



Gardens of Portugal & Southern Spain with Plantsman, Joe Lamp'l

October 1 - 12, 2025



Join renowned plantsman and garden expert Joe Lamp'l on an unforgettable journey through the lush landscapes of Portugal and southern Spain. This exclusive garden adventure will immerse you in the history and breathtaking beauty of iconic gardens, from Portugal's elegant estates to Spain's Moorish palaces. Along the way, indulge in wine tastings, savor delicious regional cuisine, explore architectural gems, enjoy a passionate flamenco performance, and visit historic palaces and gardens that have been shaped by centuries of culture. This tailor-made experience is truly one-of-a-kind. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

3 Nights Porto – A World Heritage Site

3 Nights Lisbon – Capital of Portugal

4 Nights Seville – Heart of Andalusia

1 Night Madrid – Capital of Spain



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Tours of gardens of Lisbon, Seville, and Cordoba ♦ The Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art ♦ A fado performance ♦ Visit a working cork farm
Tour palace gardens and wineries ♦ Alcazar and Cathedral, Seville ♦ Barrio Santa Cruz, Seville ♦ Flamenco performance ♦ the Mezquita mosque in Cordoba ♦ Wine, Sherry and Port tastings with the producers ♦ Travel companions who share your passion for culture, history and gardens



IT'S INCLUDED!

- Travel with expert plantsman, Joe Lamp'l
- Fado, guitar concert and flamenco performance
- All entrance fees to all gardens and activities listed in itinerary
- Wine, sherry, port and olive oil tastings
- Historic walks of Porto, Lisbon, Cordoba, and Seville with local guides
- Visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art
- 11 nights of accommodation in centrally-located 4-star hotels and a superior boutique 3-star hotel in Sevilla.
- Transportation by private coach
- Airport transfers while in Europe when arriving on the official start/end dates.
- High-speed train from Seville to Madrid (*pack light please*)
- All breakfasts plus 11 additional multi-course meals
- Evening wine and tapa gatherings
- All gratuities for drivers, guides and all those assisting group activities and meals

TRIP FACTS

12 Days/ 11 Nights

\$6,595 per person double occupancy (land only)

\$1,995 single supplement (*waived if willing to share a room and a roommate is found*)

Trip begins: in Porto on October 1, 2025 at 6pm

Trip ends: in Madrid on October 12, after breakfast

WAYS TO SAVE \$200: Travel alumni save \$100 ♦ Pay your final balance by check and save \$100





Your Garden Journey Begins!

Dining in Spain and Portugal: Traditions are alive and well in Iberia. One of these traditions is to dine late into the evening. Alas this is not very convenient or comfortable for most travelers. For this reason we have included numerous multi-course lunches, knowing that it will make for a more comfortable travel experience for all. **Meal Key:** B= Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 0: Depart the U.S.A for Portugal

Remember, you'll need to depart the US no later than September 30.

Day 1: Wednesday, October 1 - Arrive at Porto Airport and transfer to your hotel

Bom dia! Welcome to Portugal! Plan to meet your host, Joe Lamp'l, your Earthbound guide, Aurelian Clavero, and fellow travelers this evening for a welcome orientation followed by dinner. *Sleep in Porto (D)*

Day 2: Thursday, October 2 - Discover Historic Porto

You'll spend a full day exploring Porto, Portugal's second largest city. The historic riverfront with its colorful houses is a well-deserved UNESCO World Heritage Site. Accompanied by an expert local guide, learn about the city's history, gorgeous Baroque cathedral, historic railway station and colorful markets.

After lunch enjoy a visit to the **Crystal Palace Gardens**. Among Porto's most iconic green spaces, offering a tranquil atmosphere right in the heart of the city. Built in the 19th century, these gardens were part of the former Crystal Palace, which no longer exists but has left behind a remarkable park. The beautifully landscaped gardens feature romantic walking paths, majestic views over the Douro River. *Sleep in Porto (B, L)*



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"Gardening is the purest of human pleasures."
– Francis Bacon

Day 3: Friday, October 3 - Gardens of Guimarães

Discover Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage site and considered the birthplace of Portugal. Wander through the picturesque old town and admire the distinctive Baroque garden at **Caso do Campo**. Savor a lunch with the garden's owner before heading to **Quinta da Aveleda**, where you can explore their 19th-century woodland garden and sample their renowned vinho verde.

Return to Porto in the late afternoon. Free evening to enjoy Porto.

Sleep in Porto (B, L)

Day 4: Saturday, October 4 - South to Lisbon via the historic city of Coimbra

Enjoy a tour of Coimbra, a captivating city in central Portugal, which blends rich history with stunning beauty. As home to one of Europe's oldest universities, its medieval streets, historic landmarks, and UNESCO-listed architecture evoke a sense of timelessness. Lush gardens, the iconic Joanina Library, and romantic tales like that of Inês de Castro add charm to this cultural gem. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, D)*

DAY 5: Sunday, October 5 - Discover Lisbon

After breakfast, we set out to discover Lisbon. Our journey begins in the Belém district with an in-depth tour of the Jerónimos Monastery. This is one of the most prominent examples of Portuguese late Gothic Manueline style of architecture, and it is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will also see the Tower of Belém, which is dedicated to the great Portuguese explorers.

For an independent lunch, we visit Cascais, a picturesque Portuguese town, offering beautiful beaches, vibrant culture, historic landmarks, and stunning coastal views.

This evening enjoy dinner out on the town. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, D)*

DAY 6: Monday, October 6 - Gardens of Lisbon

Afternoon visit to the **National Palace of Queluz** in the hills outside Lisbon. There's a remarkable balance of architecture and landscape at this Royal summer palace with reception rooms opening onto a terrace surrounding the Sunken Parterre. **The Palace of Fronteira** is next, one of the finest in Portugal, with its formal garden, a vast parterre built around a set of five fountains. This huge open-air gallery serves to display a collection of 17th century azulejos (tiles) on walls, staircases, benches, balustrades and its great tank.

Return to Lisbon in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, L)*



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“The air soft as that of Seville is so fragrant that it was delicious to breathe it.”
Christopher Columbus

DAY 7: Tuesday, October 7 - South to Seville, Spain via Évora and a Cork Farm

Today we make the journey from Portugal to Spain, so we exchange “*bom dia*” for “*buenos dias*.”

We depart after breakfast for whitewashed Évora, famous for the Roman Temple of Évora, also called the Temple of Diana. Évora is also home to the massive Gothic 12th-century cathedral Igreja de Idrija São Francisco, which sports Baroque architecture and the skeleton-adorned Chapel of Bones. As Évora is nestled among vast fields of cork and olive trees, this is the perfect afternoon to visit a cork farm and sample some olive oil!

After an included lunch, we arrive in Seville, the capital of Andalusia and the fourth largest city in Spain. Founded as a Roman city, it fell under Muslim control in the 8th century. Ferdinand Magellan famously departed from Seville on his first circumnavigation of the earth and, in the 17th century, Seville saw a resulting brilliant flowering of the city’s culture. You’ll enjoy many examples of that extraordinary era during our four-night stay here. Dinner included this evening. *Sleep in Seville (B, L, D)*



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DAY 8: Wednesday, October 8 - Explore Seville

Today, we'll begin our journey through Seville with a visit to the enchanting Royal Alcázar, one of Europe's oldest royal palaces still in use. Its stunning gardens, with lush greenery and tranquil courtyards, are a true highlight. Next, we'll explore the beautiful Casa de Pilatos, where immaculately kept gardens and intricate ceramic tiles offer a peaceful escape. We'll then visit the awe-inspiring Seville Cathedral, home to Columbus's tomb and the iconic Giralda tower. The day concludes with a heartwarming flamenco performance filled with passion of song, dance, and guitar. *Sleep in Seville (B, L)*

DAY 9: Thursday, October 9 - Horses, Bulls and Sherry

A full-day excursion from Seville to Jerez combines culture, sherry, and dancing Andalusian horses. After a scenic coach ride, explore Jerez's historic center before visiting a renowned sherry bodega for a guided tour and tasting. Learn about the sherry-making process and sample different varieties. Then, enjoy a visit to the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, to learn about this unique art form. Finish the day with a traditional Andalusian lunch before returning to Seville, filled with unforgettable memories.

Sleep in Seville (B, L)

DAY 10: Friday, October 10 - Gardens of Cordoba

After breakfast, we board our coach for gorgeous Cordoba. Once a regional capital, first during Roman times and then for the Moors, Cordoba boasts the best Islamic sites: the Mesquita, an extremely well-preserved 8th-century mosque.

Another highlight: The Patio Tour! Designed by the Romans to offer shade from the Andalusian sun, the patios are a visual feast of historic and colorful courtyards, abundant with the classic scents of Cordoba: orange blossom and jasmine. We'll have time for an independent lunch in this delightful town before returning to Seville in the late afternoon.

Sleep in Seville (B, D)

DAY 11: Saturday, October 11 - Seville to Madrid by high-speed train

Today we will board a high-speed train for the capital city of Spain, Madrid! Upon arrival we'll check into our centrally located hotel and have a bit of time to rest before meeting for a gala farewell feast. *Sleep in Madrid (B, L)*

Day 12: Sunday, October 12 - Tour concludes after breakfast

Depart Madrid for home or if you have a bit of extra time, stay on and tour the stunning museums and palaces of Madrid. We can suggest the famous Prado and/or Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid. *(B)*



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Meet Your Host!



Joe Lamp'1 is the host and executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning national series Growing a Greener World on PBS, currently airing in 96% of the US and in 38 countries. He has been featured on NBC's Today Show, ABC's Good Morning America, The Weather Channel, and the DIY Network.

Joe has been the recipient of The American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award, which recognizes effective and inspirational communication, as well as the Garden Writers Association Gold Award for Best On-Air Talent, and more.

Joe has traveled the US and beyond showing people beautiful gardens and, more importantly, telling the stories of the people behind those gardens. Joe aims to highlight the heroes doing great things for the plant through organic gardening, green living, small farming, and simple yet significant ways to lighten their footprint on this planet. Joe lives with his family on their north Atlanta, Georgia farm.



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