

**PRESS RELEASE: PORTUGAL**

**LOIS GRIFFEL Art Workshop**

**October 12 - 20, 2019**

**CASCAIS and LISBON, PORTUGAL**

**Plus an optional 2 night extension to Lisbon**

**Non-Artists Welcome!**

Come to the land of famous navigators of the 16<sup>th</sup> century setting sail to explore the world! Our base will be **Cascais which is a lovely fishing village, weekend retreat and vacation spot on the Atlantic Ocean**. Such inspiration and scenery will astound you! We have booked the charming Albatros Hotel with breakfast daily. It is situated on the Bay of Cascais on a cliff and is walking distance to town. The main street is of black and white mosaic design as one will find in Rio. It also is a 55 minute commute to Lisbon. On October 19<sup>th</sup> we will pack up and leave to explore **Nazare** on the Atlantic Ocean, **Obidos**, a 14<sup>th</sup> century medieval walled city, and visit the opulent **Queluz** Palace modeled after Versailles with decorative arts, antiques, and splendid gardens. The last night of the 19<sup>th</sup> we will be in Lisbon overnight.

While in Cascais we will have 2 days of mini vans to search for wonderful paintings scenes. Perhaps one of those days should be spent at Sintra to see the Pena Palace which is not a good location to paint as there will be too many tourists.

You may opt to spend 2 more nights in Lisbon for sights and museums returning to the USA on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This optional extension includes hotel, breakfast, half day city tour, and more!

Our hotel in Lisbon is family owned and operated in the heart of the city located on a tiny, narrow street. **The Lisboa Plaza Hotel** will be our home base. It has old world charm with modern day amenities. We will have a full breakfast daily. This is for the optional 2 night extension in Lisbon.

One of the best museums in Lisbon is the **Museu Nacional do Azulejo** housed in a convent. "Azulejos" are the gorgeous glazed blue and white tiles indigenous to Portugal sometimes creating a mural on the side of a wall.

One evening we will go to hear **Fado music** which is unique to the country. It is the music of longing and lost love.

Portugal is a country unto itself with its own language, customs, and traditions.

\$1,995 per person double occupancy – LAND ONLY

\$1,000 Single Supplement

\$400 Art Instruction

\$300 two night extension in Lisbon

\$125 Single Supplement 2 nights Lisbon

*Questions?*

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