

# Trip to Alentejo with José Saramago

Photographic tour of the “Great and Fiery Land of Alentejo”

We will walk through the lands of the great Alentejo following the steps and texts of the writer José Saramago. With the illustrated edition of his work “Viagem a Portugal” as a reference, we are going to meet the places that the Nobel Prize for Literature highlighted and loved most when he was in the region. It will be interesting to see that many of the monuments you have visited have, however, been restored; and it will be special to know which tower or fountain Saramago would take with him to a desert island! We will live unforgettable moments in an unforgettable region!

## **May 27, 2021 (Thursday)**

1st day

15: 00h: Check-in at Matriz Guest House. Presentation of the program. Visit to Portel (Castelo, Igreja da Misericórdia, Gothic and Manueline portals), Viana do Alentejo (Castelo-Cruzeiro-Igreja, Santuário N<sup>a</sup> S.<sup>a</sup> Aires), and Alvito (Castelo-paço, fountain, Igreja Matriz, Rua das Mornings).

8:30 pm: Dinner (free) in Portel (restaurants by appointment) and overnight at the local guesthouse Matriz Guest House in Portel.

## **28th of May 2021 (Friday)**

2nd day

Visit to Montemor-o-Novo (Castle, Convent of St<sup>o</sup> António, Sanctuary of N<sup>a</sup> S<sup>a</sup> da Visitação; Arraiolos (fountain); Pavia (Anta-hermitage S<sup>o</sup> Diniz, Igreja Matriz, chimneys of the houses); Brotas (Torre das Águias); Alter do Chão (Castle, 16th century fountain); Crato (Mother Church, Flor da Rosa Monastery).

Dinner (free) in Portel (restaurants by appointment) and overnight at Matriz Guest House in Portel.

## **29th of May 2021 (Saturday)**

3rd day

Visit to Estremoz (Castle, tower, tall village, Capela Rainha Santa Isabel, Municipal Museum - figured in Estremoz, Church of S<sup>o</sup> Francisco-tomb of Vasco Esteves dos Gatos); Borba (Church of S<sup>o</sup> Bartolomeu, source of the Bicas, chapel in marble); Vila Viçosa (Paço Ducal, old town, Sanctuary of N<sup>a</sup> S<sup>a</sup> da Conceição Patron Saint of Portugal, 16th century castle - Alcáçova dos Duques); Terena (Sanctuary of N<sup>a</sup> S<sup>a</sup> da Boa Nova); Monsaraz (Igreja Matriz - the tomb of the twentieth century of Gomes Martins, the fourteenth century fresco “O Juiz”).

End of program at 6 pm

## **30th of May 2021 (Sunday)**

4th day

Visit to Beja (Castle - Torre de Menagem, Igreja da Misericórdia, Convento da Conceição Museum - Mariana Alcoforado), Walk in Guadiana - Pulo do Lobo; Mértola (Church-Mosque, Chapel S<sup>o</sup> dos Paços, Castle).

Dinner (free) in Portel (restaurants by appointment) and overnight at Matriz Guest House in Portel.

### **CONDITIONS**

Program implementation: Minimum of 4 people (with the possibility for each participant to bring a companion to share a room).

Overnight at Matriz Guest House in double room (three nights). There are 3 double rooms available with two beds / or a double bed and 1 room with a double bed.

Price per person: € 245 for participants, € 95 for the companion who shares the room. In the case of companions, they can also participate in the event.

The price includes: 3 picnic lunches (two sandwiches, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water, each lunch), overnight stays (3 nights) at the Matriz Guest House, civil liability insurance for participants and companions, guide and accompaniment by a professional photographer, which will give technical advice on the operation of the cameras and on composition and exposure when taking photographs, depending on the photographic equipment of each participant.

The organization will provide two tripods, two photographic monopes and analog photographic equipment of the Leica brand (R7 and R9) with 4 Leica lenses.

Each participant must bring their photographic equipment.

The digital photographic equipment used by photographer Cabrita Nascimento is from the Nikon (Z7) and Fujifilm (x-pro 3) brands.

In the organization's car there will be disinfectant gel and a suitcase with a small pharmacy suitable for walking.

The price does not include dinners or transport when traveling to places of visits.

Other meals during the stay: breakfast and dinner are free at restaurants or cafés in the region. Alternatively, participants can cook their own meals, individually or in groups, at the Matriz Guest House, which has a fully equipped kitchen and a dining room. Pharmacy 50 meters, Health Center 100 meters. Post office at 30 meters. Bars to restaurants 20 and 50 meters away. Garden and free parking at 50 meters. Minimarket 5 meters away.

Transport: participants travel in their own vehicles.

Confirmation of registration with payment by bank transfer until April 16, 2021.

### **Advice and Suggestions**

Participants must bring their own photographic equipment to learn how to use it fully.

It is recommended to wear comfortable and light clothes, hiking boots / shoes or sneakers, hat or cap, sunscreen, as well as a moisturizer and to always have water with you during the journey.

Participants are also requested to come with anti-virus facial masks, as well as other personal protective equipment that they deem necessary.

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