

# Welcome to Diva Destinations

## Hosted Group Holiday for the Transgender & Cross-Dressing Community

### Portugal 2020



My name is Jennifer Grant, founder of Diva Destinations and your host for the holiday together with Caron Morton, the Manager of Diva Destinations. I am pleased to provide you with an outline itinerary for your week in Portugal.

We will have exclusivity of the beautiful Silver Seahorse Hotel, enabling our guests to meet like-minded people in a relaxed and safe environment but also provide everyone with the opportunity to be their authentic self.

With all our trips we do plan group activities for anyone wanting to take part but, if when you arrive in Portugal you just want to chill out by the pool or beach that's absolutely fine too! Or you can do the activities outside of our group dates. It's your holiday to do exactly as you please..

#### Transfer Arrangements

**Overseas Transfers from Lisbon to the Silver Seahorse Hotel:** Included in your price will be group private transfers from Lisbon airport to our hotel.

#### General Information

##### Hotel Facilities

At the hotel there is the pool (of course) plus the beach at the end of the road. You will enjoy breakfast every morning, served between 9-11 am in the large air-conditioned and sunny poolside lounge bar with floor to ceiling glass doors opening out on to the south-facing terrace, overlooking the lawns and pool. This bright room is also home to the pool bar, serving the outside pool terrace and the inside lounge area where you can enjoy snacks and lunches and our evening get-togethers.

There is also table tennis, pétanque, croquet and a bow and arrow target board all free of charge to use. Plus there is a poolside jacuzzi hot-tub, great to unwind and relax in with a glass in hand

Peniche is the nearest town for banks, post office, shops and an abundance of cafes and restaurants. Transport into Peniche can be arranged for approximately 5 euros each person each way. There are plenty of walks from the hotel. Maps will be provided.

Bring your own beach towel or they are available to hire from the hotel at €5 for the duration of your stay.

**Your room:** Your home from home comforts include a Flat screen TV, Hairdryer and free Wifi. For warmth during the cooler months there is underfloor heating with an individual room control. A daily service of your room is available on request with a linen and towel change provided midweek. There is a tea & Coffee station located on the ground floor. In house room service is available upon request.

### **Booking of activities:**

Most can be booked when you arrive

Bike Hire: 1/2 day €10 / full day €15

Surfing Lessons: Includes transport, surfboard hire & wetsuit hire: 1 class €35 2 classes €55

Horse Riding: €75 per trek. Includes transport

Yoga Classes: €10 per class

Golf is also available nearby

### **Inclusive meals:**

Daily breakfast

Welcome dinner on Friday

Buffet dinner on Sunday

Buffet dinner on Wednesday

Farewell dinner on Thursday

### **Meals not included:**

Lunch can be taken at the hotel bar or at a local restaurant. All meals not included will be at local restaurants or alternatively you can have dinner at the hotel.



# Proposed Itinerary

## Day 1

Settle in & unpack. Once everyone has settled in we'll take you on a short orientation walk of the hotel & beach and answer any questions you have about the week ahead.

6.30 Pre-dinner drink at the hotel pool bar. We'll introduce everyone while we have a cocktail or drink by the pool.

7.30 Welcome dinner in the hotel - Enjoy a relaxing meal followed by a walk on the beach if anyone is up for a stroll before getting in a good night's sleep or a night cap perhaps?

## Day 2

Morning at your leisure or join Jen or Caron after breakfast for a local walk. We'll be back in time for lunch!

We'll have lunch at the hotel or at a local restaurant. We'll decide on the day!

Join us for an afternoon bike ride or spend the afternoon at your leisure.

Late afternoon we'll have the first ever Diva Destinations croquet and/or table tennis tournament. Or spend the afternoon at your leisure.

6pm Pre-dinner drinks at pool bar followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 3 Half day excursion to Obidos

Depart at 11.30am from the hotel, arriving in Obidos at midday. We'll have 3 ½ hours to explore the town, have lunch before returning to the hotel at 4pm. Just in time for a freshen up or a dip in the pool before meeting at the bar for a pre-dinner cocktail followed by a buffet dinner served at the hotel.

Obidos is the finest example of a Portuguese walled town, and is one of the best tourist destinations of the Lisbon region. Historically, Obidos was presented to the Queen of Portugal on her wedding day, a tradition that began with Queen Urraca in 1214 and continued until the 19th century. This royal patronage has left an enduring legacy of pride within the town, and today it is one of the most characterful towns of central Portugal. For visitors, Obidos is a charming town to explore; there are narrow-cobbled streets, traditional painted houses, and an imposing medieval castle. Obidos may be just a small town, but there is no better example of a traditional Portuguese town than Obidos.

## Day 4

Spend the morning at your leisure or we'll arrange for a group visit to the lovely nearby town of Peniche.

6pm Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks. Tonight we'll have dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 5

Morning at your leisure or let us know if you would like to book one of the activities on offer, horse-riding, kayaking or golf. .

Afternoon at your leisure or a we'll have a beach afternoon.

6pm Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks. Tonight we'll have dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 6

Full day excursion to Buddha Eden Garden

11.30am Depart hotel - return pick up 5pm. There is a restaurant there for snacks, lunch and drinks at the gardens. Return to hotel for buffet dinner, served at 7.30pm

Enjoy a visit of the Quinta dos Lorigos, where the impressive Buddha Eden – the largest oriental garden in Europe, can be found. The oriental garden with around 35 hectares of land was created as a reaction to the destruction of the Buddhas of Banyan, in which one of the greatest acts of cultural barbarity took place, erasing masterpieces of late-period Gandhara art. From Buddhas, pagodas, terracotta statues and the various carefully-placed sculptures which can be found throughout the gardens, it is estimated that some six thousand tons of marble and granite were used to create this monumental work of art. The central staircase is the focal point of the garden, where the golden Buddhas offer you a calm welcome. At the central lake, KOI (Japanese carp) fish can be seen, and sculpted dragons rise out of the water. There is also the opportunity to see the seven hundred hand-painted terracotta soldiers, each of them unique copies of those which were buried some 2,200 years ago. You will be truly enchanted with the peace and tranquillity of this unique and special place!

## Day 7

Spend the day at your leisure.

6.30pm Meet for your final farewell drinks at the Hotel pool bar followed by our farewell meal at the hotel.

## Day 8

You will be transferred back to Lisbon airport today. ***All your transfer times will be given to you on Thursday morning so you can plan your packing.***

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