

ARCHAEOLOGY AND WORLD HERITAGE TOUR OF PORTUGAL

APRIL 16th THRU APRIL 29th 2017



Anta da Melriça

Due to the great success of our 2016 trip, we are offering a new tour in 2017.

We have developed a tour that focuses on the archaeological, historical, and cultural riches of Portugal; to us a beautiful and welcoming country. We will be accompanied by archaeologists, local English-speaking guides, and friends who specialize in the history and archaeology of Portugal.

We believe that this trip is a unique opportunity to experience Portugal in a very personal way. It is our desire to share not only the archaeology, from the Neanderthal era through present day, but also to give you the opportunity to interact with locals, appreciate the flavors of the Portuguese gastronomy, and view diverse landscapes while learning about Portugal's history.



Convento do Carmo



Shepherd – northern Portugal

TRIP ITINERARY

** All travelers must be in Lisbon on or before Sunday, April 16th, 2017. We begin our journey early in the morning on Monday, April 17th, 2017.

Day 1: Sunday, April 16th, 2017

Check in to The Boutique Hotels Figueira, Lisbon.

5:00pm – Meet for a brief Q&A session.

Day 2: Monday, April 17th, 2017

8:00am: The group meets in the lobby of our hotel. Bring all your luggage and be ready to begin our trip.

8:30am: We travel from Lisbon, on our private coach, to Évora where we will spend two nights. We will meet our guide for a walking tour in the Historic City Center, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1986. Some of the highlights of our tour will be the Giraldo Square, the Roman baths, the Temple of Diana, the Cathedral, the São Francisco Church – built in the 16th century, and the Chapel of Bones. Évora contains a variety of architectural styles and a great part of the present city is built on Roman foundations. After the city tour you will have time to relax before going out to a traditional *Alentejano* dinner in one of the many restaurants in the city. We will have a list of suggestions for you.

B, L Hotel Santa Clara, Évora

Day 3: Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

This will be a day dedicated to exploring archaeological sites outside the city. We will begin by visiting some of the most impressive Megaliths found in the Iberian Peninsula, including one of the largest dolmens in Europe and the *Cromeleque dos Almendres*. This visit will be guided by an archaeologist who specializes in and has a great passion for these megalithic monuments. After lunch we will visit a cave with Paleolithic rock-art from 50,000 BC.

B, L Hotel Santa Clara, Évora



Cromeleque dos Almendres

Day 4: Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

After breakfast we check-out of our hotel and drive to Reguengos de Monsaraz to meet our guide. We will begin our day tour in São Pedro do Corval, Portugal's largest pottery center. From there we will drive to the historic medieval village of Monsaraz with its winding streets and castle. We will have lunch overlooking the picturesque landscape surrounding the city. After lunch we will visit a cork factory and continue on to the city of Castelo de Vide. After the check-in you will have time to relax before we go to dinner.

B, L, D Hotel Castelo de Vide, Castelo de Vide



Street in Monsaraz



Family-owned pottery factory

Day 5: Thursday, April 20th, 2017

Today we will have the privilege of visiting several archaeological sites and historical monuments with our friend and illustrator for the regional archaeology office. The sites we visit include, among others, the *Menhir da Meada*, possibly the tallest menhir in the Iberian Peninsula, several dolmens, a Visigoth necropolis, and a *Chafurdão*. Most of these sites are on private land and will require walking on uneven terrain. We will have lunch in a typical family-owned restaurant in a small country village.

B, L, D Hotel Castelo de Vide, Castelo de Vide



Castelo de Vide



Chafurdão

Day 6: Friday, April 21st, 2017

We will begin our day visiting Castelo de Vide's castle, the Old Town and *Judiaria* – the former Jewish district. You will have time to explore the city on your own and enjoy lunch before we gather again and head north to the beautiful Côa River Valley in the upper Douro region.

B, D **Quinta do Chão d'Ordem, Vila Nova de Foz Côa**

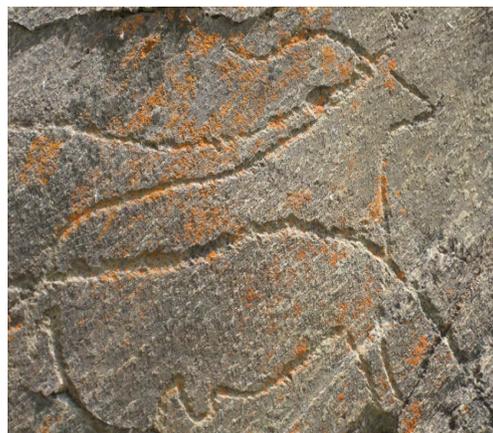
Day 7: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

This morning we will visit our first site in the Côa Valley Archaeological Park. This entire open-air collection of Paleolithic rock art was brought to the world's attention in the 1990's when the entire valley was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our afternoon will be spent in the Côa Park Museum where we will take a guided tour and have dinner.

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Rock art – Côa Park



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Day 8: Sunday, April 23rd, 2017

Today we will visit two more rock art sites accompanied by local Côa Park guides. All of the rock art sites are located along the scenic Côa River.

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Day 9: Monday, April 24th, 2017

We will visit small towns and historical monuments in the Upper Douro Region. We have planned a boat trip in the Douro (subject to weather and availability).

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Day 10: Tuesday, April 25th, 2017

Our destination today is the city of Guimarães, whose historical center was classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 2001. Guimarães is well preserved and enjoys a rich history with medieval constructions, narrow cobbled streets and squares. We will take a walking tour and explore the city with a local guide.

B, L Hotel Villa Guimarães, Guimarães

Day 11: Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

Our first destination today is Citânia de Briteiros, the largest and best-preserved *castro* or hilltop settlement established by the Celts +/- 500 BC to 300 AD. This site was first excavated in 1875 when the remains of more than 150 circular, rectangular, and elliptical stone huts were uncovered.

In the afternoon we will be in Porto for a city tour that will end in the Ribeira Pier where you will be able to choose a restaurant or tavern for your night meal.

B, L Hotel Villa Guimarães, Guimarães



Citânia de Briteiros

Day 12: Thursday, April 27th, 2017

After breakfast we will leave our hotel for a guided visit of Conímbriga - Portugal's most extensive and best-preserved Roman ruins - and its museum. After our tour we will continue on to Lisbon where we will have dinner and experience an intimate Fado show.

B, D The Beautique Hotels Figueira, Lisbon



Mosaic in Conímbriga

Day 13: Friday, April 28th, 2017

Today's activities include a city tour that will give you an overview of Lisbon's most important historical sites. We will stop for lunch at the *Antiga Confeitaria de Belém*; a patisserie that has been in operation since 1837.

We will end our day tour at *Castelo de São Jorge*; this site was first fortified by Romans and Visigoths. The castle was later built by the Moors and taken by the Portuguese in 1147 when the Moors were driven out of Lisbon. The castle also has a small museum displaying archaeological artifacts.

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Day 14: Saturday, April 29th, 2017

Our group activities end after breakfast; you may decide to go home or to continue to explore Lisbon or other destinations on your own.

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Our itinerary is subject to changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

TRIP COST

\$2,950.00 per person, double occupancy

\$3,450.00 per person, single occupancy

INCLUDED IN THE COST

13 (thirteen) nights hotel accommodations (hotels listed or similar)

13 (thirteen) breakfasts / as indicated in the itinerary

9 (nine) lunches / as indicated in the itinerary

7 (seven) dinners / as indicated in the itinerary

Ground transportation on private coach

All guides and entrance fees to museums and monuments

Group tips (you may add additional individual tips if you so desire)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST

Airfare, airport taxes and airline baggage fees

Health Insurance (mandatory); Trip cancellation, Emergency medical evacuation and baggage insurance (strongly recommended). *It is important that you research your insurance options beforehand because some companies and plans contain time-sensitive conditions.*

Meals not listed in the itinerary

All beverages

Personal expenses such as laundry, mini bar, phone and internet

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A \$500 deposit is required, per person, for this trip. This includes a non-refundable \$250 administrative fee.

Your place on the trip will be secured when we receive 50% of the deposit (\$250).

The balance of the deposit (\$250) is due by September 15th, 2016.

The remaining balance due must be received by December 1st, 2016.

**** Due to the nature of this trip, there is a limit of 14 (fourteen) participants ****

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In the event of a substantial devaluation of the dollar in relation to the euro, it may be necessary to make adjustments in the price of the trip, but we will do everything possible to minimize this potential change in the cost of the trip.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations between December 2nd, 2016 and January 10th, 2017 = 80% refund of trip cost. (Less your non-refundable \$250 administrative fee)

Cancellations between January 11th, 2017 and February 10th, 2017 = 50% refund of trip cost. (Less your non-refundable \$250 administrative fee)

Cancellations on or after February 11th, 2017 = No refund.

No refund will be given if you leave during the trip or if you do not participate in any planned group activity.

- ➔ Good health and physical condition is mandatory as several of our activities will require walking on old and uneven pavement and sidewalks, climbing stairs, walking in natural environments such as fields and unpaved paths, as well as getting in and out of different kinds of vehicles.
- ➔ **Do not make any non-refundable arrangements such as air travel and hotel reservations before contacting us to make sure the trip is confirmed.**

If you would like to join us or have questions about this trip, please contact us.

Isabel Carvalhal

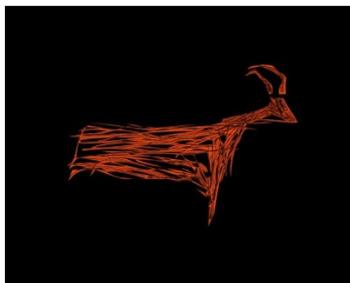
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Côa Archaeological Park