

PORTUGAL May 7-24, 2020: Pastels with Maxine Thompson



Overview:

This is a tour of the **Pousadas of Portugal**, national historic monuments that have been tastefully refurbished into small luxury hotels. Experiencing Portugal through its' Pousadas not only envelopes you in soft luxury and elegance, but brings the local culture and specific region literally into your 'home' of the moment. Their locations and structures transport you beyond the normal tourist track and plunge you into a more intense experience in less traveled and exceptional places with fascinating side stories and local people to enjoy. We concentrate on painting and travel the complete length of this tiny country – we stay rural, quiet, old-fashioned, traditional and very beautiful – very much authentically Portuguese.

Most of the hotels have the added attraction of Spa facilities and pools.

Then Portuguese people are undoubtedly the warmest in Europe and their country boasts some of the most unspoiled countryside and breathtaking antiquities. We take full advantage of exceptional locations to paint what we see.

Maxine Thompson will be instructing with focus on Pastels, but also pencil and pen-and-wash. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome. Other painting media work too. **Wendy Smith-Wood** has been guiding for 30 years and has recently come to know this country well.

It's easy to extend this trip with a visit to **Lisbon** and **Porto** at each end of the tour.

Includes: Art instruction and critique. Airport transfers and day trips to **Evora, Elvas, Montserraz, Setubal** as well as local villages, markets and wineries.

17 nights B&B. Stay in a monastery, convent, castle, palace and village houses.

**** 9 dinners included (50% half board).** 17 lunches, 7 dinners and drinks not included.

Tour price: rough estimate is **\$6,435 USD per person for twin share** (\$9,515 NZD \$9150 AUD depends on exchange) Single supp: \$1,800 USD; \$2,570 AUD; \$2,650 NZD. **Min: 6 guests; Max 12.**

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