

SALT ROUTE 2

7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS

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DAY 1

Welcome to Lisbon! Arrival in the morning. Panoramic tour through the hills and viewpoints of Lisbon, with a mandatory stop for a coffee and pastel de nata. For lunch, we suggest the oldest brewery in Lisbon, the legendary Trindade.

In the afternoon transfer to Cascais where we will stay at the beautiful hotel Grande Real Villa Itália, located just outside the charming town of Cascais and a few km from Cabo da Roca. This Resort Hotel has a spa with Thalassotherapy and its origins are in the Villa, where the last King of Italy in exile resided after the end of the Italian monarchy. We will enjoy the atmosphere of this small cosmopolitan town at the gates of Lisbon. Dinner at leisure.

DAY 2

Today we will discover one of the most beautiful coastlines in Europe, the Lisbon Coast - stretching from Lisbon to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of the European continent. In the morning we will visit Sintra and the castle "Palácio da Vila" with its important collection of ancient azulejos - one of the oldest imperial palaces in the world.

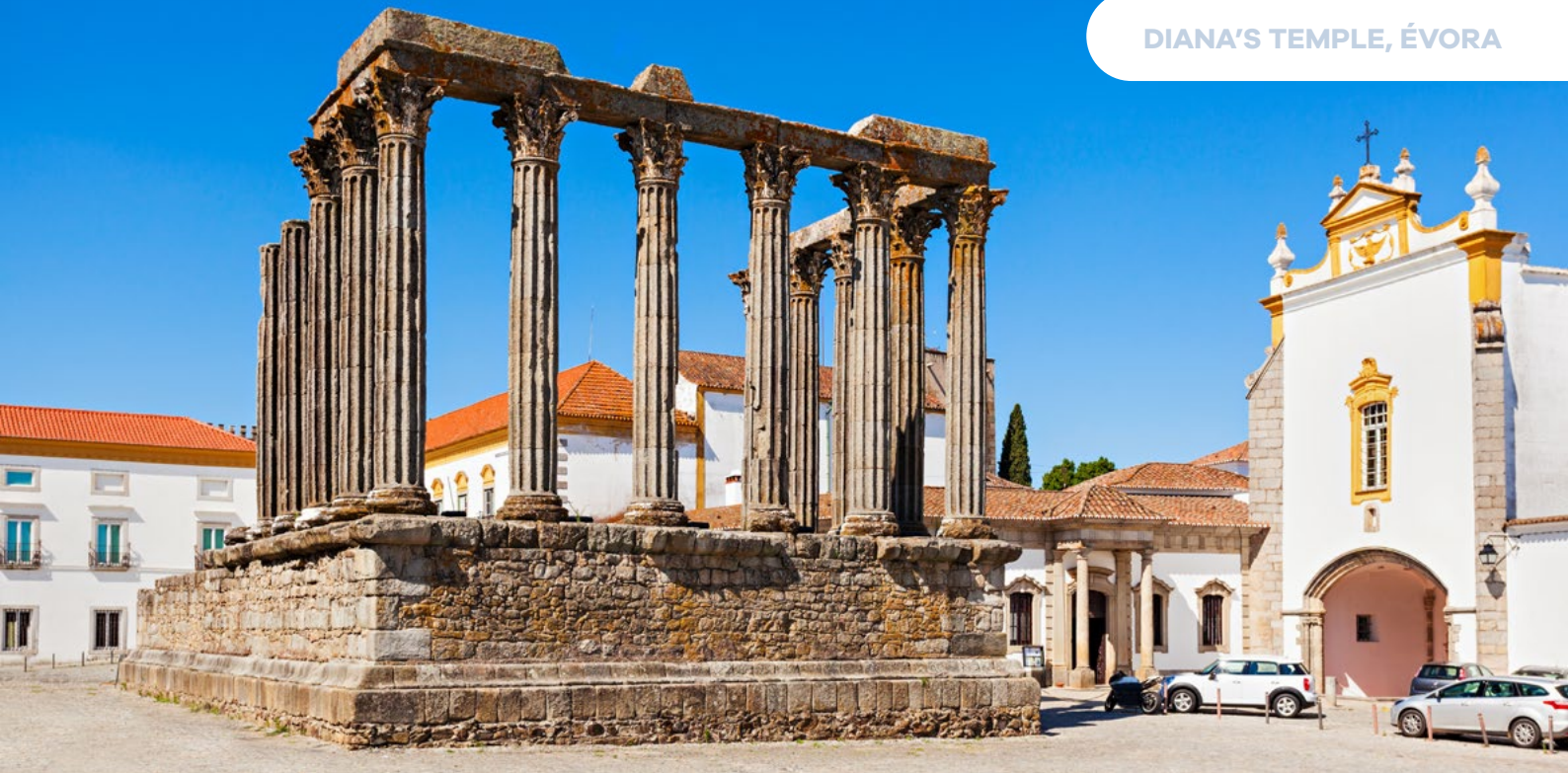
We will continue to Cabo da Roca and Guincho beach, one of the most beautiful beaches in the region and Portugal. Lunch at your leisure. We recommend dinner tonight in one of the best Fado Houses in Lisbon, such as Mesa dos Frades or Clube de Fados.

DAY 3

Morning departure: we will cross the 25 de Abril Bridge to go in search of the origins of salt and learn about the history of Alcácer do Sal, an important trading port in the 18th and 19th centuries, where the Galeões de Sal, typical transport boats, sailed.

Visit to the famous Porto Palafítico da Carrasqueira, a masterpiece of popular architecture built in the 50s and 60s, including lunch at a seafood tasquinha.

After lunch we will go to Évora, capital of the Alentejo, where we will stay at the magnificent Convento do Espinheiro. Dinner at leisure.



DAY 4

On this day we will have a little taste of the beauties of the Alentejo: we will leave in the morning to discover such picturesque villages as Arraiolos, famous for the beautiful carpets that are still handmade here to be exported all over the world.

We will visit Monte da Ravasqueira, one of the most beautiful wineries in this region and where we will enjoy a wine tasting with tapas.

We will continue to Évora, capital of Alentejo. The city has nearly 2000 years of history and is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will make the visit with the help of one of the best local guides. At the end of the visit we will return to the hotel.

DAY 5

Departure in the morning from the Convento do Espinheiro towards the south of the Alentejo and the Algarve. We will visit Monsaraz and its castle, one of the most beautiful towns in the Alentejo, and pass by the José de Sousa Winery, a reference in the production of Talha wines and a 2,000-year-old Roman heritage.

Visit to the Cellar and wine tasting with Alentejo delicacies. Next we will continue straight to the magnificent Resort Vila Vita Parc. The Resort is in the western part of the Algarve, near Porches - an important ceramic centre - and a few kilometres from some of the most picturesque places in the Algarve, such as Alvor and Ferragudo.

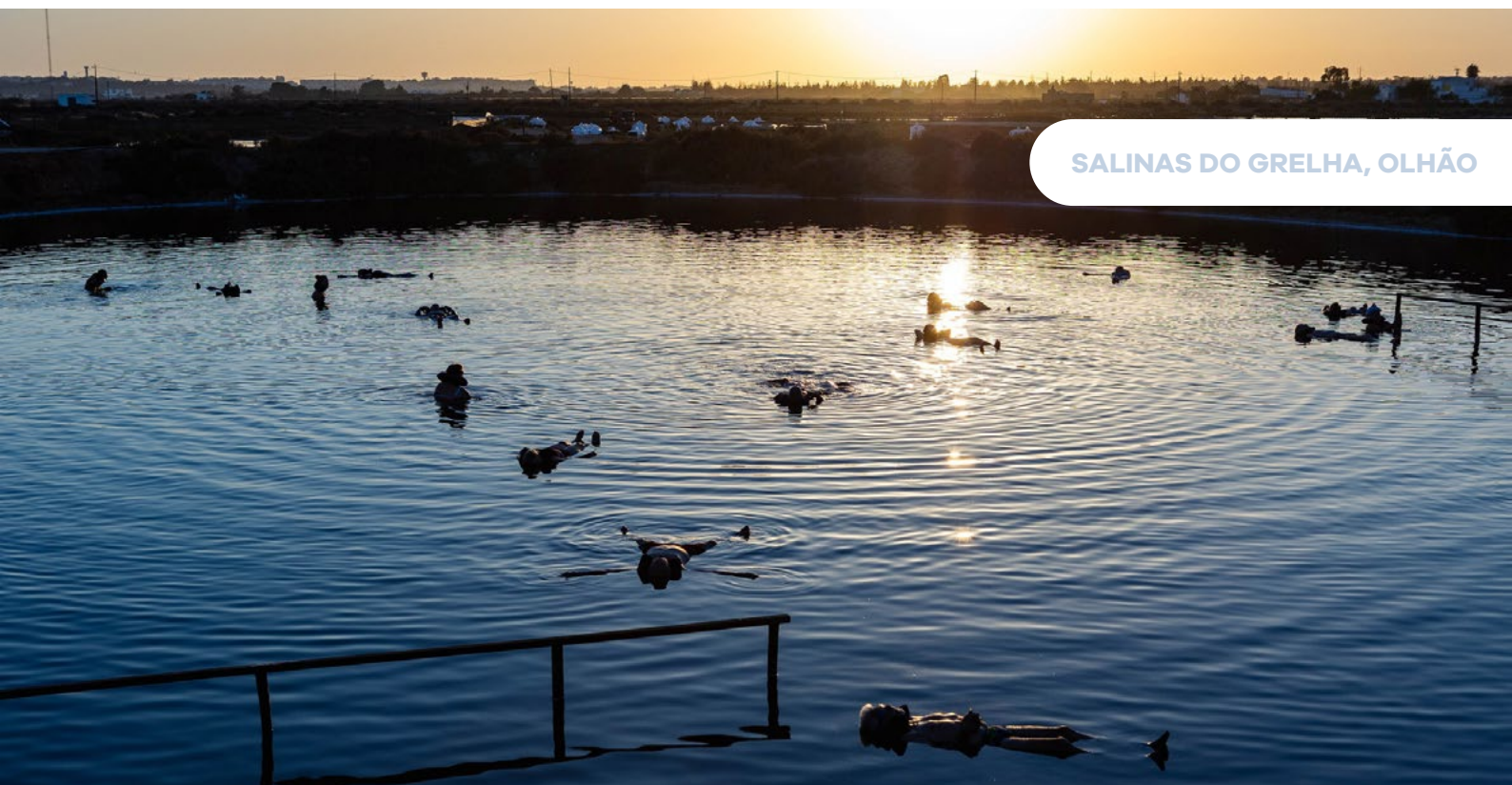
But the big surprise of the evening will be the Algarve Wines! The tradition of wine making in the Algarve has seen increasing returns and ambitious dedication on the part of winegrowers and winemakers.

DAY 6

Today we will have the day free to explore the western part of the Algarve, the Western Algarve. The itinerary will take us to Sagres and Cape St. Vincent, the most south-western tip of the European continent, where Prince Henry “the Navigator” founded his school of navigation and the first caravels were built that have made transatlantic voyages possible for the Portuguese since the 15th century.

We will visit the picturesque town of Lagos, the former capital of the Algarve, where you can cruise along the coast and enjoy the rock formations that stamp the postcards of the Algarve.

For lunch, we recommend trying the best-known regional dish: the fish and seafood cataplana. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure.



SALINAS DO GRELHA, OLHÃO

DAY 7

Free day to enjoy the resort or discover other magnificent places on this coast, such as its capital, Faro, and the leeward side - an attraction in itself. Or, close to the Spanish border, quiet villages such as Olhão or Tavira - more or less 1 hour away. You can take a boat trip on the Ria Formosa, a spectacular natural park with its own fauna and flora, near Olhão, and the Salinas do Grelha, which are the most important in the country.

DAY 8

Free day to enjoy the Resort, and in due course transfer to Faro airport.

THIS PACK INCLUDES:

- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 5 star hotel in Cascais, Alentejo and Algarve
- Mercedes Van or Sprinter with guide/driver
- Panoramic tour of Lisbon with stop for pastel de nata and coffee
- Visit to Sintra, Cabo da Roca and Azenhas do Mar
- Entrance to Palácio da Vila
- Local guide for walking tour in Évora with entrance fees
- Visit to Alcácer and Porto Palafítico da Carrasqueira
- Lunch in a regional tasquinha
- Visit to Arraiolos and Monte de Ravasqueira with tapas degustation and lunch
- Visit to Évora and Monsaraz
- Visit with tasting at José de Sousa wine cellar
- Boat trip along the Algarvian Coast

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OBSERVATIONS:

Please note that the transfer time to Faro airport will be 1 hour, and to Lisbon will be 3 hours. To make your reservation or know more please contact us via email:

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