



Singulartrips

LUXURY TRAVEL AGENCY & DMC







Presentation

Touch is an extraordinary sense, which engraves the moments lived in our memory like no other and allows us to experience, beyond just watching.
These experiences are the result of a research work of many years which will never be finished.
We continue to find new elder producers who give us the privilege of sharing with them good moments and so many stories.
These experiences are not meant for you to be seated, but for you to get dirty and have fun!
Come discover the most authentic and profound Portugal in unique and unforgettable experiences.







HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES







Bread Making Experience

An experience that brings you into contact with one of the most important products of traditional cuisine - Portuguese bread -, the base of the typical Portuguese food and sometimes, the only food of the poorest families.
The activity may include a visit to a working mill in the West Region, it can be held in a Community oven in a little town in the Alentejo region or in a Wine Estate. It can also be done with our local bakers, either in Lisbon or in Porto. It is up to you to choose the location, but the experience will always be memorable and unique.
You'll then participate in every step of bread making and will taste it at the end.
It’s always possible to take advantage of the rural environment in which the activity is inserted and to include visits or other activities, in the experience. Please contact us for suggestions.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration - 1 hour to a full day (depending on the chosen place)

Brewery Experience

An experience to learn all of the processes associated with the production of homemade beer.
It's incredibly basic when you break the brewing process down, and you could easily brew beer with things you have in your kitchen, right this very moment.
From this experience, with a brewing kit, you will be able to start practicing the production of your own homemade beer.
Craft beer is completely different from the mass-produced commercial beers. It is only produced in smaller quantities because it's given more attention and care than the large commercial beers.
Undeniably, the difference in quality is immediately recognizable when you compare craft beer to mass-produced lagers.
In this hands-on experience, you will visit a craft beer factory and with the guidance of the local producer, you will have a practical brewery workshop followed by a homemade beer tasting.
Come and experience new and unique aromas and flavors.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 2,5 to 4 hours (depending on the chosen place)

Fishing Experiences

A sports fishing trip for all the fishing enthusiasts.
In the sport fishing trips, our aim is to turn your day into a memorable experience, either if it's a private or a group experience.
This activity is advisable for all lovers of this sport, with or without experience, as you will be accompanied by an experienced crew, who will teach you all the secrets there are to know. The crew knows the best technics and the best places, the right baits and how to use them, which will be used in a very efficient way to get the best results.
We prepare everything to make this Portuguese tradition memorable for you and for you to better understand the reason why our geographic location pushed us to the sea, since ever.
You may also enjoy the fish caught in a BBQ on board or take it with you for a special lunch, shared together with the fishermen or your family and friends. Please contact us for these special requests.

There are different programs available, as following:
Reef fishing (3 hours) - takes place ¾ miles off the coast (at 20 to 30 meters depth) with the vessel anchored. It's a type of fishing in which the bait stays at the bottom, close to the reefs, for the capture of a greater variety of fish, for example, mackerel, grouper, conger, and snapper, amongst others. The bait used is shrimp and common cockle.
Shark fishing (6 hours) – takes place at high seas (10 miles off the coast) fishing a variety of shark species, such as blue shark or shortfin mako, amongst others. The bait used is sardines.

***Note**: All the necessary equipment is included.*
A fishing activity is a great way to relax and to be in contact with Mother Nature, promoting the family union and friend groups to connect and interact with each other. Special conditions for Groups, Corporative events, and Team-building. Please contact us.

Cheese Making Experience

An experience that was born of our passion for the Portuguese cheese making tradition.
Portugal reveals excellence when it comes to gastronomy and one of the main factors is its cheeses. It is a country with an immense tradition in the production of cheese and this is one of the best kept gastronomic secrets of Europe.
There are no limits to the textures and flavors of Portuguese cheeses, the country produces everything from creamy, to soft to hard and to sharp cheeses, which are served in small local restaurants or taverns and wineries. Strong or milder, goat, cow or sheep ... they can be a simple accompaniment of bread or to taste with a good wine, all over the country there are examples of quality cheese production.
In this experience we propose you a visit to a family-owned traditional cheese production, where you will learn about the regional cheese-making process and taste high-quality local cheese made here!
This experience can be combined with others in the same area and may also include lunch in a local restaurant.
If you are a cheese lover, you should add Portugal to your list of required destinations.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 1,5 h

Jams Experience

We present you with a very sweet experience and one of the oldest Portuguese gastronomic traditions.
Participate in the production of fruit or vegetable jam and learn the secrets of its traditional recipes.
In this experience, we will share with you the recipes to make delicious jam and marmalade with real fruit and how to preserve it. You will be learning the entire end-to-end process from preparing the fruit to cooking it and putting it in a jar.
Jam and marmalade tasting is included in the experience.
Each participant will take home a jar of jam.
This experience can be combined with others in the same area and includes lunch in a local restaurant.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 4 hours

Experience @ the Community Oven

Probably the most authentic experience you could have among the Singulartrips offer of hands-on experiences.
Sharing in a community oven was common in Europe for centuries. It's still widespread in the Middle East and North Africa but died out in most of western Europe in the 20th century, but there are some still working in Portugal.
You will visit a community oven in the Alentejo Region, used by people of the village since ancient times, to bake the bread, so typical from Portugal and also so tasty, especially ones made there.
The bread oven was where the village gathered: family news was shared, political matters debated, and a community was built.
Once the oven was fired up, the locals would carry the dough they had prepared at home to the oven. Each family marked the top of the dough with a distinctive cut to distinguish their bread from the other ones of other families.
In this experience, you should expect to have a full meal made in the oven. We propose you to prepare your own Alentejo's bread and also the traditional "tiborna" and a typical roasted meat or fish, ending with a dessert.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 6 hours

Portuguese Chorizos Experience @ the Wine Estate

In this experience you will have the opportunity to visit an old wine estate from the 12th Century which has originally belonged to the "Ordem de Santiago de Espada" for six centuries. It was given to them by the King of Portugal due to their support in the conquest of the city of Santarém.
This Estate belongs nowadays to the Palmela family and is a huge agricultural farm in the Ribatejo Region which produces cork, olive oil, honey, potatoes and, of course, wine, which had combined modernity with tradition, throughout the last decades.
According to the Regional tradition, they also have one of the most important pure blood studs raising in this Region, breeding winner Puro-Sangue Lusitano horses.
Get to know this Quinta in the Ribatejo landscape, in a unique workshop, combining tradition and flavor.
The workshop takes place in Casa da Carne (meat house), where you will learn about the different types of sausages that exist in the Ribatejo Region and how they are cooked and transformed into the Portuguese incredible chorizos. You will be able to mince the meats and make your own chorizos. At the end, you can taste each of the varieties.

NOTE: It is also possible to have a visit to the cork oaks or even to have a wine tasting included. Contact us for more information about these.

Days - Daily
Approximate Duration – 2 hours

Farm Experiences

(with Thematic Lunch with the Farmer)

A true farm to plate experience.
An unforgettable day that brings you into contact with the richness and diversity of the Portuguese countryside.
Depending on the production, the visit may take you to Sintra, Mafra, or even to the further Regions of Alentejo, Ribatejo (North Lisbon) or Algarve.
In these experiences, you will participate and follow farmers in their daily tasks which may include the production of cheese, bread, milking cows and sheep or harvesting grapes, olives or vegetables together, or on the most exclusive activities, like the snail's production.
The experiences will vary according to the period of the year and the farmer's activities.
The activity allows you to spend a different and relaxed day away from the big cities and to get a deep knowledge of the cultural diversity of Portugal, enjoying the rural environment in which the activity is inserted.
We have several proposals, including a lunch with the farmer.
It's a real opportunity to live an exclusive Portuguese experience, like a local, in Portugal.

Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 3 to 4 hours

Jams & Liquors Workshop in the Algarve

Spend a relaxed and different afternoon learning how to make a traditional liquor or jam from the Algarve Region.
Choose according to your preferences between learning how to make Carob Liquor, Medlar or Fig Jam.
Any of these workshops take place in the Algarve countryside and whenever possible you will go with the cook to harvest the fruits to make your liquor or jam.
In the Liquors workshop, the participants will learn how to make two delicious liquors: Carob Liquor and Plum Liquor. Both fruits are very common in this region and are known for their nutritive properties.
The cook will explain the whole process from the preparation of the ingredients to the liquor making and its storage.
In the end, each participant will take home a bottle of each liquor made in the workshop.
In the Jams workshops, the participants will learn how to make a delicious Medlar or Fig Jam, fruits that are very common in the Algarve region.
You'll be also presented to all the ingredients used and all the preparation will be explained, as well as the jam's making and storing.
In the end, there will be a jam tasting and each participant will take home the jam that was made in the workshop.

SPECIAL NOTE: Carob Liquor: from June to October; Medlar Jam: from May to July; Fig Jam: from June to September.

Meeting Point - Loulé
Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 2 hours

Alentejo Arts & Crafts Experience

The Alentejo traditional arts and crafts present a wide range of knowledge and techniques to prepare and properly work materials such as cork, leather, wood, clay, iron, filigree, horn, pewter or wicker. Because this amazing know-how inheritance was passed from parents to children over time, we still presently have this ancestral and surprising legacy, truly bringing pieces of art to our days.
In this full-day experience, you will visit the productions which we consider the most representative: cork, pottery, tapestry and the rattles.
We will guide you through a traditional production of handmade rattles, (UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity), by watching a true master give them shape and tune at his own workshop.
You will visit the largest pottery center in Portugal, with more than two dozen potteries in constant operation, in a small and typical village of Alentejo. You will have a unique experience, you will give shape to the clay, under the guidance of a master potter, to create and paint your own pottery pieces.
There will still be time to visit a homestead and its cork oak fields on a jeep tour. You will get to know and learn all about the cork oak trees: planting, life cycle, harvesting, cork industry, etc. If it is the cork harvest season, you may watch the work of extracting this noble material directly from the trees: a very precision work, done by masters with dozens of years of experience. Then we will visit a cork processing factory, understanding how it is prepared to later be worked on for different purposes, sectors, and industries.
We could not finish this remarkable arts & crafts experience without a stop at a genuine "Arraiolos Tapestry" handcrafter shop. Here you will have a workshop, under the guidance of a true master, learning about its secrets and procedures, and how to make this unique and secular textile art.
Because we only suggest and offer the most authentic and genuine experiences, you will be visiting the handcrafter shop that made a personalized rug for Pope Francis and personally offered it to him in the Vatican.

Meeting Point - Alcáçovas
Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 8 hours

Alentejo Farm Experience

Alentejo is essentially a rural and sparsely populated region, occupying, nevertheless, more than a third of the area of Portugal. This rurality, especially characterized by extensive plains, has been shaped by the people who have always inhabited these lands, in a perfect symbiosis between man and nature.
Its traditional houses (called “montes”) and homesteads, under three thousand hours of annual sunshine, where the motherland cattle is raised and agriculture is developed, are a constant of the daily life of this population and territory, where traditions and behaviors still reflect a secular singular identity, translated by its more authentic and genuine traits.
This is, therefore, our proposal: we invite you to visit, get to know and fully understand the daily life of a homestead in Alentejo, with time to live and relax, to enjoy nature and the hospitality of this men and women, who live from what the land gives.
Our proposal is to start this experience in the morning, departing from Évora to a homestead near the small village of Alcáçovas.
After contemplating the landscape of cork oaks, olive groves, small villages, and lakes along the way to get to the homestead, our hosts will welcome us with the hospitality that characterizes the people from the rural area of Alentejo, making us as their own friends. From this moment we will enter into another era, dimension and way of life, where time runs much more slowly, allowing us to enjoy and experience the pleasures of a truly natural and healthy life. Watch and in fact participate in the feeding of several animals and cattle such as goats, chickens, ponies, horses, or donkeys, besides having the opportunity to taste authentic natural products, will make you both children and adults dream of a quick return to this place.
It is possible to make a program extension with a horse riding class, for beginner riders, or for a horse ride through the homestead, for experienced riders. Please contact us for these options.

Meeting Point - Évora
Days – Daily
Approximate Duration – 4 hours





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