AESA GLOBAL EDUCATOR FIELD STUDY 2027

DISCOVER PORTUGAL

BLUE FUTURES

LISBON + PENICHE + PORTO | JUNE 23-JULY 2, 2027

Ocean Literacy • Sustainability • Applied STEM • Cultural Heritage • Future-Ready Learning



10 DAYS	3 DESTINATIONS	ONE PURPOSE
June 23-July 2	Lisbon + Peniche + Porto	Learn globally. Lead locally.

Explore Portugal through its Atlantic story - from ocean science and maritime heritage in Lisbon to coastal stewardship in Peniche and blue-economy pathways in Porto.

A 10-day professional and cultural journey designed for educators who want to see education - and the world - from a fresh perspective.

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

The experiences you'll remember

Iconic places, meaningful professional learning, and a deeper look at how Portugal's ocean, communities, and cultural heritage can inspire student futures.

ATLANTIC LISBON

Oceanário de Lisboa, Pavilhão do Conhecimento, Parque das Nações, and Belém's maritime heritage.

BLUE FUTURES LEARNING

Ocean literacy, inquiry, applied STEM, sustainability, and interdisciplinary classroom connections.

COASTAL PORTUGAL

Cascais, Peniche's working waterfront, and a planned Berlengas marine conservation experience.

HISTORIC PORTO

Ribeira, the Douro River, cultural heritage, Matosinhos, and maritime workforce pathways.

AMAZING EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Explore ocean ecosystems and biodiversity
- ✓ Discover hands-on science and inquiry learning
- ✓ Examine maritime history through multiple perspectives
- ✓ Experience Lisbon's neighborhoods and waterfront
- ✓ Connect coastal communities to sustainability
- ✓ Explore Peniche's fishing economy and food systems
- ✓ Study conservation and stewardship in Berlengas
- ✓ Discover Porto's riverfront and cultural heritage
- ✓ Connect the blue economy to future careers
- ✓ Share ideas and enjoy welcome and farewell dinners

PLANNED PROGRAM CONNECTIONS

The field study connects educators with Portugal's public science, maritime heritage, coastal communities, and blue-economy learning environments. Planned sites include Oceanário de Lisboa, Pavilhão do Conhecimento, the Maritime Museum, Berlengas, and Matosinhos. A local-expert conversation and the Port of Leixões Visitor Centre are proposed, subject to arrangements and availability.

Because this is an Educators Field Study - not a traditional sightseeing tour - learning experiences and professional engagements require coordination with hosts and institutions. The itinerary will continue to develop as arrangements are confirmed.



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TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Ten days of learning, culture, and connection

The current sequence begins in Lisbon and continues north to Peniche and Porto. Visits and timing will be refined as final arrangements are confirmed.

DAY 1 **JUNE 23** TRAVEL	**Depart for Portugal** **FOCUS** Begin the field study journey and prepare to enter Portugal as educators and global learners. **TRAVEL** Overnight international flight.
DAY 2 **JUNE 24** LISBON	**Arrival, Welcome & Cultural Orientation** **EDUCATION** AESA Global orientation introduces Blue Futures, learning themes, cultural expectations, and professional purpose. **CULTURE** Welcome dinner and a central Lisbon walk. Consider what a city can teach before entering a school.
DAY 3 **JUNE 25** LISBON	**Ocean Literacy & Science Through Inquiry** **EDUCATION** Oceanário de Lisboa and Pavilhão do Conhecimento connect biodiversity, systems thinking, STEM, engineering, and public science. **CULTURE** Parque das Nações learning walk: urban design, riverfront renewal, and spaces that spark curiosity.
DAY 4 **JUNE 26** LISBON	**Portugal and the Sea** **EDUCATION** Maritime Museum learning explores navigation, fisheries, technology, trade, and teaching history through multiple perspectives. **CULTURE** Belém waterfront, Monument to the Discoveries, and exteriors of Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. Reflect on teaching difficult history.
DAY 5 **JUNE 27** CASCAIS	**The Atlantic Coast as an Outdoor Classroom** **EDUCATION** Connect coastal ecology, geography, climate, economics, fisheries, public art, and environmental stewardship. **CULTURE** Cascais harbor, marina, lighthouse district, and Boca do Inferno, with time to explore. How could your community become an outdoor classroom?
DAY 6 **JUNE 28** LISBON TO PENICHE	**From Ocean to Table** **EDUCATION** Travel north to Peniche to explore fisheries, boat design, seafood systems, food security, coastal resilience, and community economics. **CULTURE** Working-waterfront learning and a seafood dinner with collegial reflection on the journey so far.



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PENICHE + PORTO

Ocean systems, cultural heritage, and future pathways

The second half connects marine conservation, community identity, blue-economy careers, and practical applications for U.S. classrooms.

DAY 7 **JUNE 29** BERLENGAS	**Marine Conservation & Stewardship** **EDUCATION** Explore marine ecosystems, biodiversity, climate, conservation, and the balance between tourism and protected areas. **CULTURE** Planned Berlengas visit and guided ecology walk: bird habitats, rock formations, and native vegetation. Subject to sea conditions and access.
DAY 8 **JUNE 30** PORTO	**Cultural Heritage & the Geography of Place** **EDUCATION** Travel to Porto and examine how the Douro River, commerce, bridges, and urban development shape community identity. **CULTURE** Historic walking seminar through Ribeira, riverfront spaces, and local architecture, with independent exploration. How does geography shape civilization?
DAY 9 **JULY 1** PORTO / MATOSINHOS	**The Blue Economy & Bringing It Home** **EDUCATION** Explore maritime careers, engineering, ocean technology, renewable energy, trade, and sustainability. Local-expert conversation and Leixões Visitor Centre if available. **CULTURE** Matosinhos harbor learning, Blue Futures portfolio brainstorming, and a farewell dinner.
DAY 10 **JULY 2** DEPARTURE	**Return to the United States** **REFLECTION** Farewell breakfast and final reflections on how global learning can strengthen local educational impact. **TRAVEL** Airport transfers arranged according to final flight schedules.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Classroom teachers, curriculum and instructional leaders, STEM and CTE educators, global education coordinators, ESA staff, district administrators, and educators interested in sustainability, culture, and student futures.

WHAT WILL YOU BRING HOME?

Fresh ideas, a deeper understanding of Portugal, and practical ways to connect global learning to local impact. Develop Blue Futures portfolio ideas: an ocean-literacy lesson, sustainability application, place-based learning plan, community map, or interdisciplinary curriculum project.

Please note: This itinerary is tentative. Activities, institutional engagements, and sequencing may change. The Berlengas experience depends on weather, sea conditions, and access.



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PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Your Portugal field study

A comprehensive, professionally managed international learning experience designed exclusively for educators and school leaders.

$5,600 USD
PER PARTICIPANT

Shared occupancy • Two separate beds
Quality 3-4-star hotel accommodations
Single rooms: request before December 15, 2026

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- ✓ **Round-trip international airfare**, including one standard checked bag.
- ✓ **Quality 3-4-star hotels** with shared occupancy and two separate beds; single-room accommodations available upon advance request.
- ✓ **In-country transportation**, including private executive coach, professional driver, tolls, parking, and transportation-related fees.
- ✓ **Three meals daily**, including hotel breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- ✓ **AESA Global partner access** to education organizations not typically available through commercial travel programs, with engagements coordinated through hosts.
- ✓ **Curated professional learning**, leadership exchanges, and collegial dialogue with local educators and education leaders.
- ✓ **Cultural immersion**, guided excursions, and entrance fees that deepen understanding of Portugal's history, culture, and educational context.
- ✓ **On-site AESA Global support** and trusted international partners throughout the experience.
- ✓ **Pre-departure virtual orientation and intercultural readiness** for the educational, cultural, and professional dimensions of the program.
- ✓ **Experienced AESA Global facilitators**, knowledgeable in-country hosts, and trusted educational partners.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Registration & initial deposit: Before December 15, 2026
Initial deposit: $1,800 USD (non-refundable)
Final program payment: Before May 1, 2027
A valid passport is required for participation and reservations.

Specific institutions, leaders, venues, and meeting times may evolve as AESA Global and its partners refine the program. The educational purpose and intended outcomes remain consistent.

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