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PO19 Discover the Alentejo

Discover the delights of Portugal's alluring Alentejo: a land of wine and bread, of simplicity, tradition, light and colour vast golden plains, olive groves, vines and cork forests, gently rolling hillsides and a spectacular rugged coastline with pristine Altlantic beaches.

Authentic, whitewashed villages, exquisite Moorish neighbourhoods, dazzling white marble towns, astonishing medieval cities, imposing hilltop fortresses, Roman ruins and fortifications. Culture, art and history from north to south, east to west - the Alentejo has it all!

Rich in local handicrafts from pottery to tapestries, visit their markets, taste their delicious, traditional cuisine and excellent, regional wines, this region will leave you entranced! And the proud, yet warm and welcoming people will quickly win your hearts.

Stage	ltinerary	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
2	Day 3 to 6	3 nights	Costa Vicentina, Zambujeira do Mar	HZAM1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	airport 2hrs 30mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Baixo Alentejo, Moura	HPMO1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Alentejo Central, Évora	HEVO1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 10mins
5	Day 10 to 12	2 nights	Alto Alentejo, Castelo de Vide	HCDV1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins

Includes:

Itinerary Overview:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire
- 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

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

See full details



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.



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

Stage 2

Costa Vicentina



Highlights

Go beach-hopping - Almograve, Malhao, Zambujeira, Vila Nova de Milfontes

Hike or cycle along the Rota Vicentina 'Fishermans Way'

Locally caught fish & seafood - and delicious bread!

Explore the National Park of Sudoeste Alentejano e Costa Vicentina

Surf, kayak, dive or just relax in and around the estuary

HZAM1 3-star Hotel, Zambujeira do Mar

See full details

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



In the Costa Vicentina Nature reserve in the southwest Alentejo, this 365 hectare estate, was built in 1826.

Still a working farm, its owners have recently converted the main house and its outbuildings into a very special, rural hotel.

The stylish sitting room with its open fireplace is inviting on chillier evenings and the rustic dining room is great for breakfast and evening meals, whilst the poolside bar in the summer months is ideal for a refreshing drink or snack.

Seemingly away from it all, the village of Zambujeira do Mar, with bars and restaurants and a dramatic surfy beach, is just four kilometres away.



Main facilities	Wi-Fi all areas Spacious grounds Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public
Room types	Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) Electric vehicle charging station No pets allowed

Stage3

Baixo Alentejo



Highlights

Moura's Moorish quarter, ancient castle and gardens and olive oil museum.

Ancient Beja, at the heart of the Golden Plain

Medieval Mertola, above the Rio Guadiana, an 'open-air museum'

Serpa, famed for its sheep's cheese and its locals' love of food!

Feast at friendly, family run restaurants

HPMO1 3-star Hotel, Moura

See full details

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This fine 17th century listed building is located in the lovely, old town of Moura, in the southern Alentejo region. The previous convent was converted into a hotel in 1900.

The building, of significant historical, architectural and artistic value, has been recently refurbished while carefully retaining its ambience of the past. Oustanding features like the beautifully tiled facade, the high ornate ceilings, balustrades, statues and antiques.

The hotel is perfect for exploring the town on foot, with monuments, museums, restaurants, bars and shops all close by, great for a summer or winter break.



Main facilities	24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only
Room types	• Standar double or twin, Superior double; 1 or 2 bedroom apartments. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) No pets allowed

Stage 4

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

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Tucked inside the medieval city walls near the aqueduct, in the enchanting and fascinating city of Evora 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.



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

Stage 5

Alto Alentejo



Highlights

Hilltop fortress towns of Marvao and Castelo Vide

"Cidade de Ammaia" Roman museum

Ancient megaliths Including the oldest in the Peninsula

Portalegre, with its faded baroque mansions, cathedral, castle and fantastic tapestry factory

Wonderful walking trails with ancient churches, fountains, megaliths and dolmens.

HCDV1 3-star Hotel, Castelo de Vide

See full details

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This fine C18th manor house stands in the main square of the charming, historic town of Castelo de Vide in the Alto Alentejo.

Beautifully restored, maintaining many original features, the hotel has been declared a national monument.

Elegantly furnished in the classic style with antiques and interesting artefacts, its comfortable, spacious bedrooms with marble bathrooms enjoy views of the square and the lovely Serra de Sao Mamede.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking No pets allowed

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