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TALHA WINE IN VILA DE FRADES

Vila de Frades, considered the “capital” of Talha Wine, is a small village located in the heart of Alentejo, in the municipality of Vidigueira. Here we find the ruins of the Roman Villa of São Cucufate, in which archaeological evidence has been discovered that shows that the famous Talha Wine was brought here by the Romans more than two thousand years ago.

Produced in large clay pots that we call talha or amphora, the wine is closely linked to the habits of the people of the region, who have been able to preserve it and give it new life over the years. To taste the Talha Wine in a local tavern, and who knows, listen to the Alentejo Singing is an experience that only in the Alentejo can live.

Places to visit: Vila de Frades, producer of Talha Wine

Estimated visit length: 3H

Dates: June 29 (1st) and July 06 (2nd)

Minimum or maximum occupancy: 12 pax

Deadline for entries: until June 28 (1st) July 5 (2nd)

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A DAY BETWEEN EVORA AND MONSARAZ

Évora, the museum-city, is a mandatory stop for any traveler. Its historic center reveals Roman, Visigoth and Arab influences, preserving vestiges with more than 2000 years old. From the Roman Temple to the Cathedral, passing by the Church of Saint Francisco and the Chapel of Bones, the Manueline window of Garcia de Resende’s house or the Giraldo square, Évora’s beauty crosses time. But it is in the 15th century, when it becomes the seat of the court, that it reaches its peak. Today, that beauty remains intact, being a unique example of the golden period of the Renaissance in Portugal. For all this, its historic center was classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Located on top of a hill, the medieval village of Monsaraz keeps the magic of ancient times. Its whitewashed houses live within the castle walls and overlooking the great Alqueva Lake. Many magnificent stories can be told about its brave kings, Knights Templar, and ladies of simple beauty. Suspended in time, the historical village, one of the oldest in Portugal.

Places to visit: Historical center of Évora, free lunch, Monsaraz

Estimated visit length: 7H to 9H

Dates: July 2

Minimum or maximum occupancy: 10pax -15 pax

Deadline for entries: until June 30

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SOUNDS AND FLAVORS OF SERPA

Serpa is located on higher ground, a few kilometers from the left bank of the Guadiana River, the great river that runs through southern Portugal. More than two thousand years ago it was colonized by the Romans and other peoples who left their mark on the town’s architecture. It is here that the production of the most famous traditional cheese of southern Portugal is centered, the Serpa Cheese. The cheese gets strong aroma and spicy flavor from the unique climate, soil and pastures of this part of Alentejo. Cante Alentejano, singing which is classified as Intangible Heritage by Unesco, is part of Serpa’s soul where you can find many groups still active.

Places to visit: Serpa, cheese producer, Casa do Cante

Estimated visit length: 3H

Dates: June 29 and July 06

Minimum or maximum occupancy: 6 pax - 12 pax

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BOAT TRIP ON THE ALQUEVA WITH SHARISH GIN ON BOARD

The Alqueva Dam is the largest artificial lake in Europe, a large mirror of water as far as the eye can see, surrounded by a natural landscape typical of the Alentejo. An ideal scenery for a boat trip at the end of the day to enjoy a Gin Sharish, produced in the Alentejo with local products such as Orange, Lemon, Lúcia Lima, Erva Príncipe among others, a feast for the senses!

Places to visit: Alqueva Lake

Estimated visit length: 5H

Dates: July 1

Minimum or maximum occupancy: 6pax - 12 pax

Deadline for entries: until June 30

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