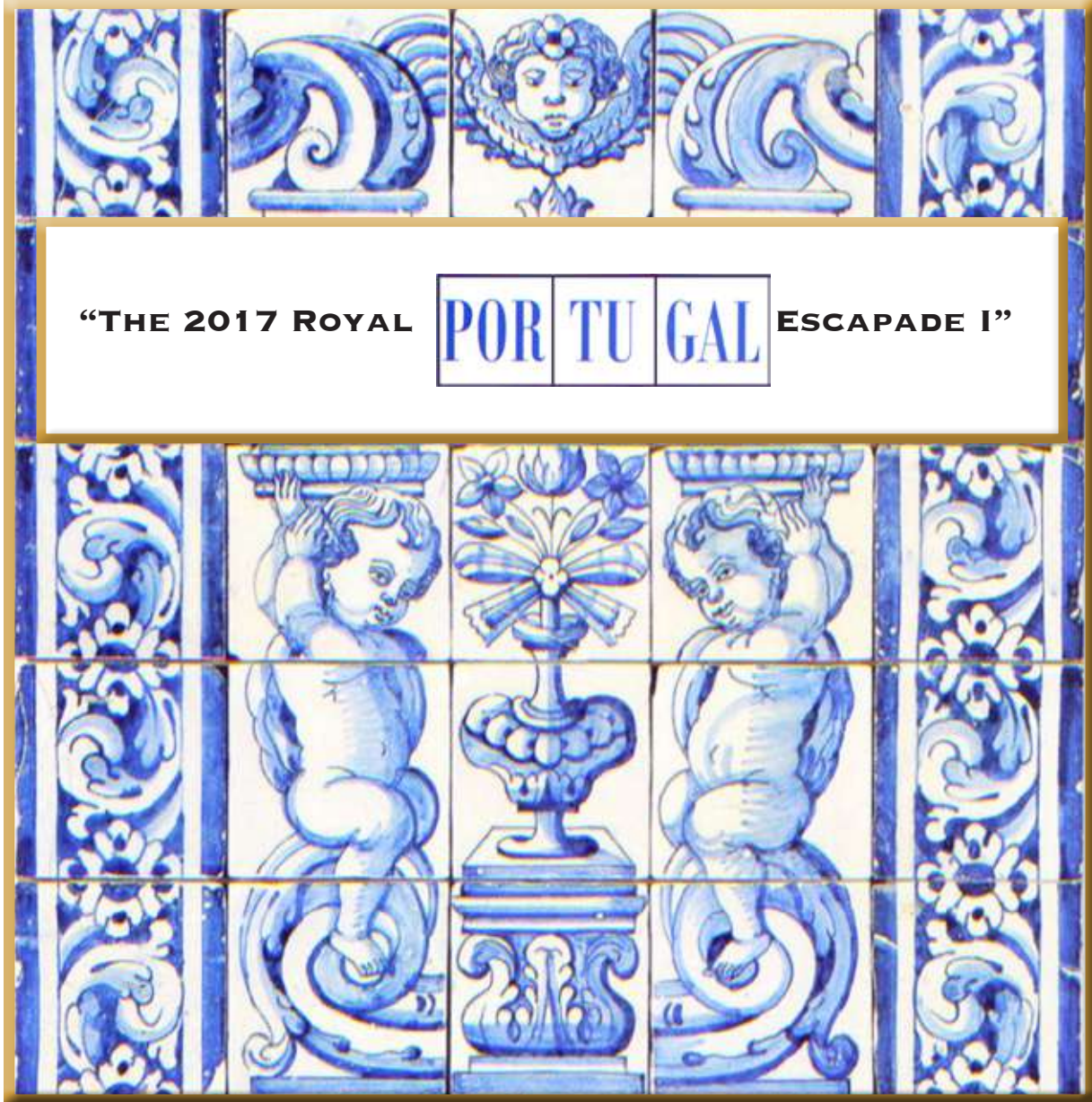


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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**PROGRAM**





## GUEST LIST

<b>Count &amp; Countess Santiago Ybarra de El Abra:</b>	September 17th to September 22nd
<b>Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince &amp; Princess Leka II of the Albanians:</b>	September 17th to September 25th
<b>Mrs. Heide Hüttl Canellopoulos:</b> Foundation Committee Member	September 16th to September 25th
<b>Mrs. John Dorrance III:</b> Foundation International Committee Member	September 15th to September 25th
<b>Mr. William Essex:</b>	September 21st to September 25th
<b>Mrs. Joan Granlund:</b>	September 17th to September 25th
<b>Mr. Russell Grant &amp; Miss Lindsay Eisenkraft:</b>	September 22nd to September 26th
<b>Their Imperial &amp; Royal Highnesses The Archduke &amp; Archduchess István of Habsburg:</b>	September 17th to September 21st
<b>Mrs. Camila Koenig:</b> Foundation Director	September 16th to September 26th
<b>His Excellency Ambassador Jean Marie Musy:</b> Foundation International Committee Member	September 21st to September 24th
<b>Mr. Jayme Bastian Pinto Jr.:</b>	September 17th to September 25th
<b>Her Royal Highness The Princess Maria Pia of Savoy:</b>	September 21st to September 25th
<b>His Royal Highness The Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia:</b>	September 17th to September 25th

## Fundamentals

Sunblock, Swimwear, sun glasses, hat, small folding umbrella, fan, comfortable walking shoes (sneakers are discouraged).

**Golden Rule:** Please be on time or we leave without you!

All dinners are seated & placé.

Daily Buffet Breakfast at Hotel: 7:00 am to 10:30 am.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>:**

You will each be picked up at Lisbon's Airport by your chauffeur holding a sign with your name.



Check in at the Lapa Palace Hotel, a former XVIIIth century Palacio belonging to the Count of Valençães. Set in a lush garden with indoor and outdoor pools, room view avec balcony onto the Tagus River, it includes every modern amenity. We are in a quiet residential neighborhood with Embassies all around us, including ours.

**1:00 PM to 4:00PM:** Before, during and after your unpacking, a light Lunch Buffet awaits you in the Belem Room on the ground floor opposite the entrance.

**6:00PM prompt:** Depart hotel in our Mercedes Mini-bus to the home in Carcavelos of Mr. and Mrs. Pereira Coutinho (João and Catarina).

The Coutinhos are a very attractive couple. I met them in their converted fortress of a summer home down the beach from Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Bragança in the Algarve. They have invited us for drinks and a viewing of their art collection at **6:30 PM**.

**8:00PM:** Depart Coutinho's for **8:30 PM** dinner in Lisbon at one of my favorite Bistro's: the No Chiado. The Coutinho's and my friend Mr. João DeBettencourt will join us.

**Dress code:** Dress shirt, blazer or jacket, no Tie for men, elegant bistro attire with shawl for gals.



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>:**



**10:00 AM:** Depart hotel for Lisbon.

**10:30 AM:** Board RED TRAM, entirely reserved for us.

**12:30 PM:** Lunch at the whimsical Private Club Grémio Literario, founded in 1846. It boasts a roster of famous Portuguese literary figures both past and present.

**Dress code:** Men, jacket & Tie for Club, ladies as ladies would for a Club lunch!

**3:00 PM:** Visit of the Capela de San João Batista within the church of Sao Roque. A 1750 gem transported from Rome to Lisbon. Agog with lapis lazuli, amethyst, porphyry, Carrara marble, alabaster, ivory, gold, silver...

Return to hotel.

**7:00 PM:** Depart hotel for "Champagne & Waves" at the Fortaleza do Guincho perched above the Atlantic.

**8:30 PM:** Dinner on the beach of Cascais at Meste Zé.

**Dress Code:** Men: dress shirt, blazer, no Tie. Gals: Informal Beachside Perfect! Shawl, sweater, jacket for cool evenings.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>:

**10:00 AM:** Depart Hotel

**10:30 AM:** Visit of the Museum of Decorative Arts (The Ricardo Espirito Santo Foundation)

In the XVIIth century Palace of the Count Azurara, it houses, on three floors, what everyday life looked like in a rich merchant bourgeois home.

From there we will walk to lunch at **1:00 PM** next to the Castelo São Jorge, the highest point overlooking Lisbon.

**3:00 PM:** Return to hotel.

**5:30 PM:** Depart for the Palacio Marques da Fronteira open only for us. We will walk the gardens, have cocktails followed by...

**8:00PM:** Dinner in the Palacio with Fado music, a rather melancholic and oh so particular to Portugal performance. Bring a hanky!

**Dress code:** Blazer/Jacket & Tie, Ladies elegant evening Tunic & Trousers with shoes that can combine a serious walk and a sit down dinner.

Please don't forget a cover for possible chilly evening.



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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>:**

**9:30AM:** Prompt departure for Évora in large bus (one hour and a half travel time), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Capital of the Alentejo region. You will find there a medley of architecture from Mudejar to Manueline to Roman (Under Julius Cesar it was called Liberalitas Julia) to even Rococo.

**11:15 AM:** Arrival/stop over for café & petits fours in the splendid Pousada Convento dos Loios (1485) we will walk the town on its cobblestone streets. (Sturdy shoes de rigueur!)

**12:30 PM:** Rendezvous at the Cadaval Palace with the Duchess of Cadaval (Claudine) who knew my late parents well. I attended, in Évora, the wedding of her daughter Diane to His Royal Highness The Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans, Duke of Anjou. They are both our Foundation's International Committee Members.

Before Lunch at 1:45PM the famous all men Cantes Alentejanos will perform for us.

After lunch and a most preferable decision we will visit the Capela dos Ossos (The Chapel of the Bones and they are not chicken!)

**6:00PM:** Return to Hotel.

The evening is yours in your own room with our designed for you "Room Service Menu"!

**Dress code:** Men: dress shirt, jacket for lunch and no Tie. Ladies: informal best, living up to Palacio Cadaval's expectations.



Prince Louis Albert  
de Broglie

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>:**

**10:00 AM:** Departure to the Belem area for the Portuguese Riding Ring of the School of Equestrian Art (Art Equestre). We will have our reserved seated area.

**11:30 AM:** Demonstration in costume of the XVIIIth century Court Equestrian Academy: The Lusitano horses descend from Kind João V Alter Real stud farm, which he founded in 1748 to provide for the Royal Stables.

**1:30 PM:** Lunch at the Neoclassical Palace Seteais originally built in 1783 for the Dutch Consul. This is a World Heritage Site nestled in the hills of Sintra's extraordinary microclimate.

**3:30PM:** Visit of the Palacio da Vila, King Ferdinand II, romantic XIXth Century fantasy.

**5:00 PM:** Return to Hotel.

**Dress Code:** Men, informal for the morning, Jacket required for lunch. Ladies in their horsey best.

**8:00 PM:** Departure for dinner in Lisbon at the home of Foundation International Committee Members, Prince & Princess Louis Albert de Broglie aka the "Prince Jardinier" (The Gardener Prince) of France. He is known for his cultivation of a near thousand varieties of tomatoes and dahlia's. He owns the Paris XIXth century Musée Deyrolle, an ode to taxidermy as every wild animal on display there is... stuffed! This type of museum was a great hit with the public of the time as they could not afford to travel to see such exotica. He has two homes in Portugal, we have been invited to the recently completed one.

**Dress Code: Men:** Blazer & Tie for dinner, Ladies to sparkle in cocktail attire.



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>:**

**9:30 AM:** Departure to Mafra for its immense Palace, Monastery and Basilica on the level of Spain's Escorial.

**10:30 AM:** Tour of the Palace, the Convent and its stupendous Library housing near 40,000.00 books. The Palace was built in 1717 by King João V to thank God for finally bringing into the world an Heir. This only daughter, Barbara, subsequently became Queen of Spain. The rivers of gold and diamonds gushing forth from Brazil to the Kingdom of Portugal underwrote such an extravagant project.

We will be treated to our very own private Concert in the Basilica played on its six magnificent orgues!

**1:00 PM:** Off for 1:30 PM lunch in chic Estoril, the playground of Royalty. During World War II, Portugal was neutral territory and the only escape out of Europe. Many deposed monarchs waited out the war here.

**3:30 PM:** Return to hotel.

**6:00 PM:** Depart for Lisbon French Embassy, the Palacio Santos. His Excellency Ambassador Jean Michel Casa will receive us for a Taittinger Champagne cocktail at **6:30 PM**.

**8:00 PM:** Depart for **8:30PM** dinner at home in Sintra hosted by Their Royal Highnesses Dom Duarte & Dona Isabel of Bragança. The Royal House of Portugal.

**Dress Code:** Men: summer cream or black-tie dinner jacket, black trousers & jaunty pochette! Ladies: long summer evening dress, wrap & jewels!



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>:**

**10:00 AM:** Departure to Lisbon.

**10:30 AM:** Visit of the Museo Do Azulejo (Museum of Tiles) to view the tiled panoramic view of Lisbon before the earthquake in 1755 along with the inside of its charming Baroque Church covered in scenes of blue and white tile. You guessed it, tiles galore! And a tile expert you will become.

**12:00 PM:** Return to hotel for Lunch.

**12:30 PM:** Pool side lunch followed by Three Options:

A) Lolling about garden and pool until **6:00 PM**.

B) **4:30 PM:** Walk down with me a very short distance from the Lapa Palace to check out in the Museo Nacional de Arte Antigua, the incredible six panel Japanese screen portraying the first Portuguese disembarking on the Island of Tanegashima in 1543.

You will be as fascinated, as the Japanese were, by the Portuguese long noses, mustaches, puffed pantaloons and the black skin of some of the sailors. You will see other screens depicting the unloading of western merchandise, the Portuguese cortège of people bearing gifts in the streets of Nagasaki.

I was mesmerized!

C) Start Packing as we have a full day on Sunday.

**8:00 PM:** Departure for "Slumming Dinner".

**8:30 PM:** In the covered Mercado da Rivera, we will have dinner in a reserved space, "The Academia". A chef will cook for each of us. The place is teeming with foodies, music and activity. The market has existed since 1100, destroyed in the great earthquake and rebuilt since.

**Dress code:** Men: Polo or dress shirt, no Tie, no jacket, slacks, sweater. Ladies: informal pretty, wrap in case.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>:**

**9:30 AM:** Depart hotel in larger bus for Tomar. Yet another World Heritage Site in the Santarem region. (Travel time: One and a half hours).



In the XIIth Century, the border between Christians and Moors went through Tomar. The order of the Poor Knights of Christ also known as the Order of the Temple was created in Jerusalem in 1119. It was the Master of the Templar Knights, who built here a fortress convent therefore establishing the order in Portugal. The glorious period of the Knights of Templar was the XVth century when Henry the Navigator was its Grand Master. The Templars immense fortune enabled the financing of the Great Overseas Discoveries. Their emblem, the red square cross you see on every ship sail of their Caravelles. The Portuguese discovered Africa's shores, went around South Africa's Cape of Good Hope and reached India. Such rich discoveries financed the incredible Manueline decoration of Tomar.



**11:00 AM:** Arrival/stop over at the restaurant where we will be having lunch.

**11:30 AM:** Visit of the Charola dos Templarios modeled on Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Renaissance Cloister and then... The Window!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**1:30 PM:** Lunch at Manjar Dos Templarios. Prepare yourself for suckling pig!

**3:30 PM:** Return to Lisbon Hotel.

**7:30 PM:** Aurevoir Cocktails at the Lapa Palace Rio Tejo Bar followed by...

**8:00 PM:** Dinner on the Terrace weather permitting or inside the elegant Lapa Restaurant.

**Dress Code:** Men during the day informal shirt, slacks, sweater. For the evening: dress shirt, jacket or blazer.

Ladies during the day, "informal pretty" and for our last evening your best but easily packable evening pajamas!



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>:**

Your individual chauffeur will take you to the airport.

We bid you farewell and Godspeed.

We very, very much look forward to seeing you in New York City October & November 2017 and of course in May 2018.

We sincerely hope you enjoyed your Royal Portugal Escapade I !

Yours most sincerely,  
Barbara de Portago

