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Epic Itineraries

All-inclusive packages planned by world-class tour operators—since you've planned quite enough already.

BY ASHLEA HALPERN

View from atop the National Pantheon, Lisbon, Portugal.



Lisbon

← The Portuguese Fantasy

Black-sand beaches, snaking cobblestone streets, intimate tapas spots, and glittering ocean views are the defining features of **Intrepid Travel's** new nine-night **Azores and Mainland Portugal** package. The trip begins in Porto, a romantic town dotted with arched bridges and Baroque cathedrals, and ends in charming São Miguel, the largest island in the autonomous Azores archipelago. You'll get around by ferry, train, bus, and plane, except when traveling on foot makes the

most sense—as when you hike 10.5 miles to the summit of **Pico do Pedro**, the tallest peak in Portugal. Otherwise, there is port to drink (in **Porto**), pottery to purchase (**Lagoa**), monasteries to ogle (**Lisbon**), volcanoes to scale (**Capelinhos** on Faial Island), and whales to watch (**Pico Island**). Other highly Instagrammable moments include a live fado performance in Lisbon's **Bairro Alto** and a visit to a pineapple plantation at **Fajã de Baixo** on **São Miguel**. ♦♦ From \$3,180 per person traveling in a small group, from \$4,975 per person for a private charter; intrepidtravel.com.

↓ The Philippine Island-Hop

With more than 7,000 islands, the Philippines easily overwhelms first-time visitors. That's where **Remote Lands** steps in, building bespoke itineraries for intrepid couples. With its 11-night **Central Philippines** package, you fly into the capital of Manila, drop your bags at the swanky 497-room **Peninsula**, and spend your first days exploring 16th-century Roman Catholic basilicas, European art at the **Casa Manila** museum in Intramuros, and the shopping thoroughfares of **Quiapo**. From there, you'll fly to Bohol and check into a thatched-roof villa at **Eskaya Beach Resort & Spa**, perched on the white sand of Panglao Island. The full-on Bohol immersion covers a tarsier sanctuary, a butterfly conservation center, an 82-foot-high hanging bridge, and the infinitely photogenic **Chocolate Hills**—more than 1,200 limestone humps blanketed in brown grass and stretching as far as the eye can see. Back on Panglao, you'll have time to swim, snorkel, sunbathe, or hop a ferry to Siquijor, which earned its nickname, **Island of Fire**, thanks to the thousands of fireflies that light up the sky after dusk, a sight you'll behold from a cottage at **Coco Grove Beach Resort**. Other must-sees include a 400-year-old balet tree in Lazi and enchanting **Cambugahay Falls**. Another day, and a boat ride later, you'll pass through Dumaguete, capital of Negros Oriental, then continue to **Atmosphere Resorts & Spa**, a 26-room hotel on an old coconut plantation in Dauin. Here, you'll observe sea-turtle hatchlings, snorkel around **Apo Island**, and relax in hot springs at **Mt. Talinis geothermal reserve**, before heading home through Dumaguete and Manila. ♦♦ From \$4,400 per person; remotelands.com.



Atmosphere Resorts & Spa, Dauin

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