



## PO16 Grand Tour of Central Portugal

All the highlights of central Portugal; Lisboa to Porto passing through Coimbra and the lesser-known gems of the Alentejo and Centro de Portugal on the way.

Crammed with World Heritage Sites from beginning to end the tour crosses several major wine regions and offers wonderful regional cuisine, from the ocean and the land, at every stop.

From the surf-washed Atlantic coast to the high mountains and plains of the interior to the dramatic gorge of the Douro Valley you will discover an area of outstanding beauty and delightful contrasts.

Add a visit to the two major cities in Portugal and you get the complete experience!

**Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Lisboa, Lisboa	HLIS5 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	30mins from Lisboa airport
2	Day 3 to 6	3 nights	Alentejo Central, Évora	HEVO1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Estremadura, the Monastery Towns, Batalha	HBAT1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 40mins
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Coimbra, Coimbra	HCOI3 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr
5	Day 10 to 13	3 nights	Planalto and the Fortress Towns, Castelo Rodrigo	HPLA1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins
6	Day 13 to 15	2 nights	Porto, Porto	HOPO1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins

**Includes:**

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Lisboa to arrival in Porto
- Guide book to Portugal
- [Personal Travel App](#) including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

**Excludes:**

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point
  - extra driver
  - child seats
  - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

## Stage 1

### Lisboa



#### Highlights

Hop a tram and explore Portugal's exciting capital

Rossio square and train station

Skip out to Sintra, and the beaches of Cascais & Aldeia do Meco

Bar hop in Bairro Alto, dine in style in Chiado

Mosteiro dos Jerónimos - a Manueline delight

### HLIS5 3-star Hotel, Lisboa

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This delightful, classic hotel stands in one of Lisbon's prettiest and leafiest squares - "The Square of Joy", dedicated to the famous artist, Alfredo Keil.

Dating back to 1865, it has been very recently renovated and refurbished to maintain its former Portuguese charm, yet providing all of the comforts we expect today.

Set in the San Antonio district with a real Portuguese ambiance, it is an easy walk to the city's most important landmarks, including Rossio, Baixa, Chiado, Principe Real and Bairro Alto, featuring a great choice of restaurants and bars. The metro and bus stops are close at hand too.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Deluxe, superior deluxe and mansard (double / twin) rooms; junior suites and master suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

## Stage 2

### Alentejo Central



#### Highlights

World Heritage cities of Évora and Elvas, Roman ruins, medieval walls

Alentejo wines, Portugal's finest

Hilltop fortress town of Monsaraz and nearby wine centre Reguengos

Pottery towns among the vines El Corval and Redondo

"Marble towns" of Borba, Vila Viçosa and Estremoz

### HEVO1 4-star Hotel, Évora

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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, it retains the charm of an old house.

The amazing breakfasts too, using locally sourced organic produce, from five different types of bread to free range eggs, are among the region's best.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Classic and Prestige doubles and twins; Suites (all doubles) and family room. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Garage parking (extra charge) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

### Stage 3

## Estremadura, the Monastery Towns



### Highlights

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

## HBAT1 Boutique-Hotel, Batalha

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Set in a residential area above the town of Batalha, with its astonishingly beautiful C14th Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitoria, this delightful, family run hotel will embrace you at once with its informal and relaxing atmosphere.

The hotel is light, bright and colourful with a modern, elegant design and the owner's original paintings and objects d'art adding a very special touch. The bedrooms are commodious, most having balconies and some offering spectacular views of the monastery. Not only is the owner an artist, but the she also produces all the homemade jams and honey served at breakfast!

Please note: Outdoor pool seasonal depending on weather conditions.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal) • Swimming pool (indoor)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Doubles and twins (some superior with balcony and view); triples and singles; adjoining rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

## Stage 4

### Coimbra



#### Highlights

- Coimbra University - stunning buildings, views and museums
- Sé Velha, Portuguese Romanesque at its finest
- Take in a fado show - Coimbra style of course
- Jewish Quarter - especially magical by night
- Roman ruins at Conimbriga

### HCOI3 3-star Hotel, Coimbra

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This three-star, family run, city hotel is ideally located in central Coimbra just a short walk from the old town, the riverside and the university.

Nearly all the rooms offer wonderful views to the city and the breakfast room and roof-top terrace have one of the best views Coimbra has to offer.

The staff are exceptionally helpful and friendly and will go out of their way to make sure you feel at home from the moment you enter and get the most out of your stay in the city.

The hotel offers free valet-parking, making your arrival even more welcoming!



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double / twin rooms; Superior rooms on upper floors (recommended) balcony and view; family rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Garage parking (free) • On-street parking • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 5

### Planalto and the Fortress Towns



#### Highlights

- Fortress towns - Trancoso, Almeida, Castelo Rodrigo
- Paleolithic rock-art in the Côa Valley 22000 years old!
- Local wine and olive oil of the Beira Alta
- Faia Brava nature reserve; wild horses and large birds of prey
- Jump the border to Ciudad Rodrigo and Salamanca

### HPLA1 3-star Hotel, Castelo Rodrigo

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



In a privileged position in the tiny walled village of Castelo Rodrigo, with the eponymous castle looming large, this delightful guest house is a treasure and makes the perfect base from which to discover the historic fortress towns of the Planalto, once Portugal's first line of defence against the Castilian and the Moor.

The guest-house is housed in three buildings, each lovingly restored and decorated with great taste and each with its own lounge area. The upper house houses the main dining room with a sunny terrace which leads down to the garden with swimming pool, all of which command wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double / twin rooms, superior rooms bird series and tree series with modern decor (recommended) ; one suite; 2/3-bedroom villa • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 6

### Porto



#### Highlights

- Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
- Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
- Visit WOW! - the World of Wine
- Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
- Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto

### HOP01 3-star Hotel, Porto

[See full details](#)

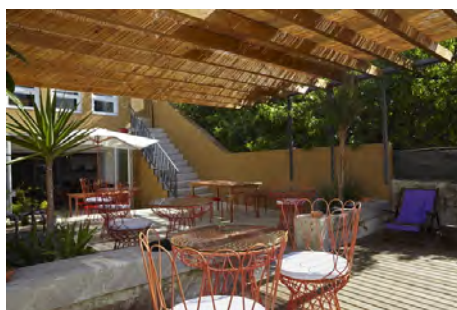
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Tucked down a side street among little art galleries, a short walk to the historic centre and sights of Porto, and with plenty of bars, restaurants and excellent shopping just nearby, you really couldn't be better placed.

The comfortable rooms, each with its own character, are divided between the main house and a modern garden annex. The sitting room, with a decanter of port to welcome guests, and the garden and terrace at the back, provide space and relaxation.

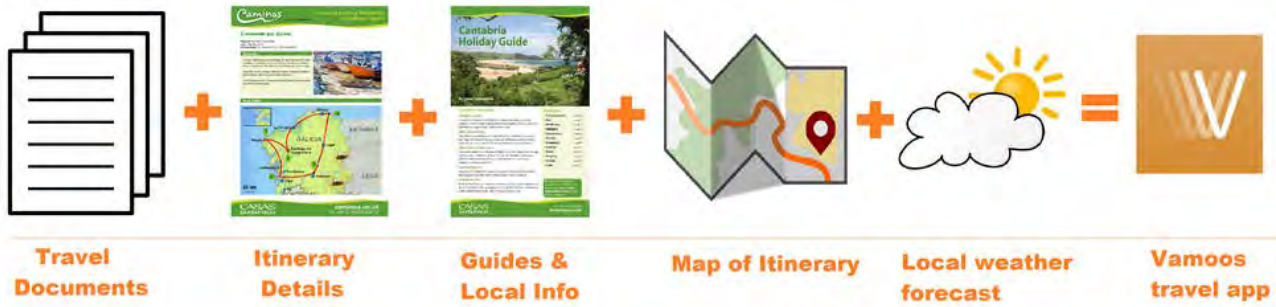
Added to its charm are its very friendly, helpful and welcoming staff who, taking care of the smallest details, ensure that everything runs smoothly.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twins and suites in main house; doubles with patio and junior suite in garden • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed



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