Dear Bryn Mawr Travelers,

I am delighted to serve as your Bryn Mawr faculty host on the Bryn Mawr Travel Program “Landscapes of Portugal” in May 2018. The tour offers us a wonderful opportunity to visit contrasting regions of Portugal renowned both for their natural beauty and their historical significance. Our time together begins in Lisbon, one of Europe’s most ancient cities. Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, and North African Muslims (“Moors”) all laid claim to Lisbon over the centuries, before Portuguese authority was finally asserted in the late twelfth century. Our adventure in Lisbon will highlight, among other places, the Moorish quarter of Alfama and the Castelo de São Jorge, an eleventh-century fortress built to defend the Moorish possession; the Torre de Belém, a sixteenth-century edifice that stands as a monument to Portuguese overseas expansion; the wonderful Baixa section, testament to progressive city planning in the wake of the devastating 1755 Lisbon earthquake; and the palaces of Sintra, notably the medieval National Palace and the exquisite nineteenth-century Palacio da Pena. We’ll also visit the charming seaside resort town of Cascais and have additional time on our own to explore beyond our set itinerary.

Our adventure then continues in the north, the region around Porto, famed for its production of wine and, of course, the eponymous Port. Nearby Bom Jesus do Monte takes us to the extraordinary 18th-century religious sanctuary which takes the form of a giant stairway. Moving into the Douro valley, the heart of port country, we’ll visit traditional “quintas” and taste the sweet fortified wine that enjoys a worldwide reputation. As we leave northern Portugal and the magnificent mountain range “Serra da Estrela,” we exchange snow-capped beauty for the rolling sun-baked plain of the Alentejo. Our destination is the enchanting city of Evora which flourished in the Middle Ages as a center of learning and the arts and which gained international recognition in 1986 when it was declared a World Heritage Site.

Please join us on what promises to be a most interesting journey! Since space is limited, I encourage you to make your reservations quickly; you’ll not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauties of Lisbon and the towns and villages of Portugal. I look forward to meeting you this spring!

Best regards,

Inés Arribas

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**Landscapes of Portugal**

**May 11th - 20th 2018**

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

- **Land only (no airfare included):** $4299
- **Single supplement:** $990

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

- **Hotels:** 8 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels, including hotel taxes and service charges
- **Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- **Meals:** Breakfast daily, 6 dinners
- **Guides:** Bryn Mawr host and Discover Europe tour director throughout, local guides for Lisbon, Oporto and Evora
- **Expenses:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- **Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary

Please Note: Travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to reach registrant from Bryn Mawr.
**FRIDAY, MAY 11** - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12** - Upon arrival in Lisbon you’ll be met by your tour guide for the short transfer to your city center hotel. There will be time to rest from the flights before we begin to explore the neighborhood. This evening, a dinner party at the hotel welcome us to Portugal. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**SUNDAY, MAY 13** - Panoramic sightseeing this morning, with a local guide, introduces this fascinating city; from the grand neoclassical buildings of the Baixa district to the narrow cobbled alleys of the Moorish Alfama quarter. Experience the rich variety of the city, with visits to the Castelo de Sao Jorge, a hilltop fortification with magnificent views over the city and the Tagus River, Belem Tower and the exquisite Monastery of Jeronimos. The afternoon is free for independent exploration. Visit the National Tile Museum in the cloisters of the splendid Madre de Deus Church to view Portugal’s traditional “azulejos”, take the Santa Justa Elevator, created in 1901 by Gustave Eiffel (of Eiffel Tower fame) to the elegant Chiado district or explore the Botanical Gardens. This evening, we experience the husky beauty of “fado,” Portugal’s traditional music, as we have dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**MONDAY, MAY 14** - Turning north, we first stop in the enchanting medieval walled town of Obidos. to visit the simple church of Santa Maria where the future Alfonso V married his 8 year old cousin. We continue to Tomar for a visit to the Convent of Christ, founded in 1162 by the Grand Master of the Templars. Seldom visited by tourists, this massive building retains its sense of dignity and antiquity. Its Manueline embellishments, a unique style of Portuguese, are some of the finest surviving examples. We head north to our hotel in the dazzling city of Oporto. Dinner at hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OPORTO**

**TUESDAY, MAY 15** - Morning sightseeing of the city with a local guide includes the Cathedral District, the riverside quarter of Ribeira and the civic and shopping centers of Central and Baixa. This afternoon, an excursion to Portugal’s most spectacular religious sanctuary, “Bom Jesus do Monte.” The 18th-century giant baroque stairway was designed to lead up to the small shrine, the church of Bom Jesus. We return to Oporto for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OPORTO**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16** - We tour port country today as we travel east through the Douro Valley. We’ll stop at traditional “quintas” to sample the different varieties of Port. The panoramic views of the terraced mountains upon which the grapes grow are spectacular. Turning south, we enter the Serra da Estrela, the “star mountains.” The area is a designated nature reserve and the traditional lifestyle of the indigenous shepherds still survives here. Our destination is the Pousada Serra da Estrela, where a log fire and stunning views over the snow-capped mountains greet us. Dinner will be at the Pousada. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OLIVEIRA**

**THURSDAY, MAY 17** - We continue further south, along the border region, making a first stop at the extraordinary Jardim Episcopal in Castelo Branco. The gardens 18th-century layout is conventionally formal; its surprise lies in the many statues found throughout. The bishop’s palace now houses a museum, which displays primitive art, 16th-century tapestries and a wide range of archaeological finds. Continuing our route south, we arrive at the medieval walled city of Evora which rises mysteriously from the Aletejan plain. Dinner will be at our city center Pousada this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: EVOARA**

**FRIDAY, MAY 18** - A walking tour with a local guide this morning introduces Evora and the architectural and cultural treasures which fill its tangled web of streets and alleyways. This afternoon is free for individual exploration…shop for handicrafts along Rua 5 de Outubro, browse through the city museum, or experience the bustle of the Praca do Giraldo, Evora’s main square. The evening is free as well to sample one of the city’s justifiably famous restaurants. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EVOARA**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19** - Returning to Lisbon, we explore the coast north of the city: the beautiful hill town of Sintra and the palaces which dot the wooded hills. Visit both the National Palace and the Palace of Pena before enjoying time in the cosmopolitan seaside resort of Cascais. This evening, we gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel sharing stories and memories. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20** - Return transfers to the Lisbon Airport for your transatlantic flights back to the U.S. **(B)**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner*
Your Host: Inés Arribas earned her BA from the Sorbonne University (France) and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Hispanic Literature and Culture. She joined the Spanish Department at Bryn Mawr College in 2001 where she serves as Senior Lecturer and Language Program Coordinator.

Her field of research embraces several facets of Spanish cultural studies. Author of *La literatura de humor en la España democrática* (1997), she has also conducted research on cultural representations of Spanish gypsies in literature, film, and the Internet. Her two current research interests are slam poetry in Spanish as a pedagogical tool to enhance the Spanish language curriculum, and the historical legends of Spain and Portugal that illustrate the love and enmity relationships between both countries.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

i). Please type or print.

ii). Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.

iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.

iv). Complete both sides of this form.

v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. **PASSENGER DETAILS**

   i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name, if applicable.

   ii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

   iii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

   iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals.

   v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

   This information is essential.

3. **INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

   If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of $40 per ticket for this service.

4. **ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

   Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

   i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

   ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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**PASSENGER DETAILS: LANDSCAPES OF PORTUGAL**

1. **Passport Name:**

   Title   First  Middle  Last

2. **Known As:**

   Title   First  Middle  Last

1. **Passport Number**  Expiration  DOB

2. **Passport Number**  Expiration  DOB

**Address:**

City:  State:  Zip:

**E-mail:**

Preferred Telephone: (___) ______________ work/cell/home circle one

Secondary Telephone: (___) ______________ work/cell/home circle one

**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:**

**HEALTH INFORMATION:**

**OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES:**

**TRIP DETAILS**

Departure Date:  Return Date:

Departure Airport or City:

I would like to extend my trip to:

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**CONDUCT DURING THE TOUR**

You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change - in fact we have not had to invoke this clause in the contract in 15 years of operation. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 paying participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

**REFUND POLICY:**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe Ltd., less a $1000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Upon receipt of your reservation, information on trip cancellation and interruption insurance will be sent to you by Bryn Mawr College.
5. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions on Landscapes of Portugal are listed here.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant’s home to their departure airport, transatlantic airfare, passport fees, excess baggage charges, and items of a personal nature.

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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

(Please check one)

- □ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
- □ I will be sharing with:

We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

- □ Yes □ No

**SIGNATURES**

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Bryn Mawr and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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