

# Optional tours

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## Barragem do Alqueva – Half day visit

19<sup>th</sup> July – 09h30

Departure by bus for a visit to the biggest Portuguese and Western Europe dam. Located in the Guadiana River in the Alentejo countryside. It was constructed for the irrigation purpose for the entire area Alentejo, and electrical energy production, in addition to other complementary activities.

The Alqueva Dam, is the largest artificial lake in Europe. Covers five counties of Alentejo: Portel, Moura, Reguengos Monsaraz, Mourão and Alandroal, and even Spain municipalities Raianos Olivenza, Cheles, Alconchel and Villanueva del Fresno.

Possibility of boat ride through the Alqueva waters, enjoying the tranquility of the countryside.

Price per person: € 22,00

*(for a minimum of 30 participants)*



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## Vila Viçosa – Half day visit

21<sup>st</sup> July – 09h30

Bus departure towards Vila Viçosa. Passing by Redondo, a famous village for its pottery artisans. Vila Viçosa was founded around 1270 and this small village had reflections visible in the historic areas and cultural Portuguese life. Was the main seat of the Dukes of Bragança, the most important and wealthy noble family in the UK from 1400, the last royal dynasty of Bragança.

With Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque Churches and Chapels , Vila Viçosa is best known for his Ducal Palace. Originally built in the Manueline style the palace took its current form in 1532.

Price per person: € 29,00 (Palace entrance included)

*(for a minimum of 30 participants)*



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## Cromeleque dos Almendres and Anta-Capela – Half Day 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 09h30

Bus departure towards the Almendres Cromlech.

A megalithic monument situated on a slope facing east, in Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe, 13 kms far from Évora.

The Almendres Cromlech is the largest set of structured menhirs in the Iberian Peninsula (not only because of its size, but also due to their conservation status) and one of the most important in Europe.

The visit follows towards San Brissos to visit to Anta-Chapel.

The Anta was converted into a chapel in the XVII century. From the original monument was identified five pillars and roof slab perfectly visible, although plastered and whitewashed. The Dolmen-Chapel of Nossa Senhora do Livramento is a curious example of late Christianization of a monument "pagan". Transformed into a chapel inside now is the venerated image of Nossa Senhora do Livramento.

Price per person: € 19,00 (no entrances)

*(for a minimum of 30 participants)*



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## Lisboa – Full day visit

24<sup>th</sup> July'15 – 09h30

Bus departure towards Lisbon.

Arrival to this marvelous city built 2,500 years ago, passing by the XVIII century buildings.

The first stop will be in one of the Lisbon historic areas - Belém.

Visit the Jeronimos Monastery, built in 1502, the best example of the Gothic-style naturalistic or "manufature". The splendid church with chapels and altar in Gothic-Renaissance style will be visited.

Lunch, if included, will be served in a local restaurant.

Continuing to Saint George's Castle, a fortification of the XVIII century, where, from its walls we can enjoy a wonderful view of the oldest districts of Lisbon and the Tagus River.

Price per person: € 42,00 (entrances not included)

*(for a minimum of 30 participants)*



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## Fátima – Full day visit

25<sup>th</sup> July – 09h30

Bus departure towards Fátima, the well known Roman-Catholic Marian Shrine. Visit the Basilica and the Chapel of Apparitions that marks the spot where the 3 shepherd children had the visions in 1917.

Time at leisure for individual activities or to look for souvenirs.

Return to Évora by the new auto-route that crosses the provinces of Ribatejo and Estremadura.

Price per person: € 61,00 (entrances not included, no lunch included)

*(for a minimum of 30 participants)*

