

Enchanting Portugal!

Music in Lisbon and Porto with WBJC



Lisbon

Join WBJC this fall on a 10-day musical journey to the magical country of Portugal!

One of Europe's smallest but most diverse countries, our itinerary gives us ample time to explore many of the myriad wonders of this fabulous land. We'll begin in the north, on the vineyard-terraced slopes of the Douro River where Port, Portugal's signature fortified wine, has been tended for centuries in the oldest demarcated wine region in the world, while staying in the pretty city at its head. Then we'll immerse ourselves in the culture and culinary sophistication of Lisbon, the City of Seven Hills. We will also visit two wonderful landmark towns: Sintra, with its fairytale castles where Portugal's rulers passed their summers; and the medieval town of Coimbra, with one of the oldest universities in Europe and its Baroque library.

Musical highlights include concerts by the two principal orchestras of both cities: the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon, led by famed violinist Pinchas Zukerman; and the Orchestra of the Casa de Musica in Porto, whose terrific new concert hall was built in 2005. That orchestra's chorus will perform a marvelous *capella* program for us, and one of the music world's hottest young pianists, Víkingur Ólafsson, will play a recital of Mozart and his contemporaries in Lisbon. One or two private concerts, exclusive to the group, are also on the docket.



Between musical events, we'll explore the stories of the history, religion, and culture of this open and welcoming country. We might be sampling the local port from a pre-eminent *quinta*, or wine estate in the Douro Valley, enjoying a performance of *fado*, the country's mournful, traditional songs, in Lisbon, or marveling at antique *azulejos*, tiles decorated in the classic Portuguese color palette of blues and white, or experiencing the bounty of the Portuguese table—freshly baked bread, olives, cheese, chargrilled fish, smoked meats or regional pastries, rooted in the bounty of Portugal's coastline and countryside.



WBJC's irrepressible Program Director, Jonathan Palevsky will be along to comment on all the music you will hear.

above: Víkingur Ólafsson
left: Pinchas Zukerman

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*Tour begins November 2 in Porto

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 major performances in Porto and Lisbon, including two orchestral and one choral concert, plus a recital by major Icelandic pianist Víkingur Ólafsson
- 1–2 private concerts, exclusive to the group
- Tours of major sites in and near both cities, including guided tours in Porto, Coimbra, Sintra, and Lisbon, with expert guides
- Visit to and tasting at an authentic *quinta* in the Douro Valley region
- Excursion to the royal sanctuary of Sintra
- Fado performance in Lisbon
- Deluxe 5-star accommodations in Porto and Lisbon
- Private motorcoach transportation to all destinations in the itinerary including excursions
- Breakfast daily, 4 dinners and 6 lunches
- Free time for relaxing, shopping, and further sight-seeing



Douro Valley

Tour Cost: \$5,895 per person, ground only, based on double occupancy.

Group limited to 25 participants.

The WBJC Portugal tour is organized by THE GRAND TOUR Travel Company, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

NB: All participants must provide proof of up-to-date vaccination for the COVID-19 virus, including a booster shot for those eligible, as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), by October 7, 2022.