

# PHILLIPS

## The Phillips Collection



### Portugal's Art Treasures & Private Collections Lisbon & Porto

with Elsa Smithgall, Chief Curator

September 22 - 29, 2023

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

**EXPERIENCE** the astonishing sweep of Portuguese art history, from ancient masterpieces to contemporary works

**MEET** the director of Lisbon's Museu Calouste Gulbenkian for an exclusive exploration of its masterpieces by Rubens, Rembrandt, Rodin, Renoir, Van Dyck, Monet, and others

**JOIN** a curator to see Portugal's most important collection of ancient art inside Lisbon's Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga, and take an inside look the Fundação Ricardo do Espírito Santo Silva and its decorative arts displays

**DELIGHT** in expert-led tours of world-class museum collections, including the Fundação de Serralves' cutting-edge international contemporary art

**ACCOMPANY** the director and owners behind the scenes of a private gallery collection in Guimarães that once hosted Andy Warhol's first solo presentation in Portugal

**ENJOY** exclusive visits to the studios of renowned local and international artists as well as to the galleries and homes of distinguished private collectors

**SAVOR** private meals, wine tastings, and performances in gorgeous settings, including exquisite dinners at divine estates, private clubs, and an art gallery with its hosts and owners





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Dear Members and Friends of the Phillips Collection,

Portugal's art is thrillingly diverse, from its classical sculptures and 15th-century religious paintings to its colorfully patterned traditional tiles known as *azulejos*. Today, Lisbon and Porto are home to spectacular museums and private collections featuring some of the world's most acclaimed contemporary art. In September 2023, I invite you to join me on an exclusive Phillips Collection journey in these two exciting cities. As we explore Portugal's art and artistic traditions through history, we will meet the country's most distinguished private art collectors, who will personally guide us through their lovingly curated holdings. Experts at Lisbon and Porto's famed museums will also lead us on intimate private tours.

Our adventure begins in Lisbon, where we will meet the director of Museu Calouste Gulbenkian for an exclusive tour. Along the banks of the Tagus, we will go behind the scenes of the UNESCO-listed Tower of Belém and the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, lavish testaments to Portugal's commercial wealth during the 15th and 16th centuries. Later, a curator at the Fundação Ricardo do Espírito Santo Silva will offer us an inside look at its collection of 18th-century Portuguese decorative arts.

In the UNESCO-listed fairy-tale town of Sintra, we will roam the Palácio Nacional, Portugal's best-preserved medieval royal palace. In nearby Cascais, we will experience a modern architectural interpretation of the palace at a striking museum devoted to the innovative Lisbon-born artist Paula Rego. Finally, our journey concludes with two nights in beautiful Porto. The city's exquisite examples of Baroque and Gothic architecture will dazzle us, and we will have an exclusive tour of the Fundação de Serralves' innovative modern art and architecture.

While in Porto, we will enjoy an excursion to Guimarães, Portugal's original medieval capital, where we will go behind the scenes of a vast private gallery with the director and owners. A tour of the former Roman city of Braga will also be a delight.

Of course, we will savor Portugal's world-famous wine and cuisine at several specially arranged meals. We hope you can join us for this celebration of Portugal's artistic traditions.

Sincerely,

Elsa Smithgall,  
Chief Curator, The Phillips Collection

### TRAVELING WITH YOU



A noted art historian and curator with a specialty in modern American and European art, **Elsa Smithgall** assumed the role of Chief Curator at The Phillips Collection in 2022. She has curated major international traveling

exhibitions, lectured widely, and authored and edited numerous publications, including the museum's landmark centennial exhibition and catalogue, *Seeing Differently: The Phillips Collects for a New Century* (2021). Other projects she has directed include *Inside Outside, Upside Down* (2021); *Ten Americans: After Paul Klee* (2017-18; co-organized with the Zentrum Paul Klee); and *People on the Move: Beauty and Struggle in Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series* (2016-17; co-organized with the Museum of Modern Art), among others. Smithgall has a certificate in Executive Education for Museum Leaders from The Getty Leadership Institute, an MA in art history from the University of Texas at Austin, and a BA in art history and French from the University of Virginia.



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## Lisbon & Porto

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: DEPARTURE

Depart for Lisbon on an overnight flight.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: LISBON, PORTUGAL

Arrive this morning, and transfer to the hotel. Guests opting for the suggested flights will be met at the airport and take the group transport to the hotel. In the afternoon, drive along the banks of the Tagus to the Torre de Belém and the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, a 15th-century monastery that is a stunning example of Manueline architecture. Visit a private house museum and later, attend a specially arranged cocktail reception. R

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: LISBON / SINTRA / CASCAIS

This morning, journey west from Lisbon for an exclusive visit to a private collection. Continue to Sintra, a UNESCO-listed site known for its 19th-century European Romantic architecture. On one of the rocky peaks of the Serra de Sintra, explore the Palacio Nacional. With its unmistakable silhouette of two conical chimneys crowning the royal kitchen, the Palacio Nacional has witnessed more than 700 years of the region's history. Continue to Quinta da Regaleira, a palace with luxurious wooded gardens featuring underground tunnels, lakes, fountains, grottoes, and a subterranean Initiation Well, an 88-foot-deep inverted tower lined with spiraling stairs. Have lunch at a private and historic estate known for its decorative embellishments and gardens, hosted by the owner. In the afternoon, drive to Cascais and visit the Casa das Historias Paula Rego. View its extraordinary collection of paintings, drawings, and etchings produced by Rego, the prolific Lisbon-born artist. Enjoy dinner in Cascais before returning to Lisbon. B,L,D

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: LISBON

Rise today to join a curator at the Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga. Created in 1884 and housed in the Palácio Alvor for almost 130 years, this museum houses the most important Portuguese collection of ancient art, ranging from paintings to sculpture, gold, and silverware, as well as decorative arts from Europe, Africa, and the Far East. Before lunch, visit an extraordinary artist's studio, its school, and workshop. In the afternoon, explore the Fundação Ricardo do Espírito Santo Silva, housed in the 17th-century Palácio Azurara. End the day with dinner at a unique private club, hosted by one of its esteemed members. B,L,D





Sunset, Porto



Tesouro Museu da Sé Catedral

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: LISBON**

After breakfast, meet with the director of the Museu Calouste Gulbenkian. Join him to privately view the meticulously curated collection of masterpieces purchased by Mr. Gulbenkian, an oil magnate, from the Hermitage in the 1920s. The afternoon is spent visiting the studios of several artists followed by time at leisure in the upcoming Marvila neighborhood exploring contemporary art galleries. This evening, attend a reception with the Chargé d’Affaires at Lisbon’s U.S. Embassy (*schedule pending*).

B,L,R

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: LISBON / PORTO**

This morning, depart for Portugal’s Centro Region and drive to Porto. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and check in at Vila Foz Hotel & Spa, your accommodations for two nights. Later, explore Porto along the recently renovated Rua das Flores. On this elegant thoroughfare dating to 1521, the buildings maintain Baroque-style façades typical of Porto. Stop at the opulent Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace), the Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e Porto, and the Igreja de São Francisco, a church with interiors covered in gold from Brazil. Transfer to the Fundação de Serralves complex. There, embark on a special tour of its Art Deco villa, formal gardens, and contemporary art museum, which were designed by Pritzker Prize-winning Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza. Later, take in a Port wine tasting in one of the finest wine estates in Porto. The remainder of the evening and dinner are at leisure

B,L

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: PORTO / GUIMARÃES / BRAGA / PORTO**

Arrive in Guimarães, which, in the 12th century, became Portugal’s first capital. Visit its UNESCO-listed historic center, which highlights Guimarães’ evolution from a medieval city into a modern metropolis. You will observe this transformation on a visit to the Plataforma das Artes e Criatividade, once the Old Market of Guimarães and now a multifunctional space dedicated to artistic, cultural, and commercial activity. After lunch, explore a vast nearby private collection hosted by the director and the owners. Founded in 1994, the gallery held the first solo presentation of Andy Warhol’s work in Portugal as well as solo shows for Franz West and Nan Goldin. A close relationship with Richard Long has also led to significant site-specific works still on display. Continue to the former Roman town of Braga to visit its historic center. View the Tesouro Museu da Sé Catedral (Braga Cathedral Treasure), housed within the city’s 13th-century cathedral; the Museu dos Biscainhos, hosted in a Baroque palace; and Teatro Circo, a grand theater whose sumptuous interiors you will see on a behind-the-scenes tour. Return to Porto for a farewell dinner.

B,L,D

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: PORTO / RETURN**

After breakfast, depart this morning for flights home.

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**DISCLAIMER:** This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Phillips Collection and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).



Fundação de Serralves, Porto



Bairro Alto Hotel, Lisbon



Theatro Circo, Braga

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### BAIRRO ALTO HOTEL, LISBON

A member of "The Leading Hotels of the World," this hotel is set in a restored 19th-century building that blends Portuguese architectural elements with contemporary furnishings.

### VILA FOZ HOTEL AND SPA, PORTO

Set in Porto's patrician neighborhood facing the Atlantic Ocean, this 19th-century manor preserves its original architectural elements and features a sauna, Turkish bath, and spa.



Vila Foz Hotel & Spa, Porto

## PROGRAM RATE

**\$9,799 per person, double rate**

**\$10,999 single rate**

### RATE INCLUDES

- Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portorage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

## PHILLIPS COLLECTION PORTUGAL'S ART TREASURES & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 22 - 29, 2023 RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; email: [trips@arrangementsabroad.com](mailto:trips@arrangementsabroad.com); or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference  One bed  Two beds  Single

I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

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