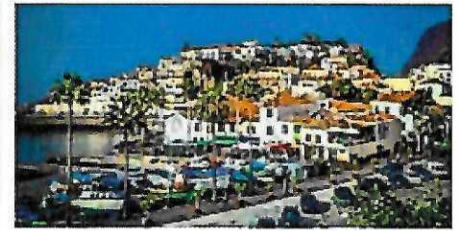
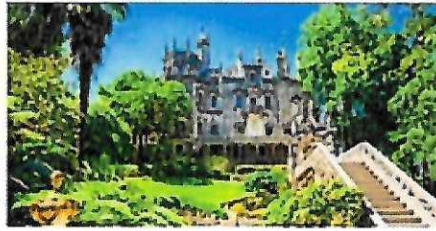
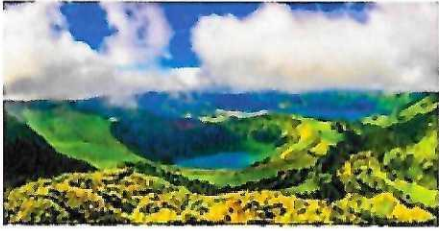


# Portugal's Year Round Magic



Do you know what **cozy cities**, **charming culture**, **stunning architecture**, and **whale watching** have in common? We'll give you a clue: they can all be experienced during a **unique off-season getaway to Portugal**, the eponymous land of discovery!

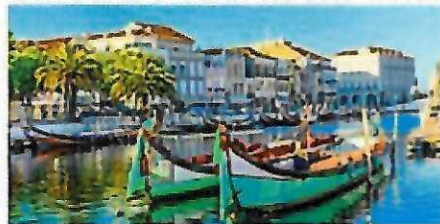
Even if you've never basked in the warmth of a port cellar in **Porto** or indulged in the comforting sweetness of a **Pastel de Nata**, it's easy to see how Portugal was born to be a **year-round destination**. Just imagine a festive foray into **Lisbon**, hearing the distant sounds of **Fado** resonating from the depths of a tavern in **Barrio Alto** after doing some **holiday shopping** at the luminous **Rossio Christmas Market**. Then picture the magical essence of **Sintra bloom** into a full-blown fairytale as the colors of **Spring** engulf its mansions and castles. Finally, why not dream up a winter escape to the islands, where the hot springs of **São Miguel** offer a steamy welcome, the turquoise waters are alive with **whales** and **dolphins**, and the culinary delights of **Madeira** are complemented by its evergreen sceneries and landscapes.

Regardless of the season, Portugal breathes with enchantment, and by exploring it during the less-crowded times of the year, your clients will seize an opportunity to see it at its most unbridled, genuine, and inviting. With that in mind, Travelive's Portugal experts have selected three sample itineraries that can be customized to create a perfect off-season adventure through this country's vibrant lands.



## LISBON & THE ISLANDS

Discover **Portugal's** lively culture and picturesque delights with a **12-night itinerary** of pure bliss. Explore the rich heritage of **Lisbon's** iconic sights, before diving into the alluring elegance of **Cascais**, **Estoril**, and the enchanting **Sintra**. Explore the island paradise of **Madeira**, then travel to **the Azores** and witness the stunning **Sete Cidades caldera**. Soak in thermal springs and visit **the lush gardens in Furnas**, before concluding with scenic walks through **Nordeste's** idyllic trails. Gorgeous and adventurous, this trip is guaranteed to satisfy your wanderlust.



## PORTUGAL GOLDEN CITIES

Get to the heart of **Portugal** with a **9-night journey** through its **colorful cities**. Explore the quintessential landmarks and **Moorish charm of Lisbon**. Experience the glamour of **Cascais**, the magic of **Sintra**, and the tranquil beauty of **Coimbra**. Embrace the multicultural essence of **Porto** and sample world-renowned wines varieties amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the **Douro Valley**. Then, finish off your trip with the medieval allure and rich history of **Obidos**. Endlessly captivating, this itinerary offers a truly enlightening look at Portugal.



## FROM THE DOURO TO THE MEDINA-MOROCCO

Traverse cultures with a **9-night itinerary** that is as vibrant as it is enchanting. Discover the cosmopolitan essence of **Porto** and **cruise the Douro River** after a tasting at a **world-famous wine region**. Travel to **Lisbon**, stopping at **charming towns** to enjoy the iconic sights of Portugal's capital. Step into a fairytale with a day trip to **Sintra** and **Cascais**, before finding yourself in **Marrakech**, where bustling souks and **majestic Atlas Mountains** await. This trip is ideal for a wonderfully immersive adventure.

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# The Best Scalloped Potatoes

*Creamy, cheesy and perfectly indulgent, scalloped potatoes are a classic for good reason. While cooking, the starch from the potatoes thickens the cream into a luscious sauce while the cheesy topping becomes golden and nutty in the oven. Allowing the casserole to rest for 10 minutes before serving makes it easier to slice.*

Level: Easy

Total: 1 hr 10 min

Active: 10 min

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

## Ingredients:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for the baking dish

4 medium russet potatoes (about 2 pounds)

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

1/2 cup whole milk

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Pinch freshly grated nutmeg

1 cup shredded Gruyere (about 4 ounces)

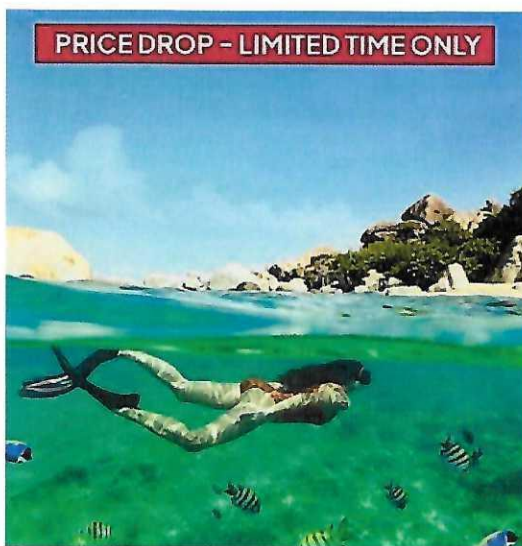
1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan (about 1 1/2 ounces)

## Directions:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8-inch square baking dish with unsalted butter.
- 2 Peel the potatoes and cut them into 1/8-inch-thick slices using a mandoline or sharp knife.
- 3 Add the sliced potatoes, heavy cream, whole milk, 2 tablespoons butter, garlic, thyme, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and the nutmeg to a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are tender and almost cooked through but still hold their shape, about 5 minutes. (They should not be soft and falling apart.) Remove the saucepan from the heat.
- 4 Add the Gruyere and Parmesan, stirring gently to combine. Pour the potato mixture into the prepared baking dish. Bake until the top is light golden brown and the potatoes are cooked through and tender, about 45 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes before serving.



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# DOT Wants Airlines to Pay Passengers for Lengthy Delays

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Thursday announced an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking “to protect passengers stranded by airlines canceling or significantly changing their flights.” This rulemaking would require airlines to pay passengers cash compensation, rebook them for free on the next available flight, and cover meals, overnight lodging and related transportation expenses when a disruption is airline-caused.

Such consumer protections have already been adopted in the European Union, United Kingdom, Canada and Brazil, among others, according to the DOT. It adds that these requirement compensation programs have reduced the likelihood and duration of flight delays.

Airlines would be on the hook for \$200 to \$300 in automatic cash compensation for domestic delays of at least three hours but less than six, \$375 to \$525 for delays of at least six hours but less than nine, and \$750 to \$775 for delays of nine hours or more. Airlines would only be liable to pay out when the disruption is under their control, such as a mechanical issue or an IT airline system breakdown.

The DOT says it is considering whether small airlines should pay less than large airlines and whether or not compensation should be required when a passenger is notified a week or two in advance of the cancellation or significant delay. As for how often delays are with the control of the airline, in both 2022 and 2023, over 60 percent of three-hour or longer domestic flight delays were airline-caused.

In addition to cash payments, airlines would be required to rebook travelers at no additional cost on the next available flight should their original flight be canceled, their departure delayed three hours or more domestically or six hours or more internationally, or if a delay results in a missed connection. It’s still being determined if carriers must rebook passengers on their own flights or may use those of its branded codeshare partners.

Lastly, airlines must cover meals, overnight lodging and related transportation expenses stranded passengers. The DOT says it’s considering requiring airlines to automatically pay a minimum reimbursement for each service an affected passenger is entitled to receive when airlines do not provide these services upfront and passengers would not submit receipts for costs up to a maximum reimbursement threshold per service.

## Pack Light, Be Respectful, Wait Your Turn: The Unwritten Rules of Travel

The world of travel entered a new era after its COVID shutdown in 2020. For travel sellers, booking patterns and client behavior have changed dramatically. But when it comes to the act of actually traveling — particularly getting from here to there — those rules haven’t changed.

And while travelers may have no control over the chaos of air travel or changing weather patterns, they do have control over how they react and their own behavior.

1. Wait Until It’s Your Turn to Deplane
2. Pack Light and Only Use a Carry-On
3. Keep Your Feet Out of Sight and Out of Mind
4. Go Straight to Your Gate, But Don’t Crowd It
5. Don’t Forget to Move Around
6. Use the Airline’s App, Especially When Dealing with Cancellations or Delays
7. Be Prepared for Things to Go Wrong
8. Respect the People Around You
9. More than Anything, Pack Your Patience and Be Kind

