

## NHG Excursion to Portugal January 20th-23rd 2020

These days, when thinking about the Algarve, (or Al Gharb in Arabic, meaning The West) many of us would associate the area with beaches and golf courses. I'm pleased to say that during this 3 night 4 day trip to the area, we shall immerse ourselves in the history & culture, of which the area is full.

We will be based in the pretty town of Tavira, known as the Venice of the Algarve, which has a rich history of occupation. We will be staying in the 4\* Maria Nova Spa Hotel for 3 nights on a B & B basis. From here, we will get to know Tavira, learn the history of Fado, see how cork is harvested and used. We will visit the historic centre of Faro, the city of Silves with its castle and medieval remains, a chapel entirely decorated in blue & white tiles, have tea and pastries in a former Palace, taste local wines and visit a village which looks as though it is still in the '50's.

### The itinerary :

#### Day 1 (Mon 20<sup>th</sup>)

- 08.00 Depart from Nerja towards Antequera for breakfast
- 10.00 Depart towards Portugal
- 12.00 Lunch at Venta Pazo, Seville
- 13.30 Depart for Tavira, & check-in at Maria Nova 4 \* Spa Hotel for 3 nights
- 16.00 Meet in Reception for a guided tour of Tavira
- 18.00 Performance of Fado with History
- 19.30 Dinner then gentle walk back and early night ?

#### Day 2 (Tues 21<sup>st</sup>)

- 07.45 Buffet breakfast
- 08.45 Depart to Cork factory for guided tour
- 11.00 Depart for guided tour of Faro
- 13.30 Free time for lunch (at own cost)
- 14.45 Depart to Almancil to see Chapel of St Lawrence
- 15.45 Depart for Palacio de Estoi for tea and sightseeing
- 17.15 Depart for our Hotel
- 17.45 R & R (Spa ? Swim ?)
- 19.30 Meet in reception for Buffet Dinner at the Hotel  
Rest of Evening free - (drinks on the rooftop terrace or maybe walk into town - own cost)

### Day 3 (Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>)

07.45	Buffet breakfast
09.00	Depart for Town of Silves for guided tour
13.00	Lunch in Restaurant Casa Velha
14.30	Depart for Quinta de Frances Winery for wine tasting
16.30	Depart for our Hotel
19.15	Depart for Dinner at Pousada
22.30	Return to Hotel by coach or option to Walk back - poss Nightcap (own cost)

### Day 4 (Thur 23<sup>rd</sup>)

	Leisurely breakfast, cases ready for loading onto coach
	Settle any additional bills for drinks etc
	Free time : shopping, sightseeing in Tavira, time in Spa, Possible Tuk Tuk trip to see Salt Processing
13.00	Meet at Saudade em Portugues for lunch
14.30	Depart for Cacaes Velha village
15.15	Depart for Nerja
20.00	ETA Nerja, depending upon comfort stops

Price per person sharing is 475 euros  
Single 514 euros (39 euros supplement for 3 nights)

#### **Price includes:**

Transport from and to Nerja by Coach, coach travel during trip  
3 nights in 4\* Maria Nova Spa Hotel on B & B basis  
Day 1 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Day 2 Tea , Dinner  
Day 3 Lunch & Dinner  
Day 4 Lunch

All Entrances,  
Guides where indicated,  
All gratuities

Timings will be advised daily