

Portugal – Walking in Paradise Hiking Tour 2022
Individual Self-Guided OR Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



With the Walking in Paradise tour our aim is to combine a wonderful stay at our very special and unique guesthouse, just seven kilometers from Évora, with the discovery of the ever surprising Alentejo region. You'll find your days will be plentiful but also relaxing! And our food... delicious! You should try it! During your stay we'll take you through exclusive hiking trails, local cafés, beautiful historical monuments, artisans and wineries. Each day is different, the mix of different landscapes and sceneries. The scents in the morning breeze, the sounds of late afternoon beetles and crickets, the golden colours of the summer fields and the wild life that pops up to surprise you on your hike will make you feel much more alive. As it is a hotel based walking tour you don't need to worry about packing and unpacking each day.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Portugal

Accommodation and dinner at our guesthouse.



Day 2: The Silver Water Aqueduct 12 – 15 km + 228 m – 236 m

Leaving the guesthouse towards the 16th century aqueduct, built to solve the water shortages in the city, this walk will lead to the Ancient city of Évora. Along the way the small farms and aromatic herbs that grow by the aqueduct will keep you company. To end the day, after a visit to the most relevant historical sites, there is nothing better than a cool calm drink in Évora center square surrounded by age old buildings feeling the flow of life passing you by.

Day 3: The Megalithic Monuments 15 - 18 km + 327 m – 121 m

Enjoy the beautiful holm oak forest dotted by impressive granite boulders which, 6000 years ago, were used by our ancestors to

build their burial sites and magic cult sites. Discover these sites and their surroundings. You will visit the Dolmen of Zambujeiro – biggest in Europe, the Cromlech of Almendres, the Menir of Almendres and the church of Mitra.

Day 4: Van trip to Arraiolos and Evora

Today we will take you on our van to visit Arraiolos village and its surroundings. We will stroll in the village visiting the castle and the museum. We will go to the lovely Ravasqueira farm and visit the private carriage collection and taste their delicious wine. Then we will take you to Évora where you can visit the city, because it is well worth it every minute you give it!

Day 5: Conquest of Valongo Castle 12 km + 157 m – 139 m

Today while we follow along the lovely river Degebe. We discover old water mills and try to imagine how they worked. Then we leave the river side and start walking up to conquer wonderful views. Finally a castle starts to take shape in the horizon. It is the surreal castle of Valongo, built in the middle of nowhere by, some say, the Romans.

Day 6: To the Tower of Evoramonte 10 km + 366 m – 194 m

We start walking along a closed railway through beautiful scenery. With luck we will encounter some black pigs, cows and sheep. Then we climb steep tracks that lead to the castle of Évoramonte. At the castle follow the walls all the way around and take in the beautiful views. You can see Spain from here!



Day 7: The Medieval Village 11 km + 248 m – 243 m

The unforgettable village of Monsaraz, built in a castle on top of a hill, is always at view. Schist rock walls will guide the walk around the beautiful fortification and finally the last climb conquers the castle and its stunning well-kept village and views over the Alqueva Lake. In season you can even finish with a swim or a canoe trip! On the way back to the farm visit a pottery studio in São Pedro do Corval.

Day 8: Individual Departure

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Route



Route Characteristics:

Route Profile: Easy. Most daily distances up to 12 kilometers with slight ups and downs over the course of the day.

Distance: 68 km

Travel Season: Self-Guided: Departures Saturdays from January 8 – December 17, 2022
Guided: Departures March 5 and October 29, 2022

Price per Person:

Double Occupancy Self-Guided Tour	€ 1015.00
Double Occupancy Guided Tour	€1300.00
Seasonal Supplement April 1 – May 31	€ 35.00
Seasonal Supplement June 1 – September 30	€ 70.00
Single Supplement	€ 315.00
Single Supplement April 1 – May 31	€ 385.00
Single Supplement June 1 – September 30	€ 420.00
Surcharge Specialty Diets (vegan, gluten free)	€ 12.00/night
Transfer from/to Lisbon airport	€ 75.00 each way

Accommodation:

3* family owned guesthouse with private facilities

Included:

Self-Guided:

- 7 nights in double room in low season
- Breakfast
- Transfer to starting point and transfer back at end of tour
- Welcome regional snack
- 1 dinner with 2 drinks
- Personal accident insurance
- VAT tax

Guided:

- Everything included in the Self-guided tour
- Guide
- Picnic lunches for every walking tour day
- 2 extra dinners
- 1 lunch in Arraiolos

Not Included:

- Trip cancellation/interruption insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals not included in program