

Roman Lusitania - Cross-border Tour PO17

Lisboa - Alentejo - Extremadura (Spain) - Serra da Estrela - Coast

From Lisboa to Spanish Extremadura plus Serra da Estrela and the coast in one two-week tour.

Summary

This circular tour around the Roman province of Lusitania will show you the similarities and contrasts between two regions with a common past.

From Lisboa passing through the lesser-known gems of the Alto Alentejo into Spain, visit the Roman vestiges of Évora and Mérida -former capital of the province- both sides of the border.

Discover Extremadura with an immense wealth of truly unique experiences. Lovely villages, sierras and valleys along the way before "jumping" into the Serra da Estrela mountains.

End your trip by the sea in the spectacular Atlantic beaches of the Portuguese coast.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Vibrant and vintage Lisboa
- Roman vestiges in Évora and Mérida
- Trujillo's multicultural heritage and Monfrague National Park
- Valleys of Ambroz & Jerte: true beauties of nature
- Serra da Estrela, Portugal's highest
- World Heritage in Batalha, Alcobaça & Tomar
- Spectacular Atlantic beaches

Travel Tips

Fly to Lisboa or Porto from most airports in the UK. Or come via Madrid and start in the Spanish side of the route.

Rent a car and enjoy the hidden gems these regions has to offer.

Please consult for travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Lisboa or Porto		
1	Day 1 & 2	Lisboa	Lisboa	HLIS1 Classy, charming guesthouse in the heart of Lisboa, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	20mins from Lisboa airport
2	Day 3 to 5	Alentejo	Évora	HEVO1 Delightful hotel within city walls of historical Évora, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 30mins
3	Day 6 to 8	Extremadura Central	Trujillo	HTRU1 Palace with a pool in historic Trujillo, 1 x Standard double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 30mins
4	Day 9 & 10	Extremadura North	Hervás	HHER1 Historic town hotel with pool, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 40mins
5	Day 11 & 12	Serra da Estrela	Manteigas	HSDE1 Mountain design hotel with splendid views of the Serra da Estrela, 1 x Mansard double room (2 sharing)	3hrs 30mins
6	Day 13 & 14	Extremadura	São Martinho do Porto	HSMP1 Art Nouveau charm on the bay in pleasant seaside town, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	3hrs
			Departing Lisboa or Porto		1hr 10mins to Lisboa airport

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class hire car for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and regional guidebook
- Our own regional guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Lisboa and around

Hop a tram and explore Portugal's exciting capital
Rossio square and train station
Skip out to Sintra with its palaces and castles
Beaches of Cascais & Aldeia do Meco
Bar hop in Bairro Alto, dine in style in Chiado
World Heritage Mosteiro dos Jerónimos – a Manueline delight

Classy, charming guesthouse in the heart of Lisboa

Sleep like a king in this beautifully renovated neo-Moorish palace on the first floor of a 19th century building overlooking the Praça do Principe Real, one of Lisboa's loveliest and leafiest squares by the Botanical Gardens. The stunning, sunny rooms, looking onto either square or gardens, have original frescoes, azulejo tiles and ornate moulded ceilings, themed after the fascinating life of King Don Pedro V. Though termed a guesthouse, ...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Alto Alentejo

World Heritage Évora, Roman ruins, medieval walls
Alentejo wines, Portugal's finest
Hilltop fortress towns of Monsaraz, Marvão and Castelo Vide
Pottery towns among the vines El Corval and Redondo,
"Marble towns" of Vila Viçosa and Estremoz
World Heritage Elvas with its magnificent Roman aqueduct

Delightful hotel within city walls of historical Évora

Tucked inside the medieval city walls near the aqueduct, in the enchanting and fascinating city of Évora with its vast array of historical sights, this 16th century olive mill is now a delightful small, elegant and friendly hotel. With well-appointed spacious, modern rooms, lovely sitting areas with just the right blend of antique and contemporary furniture, a pleasant garden patio and many original parts of the building still intact, the ret...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Central Extremadura

Ruta de los Conquistadores - Pizarro, Cortés the conquerors of Latin America.
Castillo & Plaza Mayor of Trujillo
Guadalupe, pilgrimage site - enormous monastery, Cathedral and Zurbaran paintings
Caceres, Spain's first listed heritage city
Roman Mérida, once capital of Lusitania UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Monfrague Nature Park - vast holm and cork oak forests teeming with bird life.

Palace with a pool in historic Trujillo

Just off the main square in Trujillo this 16th century palace has been converted into a modern and comfortable hotel whilst keeping its historic charm. The location is unbeatable, some rooms having views to the castle, others to the historic square or across the rooftops. In the summer the pool area is a refreshing oasis and enjoys excellent rooftop views. The helpful & friendly staff will make sure you get the most out of your stay in Trujillo...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Northern Caceres, Valleys of Ambroz & Jerte

Explore the high Sierras of Gredos and Salamanca
Lose yourself in the Jewish Quarter of Hervás
Valle del Jerte cherry trees by the million – a real treat in Spring!
Visit Candelario & Béjar – two true beauties
Plasencia – key staging point on the Via de Plata

Historic town hotel with pool

Housed in the magnificent C17th Convento de Trinitarios this hotel, in the upper part of the delightful old town of Hervás with its proudly preserved Jewish quarter, makes a great base for exploring the exceptionally beautiful Valle de Ambroz in the north of Extremadura. Recently renovated to maintain a feeling of space and making full use of natural light, the stunning cloisters alone make a stay a must. The hotel, its lovely garden and swi...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Serra da Estrela

Walking, cycling, kayaking... in the Serra da Estrela Nature Park
Visit the Burel Wool factory in Manteigas
Scale the Torre peak – Portugal's highest
Manteigas and Sabugueiro – charming mountain villages
Rich Jewish heritage and historic castles of Belmonte and the Planalto

Mountain design hotel with splendid views of the Serra da Estrela

A breath of fresh, mountain air, this delightful small hotel-spa at the heart of the Serra da Estrela is full of surprises and is everything a mountain lodge should be – and more. At 1500m above sea level, this architect-designed hotel is truly integrated in its surroundings bringing the spectacular sierra views right into every room - but it's the customer service and attention to every detail that really make this a unique and special ex...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Estremadura and Ribatejo

The magnificent monasteries of Batalha and Alcobaça
Saõ Martinho do Porto a little pearl set on a string of surf washed Atlantic beaches
The Convent at Tomar, delightful, historic city of the Templars
Escape to the Sierras de Aire y Candeeiros Nature Park – riddled with caves
Explore medieval Óbidos with its famous white houses

Art Nouveau charm on the bay in pleasant seaside town

This small, charming, perfectly preserved historic Art-Nouveau hotel sits in an enviable position right on the front by the beach, overlooking the lovely shell-shaped bay in the pleasant seaside town of São Martinho do Porto, on the Silver Coast in central Portugal. Formerly the home of sea captain Jaime Pinto, it brims with old world charm and character, but though taking you back in time, modern comforts are not forgotten. The bedrooms, ...[Read More](#)



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