



DAY TRIP SÍTIO, ALCOBAÇA AND BATALHA - PORTUGAL

Type of travel: **Day trips**
Number of days: **1**

Guided historical-architectural excursion in Sítio, Alcobaca and Batalha

Our day trip to Sítio, Alcobaca and Batalha, located on the Silver Coast in Portugal, is mainly intended for lovers of history and architecture. Of course, during this private tour with your partner, friends or family, we won't deprive you of a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean and each place will surprise you with its own, typical atmosphere.

Find out what you can discover and experience during this day tour! Accompanied, of course, by our expert, English-speaking guide.

For a private tour from 1 to 7 participants: from € 28.15 per person.

Programme

In the morning

Sítio da Nazaré: panoramic view and more



We start our day tour in **Sítio da Nazaré**, a district of the fishing town of Nazaré in Portugal. Throughout the centuries, pilgrimages were organised to the Sítio from all corners of the world. Not just because this place offers a beautiful **panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean**. It has everything to do with *Nossa Senhora da Nazaré* (Our Lady of Nazaré).

The statue of *Nossa Senhora da Nazaré* is about 25 cm high and depicts the Virgin Mary breastfeeding the baby Jesus. The statue is painted in a dark colour and that is why it is nicknamed "**the black Madonna**".

Feel free to ask our expert English-speaking guide to tell you the legend!

Is there more to experience in the Sítio?

In the Sítio, as we call it, you will find many stalls with goodies, all kinds of souvenirs and knitted, almost 100% woollen cardigans and sweaters of good quality at very favourable prices.

From here our day tour takes you to the North Beach of Nazaré (Praia do Norte) which is world-famous in surfing land. The undersea ravine creates towering waves. In January 2013, Garrett McNamara broke his own world record here by surfing a 30m wave, about the height of a 10-storey apartment building! Maybe, there are still enthusiasts (or daredevils) who want to try this... We're not one of them.



Noon - Lunch

Alcobaça accommodates a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The next stop on this day trip is the town of **Alcobaça**. Its name is derived from the rivers Alcoa and Baça. In itself, the town was not so special in earlier times. Until the first king of Portugal, Afonso Henriques, decided to have a church built there, which later evolved into a **Cistercian monastery**: the Santa Maria de Alcobaça. The masterly **Gothic style** church is one of the largest in the country and is home to the tombs of Pedro I of Portugal and his murdered mistress Inês de Castro.



Our guide will certainly tell you the rather morbid story ...

The square around the church and monastery of Alcobaça is immense. Here, you will certainly find an outdoor terrace to enjoy a lunch or snack. Would you like a bit more? Then ask our guide where the best dishes are served. Of course, you can also bring a picnic!

In the afternoon

The extraordinary monastery of Batalha, a UNESCO World Heritage site

After lunch, we drive through the centre of Portugal's ceramic industry to **Batalha**, the architectural highlight of this day tour.

It all started with the Portuguese victory over Castile at the battle of Aljubarrota in 1385. To commemorate that victory, a **Dominican monastery** was founded in Batalha, about 15 km away. The official name you ask? *Mosteiro de Santa Maria da Vitória*.

The building is one of the best and original examples of **late Flamboyant Gothic architecture** in Portugal, blended with the **Manueline style**, and its architecture contrasts sharply with the simplicity and clean lines of the Cistercian Abbey we saw in Alcobaça in the morning. The Batalha Monastery also served as a burial church for the 15th century Portuguese royal Aviz dynasty.



It took more than a century, seven kings and fifteen architects to get the job done. But was the building completely finished? There are still those "unfinished chapels", right? Indeed. The *Capelas Imperfeitas* are proof that the building was never really finished. Nevertheless, this distinct octagonal structure is simply beautiful. Very special, to say the least.

You'll be spoilt for choice and our guide has a lot to tell you!

Practical information

- For this day trip, you will be picked up from and returned to your accommodation in São Martinho do Porto / Salir do Porto
- Pick-up time: 10 am
- Return time at your accommodation: approx. 5 pm
- You can enjoy this tour all year round, **except on Mondays and public holidays**
- Is your accommodation not located in the abovementioned towns? Then we will be happy to make a detour to pick you up, subject to a possible supplement depending on the distance. Please contact us for this and for the correct pick-up time!

Good to know

- In Alcobaça you will find many nice outdoor terraces for a snack or lunch at democratic prices
- If you want to make the most of the time on your day trip, you can always bring your picnic

Price per number of participants

Based on 1 participant(s): €197.00 per person, per day

Based on 2 participant(s): €98.50 per person, per day

Based on 3 participant(s): €65.65 per person, per day

Based on 4 participant(s): €49.25 per person, per day

Based on 5 participant(s): €39.40 per person, per day

Based on 6 participant(s): €32.80 per person, per day

Based on 7 participant(s): €28.15 per person, per day

Included

- ✓ Guided day tour of 7 hours with personal guide during the town visit and wherever permitted (private guides are not allowed in museums)
- ✓ Guide in English
- ✓ Pick up at and return to your accommodation in São Martinho do Porto/Salir do Porto
- ✓ Transfers where possible, including fuel, motorway tolls, parking, passenger insurance and personal driver

Excluded

- Entrance fees to museums (usually 6 to 7 euros)
- Guide inside the museums
- Lunch, personal consumption and expenses

Extras

- + Extra hour € 30/hour; extra km € 0.95/km
- + Transfer from and to your accommodation in a location other than São Martinho do Porto/Salir do Porto

Make your reservation well in advance!

The day tours, mini-trips and special multiple-day tours of Jinah Trans are popular. So, book well in advance to avoid disappointment!

Our other day trips

Is this not the guided day trip you had in mind? Then have a look at our other day tours. If you still cannot find what you are looking for, please contact us! We will be happy to put together a **bespoke tour** for you.

Standardly, Jinah Trans provides trips for up to 7 people. Is your group larger? Then [contact us!](#)

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