

# BAIXO ALENTEJO



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### Wine, Olive Oil, Cheese

Another of the sub-regions of the Portuguese mainland. With about 13 740 km<sup>2</sup>, it comprises the district of Beja and the district of Setúbal, (integrating the councils of Alcácer do Sal, Grândola, Santiago do Cacém and Sines). The gastronomy is practically the same throughout the Alentejo region. The region's relief is characterized by the great uniformity of plains, from which some low-altitude mountainous masses stand out.



## AZEITÃO | TRÓIA | COMPORTA | OUTEIRO ANDRÉ

Arrival in Azeitão. Guided tour of the José Maria da Fonseca cellars and tasting of the famous "Moscatel de Setúbal" and Azeitão sheep cheese. Departure towards Setúbal. Board the ferry to cross the magnificent Sado Estuary and Natural Reserve and one of the most beautiful bays in Europe, to the peninsula of Troia, a fantastic holiday resort, where the blue sky and the blue sea meet the green of the pines and the white of the sand dunes and white sand beaches extending for over 40km!

You get off the ferry and carry on to the Herdade da Comporta, to a visit to the wine cellar, with a tasting of 3 wines, and also a visit to the Museum of Rice, an old rice hulling factory that consecrates the rice culture and the importance of this cereal for the populations of this region. A place of unique beauty. Free time for lunch. The journey continues to Grândola, where a wine tourism facility is located. Overnight stay with wine tasting.

## OUTEIRO ANDRÉ | FERREIRA DO ALENTEJO | QUINTOS | SERPA

After breakfast, departure towards Ferreira do Alentejo to visit the emblematic olive oil mill Oliveira da Serra, located near the Herdade do Marmelo, which pays tribute to the Portuguese olive grove and represents the latest technology in the production of high quality olive oil, as well as environmental sustainability. Free time for lunch. Continue towards Herdade do Vau in Quitos, in the centre of a magical triangle formed by three historic cities: Beja, Serpa and Moura. Here, temperatures can reach 45°C in the middle of summer. It is also the birthplace of "Riso", a unique wine, fruit of the will and dream of one man: Miguel S. Otto. Wine tasting. Proceed to Serpa. Overnight stay.

## SERPA

Day dedicated to visiting Serpa, a town belonging to the District of Beja, which offers the classic Alentejo attractions - a wall, a castle, narrow streets with whitewashed houses and refreshing gardens. Before entering the walled town, pay a visit to the new Municipal Market, making sure not to miss the wine and cheese shops, which really are a must. Buy Serpa cheese, the famous sheep's milk cheese! Enter through a door in the wall and walk up to the main square. The highest point is dominated by the remains of Serpa Castle, where you can enjoy the spectacular views over the famous plain to the north and the hills to the south. For watch lovers, there is a very interesting Clock Museum. In the square, don't forget to pay a visit to the D.Dinis shop where you can find traditional Alentejo products. Time for lunch. Here the game food is famous: wild rabbit, hare or wild boar. In the afternoon, rest and overnight stay.

## SERPA | PIAS | MOURA | ALQUEVA DAM

Breakfast and departure for Pias, towards the Sociedade Agrícola de Pias, where the high quality Margaça wines are produced. Visit and wine tasting. Free time for lunch. Proceed to the city of Moura, a countryside paradise with a beautiful centre of old mansions and pretty squares. The Manueline church of St John the Baptist and the imposing Moura Castle, the highest point in the town is really worth a visit. From here, you can see the



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flower-filled alleys, where you have many shops and gastronomic options. In the late afternoon, departure towards the Alqueva Dam to watch the sunset on a thematic boat trip on the waters of the Alqueva, amidst the quiet nature and the unique luminosity of the end of the day, savouring the bread, olives and Antão Vaz white wine. Overnight stay.

## VIDIGUEIRA | QUINTA DO QUETZAL | ÉVORA

Breakfast and departure for Quinta do Quetzal, located on the slopes of Vidigueira, in the heart of the Alentejo and in the vicinity of the oldest Roman winery in the southwest of the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy a unique experience: take a guided tour of the winery and vineyard and taste the iconic Quetzal wines, accompanied by Alentejo delicacies at the estate restaurant, where you have an impressive view of the entire estate, the vegetable garden and vineyard being just a stone's throw away. Take a short drive to the Ecorkhotel, a property with a great focus on sustainability and energy efficiency, making it the 1st certified ecological hotel in Portugal. Afternoon and night to rest. Overnight stay.

## ÉVORA | CARTUXA-FEA WINE CELLAR

Breakfast and departure for a walking tour of the historic centre of Évora, the Capital of the Alentejo, including the Roman Temple (also known as the Temple of Diana), the Cathedral (a huge gothic structure started in the 12th century), the Church of São Francisco (gothic and baroque architecture) and the Chapel of Bones. Proceede to Quinta do Valbom, site of the famous Cartuxa brand, one of the main assets of the FEA - Eugénio de Almeida Foundation - and currently the brand that gives the name to the Cartuxa Winery, Enoturismo Cartuxa and the Enoteca Cartuxa. It is also the identity of EA wines, Floral de Évora, Cartuxa and the mythical Pêra-Manca, as well as the EA and Cartuxa olive oils. Guided tour (lasting an hour and a half), which culminates in a tasting of the wines and the olive oil. At the end, return to to Ecorkhotel. Rest and overnight stay.

## ÉVORA | ARRAIOLOS | MONTEMOR-O-NOVO | QUINTA DA PLANSEL

Breakfast and departure for Arraiolos, a town that needs no introduction. Its calling card is the quality of the Arraiolos carpets and its peculiar round-shaped castle, also known as the Paço dos Alcaldes, built in the 14th-century Romantic-Gothic style. The town's heritage are the famous Arraiolos carpets, full of history and hand-embroidered by generations of embroiderers. This art is believed to have started with the Moors in the 12th century, reaching its peak in the 18th century through to today, with floral embroidered motifs. Visit of a carpet factory. Proceede to the "sleepy" town of Montemor-O-Novo, birthplace of João Cidade, eternalised as St João de Deus, patron saint of the sick. Visit to the famous Quinta da Plansel: the installations, the vineyards and wine tasting with regional products, lasting an hour and a half. Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca are the main grape varieties that are used to produce the famous wines of Dorina Lindemann, Júlia Lindemann and Marquês de Montemor. At the end of the visit, you continue your journey back home.



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