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Unexpected places@ Center of Portugal or BTL PreTour

February, 24th

09H30 - Departure to Centro de Portugal's area

10H15 – Arrival at Quinta do Sanguinhal

The company produces wine since the beginning of the 20th century. The growing interest in wine related tourism has led us to establish tourist visits that would allow to share a little of this ancient know-how and provide at the same time a pleasant visit in a unique environment.

The Pereira de Fonseca Family personally invites and welcomes you at Quinta do Sanguinhal. On your visit, you will travel through 100 years of Portuguese wine making. We provide an enjoyable alternative to the usual circuits

11H00 -Departure to Óbidos – Literary Town

Walking visit in Óbidos to taste the famous Ginginha!

The delightful town of Óbidos, with white houses adorned with bougainvilleas and honeysuckle was captured from the Moors by the first king of Portugal, D. Afonso Henriques, in 1148. D. Dinis later presented it to his wife, Queen Santa Isabel. From then until 1883, the town of Óbidos and the surrounding land was always the property of the queens of Portugal.

Lunch at Poço dos Sabores / Usseira

Departure to Aveiro

Aveiro

Why travel to busy Venice when you have Aveiro? Seriously, we will give you very good reasons to choose this dazzling light-kissed coastal city. Stay tuned.

First of all, the lagoon and its charming boats, the “moliceiros”, used in the past to collect sea weed to fertilize the fields, now used only for...tourists. Right. Let's move on.

Second, the amazing light of the city that comes both from the Aveiro lagoon and from the salt ponds around the city, where you can buy top-quality fleur de sel and impress everyone back home with your surprising gourmet know-how.

And last but not - at all - the least, the Art Nouveau charm of its beautiful buildings, as if it were a true open-air museum, full of the most precious jewels, testimonies of golden days.

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There's something indescribable in the way Aveiro embraces you. Feel it for yourself first. We are no spoilers!

The visit of Aveiro will start with:

- Aveiro Railway Station: It's a true iconic place. Completely covered with blue and white tiles, depicting regional scenes, this amazing building stands out as the most significant collection of outdoor tiles in the city.
- Aveiro Museum 's Church: The church - Igreja de Jesus is decorated with sumptuous golden woodwork along with Portuguese "azulejos" (hand-painted decorative tiles). This church is an exquisite example of exuberant baroque decoration.
- The Art Nouveau draws the elegant buildings 'shape and decorates splendid tiles, according to the aesthetics of the 20's. Aveiro is included in the Réseau Art Nouveau Network.
- Fishermen neighborhood with its tiny narrow streets spreads from Channel S. Roque to Channel Botirões, and with its tiny narrow houses covered with beautiful tiles. It is becoming a trendy quarter of the city with a cosy atmosphere nice for a walk or a bike ride.

Check-in and Dinner – **Montebelo Vista Alegre Ilhavo Hotel *******

82 Rooms

Located just three kilometers from the sea and 8 km from the center of Aveiro, the "Portuguese Venice", this new 5 stars unit is part of a project to restore all the factory space, which includes the Palace, the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de France (National Monument), the Workers' District, the Theatre Museum and in a context that includes landscaped Fountain of Carapichel and Ria de Aveiro.

February, 25th

Check-out

9h30- Visit to the Vista Alegre Factory

Visit to Vista Alegre Complex: Factory, Museum, Theater, Church and Shop

Known as one of the most prestigious porcelain brands in the world, Vista Alegre Factory was created by José Ferreira Pinto Basto early in the 19th century to produce porcelain, glass and chemical processes.

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Departure to Viseu

Visit to the Historical Center of Viseu

It's not possible to separate Viseu from the History of the country, but the arts also owe much to the birthplace of Vasco Fernandes whose works are a symbol of the scholarship and excellence of Portuguese Renaissance. This famous 16th century painter is the figure who left the greatest artistic heritage in Viseu and the Grão Vasco Museum gathers a considerable collection of works from this artist, keeping his memory alive in the city.

Lunch at Ceia dos Malandros

Visit to the Prestigious Casa de Santar

Casa de Santar is the most emblematic wine estate of Dão wine region, due to its history, dimension and excellent wines. The wines are truly remarkable in terms of tradition, authenticity and nobility. This is why this brand is so special and so recognised by century-old history.

Casa de Santar has the largest continuous vineyard of Dão wine region. It embraces 103 ha comprising 90 ha of red vine variety and 13 ha of white vine variety. The most elegant Portuguese wines are born here, winning several prizes and the highest scores among international and national critics. Unique unrivalled wines.

Visit to the Quinta de Lemos followed by dinner @ Mesa de Lemos Restaurant

Quinta de Lemos is well hidden in the beautiful valley of the Dao, the oldest wine producing region in Portugal. Located near Viseu, the regional capital, full of charm and with a medieval heart. In Quinta de Lemos is also located the showroom of the Abys & Habidecor.

Check In **Pousada de Viseu Charme Hotel & Spa**

84 Rooms

The Pousada de Viseu was built in the former Hospital S. Teotónio, one of the oldest hospitals of the city of Viseu, that has opened to the public in 1842. Ideal for meetings, events and individual stays.

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February, 26th

Departure to Coimbra

Coimbra is one of Portugal's most fascinating cities that never ceases to impress its visitors. This city embodies the perfect mix between history and modernity, past and future, tradition and innovation.

Visit to the University of Coimbra Coimbra ^{UNESCO}

Situated on a hill overlooking the city, the University of Coimbra with its colleges grew and evolved over more than seven centuries within the old town. Notable university buildings include a number of 16th century colleges, the Royal Palace of Alcáçova, which has housed the University since 1537, the Joanine Library with its rich baroque decor, the 18th century Botanical Garden and University Press, as well as the large "University City" created during the 1940s. Coimbra offers an outstanding example of an integrated university city with a specific urban typology as well as its own ceremonial and cultural traditions that have been kept alive through the ages.

Lunch at Sapiencia Boutique Hotel

A brand new 4-star hotel with 22 rooms located at the heart of Coimbra, the city of knowledge. It is the only hotel situated next to UNESCO World Heritage University of Coimbra and its rooftop terrace offers an astonishing view over this century-old city that was once the capital of the Portuguese kingdom and the Mondego River.

The hotel is housed in 18th and 19th century-old buildings. Its design is a perfect match between tradition and contemporary design, evoking the memory of Portugal's most iconic writers and men of culture.

Visit to the Historical Center of Coimbra

If "Coimbra is a lesson", as the popular fado song says, Coimbra is firstly a lesson of Portuguese History. Here is the grave of Kings Afonso Henriques and Sancho I, the first Portuguese Kings and, all over the city, you will discover landmarks left by those who built the nation, whether they are the outbuildings of the University, created by King D. Dinis, or the monuments you should mandatorily visit, of which the contributions of King John III, the Marquis of Pombal and King Manuel stand out. From the magnificent scale of the Joanine Library to the symbolism of the Santa Cruz convent, the old capital of the Kingdom is full of heritage from the past.

It is, without a doubt, a lesson on tradition. There is no other Portuguese city like Coimbra in what comes to academic tradition which is present in the students' everyday life. At Queima das Fitas, the students celebrate the most anticipated event of the year. The bells

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which have been regulating academic life since the 16th century still toll in the University Tower, reminding us that this is, above all, a university city.

Dinner at Zé Manel dos Ossos Tavern

Check-in – **Hotel Quinta das Lágrimas******

55 Rooms

Quinta das Lágrimas, member of the “Small Luxury Hotels of the World”, is a retreat of peace and tranquility set within an 18th century palace in the heart of Coimbra.

February, 27th

Check-out and Departure to Lisbon

11H30 – Arrival at Lisbon

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