

Welcome to Portugal



We are so happy you are here to celebrate our wedding in Alcobaça. Since many of you are travelling from the Netherlands, we created this little guide to help you discover the places we love — from historic monasteries to Atlantic sunsets, from cosy restaurants to charming neighbourhoods.

Take your time. Enjoy slowly. This is Portugal



Discover Lisbon

Light, history & Atlantic charm
Lisbon is a city of golden light, tiled façades and river views. It is known as the city of the seven hills, enjoy its stunning viewpoints.

Shopping

For a relaxed shopping experience, you may visit:

- Centro Comercial Colombo
- Amoreiras Shopping Center
- El Corte Inglés

Each offers a mix of international brands, local shops and cafés.

Praça do Comércio (Commerce Square / Terreiro do Paço)

Lisbon's most emblematic square, rebuilt after the 1755 earthquake. A beautiful place for a sunset walk along the Tagus River.

Santa Justa Elevator

An iconic 19th-century iron lift offering panoramic views over Baixa.

Tram 28

The classic tram route connecting Alfama, Graça, Baixa and Estrela.

Avenida da Liberdade (Liberty Avenue)

An elegant tree-lined boulevard stretching from Restauradores Square to Marquês de Pombal Square.

Eduardo VII Park

Lisbon's largest central park with geometric gardens and sweeping city views.

Chiado

Home to Manteigaria (our favorite pastéis de nata) and the historic A Brasileira Café.

Pastéis de Belém

The original bakery in Belém, serving Portugal's most famous custard tarts since 1837.

São Jorge Castle

Historic moorish castle in Lisbon dating back to the 11th century and overlooking the city.



Discover Alcobaça

Alcobaça has a special place in Portugal's history. It's best known for the love story of King Pedro I and Inês de Castro. Alcobaça also carries a delicious legacy from the Cistercian monks who lived there - a rich tradition of conventual sweets that's still cherished today.

Alcobaça Monastery

A UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in the 12th century. Inside lie the tombs of Pedro and Inês, whose legendary love story is one of Portugal's most romantic and tragic tales.

Alcoa Pastry Shop

Famous for traditional conventual sweets inspired by ancient monastery recipes. Their cornucópias and pão de ló de Alfeizerão are local favourites.

António Padeiro Restaurant

A welcoming restaurant serving authentic Portuguese cuisine, including fresh fish, roasted meats and regional wines in a relaxed atmosphere.

Nazaré & Sítio da Nazaré

Only 20 minutes away, Nazaré is a picturesque fishing village where you can spend the day at the beach and enjoy fresh fish or seafood. You can also take the lift to enjoy the view from Sítio da Nazaré or go to Praia do Norte, known for the giant waves.



Discover Óbidos

A fairytale village of white walls and flowers

Óbidos feels like stepping into a storybook. Whitewashed houses, cobbled streets and medieval walls create a timeless atmosphere.

Óbidos Castle

A medieval fortress overlooking the village, now converted into a historic pousada. Walking along the walls offers beautiful views over the surrounding countryside.

Rua Direita (Main Street)

The main cobbled street filled with artisan shops, ceramics and local crafts. It is the heart of village life.

Ginjinha de Óbidos (Oppidum or Bar Ibn Errik Rex)

A traditional cherry liqueur served in a small chocolate cup. A sweet and very Portuguese experience.

Porta da Vila (Town Gate)

The beautifully tiled entrance to the village, decorated with blue azulejos depicting religious scenes.

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Discover Sintra

Romantic palaces, forests & Atlantic views. Sintra is one of Portugal's most magical destinations. Surrounded by misty hills and lush gardens, it is known for its romantic palaces and dramatic landscapes. The combination of architecture and nature creates a truly unique setting.

Pena Palace

A colourful 19th-century palace perched high above the hills. Its terraces and towers offer stunning views stretching towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Quinta da Regaleira Estate

A mysterious estate famous for its Initiation Well, hidden tunnels and enchanting gardens.

Moorish Castle

Ancient stone walls winding along the mountain ridge, offering sweeping panoramic views across Sintra and beyond.

Monserrate Palace

A romantic palace surrounded by exotic botanical gardens, combining Gothic, Moorish and Indian influences.

Casa Piriquta Bakery

A traditional bakery known for travesseiros de Sintra, flaky almond pastries that are a local specialty.

Cabo da Roca

The westernmost point of mainland Europe, where dramatic cliffs meet the vast Atlantic.



Discover Porto

In the North of Portugal, Porto is traditional, vibrant and full of character. Built along the Douro River, the city combines colourful façades, historic architecture and a strong local identity. It is welcoming, authentic and deeply connected to wine and tradition. When in Porto, make sure to try out the **typical Francesinha** dish.

Ribeira District

A UNESCO-listed riverside quarter with colourful buildings, narrow streets and lively terraces overlooking the Douro.

Dom Luís I Bridge

The iconic double-deck iron bridge connecting Porto to Vila Nova de Gaia. Walking it offers beautiful views of the city.

Graham's, Taylor's or Sandeman Port Wine Cellars

Traditional port wine lodges in Vila Nova de Gaia offering tastings and guided tours.

Livraria Lello Bookshop

One of the most beautiful bookshops in the world, famous for its grand staircase and intricate interior.

São Bento Railway Station

Known for its blue azulejo panels depicting important scenes from Portuguese history.

Foz do Douro

A seaside promenade where the river meets the Atlantic, perfect for long coastal walks.



Discover the Douro Valley

Vineyards, river landscapes & slow living

The Douro Valley is one of the world's oldest wine regions and a UNESCO World Heritage landscape. Terraced vineyards line the hills along the river, creating one of Portugal's most breathtaking panoramas.

Quinta do Crasto (Sabrosa)

A renowned wine estate offering tastings with panoramic views over the Douro River.

Quinta da Pacheca (Lamego)

A historic estate known for its vineyard stays and relaxed wine experiences.

Quinta do Seixo (Sandeman)

Overlooking the river, this estate offers guided tours and port wine tastings.

Pinhão Village

A small village in the heart of the valley, famous for its azulejo-covered train station.

São Leonardo da Galafura Viewpoint

One of the most breathtaking viewpoints in the Douro, overlooking the winding river.

N222 Scenic Road (Peso da Régua - Pinhão)

Often considered one of the most beautiful drives in Europe, with vineyards and river views at every turn.

The Portuguese Way of Life



The Portuguese are known for their warm hospitality, love of long meals and deep connection to tradition.

We take our time.
We talk at the table.
We stay for dessert.

We are proud of our history, our ocean, our vineyards and our small villages.

And yes — we are very proud of our food.

You'll hear fado in old neighbourhoods, see people greeting each other with two kisses, and notice that even a simple coffee break can turn into a 40-minute chat.

Welcome to Portugal. Slow down. Enjoy it.

A Few Portuguese Words to Make You Smile

Here are some useful (and fun) expressions to try while you're here:

Olá

/o'la/
Hello

Bom dia

/bõw 'di.e/
Good morning

Boa tarde

/bo.e 'tar.di/
Good afternoon

Tudo bem?

/'tu.du bẽj/
How are you?

É um prazer conhecê-lo / conhecê-la

/ε ã 'pra.zer kõ.ni'se.lu/
Nice to meet you

Tchim Tchim!

/tʃi'tʃi/
Cheers!

Quero um pastel de nata

/'kɛ.ru ã peʃ'tɛʃ di 'na.tɐ/
I would like a pastel de nata

Gostaria de beber uma ginjinha

/guʃ.te'ri.e di 'be.bir 'u.me zi'ni.jɐ/
I would like to drink a ginjinha

Obrigado

/u.bri'ga.du
Thank you

Poderia indicar-me a localização do hotel?

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Could you tell me where the hotel is?

Bonus Tips

- If someone invites you for coffee, they usually mean a quick espresso — for a lungo ask for 'abatanado'.
- Lunch can easily last two hours. Dinner rarely starts before 8pm — restaurants won't open much earlier.
- If a Portuguese person says "just one more glass", the night is still young.
- And if someone offers you homemade food — say yes.
- Bring cash for the cafes and street parking — in Portugal we keep it traditional.
- To take cash out avoid standalone ATMs from Euronet. Choose ATMs next/inside banks to avoid fees

Most importantly: *Smile!*

Try the local food.

Say "Tchim Tchim".

You'll fit right in Portugal

