

## USTOA Tour Operators Bring Travelers to Portugal in the Off-Season

With Cooking Classes, Pristine Beaches, and Friendly Locals, the Comedic Video Series “Recalculating” Inspires Travelers to Go to Portugal in 2020



*Lisbon, Portugal – Photo Courtesy of Globus Family of Brands*

**NEW YORK – October 21, 2019** – Portugal beckons travelers to its historic, cobblestone villages and pristine beaches in the fall and winter, when temperatures are mild and airfare is offered at value prices. With an annual average of 3,000 hours of sunshine, this southern European country offers idyllic scenery and outdoor opportunities year-round.

When comedian Harrison Greenbaum visits Lisbon, Portugal in the travel video series “[Recalculating](#)” he ventures off to the local coastal community of Trafaria to take a cooking lesson with a group of grandmas, meet a sea captain at the beach, and even learn a few new dance moves. Tour operators of the [United States Tour Operators Association](#) (USTOA) create immersive, fulfilling experiences for destinations like Portugal throughout the year.

Here’s a collection of itineraries for travelers looking to book a trip to Portugal in 2020:

- **Portugal & The Douro River Valley** – [YMT Vacations](#) offers a seven-night cruise down the Douro River and a five-night land tour stretching from Lisbon to Porto. Guests will enjoy a port wine tasting in the Douro Valley’s wine region, a walk through the streets of Sintra and Óbidos, and a visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima. Departure is available October 10, 2020, starting at \$3,199 per person.
- **Into the Heart of Portugal** – [Scenic Tours USA Inc.](#)’s 11-day luxury river cruise is hosted by a National Geographic expert and photographer. Activities include a festive flamenco performance in Salamanca, Spain, birdwatching in Porto’s wetlands, and practicing landscape photography in the Douro Valley vineyards. Departures are available between September 22 and October 2, 2020, starting at \$7,395 per person.

- **Jewels of Portugal** – [Homeric Tours](#) offers a five-day trip through Lisbon with tours of Sintra’s palaces and castles, a day at the Historic Centre of Évora, and visits to Jeronimo’s Monastery, Belem Tower, and more. Departures are available between January and October 2020, starting at \$1,165 per person.
- **Portugal In Depth** – [Globus](#)’ 11-day trip stops in Lisbon, Porto, Algarve, Tomar, Viseu, and Évora for exposure to the best of Portugal’s inland communities and coastal cities. Highlights include a visit to the Church of São Francisco in Porto, an olive oil tasting in Belmonte, and a stop at the 700-year-old University of Coimbra. Departures are available between April 2020 and October 2020, starting at \$1,979 per person.
- **Treasures of Portugal** – [smarTours](#) brings guests to a collection of historic landmarks in Portugal with visits to the medieval village of Marvão, the Cathedral of Évora, the Belém Riverside District in Lisbon, and the University of Coimbra. Departures are available between April and October 2020, starting at \$2,199 per person including airfare.

Other episodes of Recalculating take place in Whistler in British Colombia, New York’s Coney Island, Philadelphia, Mexico City and Slovenia. Watch them all by visiting <https://ustoa.com/recalculating>

Find all Portugal itineraries by USTOA tour operators [here](#).

For more information on USTOA, visit [www.ustoa.com](http://www.ustoa.com), call 212-599-6599, or email [information@ustoa.com](mailto:information@ustoa.com).

**About USTOA:**

Representing nearly \$19 billion in revenue, the member companies of U.S. Tour Operators Association provide tours, packages and custom arrangements that allow 9.8 million travelers annually unparalleled access, insider knowledge, peace-of-mind, value and freedom to enjoy destinations and experiences across the entire globe. Each member company has met the travel industry’s highest standards, including participation in the USTOA’s Travelers Assistance Program, which protects consumer payments up to \$1 million if the company goes out of business. As a voice for the tour operator industry for more than 40 years, USTOA also provides education and assistance for consumers and travel agents.

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