



BACKROADS

DETAILED ITINERARY*

A Taste of Camino de Santiago—Spain's Atlantic Coast & Vineyards to Northern Portugal



Biking • Premiere & Deluxe Hotels

*Thank you for your interest! Please note that this itinerary is subject to change, including trip start and end locations. **Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.**



"This was far and away the best trip we have taken... it exceeded all of our expectations. The trip was easy... all we had to do was wake up in the morning and the only real decision we had to make was what wine to drink with dinner. The various options were great for different days. When the meals and hotels are factored in, Backroads is a great value."

Eric Adelman | Ann Arbor, MI

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6 Days, 5 Nights

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Activity Levels 3-5

See below for details

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BACKROADS

WHY BACKROADS?

"Backroads is the best of the best!"

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Never Subcontracted

We operate our own trips around the globe. That way we control the quality—and we're fully responsible for your great experience.

Two Support Vans

We provide two support vans on all of our trips* so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

Three Leaders

Our trips have three leaders*, for an average 6:1 guest-to-leader ratio. Guests consistently score our leaders 9.8 out of 10, telling us they make all the difference.

Thoughtful Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

Multiple Daily Routes

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

We Celebrate Mixed Abilities

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

*See web for more information on leaders and van support

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Backroads Quality Guide

STRAIGHT TALK

We want to make sure you're on the right trip and that you have the best experience possible. Every Backroads trip is unique and this one is no exception.

Accommodations & Service Standards

The Old World legacy of Spain and Portugal is beautifully reflected in the hotels and restaurants featured on this trip. While we've handpicked some of the region's finest lodgings and eateries, you may find them simpler than what's typical on other Backroads Premiere trips in Europe. The relaxed lifestyle that defines this region can also result in slower service.

Air-Conditioning

Parador de Baiona is a Premiere Hotel housed in a beautiful historic building that has a bio-friendly air-cooling system. This may not be as cold as the "true" air conditioning you are accustomed to. Fans are available upon request if guestrooms become warm during peak temperatures.

Day 1

Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: The Santiago de Compostela train station (+34-(0)-902-320-320), located at Hórreo 75A in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Additional Details: On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks in Backroads apparel). You will find your leaders in front of the main arched façade with the ADIF sign.

Attire & Luggage: Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's ride (your luggage will be transported to our first night's accommodations). If you choose to change into your gear following our shuttle, please be aware that a proper changing area is often unavailable.

Shuttle to A Guarda 1 Hour

Biking Options:

23 Miles (1,400' elevation gain)
28 Miles (2,200')

¡Bienvenidos a Galicia! Situated right next to the Portuguese border, this unique province of Spain is an enchanting region of green landscapes, melodious local dialect and flavorful gastronomy.

Our trip begins in the city of Santiago de Compostela, home to the iconic Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, the final destination for thousands of pilgrims who hike the Camino de Santiago each year. Christians have walked these historic routes since the Middle Ages, and this week you'll get a taste of the same extraordinary journey. Not only does the Camino hold spiritual significance, but it also offers idyllic scenery and an incredible display of European artistic and architectural evolution.

From Santiago de Compostela, we drive to the fishing village of A Guarda to dine at a historic winery on some unbelievably fresh *mariscos* (seafood). Afterward, your Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief presentation on biking techniques and safety before we set off to trace our own Camino along the Galician pilgrimage route. Follow the coast, climbing up windswept cliffs to reach Monte de Santa Tecla, an area of intriguing circular *castros*—remains of an ancient fortified



settlement built by some of Galicia's Celtic Gallaeci tribes. Take time to explore the ruins and learn about the area's rich Celtic heritage that dates back over two millennia.

Continue biking to our historic hotel, Parador de Baiona. With privileged views over the town of Baiona and the sapphire ocean, this 15th century *parador* earned a spot in history as the first observation point of Columbus' ship, *La Pinta*, as it approached Spanish soil with news of the New World. Take a scenic walk atop the surrounding medieval fortress walls or head down to the white-sand beach below to dip your toes in the Atlantic.

Settle into your room before we gather tonight for a welcome toast and an exquisite first dinner together within the medieval walls. *Lodging: Parador de Baiona*

Day 2

Biking Options:

28 Miles (2,000' elevation gain)

33 Miles (2,300')

46 Miles (3,000')

53 Miles (4,800')

Fuel up with breakfast at the hotel before setting out into the Rías Baixas, a white wine-producing region known for its crisp aromatic Albariño wines.

Yesterday's coastal greenery is replaced by rows of tidy vineyards as we journey inland, the sea still visible from each hilltop view. Passing lush greenery and ancient towns, our route reaches the Minho River, the natural border between Spain and Portugal, where we pause for a lunch of traditional Galician cuisine.

Afterward, follow the Camiño da Costa (coastal Camino) to the historic town of Tui, famous for its well-preserved medieval old town and for being an important point of crossing for the Camino Portugués. Stop here for a coffee if you'd like, then ascend into the pine forests of Monte Aloia Nature Park to reach gorgeous sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean. Descend back into Baiona to enjoy a little bit of R&R at our *parador* and perhaps a dip in the sea.

It's a short stroll into the lovely center of Baiona for dinner on your own this evening. Perhaps you'll be tempted to try the *zamburiñas* (scallops) or the *merluza a la gallega* (hake with paprika and potatoes).

Or, for those who prefer turf to surf, Galicia is also famous for its divine *chuletón de buey* (beef steak). *¡Buen provecho!* *Lodging: Parador de Baiona*



Day 3

Shuttle to Ribeira Sacra 2 Hours

Biking Options:

18 Miles (1,900' elevation gain)

29 Miles (3,300')

37 Miles (3,700')

43 Miles (4,800')

After a hearty breakfast, set your sights eastward for a ride into the heart of Galicia. From our hotel, we shuttle to the Ribeira Sacra wine country, taking in breathtaking views of terraced vineyards clinging to rocky mountainsides. Our roller-coaster-like route winds through the Cañón do Sil, one of the Ribeira Sacra's most famous attractions, tracing the Sil River through deep gorges with fjordlike slopes that rise nearly 500 meters above the water. This striking landscape offers plenty of climbs and descents, with a midway stop to refuel at a bodega perched among what feel like vineyards in the sky.

Following lunch, bike to the winemaking village of Sober, nestled between idyllic woodlands and the peaceful shores of the Sil River. Here, you'll find our boutique hotel, Áurea Palacio de Sober, a grand stone manor with architectural elements that harken back to medieval Galicia. Unwind, stroll through the hotel's landscaped gardens and elegant central courtyard, or lounge by the indoor or outdoor pool before we gather for a gourmet dinner. *Lodging: Áurea Palacio de Sober*

Day 4

Shuttle to Xinzo de Limia 1 Hour

Biking Options:

20 Miles (1,700' elevation gain)

27 Miles (3,300')

54 Miles (5,200')

This morning we say farewell to Galicia and hop across the border to the rural Portuguese region of Trás-os-Montes, which means "beyond the mountains." Here, in the remote Barroso Mountains, most people live off the grid, nourished by the crops and meat they produce, the water that flows from their village fountains and the bread baked in the village mill. An ancient system of collective land stewardship, the *baldios* system, is still in effect here, and it has protected local ecosystems and kept farming sustainable.

Enjoy your fill of the sights, sounds and smells of this quiet region on two wheels. Take a coffee break just before crossing the border into Montalegre, a medieval village with whitewashed buildings clustered around an impressive medieval castle. Then, spin onward to a country restaurant where we're treated to a lunch packed with local ingredients.

Our afternoon ride leads to the town of Vidago, and the aptly named Vidago Palace Hotel. This jaw-dropping property is a Baroque dreamscape of frescoes, columns, wrought-iron skylights and grand windows, surrounded by a manicured park that invites you in for an afternoon stroll among magnolia, lavender and pine. Dine at your leisure tonight in the hotel's casual wine cellar, where tapas are served family-style in a charming café-like space. *Lodging: Vidago Palace Hotel*



Day 5

Biking Options:

16 Miles (1,300' elevation gain)

26 Miles (2,300')

40 Miles (3,300')

49 Miles (4,600')

This morning we embark on a beautiful loop ride through pine forests, finally descending into the town of Chaves, where you can enjoy lunch on your own. One of the earliest settlements in the region, Chaves has a fascinating history dating back to Roman times, when settlers were drawn to its fertile plains and thermal springs. Wander around the town's cobblestone streets and admire its medieval castle and arched Roman bridge, stretching over the Tâmega River.

After lunch, complete the loop ride back to our hotel, admiring views of northern Portugal's picturesque vineyards and rolling hills along the way. If you're interested in a challenge, you can also climb up to the town of Bobadela, a quiet hamlet just outside Chaves.

There's plenty of time this afternoon to enjoy the hotel's amenities. You may want to sit by the pool, soak in the spa's thermal waters or perfect your swing on the golf course. (Spa treatments and golf are not included in the total trip price).

Tonight we toast to a wonderful two-country journey before sitting down to a farewell dinner in the hotel's grand ballroom. *Lodging: Vidago Palace Hotel*

Day 6

Morning Loop 16 Miles (1,500' elevation gain)

Shuttle to Porto 1½ Hours

After a week of riding through the magnificent landscape of Galicia and northern Portugal, complete your journey with a morning loop through the peaceful forest surrounding our hotel, biking beneath oaks and stately cypresses. If you'd prefer a more leisurely morning, relax at the hotel, walk through the gardens or enjoy a morning spa treatment. Back at the hotel, freshen up before bidding your Backroads Trip Leaders farewell and boarding the shuttle to Porto.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS



Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region the way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go, go? We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem! Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out. So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!

Where You'll Stay

Premiere & Deluxe Hotels*



2 Nights (Deluxe Hotel)

Parador de Baiona

Originally the castle of the Conde de Gondomar, this grand parador holds a spot in history as the first observation site of *La Pinta* as it approached Spanish soil with news of the so-called New World. (pool) | Baiona | www.parador.es/en | +34-(0)90-254-7979

1 Night (Pictured)

Áurea Palacio de Sober

Tucked away in a winemaking town in the heart of Galicia, this historic palace gleams with chic updates such as floor-to-ceiling windows set in its 7th-century arches and porticos. (pool) | Sober | www.eurostarhotels.co.uk/aurea-palacio-de-sober.html | +35-(0)-982-299-189

2 Nights

Vidago Palace Hotel

A Leading Hotels of the World member, this property was commissioned by King Carlos I and lives up to its name with palatial elegance, top-notch service and a beautiful natural setting. (pool, spa) | Vidago | www.vidagopalace.com | +351-(0)276-990-920

*With 2 Deluxe Hotel nights at Parador de Baiona

Meet & Depart Info

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change.

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Conclusion of the Trip

Trip End Time: 1 p.m.

Trip End Location: Forte de Gaia (+351-(0)22-015-7540), located at Rua Serpa Pinto 60 in the suburb of Vila Nova da Gaia

Additional Details: If you're flying out of Porto that day, please schedule your departing flight for after 4 p.m.

Flight Arrangements

This trip starts in Santiago de Compostela, Spain and ends in Porto, Portugal. We suggest flying into Santiago de Compostela Lavacolla Airport (airport code: SCQ) and out of Porto Airport, also known as Francisco de Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO).

You may also consider booking your round-trip transatlantic flight through a larger hub, like Lisbon's Portela Airport (LIS) or Madrid's Adolfo Suárez-Barajas Airport (MAD), and connecting to our meet location in Santiago and our drop-off location in Porto by domestic flight and/or train.

For help arranging air transportation to and from your

Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the airline or through a travel website.

When to Book Flights

Please note that trip start and end locations are subject to change and can vary by departure. A Travel Planner, complete with trip details specific to your chosen date, will be sent to you at time of booking or soon after and will be viewable in your Backroads account. **Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.**

Transportation between Santiago de Compostela and the Airport

Taxi: From the airport to most locations in Santiago de Compostela, a flat daytime fare of approximately \$23 is charged for the 20-minute ride. A supplement of about 50 cents for each piece of luggage and \$3.50 for booking the service usually applies. None of these supplements may be charged when nighttime rates are applied.

Bus: Public buses run frequently between the city center and airport for a fare of around \$3.30. Visit www.empresafreire.com for more information.

Transportation between Porto Airport and Central Porto

Porto's airport is a 20- to 30-minute trip from the city center, depending on traffic.

Taxi: A ride to the airport costs around \$20–\$30, plus an additional charge if you have excess baggage (about \$2 per bag). There's a 20 percent surcharge added on weekends, holidays, and between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Be sure the meter is running.

Metro: Lightrail Line E/Violeta serves the airport, and trains run 6 a.m.–1:30 a.m. The fare is approximately \$1.70. Visit www.metrodporto.pt for more information.

Bus: Public buses run frequently to the airport for approximately \$1.65. Visit www.stcp.pt for more information.

Buying Train Tickets

There are several ways you can buy rail tickets:

Travel advisor: If you need assistance booking your rail tickets, please contact your travel advisor or our preferred travel agency by calling 800-462-2848.

Train stations: You can buy rail tickets from any train station in Spain or Portugal. In the larger stations, the reservation counters are usually located outside of the main departure area. Many stations are equipped with automatic ticket machines, from which you can purchase tickets and reservation coupons for in-country travel and for popular international routes. The machines accept cash and credit or debit cards with your PIN.

Online from state rail services: For direct online ticket purchasing and to check the most up-to-date train schedules, visit the Web site of Spain's Red Nacional de Ferrocarriles Españoles, or Renfe (www renfe com) or Portugal's Comboios de Portugal, or CP (www cp pt passageiros en).

Rail Europe: You can also purchase tickets and make reservations through Rail Europe (www raileurope com; 800-622-8600). Be aware that they charge service fees.

PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time.

What to Expect

Backroads On Trip App

Enjoy the convenience of your itinerary details in one place, including daily snapshots, routes, elevation profiles and more. We'll send you an email seven days before your trip starts with the link and code for your itinerary. We encourage you to download the app and the trip experience before you depart (your leaders can help you on trip if needed). Just search for "Backroads" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Trip Leaders

Each of your Trip Leaders plays many roles during your vacation: guide, host, caretaker, naturalist, chef, historian, troubleshooter, interpreter. These remarkable individuals have highly developed instincts for making people comfortable, for seamlessly handling the logistics of travel and for successfully navigating a wide range of unexpected situations. They're passionately committed to ensuring you enjoy an exceptional vacation—smooth, flexible and tailored to your needs. According to past guests, the caliber of our leaders is what sets Backroads apart from all other travel companies. With their knowledge, professionalism, enthusiasm and service ethic, they're the number-one reason people return to travel with us again and again. We look forward to having you meet them.

Meals

Food is an important part of the Backroads experience. For lunch we look for the best way to capture the essence of the region. It may be a Backroads Grand Picnic, when your Trip Leaders prepare the freshest and healthiest local fare at a carefully chosen setting along the day's route; a boxed lunch; a packed lunch; a meal together at a favorite restaurant; or the opportunity to have lunch on your own.

All breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners are included in the trip price. One lunch and one dinner are on your own.

Weather & Destination Details

Climate

Portugal's and Spain's Atlantic coasts boast lush landscapes that are perfect for exploring. The area has a moderate climate with summertime temperatures that are usually quite comfortable. However, this region is prone to variable weather, including heat and year-round rain that can strike at any time of the day, particularly in the fall from October onward. **To stay comfortable during your adventures, be sure to pack waterproof breathable rain gear and a sweater or light jacket.**

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	53	55	60	61	67	73
Low °F	39	39	42	43	48	52
Precip. inches	7.2	4.8	6.0	5.4	4.8	2.0
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	76	77	73	65	57	54
Low °F	55	56	53	49	44	41
Precip. inches	1.5	2.5	4.0	8.5	8.0	9.1

Porto, Portugal

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	57	60	64	64	68	73
Low °F	43	44	47	48	53	57
Precip. inches	5.5	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.6	1.2
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	76	77	74	69	62	58
Low °F	59	59	57	54	48	45
Precip. inches	0.7	1.3	2.9	5.7	6.3	6.1



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We are delighted to support World Bicycle Relief's mission of providing bicycles to rural workers, students and healthcare providers worldwide, especially women. Our involvement with WBR complements our efforts to promote and improve biking in communities where our guests live and visit.

Visit worldbicyclerelief.org to learn more.



Terrain Info & Getting Active Before Your Trip

CHECK OUT THE WAHOO FITNESS ELEMNT ROAM v2

Our state-of-the-art GPS devices offer easy-to-follow directions and come pre-loaded with all the route options specific to this Backroads trip.



ACTIVITY LEVEL

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 3–5.

	BIKING		WALKING & HIKING	
	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)
Level 1 (2-3 hours)	8-22	1000'	2-5	800'
Level 2 (2-4 hours)	18-32	2200'	4-7	1300'
Level 3 (2-5 hours)	26-42	3400'	5-9	2000'
Level 4 (4-6 hours)	36-54	4400'	6-11	3000'
Level 5 (5-7+ hours)	48-70+	4400'+	7-13+	4000'+

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.

Conditioning Tips

Preparing for Your Trip

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know your pace may vary from one day to the next—and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!



Hotel Recommendations

For help arranging hotel accommodations for before and after your Backroads trip, or an extension to your trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the hotel or through a travel website.

Please note that Backroads does not block rooms and does not offer special rates for pre- and post-trip stays. If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads; that way you may be able to avoid changing rooms.

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing. Note that rates are subject to change and some hotels may require a minimum stay.

HOTEL ROOM RATES

IN US DOLLARS PER NIGHT

\$501 and up	◆◆◆◆◆
\$301 to \$500	◆◆◆◆
\$201 to \$300	◆◆◆
Up to \$200	◆◆

Santiago de Compostela

Hotel map: bit.ly/SantiagoHotels

AC Palacio del Carmen

Housed in what was once the Oblatas Convent, the Palacio del Carmen retains a certain old-world elegance while enjoying a convenient location and modern amenities. | Calle Oblatas, s/n | www.marriott.com | +34-(0)98-155-2444 | 74 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Parador Hostal Dos Reis Católicos

With an unbeatable location next-door to Santiago de Compostela's famed cathedral, this 15th-century parador is considered one of the world's oldest hotels. Andrew Harper notes that the "arcaded courtyards and vaulted halls highlight this National Historic Monument." (spa) | Praza do Obradoiro, 1 | www.parador.es | +34-(0)98-158-2200 | 137 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Hotel Costa Vella

In the heart of the historic city center, step off the busy street and into charming Hotel Costa Vella, where medieval stone walls enclose lovely gardens, fountains and an open-air terrace. | Rua Porta de Pena, 17 | www.costavella.com | +34-(0)98-156-9530 | 14 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela

A 10-minute stroll from the main plaza, this modern hotel is located within a park-dotted quiet neighborhood. Spacious and well-appointed rooms as well as indoor and outdoor pools are on offer, in addition to easy access to public transportation. (pool) | Avenida Burgo das Nacions, s/n | www.nh-collection.com | 212-219-7607 (from the US) or +34-(0)98-155-8070 | 150 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆

San Francisco Hotel Monumento

At the San Francisco Hotel Monumento, the comforts of a four-star hotel meld seamlessly with the historic appeal of a former 18th-century Franciscan convent.

(pool) | Campillo de San Francisco, 3 | www.sanfranciscohm.com | +34-(0)98-158-1634 | 82 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Porto

Hotel map: bit.ly/PortoHotels

Forte de Gaia

A comfortable and modern oasis in Porto's well-to-do Vila Nova de Gaia suburb, near Dom Luis I bridge and the city center. (pool) | Rua Serpa Pinto 60, Vila Nova de Gaia | www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/opolg-forte-de-gaia | +351-(0)22-015-7540 | 119 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

InterContinental Palacios das Cardosas

Overlooking the grand Avenida dos Aliados, this 18th-century palace is newly renovated and decorated with classic style. Located next to the São Bento metro station in the city center. | Praça da Liberdade, 25 | www.intercontinental.com/porto | +351-(0)22-003-5600 | 105 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Pousada do Porto – Frexio Palace Hotel

A national monument since 1910, the majestic Frexio Palace was built in 1742 in Portuguese baroque style and consists of the opulent palace and a beautifully renovated 19th-century factory. Set on the Douro in the outskirts of Porto, this Leading Hotels of the World member offers stunning river views. (pool, spa) | Estrada Nacional 108, 206 | www.pousadas.pt | +351-(0)22-531-1000 | 75 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa

This sophisticated hotel offers the style and comfort you can expect from a Sheraton. Set near the Casa de Música in the heart of the business district, it's a short metro ride to the historic center and the city's main attractions. (pool, spa) | Rua Tenente Valadim, 146 | www.sheratonporto.com | +351-(0)22-040-4000 | 266 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hotel Teatro

Conveniently located in the city center, this hotel was

originally built as the Baquet Theatre in 1859. Bedecked with bronze and gold accents and heavy window treatments, the hotel has preserved its warm—and somewhat dark—theater ambience. | Rua Sá da Bandeira, 84 | www.hotelteatro.pt | +351-(0)22-040-9620 | 74 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Pestana Porto Hotel

With a prime waterfront setting in the heart of the bustling historic district, the Pestana is perfect for those more interested in location than peace and quiet. This historic gem is comprised of several centuries-old buildings and offers rooms with superb Douro views. | Praça da Ribeira, 1 | www.pestana.com/en/pestana-porto-hotel | +351-(0)21-040-1713 | 48 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Lisbon

Hotel map: bit.ly/LisbonHotels

Tivoli Lisboa Hotel

This Tivoli hotel in central Lisbon offers traditional Portuguese hospitality on the fashionable Avenida da Liberdade, complete with a tropical garden and swimming pool. It's a 5-minute walk from the shopping areas and 15–20 minutes from historic quarters such as the Castelo, Alfama, Chiado and Bairro Alto. (pool, spa) | Avenida da Liberdade, 185 | www.tivolihotels.com | +351-(0)21-319-8900 | 308 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

PortoBay Liberdade

If you're looking to stay in the heart of Lisbon right off of the bustling, tree-lined Avenida da Liberdade, this sophisticated urban resort is the spot for you. It's the perfect base from which you can explore the city, and with elegant rooms, an indoor athletic center and a roof-top bar featuring panoramic skyline views, it's also the perfect place to come home to after an adventurous day. (pool, spa) | R. Rosa Araújo 8 | www.portobay.com | +351 (0)21-001-5700 | 98 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Pestana Palace Lisboa

With a prime setting close to the city's main

monuments, this sea-foam green building is a magnificent blend of luxury and sanctuary. The historic gem, a restored 19th-century palace, is now a Leading Hotels of the World member with lush gardens and not one but two pools. (pool, spa) | Rua Jau, 54 | www.pestanacollection.com | +351 (0)21-361-5600 | 190 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

are sophisticated and modern. | Rua Aurea, 100 | www.mystoryhotels.com | +351-(0)21-340-0340 | 51 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦



Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon

The Ritz is perched atop one of Lisbon's seven hills, allowing for spectacular city views. Nearly every room has a private terrace. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Rua Rodrigo da Fonseca, 88 | www.fourseasons.com/lisbon | +351-(0)21-381-1400 | 282 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Britania Hotel

Built with art deco flair in 1944 and refreshed in 2011, this glamorous hotel is tucked away on a quiet street alongside the Avenida da Liberdade. | Rua Rodrigues Sampaio, 17 | www.heritage.pt | +351-(0)21-312-8200 | 33 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

EPIC SANA Lisboa Hotel

A sleek and modern addition to the heart of the city, this luxurious hotel boasts indoor and outdoor swimming pools, proximity to Eduardo VII Park and a world-class spa. (pool, spa) | Avenida Engenheiro Duarte Pacheco, 15 | www.lisboa.epic.sanahotels.com/en | +351-(0)21-159-7300 | 311 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hotel Avenida Palace

The 19th-century neoclassic Hotel Avenida Palace offers historic grandeur near the Bairro Alto and the Ciado. | Rua 1 Dezembro 123 | www.hotelavenidapalace.pt/en | +351-(0)21-321-8100 | 82 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

My Story Hotel Ouro

This hotel, set in a renovated 18th-century building, opened its doors in 2014. Located in the city center near the waterfront, the Ouro offers affordable rooms that