

Road trip to **Portugal's Treasures**



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Join me, João, a world traveler who loves to explore, on a road trip through Portugal with Enterprise. We'll leave from Lisbon and visit the enchanting town of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its striking architecture, gardens, and beauty. Then, we'll head to Arrábida Natural Park, which is home to some of the best beaches in the country. We'll take in the park's famous coastal views and visit nearby historic sites. Ready for an adventure? Let's go!



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Stop 1 **Sintra**

Our first stop was the charming town of Sintra, nestled among lush hills. The town's whimsical vibe and rich history immediately captivated us. If you want to feel like you're stepping into a fairytale, come here—the atmosphere and historic palaces are picture perfect.



Stop 2 **Pena Palace**

We loved exploring the colourful Pena Palace, which perches high on a hill with stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The palace's fantasy-like architecture and lush gardens are truly enchanting.



Stop 3 **Quinta da Regaleira**

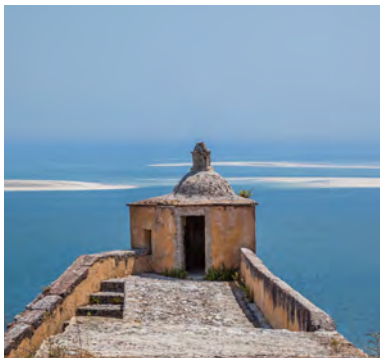
Exploring Quinta da Regaleira's mysterious grounds was a highlight of the trip. The ornate gothic mansion, enchanting gardens, and the intriguing Initiation Well were captivating. We loved exploring the mysterious tunnels and grottoes.



Stop 4 **Ursa Beach**

We took a scenic drive to rugged Ursa Beach, a hidden gem near Cabo da Roca. The journey down the steep path was worth it for the stunning rock formations, crystal clear waters, and pristine sands. This is one of the most beautiful and wild beaches in Portugal. It's an incredible place to take in the power and beauty of the ocean.

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Stop 5 **Fortress of São Filipe**

We stopped to visit the historic Fortress of São Filipe in Setúbal. The panoramic views over the bay and Troia Peninsula were spectacular, and exploring the old fortifications gave us a glimpse into Portugal's maritime past.



Stop 6 **Arrábida Natural Park**

We loved cruising through breathtaking Arrábida Natural Park. The dense forests, turquoise waters, and secluded beaches provide the most amazing backdrop for a relaxing road trip. The park is a paradise for nature lovers.



Stop 7 **Arrábida Convent**

Nestled in the hills of Arrábida Natural Park, the Arrábida Convent is a tranquil retreat. The peaceful atmosphere and panoramic views of the surrounding park and sea made it a tranquil and reflective moment on our journey.



Stop 8 **Sesimbra Castle**

We ended our road trip at Sesimbra Castle. Perched on a hilltop, the medieval fortress has incredible panoramic views of the town and coastline. The castle and breathtaking scenery were a perfect finale to our trip.



What to know before you go to Portugal

What to Expect

Culture: Portugal has a rich cultural heritage, with a blend of traditional and modern influences. Expect a laid-back lifestyle, friendly locals, and a strong emphasis on family and community.

Cuisine: Portuguese cuisine is diverse, with fresh seafood, rich pastries (like Pastel de Nata), and hearty meats. Don't miss trying the famous bacalhau (salted cod).

Language

Portuguese is the official language. English is widely spoken in tourist areas, major cities, and among the younger population. Learning a few basic Portuguese phrases can enhance your travel experience.

Currency

The official currency of Portugal is the Euro (€). It's advisable to carry some cash, especially when visiting smaller towns, though credit and debit cards are widely accepted in major cities and tourist areas.

Time Zone

Portugal operates on Western European Time (WET), which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). During Daylight Saving Time (from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October), the clocks move forward one hour, making it Western European Summer Time (WEST), or GMT+1.



Plug Adaptor

Portugal uses Type C and F electrical outlets, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. If your devices use a different plug type, you'll need a plug adaptor.

Airport Locations

Lisbon Airport (Humberto Delgado Airport - LIS):

The main international gateway, located just 7 km from Lisbon's city center.

Porto Airport (Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport - OPO):

About 11 km from Porto's city center, serving northern Portugal.

Faro Airport (FAO):

Located 4 km west of Faro, mainly serving the Algarve region.

Madeira Airport (Cristiano Ronaldo Airport - FNC):

Situated near Funchal, catering to the Madeira archipelago.

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Driving Rules

The driving rules in Portugal are quite similar to other parts of western Europe. Portuguese traffic drives on the right-hand side of the road.

- You must also give way to traffic coming from the right unless there are signs that indicate otherwise.
- Take stop signs seriously and always make a full stop. If you don't come to a complete halt, you can be fined.
- When driving on a toll motorway, be sure to stay in the correct lanes because green lanes are reserved for vehicles fitted with an automatic toll-pay device.
- Unlike some countries, drivers in Portugal do not flash their lights to give way; in fact, it means the exact opposite!

What do I need to hire a car with Enterprise

A valid drivers licence (digital licenses are not accepted)

- Valid ID
- Be the legal age to hire in the country you are in
- Credit or debit card

Top cars to choose from in Portugal



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Volkswagen Golf
Seat Leon
Hyundai i30
Citroen C4



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Ford Puma
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