



Portugal
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travel**

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**GUIDED PROGRAMS
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WHY CHOOSE PORTUGAL GREEN TRAVEL - DMC?

Portugal Green Travel is a Destination Management Company (DMC) specialized in incoming services to Portugal. We are a DMC focused on low-density territories, and we base our approach on structuring authentic and distinctive tourist products, with a strong component of interpretation and storytelling, mainly aimed at international markets.

"Creating memorable experiences in an undiscovered Portugal" is our motto! Portugal Green Travel has a stance of territorial valorization, promoting indigenous products and local traditions through the involvement and training of the community and local agents.

Furthermore, as a tour operator with an experienced team, we provide all the services related to tourism operations and travel agencies. We are always here to present the best solutions to our clients, and we love being challenged.

Every time you choose Portugal Green Travel, you know you are promoting a positive effect on the territory, helping local communities to thrive, aiding in the creation of new job opportunities, and fostering the recovery of local traditions and cultures.

At Portugal Green Travel, we have a zero-carbon policy, promoting reforestation programs to offset our CO2 emissions throughout the year, and all our programs are classified as "Sustainable Experiences."

Portugal Green Travel was the first Portuguese tour operator to receive the Biosphere's International Sustainability Certification and was named the Best Sustainable Tour Operator 2023 at the European Travel Awards.





FOOD & BEVERAGE

Workshop on Cornbread, Jams, and Liqueurs



LOCATION

Talasnal

DURATION

Half Day / 2h to 5h

DESCRIPTION

These workshops are experiences that take you on a journey through time, recalling traditional practices and valuing local products. At the end of each workshop, you are invited to taste the results of your work.

Visit to an Olive Oil Mill and Tasting

LOCATION

Monchique

DURATION

Half Day / 2h to 3h

DESCRIPTION

Visit to an olive oil mill.

Here, you can understand and follow the entire process from the arrival of the olives to the creation of the olive oil. You will also participate in an olive oil tasting, where you can identify different scents and flavors, understanding the various qualities of olive oil produced. At the end of the activity, all the olive oil used will be repurposed for soap production, demonstrating the sustainable aspect of this mill.

Winemaker for a day

LOCATION

Mortágua

DURATION

Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Tradicional lunch

DESCRIPTION

Welcomed by a winemaker, you will learn the art of blending and the characteristics of 3 single-varietal wines. This activity will refine various senses. From bottling your own wine to designing the label, it's a very curious and fun experience!



HISTORY & HERITAGE

Walking Tour Schist Village



LOCATION

Lousã

DURATION

Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Tradicional lunch

DESCRIPTION

Come with us and visit the beautiful and picturesque Schist Villages of Serra da Lousã. This unforgettable experience includes a visit to 3 Schist Villages and an off-road ride through the mountains. Here, the heritage, cultural, and human aspects of the Schist Villages come together, providing a unique opportunity to learn about village life and traditions. Additionally, explore the natural side with its diverse fauna and flora, painting the mountains with stunning landscapes.

Walking Tour Tomar



LOCATION

Tomar

DURATION

Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Tradicional lunch

DESCRIPTION

Much more than a visit to the city's ex-libris, the Convent of Christ, this tour guides and immerses you in the mythical history of the Templars, transporting you back to that bygone era. Over the decades, this place has become a living museum of Portuguese history, with many significant pages of Portugal's history written here. As we unfold this immense book, we will encounter the various styles and forms that coexist in this unique space, a prime example of this order in the world.

Visit + Lunch at Seminário Maior de Coimbra

LOCATION

Coimbra

DURATION

1h

DESCRIPTION

An invitation to discover a hidden gem in the heart of Coimbra. Be enchanted by its interiors, a unique example of Italianizing Baroque in Portugal. Immerse yourself in the grand atmosphere that exudes history, art, and legacy, and join us to explore places like the magnificent Old Library and the stunning Church of the Holy Family. To conclude the visit, have lunch in the seminary's dining hall alongside the ecclesiastical community and enjoy a great meal!

On the banks of the Mondego River



LOCATION

Tentúgal, Montemor-o-velho e Figueira da Foz

DURATION Full Day / 7h

EXTRA Traditional lunch

DESCRIPTION

This program will take you to the mouth of the Mondego River. It starts with a Walking Tour in Tentúgal, followed by a tasting of the famous Pastéis de Tentúgal. The journey then continues towards Montemor-o-Velho, where history meets nature. Here, you can visit the Montemor-o-Velho Castle, dating back to the 11th century. The tour includes lunch in the city of Figueira da Foz. In the afternoon, the Walking Tour continues in Figueira, ensuring a visit to the Salgado and the Salt Museum Core. In the summer time, a view of the Traditional Fishing Center on Costa de Lavos Beach is also included.

Staged Tour of the French Invasions



LOCATION

Mata Nacional do Bussaco

DURATION

Half Day / 4h to 5h

DESCRIPTION

March with us through the mists of memory and travel back to the dawn of September 27, 1810, when, amidst the dense fog covering the Serra do Bussaco, the greatest battle ever fought in Portugal took place. A military duel between the Napoleonic troops, led by André Massena, and the English army commanded by the 1st Duke of Wellington. Come and discover the most important moments of a battle that was fundamentally shaped by the topography of this territory.



Staged Tour of the French Invasions + Underground Wine Museum

LOCATION

Mata Nacional do Bussaco

DURATION

Half Day / 4h to 5h

DESCRIPTION

Step back in time to September 27, 1810, and witness the legendary Battle of Bussaco, where Napoleon's forces clashed with the English army under the 1st Duke of Wellington. Immerse yourself in the strategic plays shaped by the unique landscape of Serra do Bussaco.

Beyond the battlefield, explore a unique underground museum, where a fusion of sparkling wines, fine spirits, and eight art collections lie in wait. Conclude your journey with a traditional Bairrada roast suckling pig, a true taste of local heritage.

Join us for a remarkable blend of history, culture, and gastronomy in this unforgettable Portuguese experience.



CULTURE & TRADITIONS

Jewish Heritage Walking Tour



LOCATION

Coimbra

DURATION

Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Private transfer service and tickets to the University of Coimbra

DESCRIPTION

This journey will uncover the intangible heritage of Jewish life in the city of Coimbra, passing through the old Jewish quarter within the city walls. You'll gain insight into the historical context that led the Jewish community to settle outside but under the protection of the city walls, including the most recent archaeological findings. It's a tour through the history of the Sephardic Jewry in Coimbra while exploring the city itself.

A photograph of the University of Coimbra, featuring a prominent clock tower on the left and a large building with a tiled roof on the right. The sky is blue with scattered clouds. The title 'Academic Traditions Walking Tour' is written in a white, elegant script font across the top.

Academic Traditions Walking Tour

LOCATION
Coimbra

DURATION
Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Private transfer service and tickets to the University of Coimbra

DESCRIPTION

Once the formative nerve center for the elites of the Portuguese Empire, the University of Coimbra today is home to one of the largest cultural and scientific legacies in human memory. This tour is a journey through over 700 years of the history of Portugal and the world, experiencing the numerous rituals and student traditions that continue to mark the daily life of the academic community. Includes access to the University of Coimbra.



Serrana Boat Tour (traditional boat)

LOCATION

Coimbra ou Penacova

DURATION

Half Day / 3h to 4h

EXTRA Private transfer service, traditional onboard snack, exclude ride.

DESCRIPTION

A boat trip on the Mondego River in a replica of a Barca Serrana, a traditional vessel formerly used for trade. This tour can be experienced in Coimbra, offering views of the beautiful student city, or in Penacova, where the history of this traditional boat began. You will be guided by a boatman who will make you feel as if you are experiencing the history first-hand.



Walking Program + Beeswax Candle Making Workshop

LOCATION

Talasnal

DURATION

Half Day / 1h a 2h

DESCRIPTION

Come with us and discover the Magical Schist Villages of Lousã Mountain. Embark on a walking tour to explore the stunning schist villages nestled in the picturesque Lousã Mountain. Experience the local culture and enjoy a traditional lunch that offers a taste of the region's culinary delights. After savoring the local flavors, join us for a creative workshop that revives the ancient art of making candles from pure, pesticide-free beeswax. In this ecological and artisanal creation process, you'll use natural decorative elements such as flowers, dried leaves of native plants, and traditional schist stones. Create a durable product that can be used ornamentally or as an air purifier, and take home a piece of the Serra da Lousã's comfort and natural aromas. The day concludes with a visit to the enchanting Talasnal Schist Village.

Pottery Workshop



LOCATION

Talasnal

DURATION

Half Day / 1h to 2h

EXTRA Private transfer service.
Lunch at the factory
restaurant.

DESCRIPTION

A true journey through time that will allow you to 'get your hands dirty.' Starting with a visit to the artist's workshop, this experience unfolds in the last remaining ceramics factory of Coimbra, dating back to the 18th century. After a brief explanation of the entire clay molding and construction process, you will have the opportunity to try it out. Here, you will refine techniques, learn stories, and discover surprising outcomes. This historical setting, rich in tradition and craftsmanship, provides a unique backdrop to your creative exploration.

Shepherd's Walk



LOCATION

Poiares

DURATION

Half Day / 4h a 5h

DESCRIPTION

Come follow in the footsteps of shepherds and their flocks, in search of the greenest pastures, in an innovative project aimed at reviving the art of herding in the central region of Portugal.

You will free your body and mind with the effort of the hike, the contact with nature, and the contemplation of unique landscapes. Upon reaching the grazing site, you will also share a small snack with the shepherd.

A full-page background image showing a person from behind, walking on a forest path. The person is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, light-colored shorts, and sneakers. They are holding a water bottle in their right hand. The forest is dense with trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. A horizontal white line is visible near the top of the image, and another near the bottom.

ACTIVE & NATURE

Canyoning



LOCATION

Arouca, Oliveira de Frades or Castanheira de Pêra

DURATION Half Day / 4h to 5h

DESCRIPTION

Canyoning is the sporting activity of descending mountain rivers. Progression can be made on foot by overcoming natural obstacles, such as ponds or waterfalls, using mountaineering maneuvers and techniques. The descent involves jumps, rappelling, and guided slides, swimming through pools of pure and crystalline water.

Aquatic Walk



LOCATION

Góis

DURATION

Half Day / 2h to 4h

DESCRIPTION

Aquatic hiking, in direct interaction with nature in its purest state, overcoming natural obstacles such as ponds, swimming, and navigating small descents and jumps into the ponds.

River descending



LOCATION

Penacova

DURATION

Half Day / 2h a 4h

DESCRIPTION

Descent of the Mondego River, the largest 100% Portuguese river, in a section spanning 12km from the Carvoeira weir (Penacova) to the Palheiros / Zorro River Beach (Coimbra). This is the largest and most commercial tourist entertainment activity in our country, suitable for canoeing initiation. It boasts a stunning natural setting with diverse vegetation and numerous bird species. During the summer, there are some small rapids that add a touch of excitement.

Rappelling and Climbing



LOCATION

Cabril do Ceira

DURATION

Half Day / 2h a 4h

DESCRIPTION

Looking for an active, adventurous day filled with adrenaline? The Serra da Lousã has the solution. In a fantastic natural environment, you can engage in various activities, with rappelling and climbing standing out among them.

Held in the stunning natural setting of Epigenia do Cabril do Ceira (Serpins, Lousã), this experience offers a first approach to climbing (beginner level) on natural rock. Additionally, you get to try rappelling (a vertical descent technique using rope maneuvers) on a natural wall while suspended. If weather permits, you can even take a dip in the Ceira River at the end.

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