

## Alentejo Starlight Destination



Our Portuguese Luxury Tour Partner

**FROM €11,700 PER COUPLE**

This largely guided tour over eight days will take you from Lisbon to Évora, in the heart of the Alentejo, back to Lisbon and then to Sintra. A Unesco World Heritage town adored by artists and writers from all over the world.

In Lisbon you will see some wonderful monuments from the Age of the Discoveries, enjoy the famous tarts of Belém, enjoy the fine food of Lisbon and rattle along their famous hill trams.

Évora is one of the world's most beautiful cities. It is a Unesco World Heritage city with traces of different eras and civilisations predating the Romans. You will visit the Templo de Diana, the Cathedral, the Church of São Francisco, The Chapel of Bones, Évora University and more. And you will have some time for shopping.

You will travel to Moura to see Moura Castle, the Church of Moura, and the Garden of Doutor Santiago.

In the Alentejo you will travel to Herdade da Contenda to observe the wildlife of the Alentejo. You will also travel to Alqueva a Starlight Tourism Destination. The Starlight Initiative is a worldwide organization formed to promote the right to Starlight as a common heritage of mankind and to defend the quality of the night sky and observation of the stars.

Alqueva was in December 2011 the first site in the world to receive the Starlight Tourism Destination Certification recognising the quality of the night sky in Alqueva and tourist activities related to the starry sky. The Alqueva Dark Sky Reserve has 3000 square kilometres. Here you can discover the lands of the Great Lake Alqueva and admire the centre of the Milky Way, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor.



And then Sintra one of the most beautiful cities in Europe where an extra day is never enough. Pena National Palace. Castelo dos Mouros. Palácio Nacional de Sintra. The list goes on but over two days you will see the best Sintra has to offer.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

- Lunch Cantina da Estrela Lisbon.
- Travel Lisbon to Évora.
- Dinner Ecorkhotel.
- Accommodation Ecorkhotel.

#### DAY 2

- Personally guided tour of Évora.
- Lunch at O Fialho Restaurant.
- Dinner at Ecorkhotel.
- Accommodation Ecorkhotel.

#### DAY 3

- Personally guided tour to Moura where you will explore Moura Castle.
- Lunch at Sabor da Estrela Restaurant Moura.



- Cruise (90) minutes on Alqueva Lake and subject to time visit to Alqueva Dam.
- Travel to Herdade da Contenda to observe wildlife in Alentejo by jeep tour watching deer, mouflons (wild sheep), and wild boar.
- Picnic dinner at night in the Alqueva Dark Sky Reserve, World Starlight Destination enjoying the dark and star filled night sky.
- Accommodation Ecorkhotel.

#### DAY 4

- Travel to Lisbon.
- Accommodation Pestana Palace.

- Guided tour of Lisbon monuments.
- Visit the famous pastry tarts of Belém.
- Tour of Mosteiro dos Jerónimos.
- Lunch at Feitoria at Belém (1 Michelin star).
- Afternoon Lisbon Hills Tram Car tour.
- Shopping.
- Dinner Restaurante Sr do Fado in Alfama.

#### DAY 5

- Visit Parque das Nações.
- Cable car ride.
- Shopping at Vasco da Gama Centre.
- Lunch at 1300 Taberna at Lx Factory.
- Explore Lx Factory.
- Afternoon at Leisure; shopping in Avenida da Liberdade and Amoreiras.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Lisbon by night.
- Accommodation Pestana Palace.

#### DAY 6

- Travel to Sintra.
- Tour of palaces and castles of Sintra.
- Lunch at Restaurant Arola (2 Michelin stars).
- Afternoon visit to other Sintra chalets and palaces.
- Dinner at hotel restaurant.
- Accommodation Pestana Palace.

#### DAY 7

- Travel to Sintra.
- Explore Convento dos Capuchos and Palácio de Monserrate.
- Lunch at Sintra Club de Chá.
- Return tram trip from Sintra to Praia das Maçãs.
- Afternoon to explore Sintra.
- Dinner in Lisbon at Restaurant Belcanto (1 Michelin star).
- Accommodation Pestana Palace.



#### DAY 8

- Depart for your next CoolPortugal experience.

#### INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation 3 nights Ecorkhotel Évora premium suite or double room including bed and breakfast and 2 dinners (drinks not included)
- Accommodation 4 nights Pestana Palace standard or double room including bed and breakfast and 2 dinners (drinks not included)
- Meals (excluding drinks) at:
  - Cantina da Estrela
  - O Fialho
  - Sabor da Estrela
  - Feitoria
  - Sr do Fado in Alfama
  - 1300 Taberna – Lx Factory
  - Arola Restaurant
  - DOM Lopo – Tea Club – Sintra
  - Belcanto
- Car (similar to Audi A4) with driver
- 90 minute cruise in Alqueva Lake
- Wildlife tour at Herdade da Contenda

- Picnic dinner and watching the rising stars at Alqueva Dark Sky Reserve
- Hills tram car tour
- Tram tour to Praia das Maçãs
- Visit to monuments in Lisbon Sintra and Alentejo
- Fado dinner
- Monument entrance fees
- Licensed tour guide from Portugal Tourism Office for personally guided tours
- Lustte Luxury Services including:
  - Surprise present
  - Daily water in your vehicle
  - Mobile phone with a Portuguese number with 100 Euro in credits for calls worldwide
  - Daily magazines and papers
  - Postcards of Portugal
  - Maps marking out each days route
  - Specially designed Portuguese notebook to record each days memories
  - Special gifts at each city

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