

FULL DAY TOUR - FÁTIMA & TOMAR

Departure from Catholic University - 06 August at 08h30

Departure to Fatima.

After arrival at Fatima, you can visit the shop of religious items which you can purchase an article to be blessed at the shrine.

Participants may attend the 11:00 am Mass that occurs at the Sanctuary (depending on the day the Mass can be held in the Chapel of the Apparitions, or in the Basilica)

Free time for lunch at Fatima and departure by bus to Tomar.

Departure to Tomar.

After arrival at Tomar, Our visit will include the Convent of Christ and Templar Castle and the Jewish Synagogue

Free time in the centre and return to Porto by bus.

Rate per person

10/15 pax	- EUR	90,00
16/30 pax	- EUR	80,00
31/40 pax	- EUR	65,00

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ABOUT - FÁTIMA & TOMAR

Fátima:

Is one of the largest and most important pilgrimage places of the world, with over 5 million visitors per year. The biggest pilgrimages to Fatima occur annually in May and October, being traditionally done on foot. The modern Church of the Holy Trinity built in 2007, with 125 meters in diameter and nearly 9000 seats, is a landmark of the Sanctuary of Fatima, as well as the home of the three shepherd children to whom the Virgin Mary appeared in 1917.

Fatima is one of the most important Catholic Shrines of the World

Tomar:

The **Convento de Cristo Tomar** is one of the key points of interest within the castle walls and boasts a unique mix of architecture spanning some five centuries. This is a place where gothic, renaissance and Moorish architecture sit side by side and combine with breath-taking results. The famous round church, located behind the keep, also dates back to the late 12th Century and was modelled after the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. It is characterised by its domed roof and bell tower and is a major feature of the castle skyline. The Templar Castle in Tomar, was constructed by Gualdim Pais in the mid 12th Century on a strategic location high on a hill close to the River Nabão. A designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Castle is a fine example of Templar architecture of great historic and cultural significance.

The castle was part of the defence system created by the Templar Knights to secure the border of the Christian Kingdom against the Moors and remained a major stronghold for nearly two centuries during the Middle Ages. Later it played a significant part in the New World explorations of the 15th Century, led by one of the Order's most famous grand masters, Henry the Navigator.

Back to the centre of Tomar and walking from Praça da Republica the group will reach the Jewish synagogue

The **synagogue** was originally built in the 15th Century, sometime between 1430 and 1460 when the local Jewish community came to prominence. It was situated in the heart of what was then the Jewish Quarter, in the area that is now located between the present day streets of Rua Direita dos Açougues and Rua dos Moinhos. It is the oldest synagogue we have in Portugal.

The Synagogue of Tomar is home to the Museum Luso-Hebraico Abraham Zacuto where exhibits include a large selection of gravestones as well as stone carvings, ceramics and other artefacts describing Jewish customs. These have been donated by individuals and Jewish institutions from various parts of the world. Located on Rua Dr. Joaquim Jacinto, the synagogue is worth a visit for an insight into the Jewish way of life and the history of the Jewish community in Portugal. Free time in the centre and return to Porto by bus.