October 18th - 23rd 2019

Dear Vassar Classes of 1971-1975,

I want to extend to you my warmest invitation to join me on a special visit to Lisbon, a hidden jewel of a city whose remarkable 21st-century rebirth has made it one of Europe’s most vibrant, yet unspoiled, capitals.

Portugal, standing between Spain and the vast Atlantic, has a long and proud history of fierce independence and intrepid seafaring. Its traditional agricultural and fishing communities continue unchanged beside its bustling and cosmopolitan cities. Mountainous landscapes, untouched by time and modernization, stand in curious juxtaposition to the jet-setting coastal resorts. Everywhere you look, there is evidence of the country’s deep connection to the sea—from the monuments that celebrate Portugal’s unique contributions to the development of navigation to its rich culinary traditions.

Lisbon, the capital, is a city with a vitality, variety and pulse like none other—from the chic shops of Chiada to its ancient Moorish Quarter, the Alfama, to the planned elegance of the Baixa district. A morning sightseeing tour with a local guide will introduce the various districts of the city, their classic historical charm intact. What were once forlorn spaces have metamorphosed into lively neighborhoods, filled with imaginative shops and restaurants, where we will enjoy the haunting soulfulness of “Fado,” the uniquely powerful music of Lisbon’s urban and maritime folk.

We’ll take an excursion up the coast to Cascais and Estoril, where the ruling royal family built their palaces amid lush breezy slopes with marvelous views of the sea, a verdant landscape Lord Byron described as a “glorious Eden.”

In October, as the sun warms this Iberian corner, join fellow classmates for an unforgettable sojourn into the very heart and soul of ancient Portugal. Please be sure to register by August 15th.

Sincerely,

Lisa Paravisini-Gebert

Professor of Hispanic Studies on the Sarah Tod Fitz Randolph Distinguished Professor Chair

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The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land only: $2280
Single supplement: $690

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

Hotels: 4 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
Meals: Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
Guides: Lectures by the Vassar Host. Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Lisbon and Evora
Baggage: Porterage of one large suitcase per person
Entrances: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

**Please note that the cut off day to register is August 15th. Any registrations after this date will be subject to availability.**
Friday, October 18th - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. 
**Overnight: Plane**

Saturday, October 19th - Morning arrivals at Lisbon airport will be met for the transfer to our city center hotel. This afternoon, after time to check-in and unpack, you’ll acquaint yourself with the neighborhood on a panoramic sightseeing tour. From the grand neoclassical buildings of the Baixa district to the narrow cobbled alleys of the Moorish Alfama quarter, you’ll have the opportunity to experience the rich variety which is Lisbon today. It is a wonderful way to get your bearings and includes visits to the Castelo de São Jorge, a hilltop fortification with magnificent views over the city and the Tagus River, Belem Tower and the exquisite Monastery of Jeronimos. Returning to the hotel, we’ll gather for a welcome dinner this evening. *(B, D)* **Overnight: Lisbon**

Sunday, October 20th - Today, after breakfast, we’ll have our first lecture by Professor Paravisini. Then we leave to explore the coast north of the city: the beautiful hill town of Sintra and the palaces which dot the wooded hills. Visit the Queluz Palace and the Palace of Pena and, after a break for lunch (included), spend time in the cosmopolitan seaside resort of Cascais. We will then return to Lisbon for a free evening. *(B, L)* **Overnight: Lisbon**

Monday, October 21st - A second lecture this morning, followed by a free day in the city. Why not visit two of the city’s best loved museums: the Gulbenkian, including one of the world’s foremost private art collections, and the National Azulejo Museum, housed in a former convent, renowned for its astounding tile collection. Perhaps wander along streets, known for their mix of local shops, in search of treasures. This evening is free to sample a local restaurant. *(B)* **Overnight: Lisbon**

Tuesday, October 22nd - We travel east this morning to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Evora, where a walking tour with a local guide introduces the architectural and cultural treasures that fill its tangled web of streets and alleyways. The afternoon is free for individual exploration…shop for handicrafts along Rua 5 de Outubro, browse through the city museum, or experience the bustle of the Praca do Giraldo, Evora’s main square. Returning to Lisbon, we gather to experience the husky beauty of a “fado,” Portugal’s traditional music, over our farewell dinner. *(B, D)* **Overnight: Lisbon**

Wednesday, October 23rd - Morning transport to Lisbon Airport for our returning flights to the US. *(B)*

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*

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**Let’s Unpack at . . .**

**Pousada De Lisboa, Praça Do Comercio**

Located in the center of Lisbon along the Tejo River, the Pousada de Lisboa sits in the most vibrant neighborhoods, making the hotel perfect for discovering this magnificent city. A house of kings and a forum for ministries, this small luxury hotel has been completely restored creating a welcome oasis for travelers. Unpack your bags on the Praça do Comércio, with the city at your feet.
Your Host: Lisa Paravisini-Gebert

Professor Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert works in the fields of Hispanic literary and environmental history and cultural studies. A great admirer of Henry the Navigator, the 15th century Portuguese prince regarded as the main initiator of the Age of Discovery, she works on oceanic ecologies and imaginaries, a sub-field of Atlantic Studies. Lisa earned her A.B. at the University of Puerto Rico, and her M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. at New York University in Comparative Literature. She is the author of a number of books, including the forthcoming *Extinctions: Colonialism, Biodiversity and the Future of the Caribbean* (2017), which chronicles the loss of fauna species in the region as a result of deforestation for sugar cultivation.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**
1) Please type or print.
2) Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
3) Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4) Complete both sides of this form.
5) Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Name(s).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name, if applicable.

**Passport Details.** Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed up the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**Address.** If you have a different address, please provide us with the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**Special Dietary Requirements.** Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Health Information.** A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

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**PASSenger DETAILS FOR VASSAR GOES TO LISBON (1018/VIL)**

**Passport Name:**

1. **Title** First Middle Last
2. **Title** First Middle Last

**Known As:** 1. 2.

**Passport 1:** Exp.Date: DOB:

**Passport 2:** Exp.Date: DOB:

**Address:**

**City:** State: Zip:

**E-mail:**

**Preferred Telephone:** work/cell/home

**Secondary Telephone:** work/cell/home

**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:**

**HEALTH INFORMATION:**

**OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES:**

**VASSAR AFFILIATION:**

**TRIP DETAILS**

**DEPARTURE DATE:** RETURN DATE:

**DEPARTURE AIRPORT OR CITY:**

**I would like to extend my trip to:**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

This information is essential.

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**INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of $40 per ticket for this service.

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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**
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GENERAL
1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd. and Vassar College, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure, or due upon receipt if registered after 90 days.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:
1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the Euro by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 25-30 participants. Should we end up with fewer than 25 people, Discover Europe will work with Vassar College to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY
1. Participants who withdraw more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
   - 60-31 days prior to departure: $1000 per person
   - 30 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Vassar will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS
1. All inclusions on Vassar Goes to Lisbon are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
Name: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Primary Telephone: (______) ____________________________

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(please check one)
Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: □ Yes □ No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 60 days prior to departure:

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ROOMING REQUIREMENTS
(Please check one)
□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
□ I will be sharing with:

We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. □ Yes □ No

SIGNATURES
The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Vassar and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

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