of Gothic architecture known as Manueline.
- * Torre de Belem, fortress at the mouth of the harbor. A landmark to many famous explorers setting sail in the 16th century.

Farther afield

- * Museu Nacional do Azulejo, convent cloisters setting for the National Tile Museum.

Sintra

- * Palacio da Pena, whimsical castle built for Queen Marie II with spectacular view.
- * fabulous shopping, great Madeira linens.

Cascais

- * fishing village, great restaurants and shops.

Obidos and Nazare / day outing.

- * Obidos, white washed medieval 14th century walled town.
- * Nazare, picturesque fishing village, delicious seafood.

What to buy; azulejos (colorful ceramic tiles), needlepoint carpets, linens and embroidery (especially Madeira), antiques, ceramics, & more!