

Circuits :: **Explore the Plains**

[At the flavour of time]



One is first taken by surprise by the remarkable traces of successive cultures. Blessed with a unique heritage of great value, recognized by UNESCO, this tour offers exceptional conditions for discovering nature, amazing patrimony like megalithic representations, Roman ruins and Arab vestiges blended with the most recent signs of Christianity (which the endless castles are an example). The local community is kind; it receives and interacts very well with foreign people, so it is easy to access the local culture.

[Program]

Day 1 – The arrival!

Our representative will welcome you at Lisbon's airport, assist you and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Day 2 – Exploring Évora

After a free morning, we prepared a City Tour in Évora, so you can feel the magic of this World Heritage town in a personalized city tour (mini-bus and walking).

Évora is a museum-city, whose roots go back to Roman times. UNESCO recognized its value, and declared Évora as World Heritage in the 80's.

Day 3 – In the Path of the lost civilizations

After a free morning (or Afternoon) we follow the Path of the lost civilizations through a Megalithic circuit (guided, in minibus).





Megalithic representations are essentially a cultural phenomenon from the Neolithic period. Portugal gathers significant remains of this period, but it is in Alentejo that the Neolithic art reaches its best.

Day 4 – Monumental Alentejo

Today we will explore 800 years of battles, conquests and culture in a cultural full day circuit (guided, in minibus – lunch included).

We start with Évoramonte, standing on the hill top for centuries its castle dates back to the 12th century. We follow to Estremoz, a town shaped by incredible and dramatic moments of Portuguese national history. Kings and Queens lived, fought and died here. Then we drive to Vila Viçosa, which impresses for the remarkable use of locally quarried marble in most of public places, and of course the Palace of Vila Viçosa, the town's "trademark".

Finally we reach Redondo, an old hill-top town, mostly renowned for its pottery and fine Alentejo's wines.



Day 5 – Free day

You're in a fabulous region. Feel free to let your imagination guide you! Choices are unlimited.

Day 6 – Monsaraz, its people, its wine and olive oil!

As usual you have a free morning. In the afternoon we visit Monsaraz, the jewel in the crown of Alentejo! This ancient village, sitting by the river, was the guardian of the Portuguese kingdom for centuries. The ancient tradition in wine and the olive oil production are its invitation card.

Day 7 – Tapestry day

In this afternoon we will take you to one of Portugal ethnographic lost pearls – the village of Arraiolos! You'll learn about the art of manufacturing fine carpets,

and you'll have the opportunity to contact directly with the local artisans.

Day 8 – Departure

Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport

End of our services.