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ALENTEJO

A refuge in harmony
with nature.





WHY ALENTEJO

A region of golden plains and magnificent monuments, and the scene of many past battles, the Alentejo is now a place of peace and history. The region is rich in monuments and traditions, many of them already recognised as part of the world heritage by UNESCO.

What characterises this fascinating and mesmerising region? Perhaps its intense climate and landscape of rolling plains with picturesque villages and medieval cities. Or perhaps the friendliness of the people, who make the most of simple but tasty ingredients to create a unique regional cuisine. Like few places around the world, the Alentejo manages to combine wildlife with cultural heritage, natural beauty with ancient castles, a feeling of peace with adventure. Plan your itinerary and come and experience the Alentejo.

“The Alentejo always reminds me of a big sundial”.

Miguel Torga



ALTER DO CHÃO STUD FARM EQUESTRIAN CLUB

A few minutes from Portalegre you'll find the Alter do Chão Stud Farm, the oldest in Portugal. Here you can enjoy direct contact with Lusitano horses, visit the museum and watch the falconry.





CORK

Come and discover the cork cycle, a source of national pride, from cork oaks to the process of transforming their bark into craft objects. Includes a car tour of a private cork oak estate and a private guided tour of a cork factory.



POTTERY COURSE

Spend a morning or afternoon learning about the art of pottery in Flor da Rosa, from understanding the specifics of clay to learning how to fire it, creating shapes, firing the pieces and painting them. Be a potter for a day in the land of clay and century-old potteries!

DARK SKY ALQUEVA

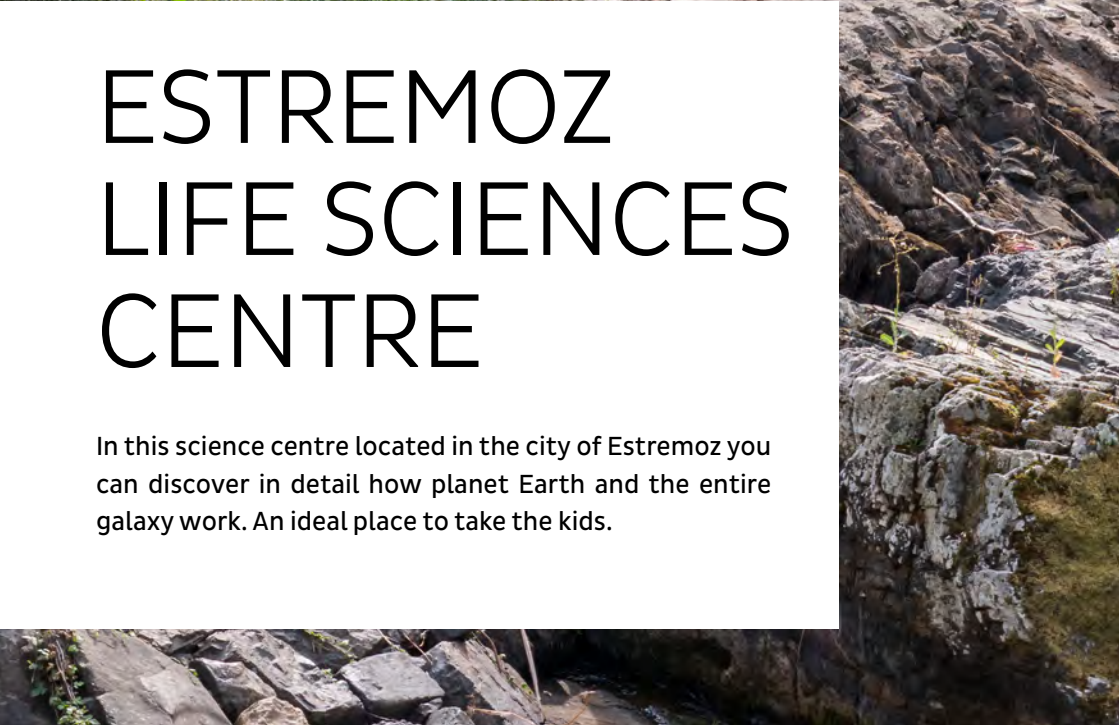
The Observatory is equipped with avant-garde telescopes for solar and astronomical observation that provide a unique visual experience of planets, the craters of the Moon and the deeper sky. A cosmic journey through nebulae, galaxies and star clusters from the world's first stellar tourism destination.





ESTREMOZ LIFE SCIENCES CENTRE

In this science centre located in the city of Estremoz you can discover in detail how planet Earth and the entire galaxy work. An ideal place to take the kids.





ARRAIOLOS RUGS

Embroiderers are still creating the traditional designs of Arraiolos rugs stitch by stitch. This art dates back to at least the fifteenth century.



AQUEDUTO WALKS

A walk along the beautiful Évora aqueduct, with a presentation of its history and views over the city.

CARRASQUEIRA DOCK ON STILTS

A masterpiece of popular architecture, erected in the 50s and 60s, it is unique in Europe and built on irregular, seemingly fragile wooden poles, which serve as a dock for fishing boats.



SADO ESTUARY

Alcácer do Sal is the perfect spot for bird watching flamingos, spoonbills, pied avocets, Kentish plovers, dunlins, godwits, and many others.





ALENTEJO WINE TRAIL

Travelling from winery to winery, taste and find out more about all the wines of the Alentejo region, which are now appreciated around the world.



OLIVEIRA DA SERRA MILL

Located in Ferreira do Alentejo. Find out about the production of olive oil, one of the main ingredients of the Mediterranean diet. Technology and sustainability are the main allies in the production process.

VISIT THE VILA SANTA WINERY

Check out the work of João Portugal Ramos and discover why he has such a passion for the Alentejo. A day trip or a lunch are an excellent pretext and provide the time and tranquillity needed to savour the local food and wine at a leisurely pace. Discover all the wine tastings, programmes and delicious cuisine.





OUTEIROS ALTOS STATE

Visit the only organic wine cellar in the region, located in the Serra d'Ossa. A walk through the vineyards, enjoying the fresh air and an introduction to the various local and imported grape varieties and aromatic herbs, followed by a visit to the winery. This visit includes a tasting of three organic wines followed by a picnic served on the old threshing floor, with stunning views of the mountains and the city of Estremoz.



BORBA WINERY

With several areas dedicated to wine tourism, the facility has a large tasting room, auditorium and a function room for 150 people to hold business meetings, seminars, training and tasting courses.



QUARRY TRAIL

The Shades of Marble Trail invites you to discover the strange, harsh and profoundly mysterious world of Alentejo marble. In the territories of Alandroal, Borba, Sousel and Vila Viçosa, you can explore quarries, underground extraction galleries, factories, discover Portuguese equipment and software of international scope, and find out how this raw material is used for stonework, sculptures and the artistic dimension of the region's monuments. In Borba, visit the Marble Museum.



MEGALITHS INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Located in one of the oldest churches in the village of Castelo de Vide, Portalegre district, the centre specialises in themes related to megalithic art. Here you can see multiple examples of tapirs and menhirs.



MEGALITH TRAIL

Three different sites that take you on a real expedition into the heart of the Neolithic era, with the opportunity to view the largest dolmen on the Iberian Peninsula.



AMMAIA ROMAN CITY

Considered a national monument, the Roman city of Ammaia, located in the Serra de São Mamede Nature Reserve, in São Salvador da Aramenha, Marvão, is the most important Roman vestige in the region.



ROMAN RUINS OF PISÕES

Located on the Almagrassa Estate, close to the city of Beja. The building is one of the most significant examples of Roman private baths in Portugal.



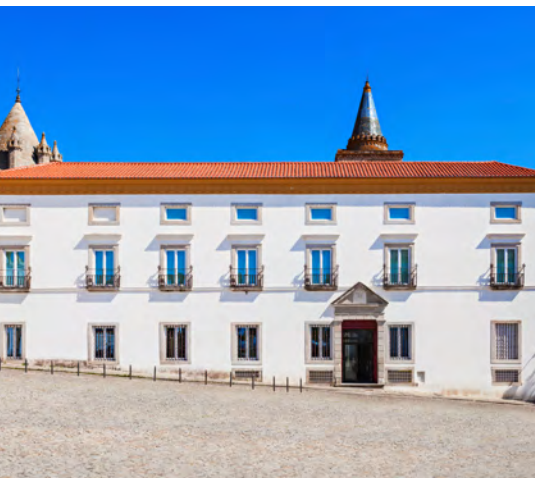
ÉVORA ROMAN TEMPLE

Also known as Diana's temple, due to its association with the Roman goddess of hunting, Diana, this is one of the major symbols of the Roman presence in the city of Évora.



CAPELA DOS OSSOS (Chapel of Bones)

One of the most charismatic monuments in Évora. Located in the centre of the city, this chapel was intended to convey the transitory nature of life. With its interior walls decorated with human bones and skulls, it is one of the important sites to visit in the region.



ÉVORA MUSEUM

Occupies the old Bishop's Palace, in the city centre, next to the Cathedral. Here you can see archaeological remains, sculptural and decorative arts and a natural science collection.



VILA VIÇOSA DUCAL PALACE

A royal residence built from 1501 onwards, it displays a collection of decorative arts and includes a library and archive.

ÉVORA TOUR

A visit to the main monuments of Évora:
Giraldo Square, Cathedral, Roman Temple,
Church of St. Francis, Chapel of Bones.





BEJA REGIONAL MUSEUM

Visit its archaeological section and Rococo chapel.



CASA DE BRAGANÇA FOUNDATION

Responsible for the Vila Viçosa royal hunting ground, home to deer and fallow deer, a museum and library.



ALTER DO CHÃO CASTLE

In the centre of the town, where you can visit the Castle's archaeological crypt. This medieval building was built during the Muslim occupation to defend and secure the territory.

MARVÃO CASTLE

In the Serra de São Mamede Nature Reserve, Marvão Castle, located in the district of Portalegre, was an important observation and surveillance post due to its location.





VILA VIÇOSA CASTLE

Occupied during the Roman invasion of the Iberian Peninsula, the castle of Vila Viçosa is near Vila Viçosa, in the district of Évora, and is one of the sites to visit in the Alentejo region.

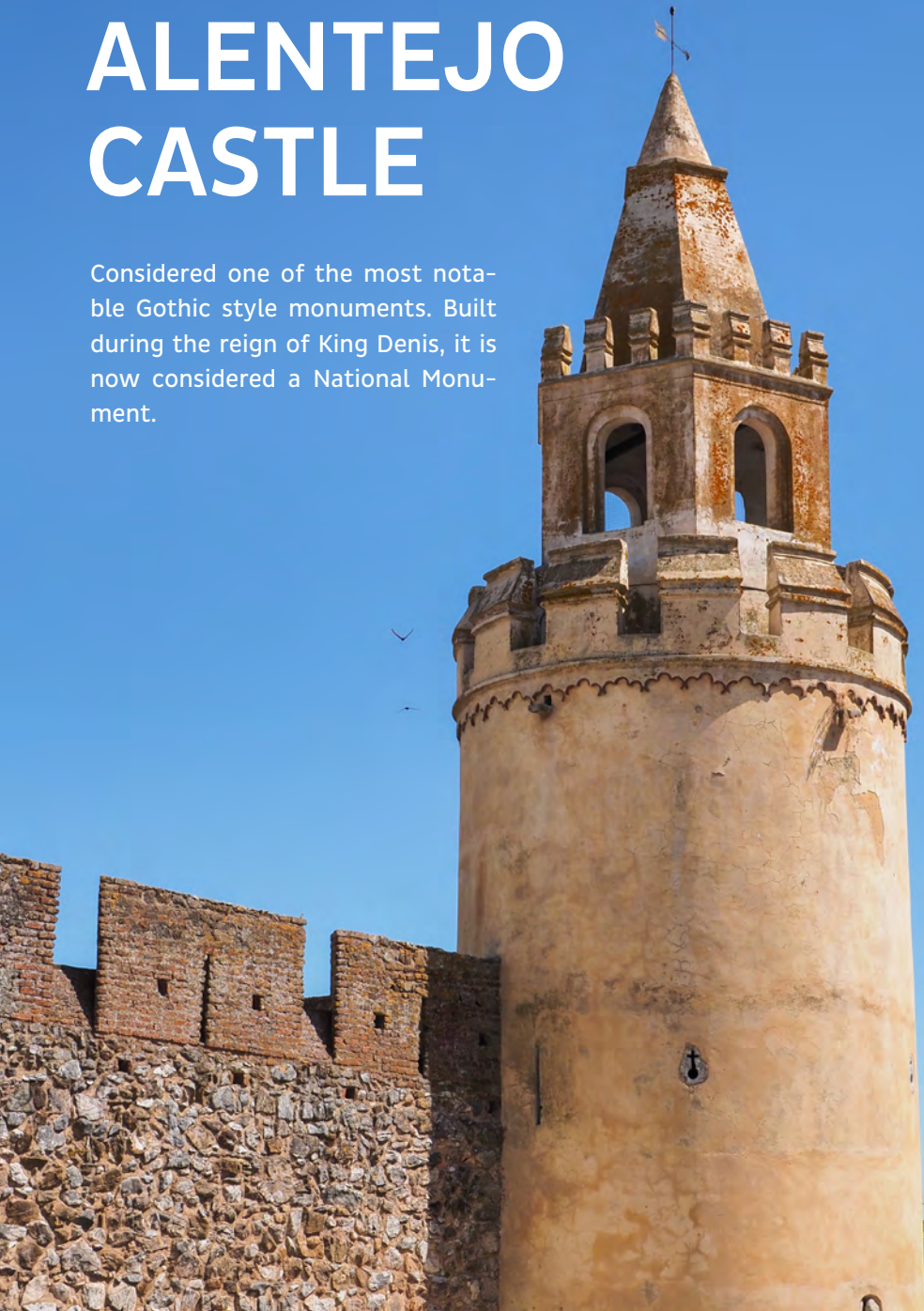


ALANDROAL CASTLE

Built by King Denis and considered a national monument, Alandroal Castle, located in the Évora district, is a Gothic style building and one of the sites to visit in the Alentejo region.

VIANA DO ALENTEJO CASTLE

Considered one of the most notable Gothic style monuments. Built during the reign of King Denis, it is now considered a National Monument.





CUISINE

Bread, pork and olive oil form the basis of one of the most delicious Mediterranean-inspired cuisines. Used sparingly, simple to prepare and rich in flavour, these ingredients are usually enhanced by aromatic herbs such as coriander, parsley, pennyroyal or mint.

Our recommendations:

Scrambled eggs with wild asparagus.

Bread and breadcrumb soups and stews, which use leftover breadcrumbs mixed with a little meat or fish.

Chicken pies.

Alentejo-style pork.

Traditional convent sweets: sericaia (egg pudding), toucinho do céu (almond cake) and tibornas (Portuguese bruschetta).

Azeitão cheese.

Excellent regional wines.

Ovos com espargos

OUR HOTELS





POUSADA MOSTEIRO DO CRATO

22 km from Portalegre is the village Flor da Rosa, where a 14th-century monastery has been refurbished to house the Pousada Mosteiro do Crato. This Gothic building and its surroundings are ideal for enjoying a restful stay in the Alentejo plains.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool with waterfall;
- Magic Spa with hot tub;
- Contemporary regional cuisine;
- Piano bar in the old monks' refectory;
- Lounge with fireplace and billiards room, with a table designed by architect Carrilho da Graça.



POUSADA CONVENTO DE ARRAIOLOS

Housed in a former convent in the traditional village of Arraiolos, a few kilometres from Évora, this Pousada perfectly combines the tranquility of the Alentejo, regional gastronomy and oneness with nature. From hiking to tennis, there are numerous sports activities that you can try.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool with sun terrace;
- Indoor swimming pool overlooking the surrounding fields;
- Spa and gym;
- Lounge with fireplace and billiards room, with a table designed by architect Carrilho da Graça.



POUSADA CONVENTO DE ÉVORA

The Pousada Convento de Évora is located next to the Temple of Diana and the Gothic Cathedral, in the old Loios Convent, originally from the 15th century. From the rooms to the cloisters, and the garden to the communal areas, the Pousada transmits an air of peace and well-being.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool and relaxation area;
- The Loios Restaurant serving delicious Alentejo cuisine;
- The former monks' cells have been converted into rooms;
- Activities such as horseback riding, bicycle or jeep tours can be booked.



POUSADA CASTELO ALCÁCER DO SAL

Perched on a hill overlooking the Sado River and the city, within the walls of a medieval castle, is the Pousada Castelo Alcácer do Sal. Located just an hour from Lisbon and 30 minutes from Comporta, it is the perfect place for spending a few restful days.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool surrounded by gardens;
- Restaurant and bar;
- Castle crypt of archaeological interest, open to visitors;
- Car park.



POUSADA CASTELO DE ESTREMOZ

The Pousada Castelo de Estremoz is located in the historic centre of Estremoz, about 30 minutes by car from Évora. This former castle of Queen Santa Isabel, converted into a luxurious hotel, provides unforgettable leisure moments and breathtaking panoramic views of the Alentejo plains.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool right next to the castle battlements;
- Games room with pool table;
- Spacious rooms, some with classic four-poster beds;
- Restaurant and bar with a refined and inviting atmosphere.



POUSADA MARVÃO

The Pousada de Marvão consists of four small traditional houses, providing a comfortable country-style environment. Located in the village of Marvão, 800 metres above sea level, it offers unforgettable panoramic views.

⊕ SERVICES

- Panoramic restaurant with traditional dishes;
- Inviting bar with a glorious view;
- Comfortable and spacious rooms;
- Rustic Ambience with a family atmosphere.



POUSADA VILA VIÇOSA

The romantic and historic Vila Viçosa is home to this Pousada set in the former Convento Real das Chagas de Cristo, built in the 16th. century A land of kings and poets, the village is a one-hour drive from Évora and close to the Spanish border.

⊕ SERVICES

- Outdoor swimming pool and gardens;
- Games room and piano room;
- Restaurant and bar set in historic surroundings;
- A privileged location in the centre of the village.



POUSADA CONVENTO DE BEJA

The former convent of São Francisco has given way to a pousada where meditation and restfulness reign supreme. Located in the city centre, within walking distance of museums, parks, restaurants and the castle, the Pousada de Beja is perfect either for a restful stay or for enjoying outdoor activities.

⊕ SERVICES

- Spa with treatment and massage room, Turkish bath and sauna;
- Outdoor swimming pool surrounded by gardens;
- Tennis court, snooker table and board games;
- The restaurant is located in the Franciscan friars' former refectory.

