

Enchanting Portugal










Magical Gardens, Palaces, Castles, and Fantastic Vistas

APRIL 16-29, 2012

Join members of the Maryland Horticultural Society and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland for another fabulous gardenholics Castle and Garden Tour.

Pathfinders from Cheltenham, England and Karen Offutt have designed our tour of some of Portugal's most renowned sites. Sixteen gardens and numerous castles, villas and palaces will be featured in the 14-day and 12-night tour starting in beautiful Lisbon, heading over to the Unesco World Heritage town of Sintra, then up to the home of Port wine, Porta then on to the interior of the country and back down to the fashionable coastal resort of Cascais. The four star hotels are located in the center of the action and plenty of free time to explore has been added to the trip.

INCLUDED IN THE 14-DAY TOUR:

Three nights each in Lisbon, Sintra and Porta, two nights at the Bussaco Palace Hotel and the last night in the coastal resort town of Cascais for a day of independent sightseeing  Jeronimos Monastery and the tomb of Vasco de Gama  St. George's Castle, towering above Lisbon and the old Arab quarter of Alfama  The modern Gulbenkian Museum and 17-acre park surrounding it  The Royal Palacio dos Marquise de Fronteira and the Palacio Pena  The Jardim Botanico da Ajuda, founded in 1772 and the Museu Agricola Tropical  The Palacio do Marques de Pombal and Palicio Nacional de Queluz, a Versailles like royal residence  Coimbra University and its terraced botanical gardens  A port wine barge tour on the Douro River and a visit to Casa de Mateus, home of the famous Portuguese rose wine  Conimbriga, an important Roman Peristyle garden and ruin and the National Forest of Bussaco

FOR COMPLETE TOUR ITINERARY, EMAIL: Karen J. Offutt, karenoffutt1@gmail.com

The cost of the trip will depend on the number of participants signed up by February 29 but will range between 1890 and 1535 Euros (with an additional 445 Euros single supplement.) **Cost includes:** 12 nights hotel accommodations in 5 four-star hotels, 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners, Fado performance, barge trip and two wine tastings. Coach services, entrances to all gardens and palaces and tour manager included. Airfare is NOT included, but an effort will be made to secure a group rate if at least 8 people are interested.

 **To reserve space, please send your registration form and a check for your deposit to:**

Karen J. Offutt, 3616 Black Rock Road, Upperco, Maryland 21155. A deposit of \$200 per person is due at the time of registration. Refunds made until January 16, 2012. Registration deadline is February 29, 2012. Further booking and tour information will be sent out with registration confirmation. Tax-deductible donation of \$100 will be asked of each participant upon return to be donated to the MD Horticultural Society or the Federated Garden Clubs of MD. For additional information, call Karen J. Offutt: 410 771-4799



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: Single double Roommate Name: _____

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