

SUMMER 2027
COMMUNITY TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE PORTUGAL

An Art-Inspired Community Travel Adventure

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Discover Portugal through an artist's eyes! Explore Lisbon's vibrant culture, the breathtaking Algarve coastline, and the historic cities of Porto and Coimbra on a 20-day journey filled with art, scenic beauty, and unforgettable cultural experiences. Art making experience is recommended.



PROGRAM DATES:
June 4 - 24, 2027

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
January 29, 2027
20 SPACES AVAILABLE!



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2D Art Making – Community Travel Program | Portugal

Saturday, June 5 - Thursday, June 24, 2027

Fri, 4-Jun-27	Optional AIFS Group Flight departs San Francisco (SFO)
Sat, 5-Jun-27	Program begins Optional AIFS Group Flight arrives Faro (FAO) Collect bags and meet AIFS representative in the arrivals hall One time private bus transfer to the student accommodation in Lagos, for students on the AIFS Group Flight. N.B. Own Travel students will make their own travel arrnagements to the student accommodation PM: Check into accommodation, local area walk with AIFS staff to highlight amenities, remainder of day to settle in and recover from travel
Sun, 6-Jun-27	AM: Orientation with AIFS staff PM: Welcome lunch PM: Sightseeing walking tour with professional guide, to include Ponta da Piedade (approximately 6 km round-trip walk)
Mon, 7-Jun-27	AM: Check out of accommodation for free morning PM: Transfer to Lisbon by private bus Check into accommodation, local area walk with AIFS staff to highlight amenities, remainder of day to settle in and recover from travel
Tue, 8-Jun-27	AM: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon by private bus with the services of a professional, English- speaking guide. PM: Welcome lunch
Wed, 9-Jun-27	AM: Guided tour of the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum Permanent Collection PM: Free time to explore the museum

Thu, 10-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty
Fri, 11-Jun-27	Full-day excursion to Sintra
Sat, 12-Jun-27	Free weekend (Santo Antonio Festival)
Sun, 13-Jun-27	Free weekend (Santo Antonio Festival)
Mon, 14-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Guided walking tour of the Bairro Alta y Bairro Baixa
Tue, 15-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Entrance to the Museum of Lisbon
Wed, 16-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Group tile-painting class
Thu, 17-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty EVE: Group dinner with Fado performance
Fri, 18-Jun-27	Weekend excursion to Porto & Coimbra: AM: Travel to Porto PM: Check-in / store luggage PM: Visit to a Port Wine Cellar for a tour and tasting EVE: Guided walking tour of the historic center
Sat, 19-Jun-27	Weekend excursion to Porto & Coimbra: AM: Visit to Museu Soares dos Reis PM: Travel to Coimbra EVE: Check-in / store luggage
Sun, 20-Jun-27	Weekend excursion to Porto & Coimbra: AM: Guided walking tour of Coimbra and free time for lunch PM: Continue return journey to Lisbon
Mon, 21-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Entrance to the Museu Nacional de Arte Contemporânea do Chiado
Tue, 22-Jun-27	AM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty PM: Art making with SMCCCD faculty

Wed, 23-Jun-27

AM: Half-day excursion to Cascais
PM: Group pastel de nata cooking class
EVE: Farewell meal

Thu, 24-Jun-27

AM: Check out of accommodation
Private transfer to Lisbon (LIS) airport for those on the optional group airfare package

N.B. Independent travellers make own way to airport for return to US or onwards personal travel

End of program