



## DAY TRIP ROMAN RUINS AND COIMBRA, PORTUGAL: ANCIENT SIGHTS

During the excursion to the Roman ruins of **Conimbriga** and the city of **Coimbra**, our experienced English-speaking guide will take you along with your partner, friends or family in the footsteps of the Romans and to the university centre of science and culture. After visiting the **excavations of an ancient Roman city**, our full-day excursion will take you to Coimbra, home to **one of the oldest universities in Europe**.

Type of travel: **Day trips**

Number of days: **1**

A day with numerous sights and a lot of walking, so put on your walking shoes and don't forget your camera!

For a private tour from 1 to 7 participants: from € 35,30 per person.

# Programme

In the morning

## The Roman ruins of Conímbriga: national monument



After pick-up at your accommodation, we start our educational day trip in Conímbriga, about 120 km north of São Martinho do Porto. Well worth the drive! Not only because you can take a rest along the way, but also because this is the place with the **best-preserved Roman settlement** in Portugal!

The excavations only started at the beginning of the 20th century but are still ongoing as the entire Roman city has not yet been fully mapped. During this day trip you can already enjoy the many beautiful mosaics, city walls that have largely remained intact, ruins of Roman villas, the *Castellum Divisorium*, the forum and more.

Noon-Lunch

## Coimbra, the university city

We leave the Roman site of Conimbriga behind us and continue our day trip 20 km further north to Coimbra, situated on the banks of the river Mondego. In the Middle Ages, Coimbra was the country's capital for a while. Today, the city is best known for the **University of Coimbra, one of the oldest universities in Europe** and the oldest in Portugal. The university was founded on March 1, 1290 by King Dionysius (Dom Dinis).



Afternoon

## The old university library of Coimbra: books, books and more books



The *Biblioteca Joanina* is part of the old university complex. The library is a national monument and of inestimable historical value. The books kept in this library remain in excellent condition all year round. Because the outer walls are about 2.11 m thick - yeah - a stable climate can be guaranteed inside. As in the [Palace of Mafra](#), bats help protect the books from insects.

To maintain the right conditions, not many people are allowed into the library at the same time. **Booking in advance is required.** Not on time at the entrance for the reserved time window? Too bad then! But it is worth the hassle because the interior is simply beautiful. We bet you will feel as if you're in a Harry Potter film!

Still afternoon

## The city of Coimbra: old, old and old

It shouldn't surprise you anymore that Coimbra is a very old city. There are, of course, also more modern city districts and buildings, which you will certainly catch a glimpse of, but we ignore these during our day trip.

If you still feel like walking up and down the steep streets of the oldest district with its many back-breaking stairs (*quebra-costas*), our guide will take you to the **Sé Velha** (the old cathedral) in Romanesque style. The only cathedral in Portugal in that style that remained relatively intact.



Late afternoon

## Coimbra and tradition

During this day trip you will discover that Coimbra is synonymous with tradition. Many students still wear the **traditional dress** and the university's oldest building is still in use. Every year in the month of May, the academic year ends with the **Queima das Fitas**, the "burning of the ribbons". The highlight is the *Cortejo*, the **parade** from the top of the mountain to the lower part of the city.



Coimbra's fado music is world famous and very different from the fado in Lisbon. Perhaps because the fado music here is peppered with funny student antics and opinions.

If there's still time left, would you like to visit more or would you prefer to have a drink at an outdoor terrace? Ask our guide about the possibilities! Then we end our day trip with a return ride of about 1.5 hours back to São Martinho do Porto! We can imagine that you'll doze off after 15 minutes at the most...

## **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: 09.30 am
- Return time at your accommodation: approx. 5.30 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 Coimbra you will find numerous lunch bars and restaurants where you can go for a quick bite or a lunch at reasonable 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): €247.00 per person, per day

Based on 2 participant(s): €123.50 per person, per day

Based on 3 participant(s): €82.35 per person, per day

Based on 4 participant(s): €61.75 per person, per day

Based on 5 participant(s): €49.40 per person, per day

Based on 6 participant(s): €41.20 per person, per day

Based on 7 participant(s): €35.30 per person, per day

## Included

- ✓ Guided day tour of 8 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 fee old university and library (€ 12.50 - this may be subject to change)
- ✗ Entrance fee for any other museums (usually € 6 - 7)
- ✗ Guide in the museums
- ✗ Lunch, personal consumptions 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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