

## RESERVATION

The seminar is open to all interested people. The only requirement is that participants be, or become, members of the Society.

I am a member of the Society.

I am not a member of the Society and enclose a separate check, payable to The Mediterranean Society, for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to join.

Contributing membership is \$40 or more  
Family or couple membership is \$35  
Single membership is \$25  
Student membership is \$5

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) in the Seminar on Portugal. Enclosed is a check, payable to the Mediterranean Society for the deposit of \$800 per person.

I shall room with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I wish to have a single room.  
 Please make air arrangements with the group.  
 I will make my own air arrangements.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form and your check for the deposit payable to the Mediterranean Society of America by November 10, 2011, to:

Nancy Saylor, Treasurer  
Mediterranean Society of America  
8701 Cherokee Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23235

## ITINERARY

All the hotels are located in city centers and are listed in the itinerary below. Meals included in the price of the trip are indicated by the letters B, L, D. UNESCO World Heritage Sites are designated by the acronym WHS.

**Sunday, May 20:** Overnight flight from Richmond, VA through Newark, NJ to Lisbon, Portugal.

**Monday, May 21:** Arrive in Lisbon in the morning. Transfer to Évora after meeting the tour escort. Remainder of the day is free. Two nights at **Hotel M'ar de ar de Muralhas (4\*)**. **D**

**Tuesday, May 22:** Take a walking tour of Évora (WHS) including the Roman temple, 12th-century cathedral, Giraldo square, and the church of St. Francis. Enjoy a wine tasting at the Cartuxa Winery near Évora in the afternoon. **B, D**

**Wednesday, May 23:** Depart Évora to visit the Serra de São Mamede region near the border with Spain. Tour the Guy Fino Tapestry Museum and have lunch in Portalegre. Visit the picturesque hilltop villages of Castelo de Vide and Mârvao before driving to Tomar. Two nights at the **Hotel dos Templários (4\*)**. **B, D**

**Thursday, May 24:** Visit the 12th-century Cistercian church, abbey, and cloisters at Alcobaça (WHS) and the 14th-century abbey church, cloisters, and chapels at Batalha (WHS). Lunch in the fishing village of Nazaré. **B, D**

**Friday, May 25:** Before leaving Tomar, visit the Knights Templar castle, charola, monastery and cloisters begun in the 12th century (WHS). On the way to Coimbra, visit Conimbriga, the most extensively excavated Roman site in Portugal, and its museum. Tour Coimbra, the home of Portugal's oldest university and its second capital. The tour will include the university, its library and St. Michel Chapel. Overnight at the **Hotel Quinta Das Lagrimas (4\*)**. **B, D**

**Saturday, May 26:** On the way to Guimarães, visit the walled national forest at Buçaco famous for its native and exotic species of trees as well as its grottoes and fountains. Have lunch at Aveiro, with its colorful boats, rias, and canals, and long history of seafaring. Four nights at the **Hotel Toural (4\*)**. **B, D**

**Sunday, May 27:** Take a walking tour of the medieval center of Guimãraes (WHS), birthplace of Portugal's

first king, Afonso Henriques, and the first capital of Portugal. The tour includes the ducal palace, the castle and nearby São Miguel chapel, Praça de Santiago square, and Largo da Oliveira square with its Gothic church (and possibly its cloister and museum). Drive a short distance to see Citânia de Briteiros, an Iron Age Celtiberian hill fort occupied for 800 years and one of Portugal's most impressive archaeological sites. **B, D**

**Monday, May 28:** Travel north into the Minho region. Visit Ponte de Lima, a lovely town on the Lima River with a Roman and medieval bridge and 18th-century mansions, fountains and squares. Drive into Portugal's national park, Parque Nacional da Peneda-Geres, to see the scenery and the typical espigueiros (communal stone granaries). Stop at Ponte de Barca, also on the Lima, with its 15th-century bridge and 17th-century mansions. **B, D**

**Tuesday, May 29:** Travel to Porto for a full day seeing Portugal's second-largest city. The tour of Porto's historical center (WHS) will include the Church of São Francisco, the Stock Exchange Palace, the tiles at the São Bento Railway Station, and the cathedral. Across the Douro River at Vila Nova de Gaia, take a guided visit to a port wine lodge and have a tasting of port. After lunch, walk the area around the Avenida dos Aliados, the heart of modern Porto, to see the Clerigos Church and Lello bookshop. **B, D**

**Wednesday, May 30:** Drive southeast toward Vila Real and the central Douro River. Stop at Amarante to see this historic riverside town. Tour the Solar de Mateus estate, an 18th-century Portuguese manor house with formal gardens. After lunch, take a two-hour boat tour of the Douro River Valley (WHS), celebrated for its beautiful scenery and the wine made from its vineyards. Drive to Viseu to spend the night at the **Palacio dos Melos Hotel (5\*)**. **B, D**

**Thursday, May 31:** Viseu, now the capital of the Beira Alta region, was a Roman settlement and a prosperous medieval town. Visit the cathedral and the Museu de Grão Vasco in the morning. Drive west to Mealhada for a special lunch. On the way to Lisbon, visit Obidos for a walking tour of this walled 13th-century village, once the personal property of Portuguese queens. Four nights at the **Hotel Fenix Urban (4\*)**. **B, L**

**Friday, June 1:** Visit Sintra (WHS), the summer retreat of the kings of Portugal. Tour the Pena Palace. Free time in the town of Sintra to shop, visit and have lunch. Drive to Cascais stopping at Cabo da Roca, the

westernmost point in Europe. Take a walk in Cascais and then drive along the coast passing by Estoril and back to Lisbon. **B, D**

**Saturday, June 2:** Spend two days touring Lisbon. Visit Lisbon's medieval quarter, the Alfama, including the cathedral. Visit the Baixa, Bairro Alto, and Chiado districts and have lunch. Explore the Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, one of the world's finest art collections. **B, D**

**Sunday, June 3:** Tour Bélem in the morning. Visit the Torre de Bélem (WHS), Monument to the Discoveries, and Jerónimos Monastery (WHS), including the Archaeological Museum. The afternoon is free to pursue your own interests. **B, D**

**Monday, June 4:** Depart for U.S. **B**

## COST

The cost of the seminar is based on a minimum of 14 participants.

### Land Arrangements:

\$3718, sharing a twin room

\$931, single supplement

The price includes:

Fourteen nights lodging, including breakfast

Thirteen dinners with wine and one lunch

Transportation in a private, air-conditioned motor coach

English-speaking tour escort and guides

Guided tours per itinerary and all entrance fees

All transfers

All taxes

Gratuities for local guides and hotel staff, including portorage where available for one bag

\$60 for Mediterranean Society expenses

The price does not include passport fees, personal expenses, extras in hotels, and gratuities for the driver and tour escort.

**Tour Price:** The prices quoted for the land portion of the trip are based on rates of currency exchange in effect as of the printing of the brochure. Fluctuations in the exchange rate may cause the price of the tour to change. Participants will be notified in writing of any change prior to the final payment deadline.

**Group Airfare:** Currently estimated at \$1500 from Richmond, VA. Fuel and security surcharges which are part of the airline fare are subject to change. The surcharges in effect when the airline tickets are written

will determine the final airfare cost. The airfare may be charged to a credit card.

**Crossroads Travel Inc.:** Mary Jo Horlacher (804-794-7700) of Crossroads Travel Inc. is handling the group air arrangements and travel insurance.

#### **DEADLINES**

**November 10, 2011.** The reservation form and the deposit of \$800.00 per person are due to The Mediterranean Society (MSA).

#### **April 5, 2012.**

**Land:** The balance for land arrangements is due to MSA. MSA will send an invoice to the travelers for the final payment prior to this deadline.

**Airfare:** By this date, provide Mary Jo Horlacher at Crossroads Travel Inc. with credit card or other payment information for the purchase of air tickets.

The Mediterranean Society liaison for this trip is Nancy Saylor, 804-231-0674 or [nssaylor@verizon.net](mailto:nssaylor@verizon.net).

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Mary Jo Horlacher of Crossroads Travel has arranged group travel insurance for \$356 per person, double occupancy, and \$415 for single occupancy, to be paid by a separate check payable to Crossroads Travel with the deposit.

#### **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

Each participant must have a valid passport that expires later than 6 months following the end of the trip (i.e., that expires after December 4, 2012).

#### **CANCELLATION**

All cancellations must be made in writing and received by MSA by the deadlines set out below. A \$50 handling fee will be charged for all cancellations. This handling fee will be deducted from all refunds described below. For cancellations received up to 30 days prior to departure (through April 19, 2012), the cancellation fee is 20% of the land costs. For cancellations received 30 to 7 days prior to departure (April 20–May 13, 2012), the cancellation fee is 40% of the land costs. For cancellations received from the 6th day until 48 hours prior to departure (May 12 through May 18), the cancellation fee is 60% of the land costs. For cancellations received less than 48 hours prior to departure or during the tour, the cancellation fee is 100% of the land costs. Once the airline tickets are written, they are non-refundable for any reason.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Tours for You (TFY), Crossroads Travel (CT), and the Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. (MSA), and all co-operating agencies act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. All participants agree that neither TFY or CT, nor any of their affiliates or subsidiaries, nor MSA shall be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with an accommodation, transportation, or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, or acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantine, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays or cancellations beyond the control of TFY, CT, or MSA or for any loss or damage resulting from insufficient or improperly issued passports or other documents. Neither TFY nor CT nor MSA shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes. TFY and MSA reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour passenger should such a person's health or mental condition or physical infirmity or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare or enjoyment of other tour passengers. In this case, refund of unused land tour services is the limit of the liability of TFY and MSA.

***PAYMENT OF THE DEPOSIT FOR THIS TOUR SIGNIFIES FULL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.***

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The seminar will involve considerable walking both in cities with steep streets paved with cobblestones and over ruins. Participants in reasonably good health should have no difficulty. The Mediterranean Society of America, Inc., is a non-profit organization chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Society seeks to provide enriching cultural and educational experiences in pleasant company.

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