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The Treasures of Portugal

Lisbon, Sintra, Coimbra & Porto

with Jennifer Dasal, Host and Creator, *ArtCurious* Podcast &
Former Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, North Carolina Museum of Art

April 18 – 25, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

MEET privately with the director for an exclusive tour of Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, with its ancient Greco-Roman art and an enviable collection of European masterpieces from icons including Rembrandt, Rodin, and Monet (*schedule permitting*)

ENJOY a special-access visit to the museum and former residence of art collector António de Medeiros e Almeida, which houses a priceless gathering of 17th- to 20th-century fine art pieces

TRAVEL to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sintra for an exclusive exploration of Quinta da Regaleira, an early 20th-century Romantic palace with luxurious wooded gardens, underground tunnels, lakes, fountains, grottoes, and a striking tower

BEHOLD the 19th-century Palácio da Bolsa, a neoclassical former stock exchange in Porto's UNESCO-listed historic center, featuring the lavish, gilded-in-gold Salão Árabe, whose grandeur was modeled after the iconic Alhambra

DELIGHT in a meeting with the director at Porto's Fundação Serralves with a private look at its collections of contemporary art from the likes of Richard Serra in a complex designed by a Pritzker Prize-winning Portuguese architect

REVEL in private vineyard tours in the Douro Valley—designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its ancient Roman wine heritage—including a stroll through glorious gardens and tastings of *vinho verde* (green wine) and Port wine

IN ancient Coimbra, delight in a private tour of its world-renowned, UNESCO-listed university, whose centuries-old campus is built on the grounds of a former palace

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Jennifer Dasal is an art historian and the creator and host of the acclaimed *ArtCurious* podcast, an internationally popular, bi-weekly show exposing “the unexpected, the slightly odd, and the strangely wonderful in art history.” In September 2020, Dasal’s first book, *ArtCurious: Stories of the Unexpected, Slightly Odd, and Strangely Wonderful in Art History*, was released by Penguin Books. Dasal is the former curator of modern and contemporary art at the

North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA), where she worked for 13 years. She received her BA in art history from the University of California, Davis and her MA in art history from the University of Notre Dame, and she has completed PhD coursework in art history at the Pennsylvania State University. She lives in Wendell, North Carolina, with her husband, son, and a very grouchy cat.



Dear Travelers and Friends,

With a remarkable 3,000-year history, dating from the Greeks and Phoenicians, Portugal was once a jewel of the Roman Empire. During the Age of Discovery in the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal led Europe with its own expanding empire, ushering in a period of great wealth and extravagance.

Join the Museum Travel Alliance next spring for a behind-the-scenes look at the treasures this era funded. Enjoy a thorough exploration of Portugal's history, architecture, art, and world-famous Douro Valley wine over six days. In particular, the Manueline architecture—associated with the reign of Manuel I (1495-1521)—in Lisbon and Sintra will dazzle you with its craftsmanship and detailed ornamentation. Travel in the company of Jennifer Dasal, the host and creator of the popular *ArtCurious* podcast and former curator of modern and contemporary art at the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA). This access to renowned experts is a feature of all programs offered by the Museum Travel Alliance.

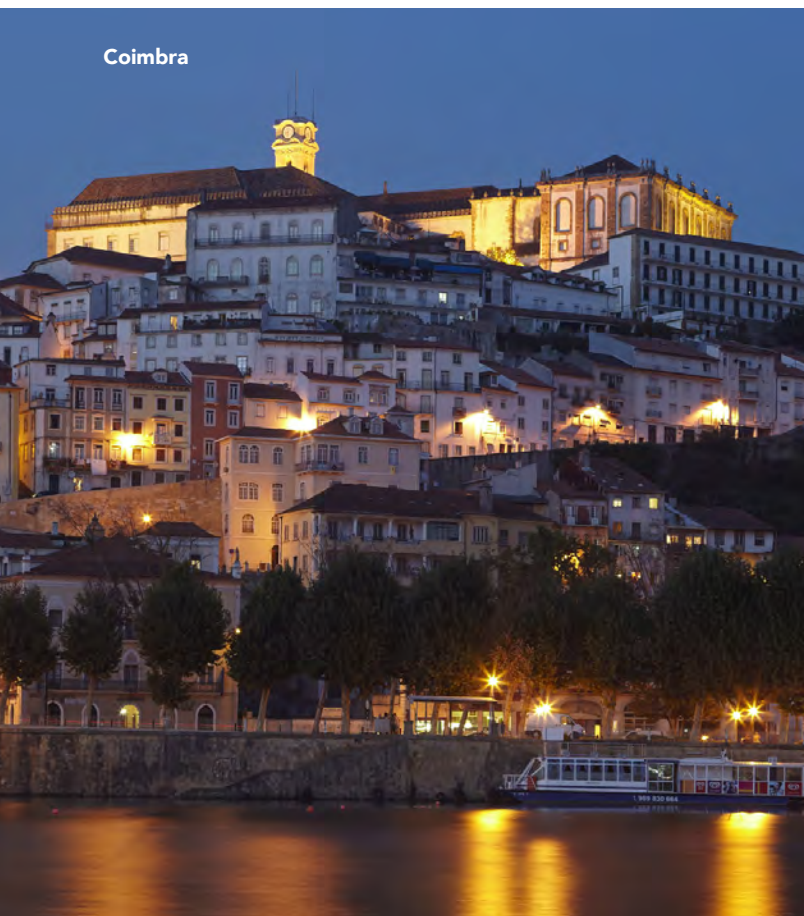
Begin with three nights in Lisbon. Meet the director of Museu Calouste Gulbenkian for a tour of its masterpieces, including works by Monet and Rembrandt. Along the banks of the Tagus, explore the Torre de Belém and the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, both shining examples of Manueline architecture. Enjoy an excursion to the fairy-tale town of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a guided tour of Quinta da Regaleira, a palace built in Neo-Manueline style, surrounded by luxurious wooded gardens.

Stop in the ancient town of Coimbra to explore its UNESCO-listed university, built over seven centuries, and the grandeur of its 18th-century library. Arrive in Porto to discover its splendid examples of Baroque and Gothic architecture. Behold its neoclassical Palácio da Bolsa, an opulent former 19th-century stock exchange, as well as groundbreaking modern architecture at the Fundação Serralves, where you'll meet the director. Then, stroll through beautiful gardens and sample *vinho verde* and Port wine at historic vineyards throughout the Douro Valley, the world's oldest regulated and demarcated wine-producing region.

Reserve your place on this trip with confidence: your deposit will be fully refundable until 120 days before departure. I hope you'll join the Museum Travel Alliance on this splendid journey through Portugal in spring.

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander
President, Museum Travel Alliance



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MONDAY, APRIL 18: DEPARTURE

Depart for Lisbon, Portugal on an overnight flight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19: LISBON, PORTUGAL

Arrive this morning, and transfer to the hotel. Guests opting for the suggested flights will be met at the airport and take the group transport to the hotel. In the afternoon, delight in special access to one of Lisbon's most outstanding yet little-known museums, the Casa-Museu Medeiros e Almeida, the former residence of renowned art collector António de Medeiros e Almeida. This house-museum displays 17th- to 20th-century fine art pieces, with a priceless collection ranging from porcelain and furniture, to silverware, to paintings by artists such as George Romney and Thomas Gainsborough. One of the highlights is furniture by François Linke, one of the most celebrated furniture makers of the 19th century. Gather this evening for a festive welcome dinner. D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: LISBON

Drive along the banks of the Tagus to the Torre de Belém and the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, a 15th-century monastery that is a stunning example of Manueline architecture. After lunch, visit the Director of the Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, the meticulously curated collection of masterpieces purchased by Mr. Gulbenkian from the Hermitage in the 1920s. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover this alluring city. Embark on a walking tour of the Alfama district. You may enjoy an independent dinner or attend a performance of Lisbon's distinctive *fado* music. B,L



THURSDAY, APRIL 21: LISBON / SINTRA

This morning, journey west from Lisbon to Sintra, UNESCO-listed for its pioneering European Romantic architecture in the 19th century. On one of the rocky peaks of the Serra de Sintra, explore Palácio da Pena, the most complete and notable example of Portuguese architecture in the Romantic period. Continue to the historic town center for lunch and some free time to stroll its narrow streets dotted with shops selling Portuguese tiles and ceramics. In the afternoon, tour Quinta da Regaleira, a palace with luxurious wooded gardens featuring underground tunnels, lakes, fountains, grottoes, and an Initiation Well, an inverted tower lined with stairs. If time permits, visit Lisbon's outstanding Museu Nacional do Azulejo (National Tile Museum) in the Convento de Madre de Deus. B,L,D





Biblioteca Joanina, Coimbra University



Fundação de Serralves, Porto

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: LISBON / COIMBRA / PORTO

Depart for Portugal's Centro Region and the ancient town of Coimbra. Tour its university, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where highlights include its famous Biblioteca Joanina and the Capela de São Miguel. After lunch, continue your drive to Porto with check-in upon arrival. The remainder of the day is at leisure to visit Porto's art district and galleries along Rua de Miguel Bombarda, or walk along the numerous quays that line the Douro.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23: PORTO

On an exploration of this hilly yet charming city, begin with a visit to the iconic Mercado do Bolhão, a market housed in a neoclassical building from 1914. Continue along Rua de Santa Catarina and the beautiful Majestic Café, where JK Rowling wrote the *Harry Potter* novels. Pass by Estação Ferroviária de São Bento, a railway station known for its *azulejos* (decorative ceramic tiles) depicting scenes of Portuguese history. Arrive at the Igreja dos Clérigos, and ascend its bell tower for stunning views of the city. Along the river is the Igreja de São Francisco, a former church constructed in a striking combination of the Gothic and the Baroque. Admire the architectural styles at Palácio da Bolsa (the city's historic Stock Exchange Palace), and view the landmark 21st-century Casa da Música, which was designed by architect Rem Koolhaas. After lunch, drive to the Fundação de Serralves complex for a special architectural tour of its Art Deco villa, formal gardens, and contemporary art museum, which were designed by Pritzker Prize-winning Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza. Later this afternoon, cross the Ponte de Dom Luís I, the city's famous bridge. Visit the Graham's 1890 Lodge to learn the process of making Port wine, followed by a vintage Port tasting session. Dinner is at leisure.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24: PORTO / DOURO VALLEY

This morning, transfer to the train station for a scenic train ride to the Douro Valley. Arrive in Peso da Régua, located at the heart of the Douro Valley, the world's oldest regulated and demarcated wine-producing region and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a wine tasting and cellar tour followed by an estate lunch. Later, view 6th-century Flemish tapestries and religious art at the Museu de Lamego, located in the 18th-century Paço Episcopal (Episcopal Palace), former residence of the city's bishops. Return to Porto, and attend a farewell dinner at a restaurant overlooking the city.

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MONDAY, APRIL 25: PORTO / RETURN

Depart the hotel early this morning for flights home.

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Casa da Musica, Porto

ACCOMMODATIONS



Pousada de Lisboa, Lisbon

POUSADA DE LISBOA, LISBON

Located on the Praça do Comércio near the Tagus River, the Pousada de Lisboa is housed within a stately building that once was home to the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Enjoy generously sized, elegantly decorated rooms; a spa; swimming pool; sauna; treatment room; fitness center; two bars; and an à la carte restaurant.



Le Monumental Palace, Porto

LE MONUMENTAL PALACE, PORTO

Delight in spacious, French-inspired accommodations within an impressive historic building with a striking façade. Savor delicious meals in the hotel's *haute-cuisine* restaurant as well as in the café and bar, which boast charming views of the bustling Avenida dos Aliados. The hotel's Spa by Nuxe is the first of its kind on the Iberian Peninsula.

PROGRAM RATE

\$4,999 per person, double rate

\$6,399 single rate

RATE INCLUDES

- Six nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits
- Customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Shrine, Museo de Lamego

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds ☐ Single

I wish to share a room with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*)
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Name on credit card

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