

8 Days in Portugal with Pride



November 1 to 8, 2026 | Lisbon to Porto - [Event Page](#)

Hosted by **Chris Smith** | **Pride Adventures**  - [Full Dossier](#)

Planned and Hosted by **Pride Adventures**

Operated on the Ground by **G Adventures** | **National Geographic Journeys**

Trip Host: **Chris Smith**

Group Size: **Minimum 8** Travelers, **Maximum 16** Travelers including host

Welcome to Portugal

Welcome to **Portugal with Pride Adventures**.

This journey is designed to immerse you in the **beauty, history, wine culture, and quiet elegance** of one of Europe's most captivating destinations, while also creating space for connection, laughter, and shared experiences along the way. From the tiled streets and scenic viewpoints of **Lisbon** to the romantic palaces of **Sintra**, the ancient heritage of **Évora** and

Tomar, the university traditions of **Coimbra**, and the riverside charm of **Porto**, each stop offers something meaningful, refined, and unforgettable.

This **LGBTQ+ group adventure** is thoughtfully planned and hosted by Pride Adventures and operated on the ground by our trusted partner **G Adventures** as part of their **National Geographic Journeys** collection. Together, we bring you a seamless travel experience with local expertise, carefully chosen highlights, and the kind of group dynamic that turns a trip into something much more personal.

Whether you are traveling solo, with a partner, or with friends, you will quickly find yourself part of a welcoming and connected group.

Trip Overview ✨

Over eight days, we travel through Portugal from **Lisbon to Porto**, with memorable stops in **Sintra, Évora, Tomar, and Coimbra**.

This journey blends **historic elegance, scenic landscapes, wine culture, and local traditions** into an experience that allows you to see a meaningful cross section of Portugal without feeling rushed. You will explore iconic landmarks, experience regional traditions, enjoy scenic travel days, and have time to relax into Portugal's slower rhythm.

Traveling as a **small group** allows for a more personal and immersive experience, where each destination feels intentional and each day feels thoughtfully balanced.

What to Expect ☀️

This journey offers a comfortable and culturally immersive experience.

Activity Level: Light

Walking: Expect **cobblestone streets, hills, uneven terrain, and some stairs**

Pace: Active cultural days balanced with free time

Travel Style: **National Geographic Journeys** with elevated comfort

November weather is generally mild, with cooler mornings and evenings and the possibility of light rain. **Layers are recommended** for comfort throughout the day.

Group Size and Travel Style 🤝

This Pride Adventures departure is intentionally small, with a **minimum of 8 travelers** and a **maximum of 16 travelers including your host**.

You will be accompanied by both your **Pride Adventures host, Chris Smith**, and a **G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO)**. Your CEO handles logistics, provides local insight, and ensures the trip runs smoothly from start to finish, while Chris focuses on creating a welcoming, connected, and social group experience.

Pride Adventures Experience

This departure includes thoughtful enhancements designed to elevate your experience beyond a standard tour.

We will come together for a private **Welcome Dinner in Lisbon** and a private **Farewell Dinner in Porto**, along with shared moments throughout the journey that bring the group together.

Pride Adventures also includes **basic gratuities, including the standard CEO tip**. Travelers are welcome to offer additional tips if they feel someone has gone above and beyond.

Accommodations

Accommodations are selected for **comfort, location, and local character**, helping you stay close to the heart of each destination.

Hotels listed reflect properties currently shown in the G Adventures dossier. Final accommodations may vary by departure and are subject to change. Final hotel details are typically confirmed approximately **60 days prior to departure**.

Lisbon: My Story Hotel Tejo Lisbon, or similar

Évora: Vitória Stone Évora, or similar

Coimbra: Vila Galé Coimbra, or similar

Porto: Mercure Porto Centro, or similar

Some properties and historic areas may include **stairs, cobblestones, and limited elevator access**.

As is common in Europe, hotel rooms may be **smaller than North American standards**, and some properties may have limited elevator access or air conditioning. Historic buildings and central locations are prioritized for their character and convenience.

Transportation and Travel Flow

This journey includes a combination of **private vehicles, walking, train travel, and a scenic river cruise.**

Travel days are designed to be comfortable and scenic, allowing us to experience multiple regions while still enjoying each destination. Your G Adventures CEO will manage all logistics, including timing, transfers, and coordination, so you can relax and fully enjoy the journey.

At times, local transportation such as **taxis, metro, or public buses** may be used to connect between hotels, stations, and activities.

What's Included

Pride Adventures host throughout the trip

G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO)

All accommodations, **7 nights**

Transportation between destinations and included activities

Guided experiences and **National Geographic Journeys highlights**

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, Welcome Dinner, Farewell Dinner

Basic gratuities, including CEO tip

What's Not Included

International flights

Airport transfers unless arranged separately

Most lunches and dinners

Optional activities

Travel insurance

Itinerary Overview

This section provides a clear overview of the journey so you can understand the flow of each destination, where you will be staying, and what is included.

Once the trip begins, your CEO will share more detailed daily timing and coordination.

Days 1 to 2 | Lisbon, Fado, and Sintra

Arrive in **Lisbon** and settle into your hotel before joining the group for a welcome meeting and our **Pride Adventures Welcome Dinner**. Day 1 is an arrival day with no scheduled daytime activities prior to the evening gathering.

The following day, we visit the fairytale town of **Sintra** and explore the iconic **Pena Palace**. Back in Lisbon, enjoy an orientation walk and time to explore cafés, viewpoints, and the rhythm of the city.

Transportation: Arrival on your own, private vehicle to and from Sintra, walking in Lisbon

Stay: My Story Hotel Tejo Lisbon, or similar

Meals: Dinner on Day 1, Breakfast on Day 2

Highlights: Welcome Dinner, fado experience, Sintra, Pena Palace, Lisbon orientation

Days 3 to 4 | Évora and the Alentejo Countryside

We travel into the **Alentejo region**, known for its rolling landscapes, cork forests, and slower pace. In **Évora**, explore historic highlights including the **Chapel of Bones** and Roman ruins, along with time to wander the city.

A highlight of the journey is a **cork farm visit**, offering insight into one of Portugal's most important traditions, along with a locally inspired lunch. This portion of the trip introduces a more relaxed and scenic rhythm.

Transportation: Private vehicle from Lisbon to Évora and throughout the region, walking in Évora

Stay: Vitória Stone Évora, or similar

Meals: Breakfast daily, Lunch on Day 4

Highlights: Évora, Chapel of Bones, Diana's Temple, cork farm visit and lunch

Day 5 | Tomar and Coimbra

Travel north to **Tomar** for a guided experience focused on the **Knights Templar** and the **Convent of Christ**. This stop offers a deeper look into Portugal's medieval history.

Continue to **Coimbra**, a historic university city set along the river, where you can settle in and enjoy the atmosphere.

Transportation: Private vehicle from Évora to Tomar to Coimbra

Stay: Vila Galé Coimbra, or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Highlights: Knights Templar experience, Convent of Christ, Tomar, Coimbra

Days 6 to 7 | Coimbra and Porto

Visit the **University of Coimbra** before continuing by train to **Porto**. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation walk and time to explore the city.

In Porto, experience a **Douro River cruise** and visit a **port wine cellar**. Free time allows for exploring the Ribeira district and scenic viewpoints before gathering for our **Farewell Dinner**.

Transportation: Walking in Coimbra, train to Porto, walking in Porto, Douro River cruise

Stay: Mercure Porto Centro, or similar

Meals: Breakfast daily, Farewell Dinner on Day 7

Highlights: University of Coimbra, Porto orientation, Douro River cruise, port wine tasting, Farewell Dinner

Day 8 | Departure from Porto

Enjoy a final morning in **Porto** before departing at any time.

Transportation: Departure on your own

Stay: Not included

Meals: Breakfast

Highlights: Final morning in Porto

Free Time, Optional Activities, and Group Experiences

This journey is intentionally designed with a balance of **guided experiences and free time**.

Many meals are left open to give you the flexibility to explore Portugal's incredible **food and wine scene**. You may choose to relax at a café, explore historic neighborhoods, enjoy scenic viewpoints, or join optional activities. Chris will often help coordinate optional group experiences for those who want to explore together.

Optional experiences may include time in **Lisbon's Alfama district, São Jorge Castle, the Santa Justa Lift, Évora Cathedral, São Bento Railway Station, Livraria Lello, or Palácio da Bolsa.**

Meals and Dining

This journey includes a mix of shared meals and flexibility.

Included Meals:

7 breakfasts

1 lunch

1 Welcome Dinner

1 Farewell Dinner

Other meals are open, allowing you to experience Portugal's diverse culinary scene based on your preferences.

Arrival and Departure Information

Arrival Airport: Lisbon (LIS)

Departure Airport: Porto (OPO)

Please plan to arrive in Lisbon in time for the Day 1 welcome meeting, which will likely take place around **6:00 PM**, with dinner afterward. We recommend arriving by the afternoon so you have time to check in, refresh, and settle before the group gathers.

Day 1 is an **arrival day** with no planned daytime activities prior to the evening welcome meeting and dinner.

You may depart Porto at any time on Day 8.

Luggage and Packing

We recommend **packing light** due to cobblestones, stairs, train travel, and movement between destinations.

You are responsible for carrying your own luggage, including through train stations, on and off transportation, and potentially up stairs at hotels or in historic areas. A medium suitcase or travel backpack and a small day bag are ideal.

Bring **comfortable walking shoes, layers, a light jacket, and a compact umbrella.**

Health, Insurance, and Entry Requirements

Travel insurance is required and must include at least **\$200,000 in medical and evacuation coverage.**

Your passport should be valid for at least **six months beyond your travel dates.** Travelers are responsible for checking current entry requirements.

Money and Tipping

The local currency is the **Euro.**

Credit cards are widely accepted, but some cash is recommended for small purchases. **Basic gratuities are included,** with optional additional tipping at your discretion.

Safety and Travel Expectations

Portugal is a welcoming destination, including for **LGBTQ+ travelers.**

As with any destination, remain aware of your surroundings, especially in busy areas. Exploring with others in the evening is recommended.

Responsible Travel and Planeterra

Pride Adventures supports responsible travel and contributes to **Planeterra,** helping local communities and sustainable tourism initiatives.

Traveler Connections

A **pre trip Zoom call** will be held approximately 30 days before departure.

A private **WhatsApp group** will be created prior to departure to help everyone connect and stay informed.

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Final Notes ✨

This Trip Guide provides a comprehensive overview of your **Pride Adventures experience**. The [G Adventures dossier](#) remains the official operational reference for final logistics and details.

Please review the final G Adventures trip details a few days before departure, as **hotels, timing, and logistics can occasionally change**.

We cannot wait to explore Portugal with you.

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