



## SHORT TRIP - 5-DAY TOUR ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

### Guided tour in Alentejo: culture, architecture and history

During this 5-day private tour, you and your partner, your boyfriend or girlfriend, your family or a few friends will discover more about the Alentejo region in Portugal and also cross the border into Spain to visit the beautiful cities of Aracena, Seville, Mérida and more.

During this fascinating guided mini-tour, we focus on culture, architecture and history, but of course we also provide enough time to relax and enjoy a terrace and delicious food.

Thanks to the knowledge of our extremely competent English-speaking guide/driver, you will experience the Alentejo region in a completely different way! A very special roundtrip that you will never forget.

Type of travel: **Short trips**

Number of days: **5**



## The Alentejo in Portugal

The Alentejo in Portugal stretches from the left bank of the Tagus River to the Algarve and Spain in the east.

Because of its rolling fields and fertile soil, Alentejo is sometimes called "the granary" of Portugal.

Surprisingly, the north-eastern region also has granite hills bordering Spain and large wetlands, such as at the famous Alqueva dam.

Book your mini-tour Alentejo, Portugal and Spain now

Price: from € 99 per person, per day

# Programme

Day 1



## Évora Portugal

We welcome you at Lisbon Airport and drive straight to Évora. This ancient city, walled in since Roman times, has a number of palaces from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. The charming Moorish alleys will enchant you!

Our favourite places to visit in Évora: Roman Temple, Cathedral, Museum of Évora (originally a 16th century palace), Igreja (Church) São Francisco with Capella dos Ossos (chapel with pillars, walls and ceilings covered with the bones of about 5000 monks).

## Alqueva-Dam Portugal

From the historic city of Évora, we continue our short trip in Alentejo to the Alqueva Dam. Not only the largest man-made lake in Europe, but also a UNESCO-recognised 'Starlight Tourism Destination' thanks to the surrounding nature, tranquillity and reduced light pollution. Stargazers will be fascinated by the number of stars they can see with the naked eye on a clear night (on any of the 286 clear, cloudless nights a year).

Overnight stay: in Alqueva.

Tip: you can spend the night on a boat.



## Day 2

### Aracena Spain

After a starry night in Alqueva, our tour leads us to Aracena in Spain. This town is characterised by typical Andalusian architecture with whitewashed houses that contrast with the panoramic views of hills and mountains. Interesting to know is that the medieval town of Aracena was ruled by the Portuguese after the conquest from the Moors.



Our favourites to visit in Aracena: the castle, the church Nuestra Señora del Mayor Dolor, several Mudejar sights and the Plaza Mayor. Also worth a visit is the Gruta de las Maravillas, or Cave of Wonders, located in the historic centre of Aracena.

Overnight stay:

We continue to Seville for a first night in this beautiful Spanish city.

## Day 3

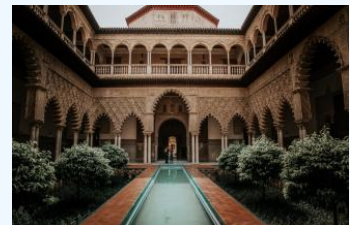
### Seville Spain

Enjoy a whole day in Seville, one of the most beautiful cities in Spain, as there is plenty to see in this enchanting city full of Arab influences.

Our favourites to visit in Seville: the old Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz, the Mudejar-style Cathedral Maria de la Sede and Giralda Tower, the Alcázar and the Plaza de España, which has been used as a backdrop in several films.

Also make time to enjoy tapas on a terrace and do some shopping!

Overnight stay: in Seville.



## Day 4

### Mérida Spain



Today we continue our mini-tour to Mérida, still in Spain, to admire the many Roman archaeological sites.

Our favourites to visit in Mérida: Teatro Romano, Anfiteatro Romano, Temple of Diana, National Museum of Roman Art, Puente Romano (Roman Bridge).

### Badajoz Spain

After lunch, we drive to Badajoz in Spain, a historic centre that is definitely worth a visit.

Our favourites to visit in Badajoz: the town hall on Plaza España, the cathedral, the Alcazaba (Arab fortress) with spectacular views and the bridge, Puente de Palmas.

Overnight stay:

We drive to Portalegre in Portugal to spend the night.



## Day 5

### Portalegre Portugal

Due to its strategic location on the border with Spain, Portalegre was a crucial defensive point during the Middle Ages, but Roman and prehistoric remains prove that the city was inhabited long before the Middle Ages.

The winding, cobbled streets, the Baroque-inspired buildings, the historic centre, the Praça da República are all intriguing locations.

Our favourites to visit in Portalegre: Amarelo Palace, Achaioli Palace, São Bernardo Monastery, the Cathedral.

## Tomar Portugal

On to Tomar, which once was the Portuguese headquarters of the Knights Templar and where Henry the Navigator made plans to explore the world by sea.

Our favourites to visit in Tomar: Convento de Cristo (UNESCO World Heritage), Praça da Republica, the park

After this last visit of this 5-day short trip through Alentejo, we drive back to Lisbon airport.



## **Practical information**

- We welcome you at Lisbon airport.
- At the end of the short-trip we will bring you back to this airport.
- Would you rather be picked up at another location in Portugal? Please contact us for more information and price.
- You book your own accommodation within the route of the mini-tour. View the route of the short trip through Alentejo [here](#).
- If you choose to stay overnight outside the route of the mini-tour, we may charge a supplement.
- You choose where you want to have lunch and dinner. If necessary, ask our guide for tips.
- You can enjoy this 5-day tour of Alentejo all year round.

## **Good to know**

The 5-day guided mini-trip through Alentejo is meant for 2 persons up to a group of maximum 7 persons. Are you travelling alone, with a partner, a group of friends or your family? You and/or your company will always enjoy exclusive private guidance during the whole tour. The price for this guided tour is calculated according to vehicle occupancy.

## **Price per number of participants**

Based on 7 participant(s): €99.00 per person, per day

Based on 6 participant(s): €116.00 per person, per day

Based on 5 participant(s): €139.00 per person, per day

Based on 4 participant(s): €174.00 per person, per day

Based on 3 participant(s): €232.00 per person, per day

Based on 2 participant(s): €349.00 per person, per day

## **Included**

- ✓ The local transport according to the itinerary described in full above
- ✓ Personal English-speaking driver & guide during the whole tour and wherever allowed (in museums private guides are not allowed)
- ✓ Fuel, motorway tolls, parking fees, passenger insurance and VAT

## **Excluded**

- ✗ Hotel or other accommodation, meals, entrance fees for museums, guide in the museums, extra activities, personal consumption and expenses
- ✗ Pick-up and drop-off at a location other than Lisbon airport



## 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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