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MONSARAZ

A medieval village "open museum"



From
280€

INCLUDED: accommodation, local guide,
activities indicated on the program,
insurance

NOT INCLUDED: Transfers meals, tips &
tourist tax



HISTORY & TRADITIONS

Enjoy the rural life & the ancestral customs

Minimum group: 2 people

Program: 3 days and 2 nights

Meeting point: Porta da Vila, Rua de
Santiago 33, Monsaraz

Authentic: Culture, wine, nature,
heritage and tradition.



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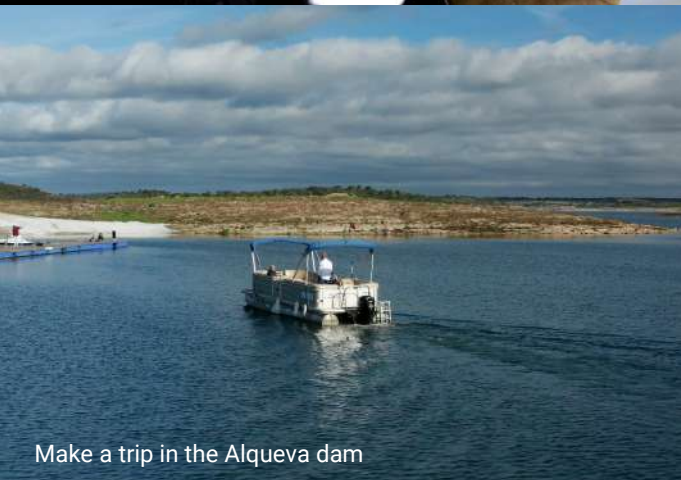
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Taste the local and rich wine



Make a trip in the Alqueva dam



Exploration of the skies



Visit the "Casa do Barro",

Description

Come and discover this medieval village, with a dream castle, well-preserved schist walls, encircling white houses and sublime views over a giant lake. Take a trip to the past as you pass the sidewalks of the village, with a visit to megalithic sites, taste the local gastronomy and the rich wine of the region. Dare to make a trip in the Alqueva dam. Visit local traditions – pottery factory and take advantage of the clear skies and observe the stars. Visit Monsaraz and let yourself be bewitched by the village that was born in "Monte das Xaras"!

Our essence: landscapes, memories & traditions

Itinerary

Day 1: We invite to make a walk on this medieval village that stopped in time and find the incomparable beauty. Admire the tones of the earth and the harsh air of the schist stone are contrasted by the whiteness and plume of the whitewashed houses. Along the way take the opportunity to see the "Fresco" museum and the castle. Have a look into the cistern of Monsaraz. The tour of the village ends in the halls of the old preparatory school, where you can taste the famous liqueur produced in this region – the Alentejo wine.

Day 2: Start the day, with a travel to the biggest artificial lake of Europe – Alqueva. Learn the stories, the heritage, the fauna and flora while enjoying a smooth boat ride with Filipe. After lunch, we'll take you on a tour discovering megalithic. Let yourself be impressed by the megalithic complex with a square layout - the only known until now. Finish your megalithic itinerary of Monsaraz in the Antas do Olival Da Pega, a 4000-year-old Dolmen right in the centre of an ancient olive grove. End the day with an exploration of the skies of the Alentejo with a star gazing. Let yourself be wrapped by the night sky and the silent of Alentejo!

Day 3: Before saying goodbye to Monsaraz, we invite you to join us in the São Pedro do Corval. Here we will take you to visit the "Casa do Barro", a interpretation centre that aims to promote the pottery. After, visit one of the many pottery shops, where the craftsmen work pieces in clay, continuing the centuries-old tradition of manufacturing decorative tableware. Here you can live a unique experience of watching live, clay being shaped by the wise hands of the master potter in his/hers wheel and being able to share his/hers knowledge and life experience.

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The old arts and traditions

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HISTORY & WINE

Discover the wine aged in a clay amphorae

Minimum group: 2 people

Program: 2 days and 1 night

Meeting point: Porta da Vila, Rua de Santiago 33, Monsaraz

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Walking through the village



Taste the local and rich wine



Wine cellar



Local factory

Description

Be welcomed by Maria who will introduce you to the history, legends and traditions of Monsaraz. This medieval town surprises at every corner and nook not only for its historical richness, for the architectural beauty of its heritage, but also for the surprising landscape. At night give yourself time to discover the Dark Sky Alqueva Reserve and star gazing at this unique sky full of stars, planets. Immerse yourself in two of its oldest traditions: the production of the wine aged in clay amphorae, discovering the characteristics flavours of this old way of making wine; find out all about ancient ceramic production methods and put your hands in the clay to create your own piece.

Our essence: wine, history and the unforgettable sunset

Itinerary

Day 1: We invite to take a walk on this medieval village that stopped in time and find the incomparable beauty. Legends, memories, traditions and ancient knowledge are preserved. Along the way take the opportunity to see the "Fresco" Museum and the castle. Have a look into the cistern of Monsaraz - legend has it that it was built on the site where there was a Muslim mosque. The tour of the village ends with the taste of the famous liqueur produced in this region – the Alentejo wine - paired with some of the delicacies of the local products.

Day 2: In the morning, know and taste Alentejo nectars, in one of the most unique wine cellars in the country. This is a perfect place to witness the marriage of old - a tradition initiated by the Romans over 2000 years ago - and new and to learn more about some exceptional wines. These very special cellars age the wine in clay amphorae through a fermentation method that is as rare as it is old. Discover the characteristics flavors of this old way of making wine through the Portuguese wines you will explore your senses with new fragrances and flavours, creating new memories. An experience that will give you a more profound knowledge about Portuguese wine and its traditions.

Then come and discover a tradition of long centuries in Alentejo. Located in an old olive oil press, this XIX century weaving factory also serves as a museum to some of the old "mantas" (blankets) made in Reguengos, recovered over the years.

The factory still uses handlooms that are more than a century old. Blankets were used for many years by shepherds to protect themselves from the cold when guarding the herds in the field.

When you enter there, the weight of history brings you back to past decades. It is a reflection of all the work of the owners and their weavers have done: the extension of a memory that cannot be lost.



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Looking at the stars



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Alentejo is a privileged spot for star gazing. The area around the large Lake provides excellent atmospheric conditions and just the ideal brightness for star gazing almost year around. For this reason the Dark Sky Alqueva Reserve was recognized as the first Reserve in the world to obtain the 'Starlight Tourism Destination' certification, awarded by UNESCO and the World Tourism Organization (OMT). Become part of this old tradition of star gazing with ancestral roots in the Megalithic Heritage of Évora. From other planets to the craters in the moon, nebulae and galaxies, let yourself be wrapped up by the night sky and the silent of Alentejo. Lose and find yourself again in the immensity of the Cosmos!

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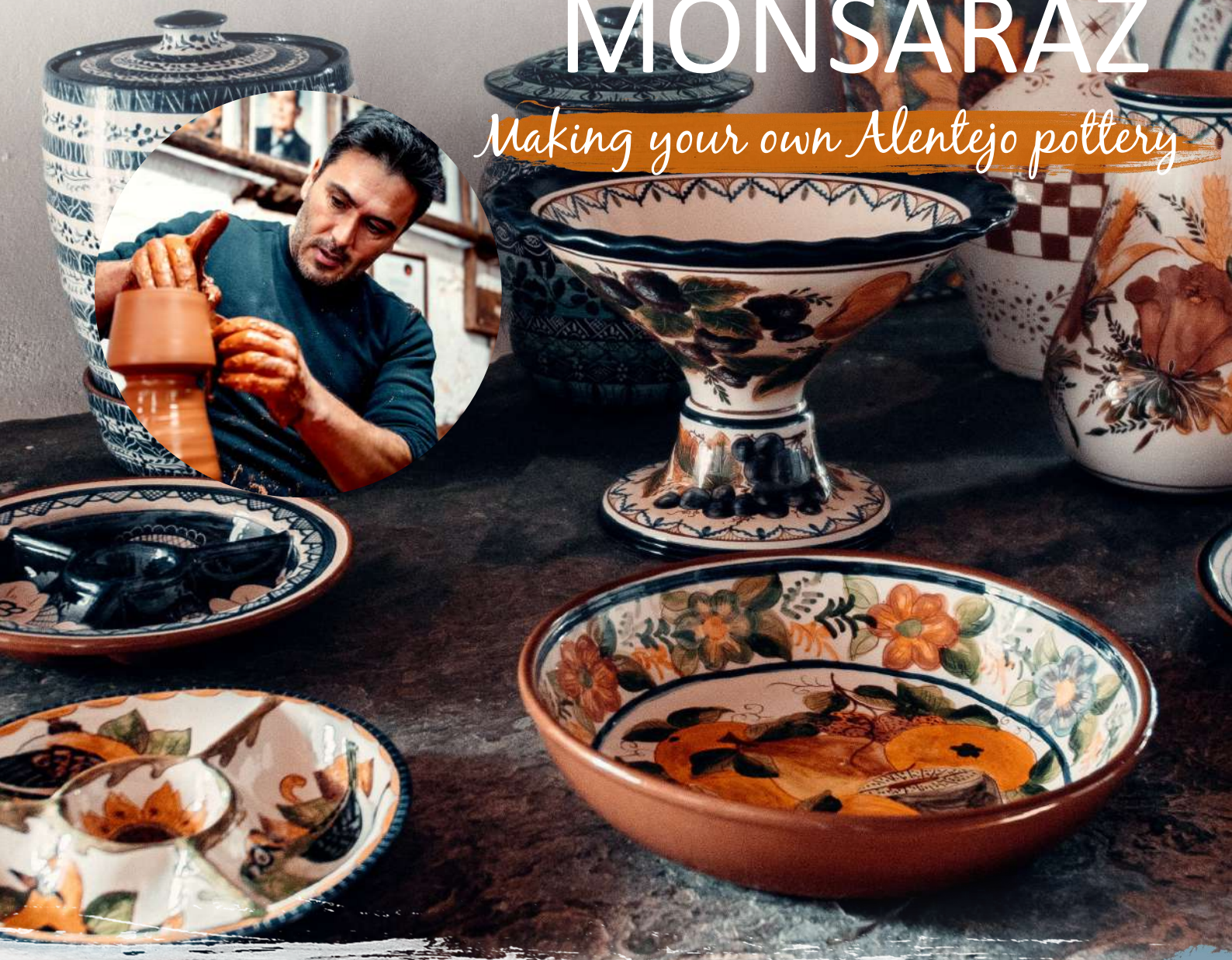
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Making your own Alentejo pottery



DESCRIPTION

Discover the ancestral techniques used to remove clay from the earth, purify it, mould it, bake it and paint it to make a ceramic piece. An authentic journey through time to meet a community that used clay as its way of life.

Take this opportunity to challenge your dexterity and creativity in a traditional pottery workshop. By the wise words and skilful hands of a man who has engaged in artisanal pottery for more than 40 years, learn everything about this handmade craft, decorated with popular motifs and colours that are gaudy and contrast with the regions' brownish landscape. Give free rein to your imagination!

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The wine flavours of Alentejo



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Get to know and taste Alentejo nectars, in one of the most unique and unusual wine cellars in the country. This is a perfect place to witness the marriage of history - a tradition initiated by the Romans over 2000 years ago - and new and to learn more about some exceptional wines. These very special wine cellars still wine aged in clay amphorae, a fermentation method as rare as it is old. Discover the characteristic flavours of this old way of making wine.

Through the Portuguese wines you will explore your senses with new fragrances and flavours, creating new memories. An experience that will give you a more profound knowledge about Portuguese wine and its traditions.

At the museum cellar, you will have the opportunity to discover some of the megalithic findings made on the farms where they produce the wine, with particular emphasis on the imposing menhir.

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Alentejo distilled flavours



DESCRIPTION

Visit Antonio's recent but very promising distillery and the only Interpretation Centre of the Iberian Peninsula that will transport you to the unique flavours of the Alentejo. The gins and liquor here produced are distilled by the traditional method in copper stills. Here only the bottling and labelling have grown to the innovation of today. Everything else is done respecting the centuries-old processes. Get to know this gins and liquor and what makes it unique: the distillation of herbs and fruits harvested in the Alentejo that lends the gins and liquor its very own unique aroma. Become one with the spirit of Alentejo!

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A rural experience



DESCRIPTION

Come and discover José and Maria who, on a small farm, will take you to the rurality, simplicity and authenticity of Alentejo's rural life.

Feel yourself entering the ancestral way of life of a people. Come make bread, or watch and participate in the making of a typical Alentejo dish, as was and still is done in Alentejo. While you wait for the dough to rise, discover with the hosts the various animals on the farm, including a friendly donkey, the sheep, etc.

Sit at the table with your hosts and share the bread, or the dish made, and the many stories and legends that were told at the fireplace. If the day is finishing spend the night and avoid the hassle of driving. Give yourself this time of privilege.

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Make your own wine



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This is a wine experience where you are the main lead. During this workshop you will put on the shoes of an oenologist and make your own wine batch. Have a visit to the cellar and learn about all the production process with all the aspects and details, from the reception of the grape, through the fermentation, aging in barrels and bottling. Put your knowledge and senses to the test and make your own wine! All this always accompanied by some of the most typical flavours of Alentejo. Take your wine home, and share it with your friends and family!

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A millenary tradition



DESCRIPTION

Join us in discovering a farm surrounded by soft plains and shallow valleys dug by intermittent streams, fields of grains, vineyards and olive groves, with a typical landscape of Baixo Alentejo.

A place that still keeps the traditions and where it's possible to admire part of the history as you walk through the vineyards and the olive trees. Immerse yourself in this universe and get to know its history.

Continue with a visit to the mill where the olive is pressed and delight yourself in a tasting of this olive oil.

In the end take your time and enjoy the farm. Stay a bit longer and have a meal in the restaurant or a picnic in the fields.

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