
Celebrations

Azores

Angra do Heroísmo

Sanjoaninas

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.sanjoaninas.pt>

Contacts: Angra do Heroísmo - Terceira

The Sanjoaninas, which take place in June, are the biggest popular festivities in the Azores and offer a visiting card for many tourists who journey to Terceira island, in order to partake in and share local traditions and customs.

The Sanjoaninas festivities date back to the XVI century and have always played a key role in the culture of the Azores. They begin with the opening procession and march of the queen and continue for several days, encompassing cultural, recreational, ethnographic and sporting activities.

One of the highpoints of the festivities is the Sanjoaninas Bullfighting Festival which is one of the most important events of its kind in the Iberian peninsular and includes bullfights, bullfights with ropes and bull runs in the streets.

Ilha de São Miguel

Festivals of the Lord Jesus Christ

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.visitazores.com>, <http://www.santo-cristo.com>

Contacts: Ponta Delgada - São Miguel

In São Miguel, in the Azores, witness the Festivals of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The image of the Convento da Esperança, in Ponta Delgada, is paraded on the fifth Sunday after Easter, with much fanfare and torchlight.

Centro de Portugal

Monsanto

Festivity of the Crosses or the Festivity of the Castle

Date to be announced.

Contacts: Monsanto

Every year in May, Monsanto celebrates the Festivity of the Crosses, also known as the Festivity of the Castle, that recalls the local population's heroic resistance to a siege.

According to tradition, the population sought refuge in the castle in the second century B.C., and resisted a siege by the Romans during 7 years. In order to convince the enemy that they would never surrender as a result of hunger, they decided to throw a heifer down the mountain slope, that they claimed had been fed on leftovers. This strategy fooled the attackers and led them to end the siege.

The inhabitants of the village recall this episode on May 3 [the day of the Holy Cross] or on the following Sunday. They ascend to the castle, singing and dancing to the sound of tambourines, and then once perched on top of the walls, throw down clay pots symbolising the heifer decorated with flowers, in a highly colourful festivity.

Óbidos

Holy Week in Óbidos

Start Date: 2018-04-01 End Date: 2018-03-29

Website: <http://www.semanasantaobidos.pt>

Contacts: Óbidos

Recalling the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, Holy Week in Óbidos is considered one of the most impressive religious manifestations in the western region and attracts many people to this town united by devotion and culture.

The festivities begin with the centuries-old **Procession of the Third Order of St. Francis** which takes place at the beginning of Lent and involves many litters exuberantly decorated with flowers. On Palm Sunday, the **procession of Senhor dos Passos** (Our Lord of the Stations) parades through the streets, outside and inside the walls of Óbidos, culminating in the **Church of the Misericórdia**, alongside which a Calvary represents the hill on which Jesus was crucified.

The highlight of the ceremonies takes place on **Good Friday** with the poignant Funeral Procession of the Lord where the lighting is exclusively provided by a few torches placed at strategic points along the way. The ceremonies end on **Easter Sunday** with a Eucharistic Procession in which the various parishes and their hamlets are represented.

Tomar

Festa dos Tabuleiros (Festival of the Trays)

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.tabuleiros.org>

Contacts: Tomar

The Festival of the Trays takes place every four years; the next one will take place in July 2019. Do not miss this unique event!

The blessing of the trays, the street decorations, the quilts in the windows and the throwing of flowers over the procession of the trays carried by hundreds of young girls on their heads, is an unforgettable sight.

Lisboa Region

Lisboa

Festivities of Lisbon

Start Date: 2018-06-01 End Date: 2018-06-30

Website: <http://www.festadelisboa.com>,
<http://www.visitlisboa.com>

Contacts: Lisboa

With a whiff of summer in the air, the Festivities of Lisbon offer a full program of entertainment activities that will invade Lisbon's oldest neighbourhoods, luring thousands of people into the streets.

Santo António, highly respected and worshipped in Lisbon and treated as a true patron of the city, sets the mood for the festivities that reach their highpoint on the evening of June 12, with the parade of popular marches along Avenida da Liberdade. On the afternoon of June 13, a procession in homage to the popular Saint - who is believed to foster marriages - winds its way through the streets around the Sé cathedral and provides a special religious flavour to the festivities.

Evenings are animated by traditional festivities in Lisbon's oldest neighbourhoods - from Castelo to Mouraria, Graça, Alfama, Ajuda and the Bairro Alto - with lots of music and dance to the rhythm of popular songs. Decorated with coloured globes and garlands, the city's streets are invaded by the smell of roasted sardines and sweet basil accompanied by paper carnations and paintings that allude to Santo António.

June is the main month of these festivities, but they also extend throughout the summer, including a wide variety of events such as fado, jazz and other musical performances, fado in the city's trams, cinema and theatre festivals, sports events and exhibitions.

Madeira

Funchal

Madeira Carnival festivities

Start Date: 2018-02-07 End Date: 2018-02-14

Website: <http://carnaval.visitmadeira.pt>

Contacts: Funchal

Carnival officially begins on the Friday before Lent and only ends on Shrove Tuesday, with the whole island being caught up in the intense and contagious liveliness.

The Carnival festival in Madeira is **one of the region's liveliest festivals**. Funchal city wakes up on the Friday morning to the sound of brass bands and carnival parades bringing their good humour to the whole of the downtown area, which is then continued at night with concerts and shows in the Praça do Município for five consecutive days.

On Saturday night, it's time for the **great procession of floats** to come out into the street. After following their traditional route through the city, they concentrate in the Praça do Município, where there is much singing and dancing in a magical atmosphere of music and merrymaking.

On the day of the Carnival itself (Shrove Tuesday), Funchal explodes in a great outpouring of merriment. In the afternoon, irreverent merrymakers from all over the world parade in front of the crowd who are in turn infected by this atmosphere of playful caricature - it is time for the **popular parade**. Throughout this period, the streets of Funchal are decorated with patterns of lights and inundated with background music alluding to the Carnival period. Let this contagion infect you, too!

New Year in Madeira

Start Date: 2017-12-01 End Date: 2018-01-06

Website: <http://www.madeiraislands.travel>

Contacts: Funchal

If there's a place to come and celebrate life, then that place is Madeira. As each year draws to a close, the end is commemorated of yet another cycle of 365 days that have been lived as intensely as our memory allows us to recall.

The Christian traditions of Christmas time combine with the displays of rejoicing at the arrival of the New Year, in a rich and extensive programme of cultural, ethnographic and artistic events that continue **throughout the month of December and carry on till Twelfth Night**.

The specific conditions of Funchal's naturally-formed amphitheatre transform it into a giant crib lit by the **thousands of lights** placed up and down the city's main avenues, resulting in a most extraordinary scenario. Allow yourself to be tempted by the wares in the shops of Funchal and give yourself up to the frenzied activity of **shopping**. Here you can buy anything from the latest international brands to the most diverse handicraft articles. Funchal is like a giant outdoor shopping centre.

An island in festival, both at the hotels and in the restaurants, bars and streets, where, in order to mark the transition to the New Year, the skies of Funchal are lit up with a **gigantic firework** display that lasts for a good ten minutes. This is undoubtedly the dawning of a whole new life!

Madeira Flower Festival

Start Date: 2018-04-19 End Date: 2018-05-06

Website: <http://festadaflor.visitmadeira.pt/>

Contacts: Funchal

In Madeira, springtime is honoured like a queen, being crowned with the Flower Festival, held every year after Easter.

In celebrating springtime and the exuberance of the flowers that typically bloom in that season, and here with even greater intensity due to Madeira's subtropical climate, Funchal is the setting for a truly **sumptuous spectacle**, the city's Flower Festival.

The festivities begin on the Saturday, when thousands of children dressed in the appropriate fashion flock to the Praça do Município to take part in the building of a mural of flowers - the **Wall of Hope**.

The next day, dozens of floats decorated with a myriad of the island's most typical flowers leave the scent of gentle but ephemeral perfumes in the air - it is time for the **Flower Parade**. At the same time, to mark the occasion, Madeiran artists devote their time to building unforgettable floral carpets, strategically exhibited in the streets at different points, whilst competitions are also organised to find the best decorated shop windows.

Come and experience the springtime here too!

Porto and the North

Braga

Holy Week Festivals - Braga

Start Date: 2018-03-29 End Date: 2018-04-01

Website: <http://www.semanasantabraga.com>

Contacts: Braga

Experience Holy Week in the ancient city of Braga, in the region Porto e Norte.

The city is decorated with motifs related to the occasion and the passos, street-side altars, are filled with flowers and lights, complementing the sumptuousness of the churches.

Lamego

Festivities of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios

Start Date: 2017-08-24 End Date: 2017-09-09

Website: <http://www.cm-lamego.pt>

Contacts: Lamego

In September, see the festivities of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios in Lamego, and don't miss the Procession of the Triumph, the most symbolic point of the event.

During the procession the Virgin is pulled by yoked oxen, making Lamego the only place in the Catholic world where an image of the Virgin is transported by animals.

Porto

Feasts of São João

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.portolazer.pt>

Contacts: Porto

Celebrate the feasts of São João, the most revered saint of Oporto, held on the night of 23rd June.

The feasts of São João, of pagan origin and associated with the celebration of the summer solstice, are marked by dancing, eating and fireworks.

Viana do Castelo

Feasts of Nossa Senhora da Agonia

Start Date: 2017-08-17 End Date: 2017-08-20

Website: <http://www.vianafestas.com>

Contacts: Viana do Castelo

In Viana do Castelo, take part in the Feasts of Nossa Senhora da Agonia, and don't miss all the processions that enliven this three-day festival in August.

The town is thronged with thousands of people who come to witness Viana do Castelo honouring the Virgin of Agony, invoked by the fishermen to make the sea more favourable to them.

Cinema

Lisboa Region

DocLisboa'16

Start Date: 2017-10-19 End Date: 2017-10-29

Website: <http://www.doclisboa.org>

Contacts: Lisboa - Culturgest, Cinema São Jorge, Cinemateca Portuguesa - Museu do Cinema, Cinema Ideal e Cinema City Campo Pequeno

In october the whole world fits in Lisbon.

That's the slogan for DocLisboa, a festival that **invites people to think about the documentary and its implications and potential**. Cinema is presented here as an art form that enables finding fresh ways of thinking and acting in the world, in this way accepting a freedom that assumes an intimate involvement between the artist and the politician.

DocLisboa plans to show films that will eventually help us to understand the world in which we live and find in it possible forces for change.

Lisbon & Sintra Film Festival

Start Date: 2017-11-17 End Date: 2017-11-26

Website: <http://www.leffest.com>

Contacts: Lisboa, Sintra

The Lisbon & Sintra Film Festival celebrates Cinema as an artistic creation, setting light, above all, on its capacity to embrace each artistic field and on the fascination it exerts on the other arts.

It is under this perspective that is set the goal of exploring the Seventh Art exalting its three specific components - art, entertainment and industry - through the work of some of the most **remarkable directors of our times**.

But the Lisbon & Sintra Film Festival also aims at **turning Lisboa region into an annual meeting point**, for all those to whom cinema is not merely reduced to entertainment, fascination and glamour, but is also a moment of reflexion, creation, sharing and pleasure.

Lisboa

Indie Lisboa - International Independent Film Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.indielisboa.com>

Contacts: Lisboa

In May, discover new films at Indie Lisboa, Lisbon's International Independent Film Festival.

The festival is the best place to discover new artists and trends in world cinema.

Madeira

Funchal

Madeira Film Festival

Start Date: 2018-04-14 End Date: 2018-04-20

Website: <http://www.madeirafilmfestival.com>

Contacts: Hotel Reid's Palace, Funchal

Don't miss the Madeira Film Festival that intends to be Europe's most exclusive and independent festival.

Held at the prestigious Reid's Palace Hotel the Madeira Film Festival serves as a platform to showcase **independent feature, short and documentary films** from directors around the world. Indicative of Madeira's continued commitment to preserve the **Natural History, flora and fauna** of the island, the festival will screen worldwide nature orientated films.

The world's largest Laurisilva forest is located on the island of Madeira. In 1999 the 15,000 hectare indigenous 'living relic' was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site. Through the medium of film MFF intends to enhance education and global awareness of the LAURISILVA and its importance to the ecological balance of Madeira thus sustaining the endemic flora and fauna. The Madeira Film Festival recognizes the integrity of filmmakers around the world and consequently will present the **'LAURISILVA Award'** to the best documentary, short, feature and nature oriented film judged by an International Jury.

Porto and the North

Espinho

Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.cinanima.pt>

Contacts: Espinho

Do you like animated film? If so, don't miss Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival in Espinho, south of Oporto.

Cinanima is one of the best known and respected international festivals, screening new animation films produced around the world.

Porto

Fantasporto - Oporto International Film Festival

Start Date: 2018-02-26 End Date: 2018-03-11

Website: <http://www.fantasporto.com>

Contacts: Rivoli Teatro Municipal - Porto

Prepare for the Fantasporto fantasy, Oporto International Film Festival, in February and March.

The city is inundated with the imaginary, the fantastic and science fiction during Fantasporto, considered to be one of the best of this kind in the world.

Exhibitions

Terracota Army, Xian Warriors

Start Date: 2017-06-10 End Date: 2017-09-30

Website: <http://www.guerreirosdexian.com>

Contacts: Lisboa - Cordoaria Nacional

Visit the “Terracota Army, Xian Warriors” and take a trip to the heart of one of the most mysterious archaeological finds in history.

This exhibition has now arrived in Lisbon after visiting several European cities. It features more than 150 life-size replicas of the terracotta army found in the mausoleum of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang who was buried in 210 BC. The replicas are arranged in a moat and the illumination and projections recreate the environment of the mausoleum so that the visitor can imagine the setting.

The original army, classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, is made up of more than 8,000 figures of warriors, horses, carriages and weapons (in actual size) made of terracotta.

A documentary film is shown at the exhibition, telling the story of this remarkable archaeological discovery, which happened by chance in 1974 when some farmers were digging a well for water.

There are also various activities aimed at children and families, with a view to unravelling - in a way that combines play and education - the cultural riches of China.

The Global City

Start Date: 2017-05-17 End Date: 2017-08-27

Contacts: Porto - Museu Nacional de Soares dos Reis

Visit the Soares dos Reis National Museum for an exhibition that shows how Lisbon was the most global city in Europe in the Renaissance era.

Called “The Global City”, this display sets out to reconstruct the heart of sixteenth-century Lisbon. Its starting point is a painting of the Rua Nova dos Mercadores, which was then the main commercial street in the city. Products such as jewels, silks, spices, exotic animals and other wonders from Africa, Brazil and Asia were sold in this street, thronged with merchants, street entertainers, musicians and street hawkers.

This exhibition shows the diversity of the trade carried on there, through 250 pieces that include articles in porcelain, mother-of-pearl and ivory, fine quality textiles, maps, paintings and reproductions of exotic animals.

Algarve

Silves

FIESA

Start Date: 2017-04-01 End Date: 2017-10-31

Website: <http://www.fiesa.org>

Contacts: Pêra

Visit Pêra, in the Algarve, and admire the skills of sculptors from various countries as they create genuine works of art in the sand.

FIESA - the International Sand Sculptures Festival is the only event of its kind in the Iberian peninsula, and, given its dimensions, is the largest in the world. The festival is dedicated to a different theme each year, and occupies an area of 15,000 square metres, showcasing the work of the skilful hands of artists of various nationalities that shape over 35,000 tonnes of sand during a one-month period.

During the day it, the sculptures can be admired in all their infinite details, and at night there is a varied programme of live music, theatre, dance and circus arts. FIESA also includes a playful and pedagogical dimension, with an area reserved for all those who would like to express their creativity by building sand sculptures.

Lisboa Region

Amadora

AMADORA BD - Amadora International Comic Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.amadorabd.com>,
<http://www.facebook.com/amadorabd>

Contacts: Forum Luís de Camões - Brandoa, Amadora

In October/November, Amadora will be the meeting point for comic fans from all over the world.

With exhibitions being held at various venues in the municipality of Amadora (very close to Lisbon), this festival is designed to promote the comic strip and has become the most prestigious event of its kind in Portugal, as well as one of the most highly regarded festivals worldwide.

Benefiting from the participation of many Portuguese and foreign authors, the Amadora Comic Festival not only presents comic strips, cartoons and caricatures, but it also shows animated films, holds a book fair and has lots of activities for children and young people.

Lisboa

Cosmos Discovery World Exhibition

Start Date: 2017-04-14 **End Date:** 2017-07-30

Website: <http://www.cosmosdiscovery.pt/>

Contacts: Lisboa - Terreiro das Missas (Belém)

Portugal is the first country to host the world tour of Cosmos Discovery, the fabulous exhibition about the discovery of space. It includes more than 200 original artefacts from the US and USSR space missions and from space agencies around the world.

The collection, which already has an itinerary scheduled for several countries in the next 5 years, will land in Portugal in Terreiro das Missas, near the Belém Estação Fluvial and open to the public on Friday. It is a World Crew Events production, the same people who brought Real Bodies to the Cordoaria Nacional in 2015/2016.

The Cosmos Discovery exhibition will be divided into galleries that allow visitors to relive the real stories of the heroes who crossed the frontier to outer space. There are hundreds of items that chart the development of manned space flights, from the very earliest to current missions, and even to those planned for the near future. Between realistic models of rockets and capsules, step-by-step models of space stations and authentic, unique documents.

You can buy the tickets [here](#)

Joan Miró: Materiality and Metamorphosis

Start Date: 2017-09-08 **End Date:** 2018-01-08

Website: <http://www.palacioajuda.gov.pt>

Contacts: Palácio Nacional da Ajuda - Lisboa

Don't miss the exhibition 'Joan Miró: Materiality and

EXD17 - ExperimentaDesign

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.experimentadesign.pt>

Contacts: Lisboa

The EXD Biennale returns to Lisbon, presenting original contents in a renovated programme.

Presenting exhibitions, lectures, urban interventions and special projects in a multidisciplinary, inclusive and challenging form, the EXD Biennale maintains its mission to democratize knowledge, disseminate information, promote debate, investigation and reflexion around the great themes of contemporary culture, through a totally international perspective.

Madonna - Treasures of the Vatican Museums

Start Date: 2017-05-19 **End Date:** 2017-09-27

Website:

<http://museudearteantiga.pt/exposicoes/madonna>

Contacts: Lisboa - Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga

Take the opportunity to enjoy works of the famous collections of the Vatican Museums, which are being exhibited for the first time in Portugal at the Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga (National Museum of Ancient Art).

In a chronological arc that spans the period from the end of antiquity to the modern era, the iconography of the Virgin Mary is the main theme of this exhibition, which brings together a collection of works from the famous collections of the Vatican Museums, especially from the celebrated Pinacoteca. There are paintings by Italian Primitive artists (Taddeo di Bartolo, Sano di Pietro, Fra Angelico), great masters of the Renaissance and the

Metamorphosis' at Ajuda National Palace (Lisbon), that presents the works acquired by the Portuguese State.

The exhibition covers a six-decade period in Joan Mirós's career - from 1924 to 1981. It focuses in particular on the transformation of pictorial languages that the Catalan artist first developed in the mid-1920s. The exhibition considers his artistic metamorphoses across the mediums of drawing, painting, collage and work in tapestry.

Miró's visual thinking and the ways in which he negotiates between optical and tactile modes of sensation is examined in detail, as are the artist's working processes.

Baroque (Raphael, Pinturichio, Salviati, Pietro da Cortona, Barocci), as well as notable tapestries and illuminated codices from the Vatican Apostolic Library collection.

This group of paintings from the Galleria Borghese (Venusti and Sassoferrato) and the Galleria Corsini (Gentileschi and Van Dyck) are rounded off by works by Italian authors from various Portuguese public and private institutions.

Porto and the North

Braga

Encontros da Imagem**Start Date: 2017-09-21 End Date: 2017-11-05****Website: <http://www.encontrosdaimagem.com>,****<http://www.cm-braga.pt>****Contacts: Braga**

The Encontros da imagem photography festival, is held in Braga, and constitutes a leading visual arts event at the national and international level.

Involving wide-ranging participation by Portuguese and foreign artists, the Encontros da imagem festival shows works in various areas of photography - including **historical, documentary and conceptual photography**.

The exhibitions are coordinated by the **Museum of the Image** and are held in various venues in the city, including the Casa dos Crivos, the Castle Keep, the Biscainhos Museum and the Monastery of Tibães.

Ponte de Lima

International Garden Festival**Start Date: 2017-05-26 End Date: 2017-10-31****Website: <http://www.festivaldejardins.cm-pontedelima.pt>, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Festival-Internacional-de-Jardins-Ponte-de-Lima/211073538904931>****Contacts: Ponte de Lima**

Visit the International Garden Festival and prepare to be amazed by the exquisite spaces crated within the framework of this original initiative.

This event is held between May and October and fosters enjoyment and expertise in the field of gardens and gardening, in profound connection to preservation of heritage values and defence of the environment.

Dedicated to a different topic every year, a wide array of national and international projects apply to this festival and 12 are selected and then installed in Ponte de Lima. During a 5-month period, these ephemeral gardens may be visited and appreciated by the general public, thereby offering the

opportunity to discover new approaches in the conception of green spaces and different creative trends.

Vila Nova de Cerveira

Cerveira International Arts Biennial

Start Date: 2017-07-15 End Date: 2017-09-16

Website: <http://www.bienaldecerveira.pt>

Contacts: Vila Nova de Cerveira

In odd numbered years, the Cerveira International Arts Biennial transforms the tranquil town of Vila Nova da Cerveira in the Minho region into an important centre for contemporary art.

During almost an entire month, between August and September, the town serves as the stage for encounters and exchanges of experiences between artists, via ateliers dedicated to a wide array of areas including the digital arts, engraving, ceramics, painting and sculpture.

The biennial's programme also includes thematic exhibitions in the areas of design and dedicated to artists who have played a key role in the history of contemporary art.

Fairs

Alentejo

Golegã

National Horse Fair

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://fnc.cm-golega.pt>

Contacts: Golegã

Witness the National Horse Fair in November in Golegã, a region where the equestrian tradition is deeply rooted.

This is one of the country's most typical fairs, attracting thousands of people to the various events featuring the magnificent Lusitanian thoroughbred horse.

Centro de Portugal

Viseu

Feira de São Mateus

Start Date: 2017-08-11 End Date: 2017-09-17

**Website: <http://www.expovis.pt>,
<http://www.visitcentro.com>**

Contacts: Viseu

This Viseu fair dates back to mediaeval times and has grown over the years to include lots of music, folklore, handicraft, gastronomy and plenty of entertainment.

Not to be missed at the fair are all the colours and sounds of the concerts and shows that can be seen on the specially built stage, show jumping at the Horse-Riding Centre, bicycle tours, fishing competitions, parachuting and aerobatics displays at the Aeródromo Gonçalves Lobato, athletics events and lots of entertainment!

All this can be found in August/September at Campo da Feira de São Mateus, right in the heart of Viseu.

Lisboa Region

Estoril

FIARTIL - Estoril International Handicrafts Fair

Start Date: 2017-06-29 End Date: 2017-09-03

Website: <http://www.visitcascais.com>

Contacts: Estoril

Take advantage of the hot summer nights and visit the Estoril International Handicrafts Fair.

This event has been organized on a regular basis for over 40 years, and is held in an open-air venue next to the Estoril casino. It is an excellent spot, for all those interested in acquiring national and foreign handicrafts and who appreciate the work of the artisans, who offer a direct opportunity to see how they produce their works.

Various restaurants present the finest in Portuguese gastronomy, accompanied by popular music, fado or folklore performances.

Food and Wines

Alentejo

Santarém

National Gastronomy Festival

Start Date: 2017-10-19 End Date: 2017-10-29

**Website: <http://www.festivalnacionaldegastronomia.pt>,
<http://pt-pt.facebook.com/FestivalNacionalGastronomia>**

Contacts: Casa do Campino - Santarém

Enjoy Portuguese gastronomy at the country's main fair - the National Gastronomy Festival, held in Santarém in October and November.

Aromatic herbs, spices, cheeses, fresh fish and convent sweets are some of the delicacies that you will find here.

Centro de Portugal

Óbidos

Chocolate Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.festivalchocolate.cm-obidos.pt>

Contacts: Óbidos

Anyone with a sweet tooth shouldn't miss the chance to take part in the International Chocolate Festival in Óbidos.

During several days the medieval town's narrow streets will be transformed into genuine showcases of cakes and sweets that everyone can sample and purchase.

For younger visitors, the "Kids' Chocolate House" offers recreational and pedagogical activities and a kitchen where they can prepare several recipes.

Adults can attend culinary classes where chocolate is always the base ingredient and also watch competitions involving professional pastry-makers, such as the "Chocolatier of the Year" and the "International Competition of Chocolate Recipes", and also marvel at an array of chocolate sculptures - genuine works of art.

Lisboa Region

Lisboa

Lisbon Fish and Flavours

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.peixelisboa.com>

Contacts: Pavilhão Carlos Lopes - Lisboa

Don't miss the "Lisbon Fish and Flavours" festival in April - the chance to enjoy innovative gastronomic dishes created from fish and seafood.

For eleven days, "Lisbon Fish and Flavours" will offer all its visitors the chance to enjoy innovative gastronomic dishes created from fish and seafood, in a relaxed atmosphere where spending time with friends and family is a genuine delight. You can take part in the demonstrations of gourmet food, get to

know some of the region's best restaurants and the work of their great chefs, delight in the live music and entertainment provided, read a book or taste a fine wine.

If you enjoy good food and gourmet cooking, this is the place for you!

Madeira

Ilha da Madeira

Madeira Wine Fest

Start Date: 2017-08-27 End Date: 2017-09-10

Website: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

Contacts: Funchal, Estreito de Câmara de Lobos

Take part in September in the festival that's dedicated to one of the most famous products from Madeira island.

The Madeira Wine Harvest Festival is always the perfect excuse to visit Madeira. In Funchal, the allegorical light, sound and music shows are the high points of the celebrations that take place at other points on the island.

For a start, in the Estreito de Câmara de Lobos parish, 12 km from Funchal, the live wine harvests are an excellent opportunity to take part in one of the oldest local traditions, whether picking grapes or following the grape harvester groups.

Music

Alentejo

"Terras sem Sombra" Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://festivalterrassemsonbra.org>

Contacts: Almodôvar, Odemira, Sines, Santiago do Cacém, Ferreira do Alentejo, Serpa, Castro Verde, Beja

Come and enjoy the best of sacred music being played at some of the most beautiful monuments in the Baixo Alentejo, while delving into the region's traditions and historical roots.

Besides providing a showcase for the talent of internationally recognised composers, musicians and performers, the "Terras sem Sombra" Festival is the most important **sacred music festival** in Portugal, and also offers visitors a chance to get to know some of the churches that form part of the Baixo Alentejo's monumental heritage.

With music as its central theme, the festival also includes thematic lectures and conferences, guided tours, and activities designed to promote the arts and culture, as well as a series of parallel activities, such as nature conservation and the protection of biodiversity.

Crato

Festival do Crato

Start Date: 2017-08-21 End Date: 2017-08-26

Website: www.festivaldocrato.com

Contacts: Crato

With a secure place in the national tour of Summer Festivals, the Festival do Crato is back for another unmissable edition!

This event, which brings an extra sparkle to the town of Crato in Alentejo, is known for investing in line-ups that include some of the **best projects of national and international music**. After the concerts, the music continues with performances by various DJs.

Alongside all this we have the **Crafts and Gastronomy Fair**, a display of traditional art, crafts and flavours with the spotlight on what is produced locally.

To prevent accommodation problems, the organisation has provided a free **Camping** area. Admission to it is secured with the 4-day pass.

Sines

World Music Festival

Start Date: 2017-07-21 End Date: 2017-07-29

Website: <http://www.fmm.com.pt>

Contacts: Porto Covo e Sines

Each year, in July, the largest Portuguese event in the area of world music is held, the Festival Músicas do Mundo – the World Music Festival.

One of the festival's venues is Sines Castle, a setting and space that shows the great range and wealth of the world's different cultural expressions, in what is considered to be one of the country's most democratic cultural events.

Tróia

Somersby Out Jazz

Start Date: 2017-05-07 End Date: 2017-09-24

Contacts: Lisboa, Cascais

Between May and September you can watch outdoor concerts in Lisbon and Cascais that mix various musical styles. From jazz to soul, funk and hip-hop, music invades gardens, parks and even a beach!

The free admission shows are always at the end of Sunday afternoon, starting at 17.00. In May they take place in the Jardim da Torre de Belém, in June in the Jardim do Campo Grande, in July the venue is the Parque Eduardo VII, in August it is the Jardim da Estrela, and finally, in September the shows will be in the Parque do Tejo, in Lisbon. There will also be shows in Cascais on some Saturdays, in the Parque Marechal Carmona, on the Praia da Azarujinha and in the gardens of the Casino Estoril.

Don't miss the shows and do spend a different afternoon at the weekend, listening to music in a pleasantly relaxed atmosphere.

Algarve

Loulé

Festival Med

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.festivalmed.pt>

Contacts: Loulé

Come to Loulé at the beginning of the summer and appreciate the typical sounds and flavours of several countries.

For several days, the Med Festival will be bringing life and excitement to the streets of Loulé's historic centre, benefiting from the presence in the city of many well-known names from the universe of "**world music**". Advertising itself under the slogan of "music and much more", the festival also presents **other forms of art**, including handicraft exhibitions, dance performances and street theatre. To complete this display of the typical culture of various countries, the festival ground will be filled with a number of different restaurants where you can sample some of the tastes of the **traditional cuisine** of each of the countries taking part.

Throughout this festival, Loulé, with its narrow winding streets, where it is still possible to sense the atmosphere of Moorish times, will be a **real mixture of cultures** that nonetheless have many features in common.

Azores

Angra do Heroísmo

Angrajazz

Start Date: 2017-10-04 **End Date:** 2017-10-07

Website: <http://www.angrajazz.com>

Contacts: Angra do Heroísmo - Terceira

Year after year, in October, the Angra do Heroísmo International Jazz Festival, has progressively affirmed its position as one of the leading jazz festivals in Portugal.

Counting on the participation of well-known North-American and European jazz musicians, Angrajazz obligatorily includes at least one national group and one regional group, thus fulfilling one of its main objectives -- the innovation and development of interest in jazz in the Azores.

Ilha de Santa Maria

Festival Maré de Agosto

Start Date: 2017-08-18 End Date: 2017-08-20

**Website: <http://www.maredeagosto.com>,
<http://www.exploresantamaria.eu>**

Contacts: Praia Formosa - Ilha de Santa Maria

In the magical scenario of the Praia Formosa bay in the Island of Santa Maria - Azores, the International Music Festival "Maré de Agosto" brings together leading names from various countries. Mariza, Extreme, Angélique Kidjo, Tânia Maria, Selah Sue, Anthony Gomes, Michael Kiwanuka, Maria Gadu, among many others.

A stage located only 20 metres from the beach, hosting performances by leading names from the national and international musical panorama.

Known for the "world music" identity, many artists from all around the world are represented in this renowned, high-quality event, that that has already celebrated more than 30 anual editions.

Ilha de São Miguel

Monte Verde Festival

Start Date: 2017-08-10 End Date: 2017-08-13

Website: <http://monteverdefestival.com/>

Contacts: Ribeira Grande - Ilha de São Miguel

A festival "from another world" is how the Monte Verde Festival is presented on the Island of São Miguel, in August.

With an extremely diverse line-up featuring a mixture of reggae, rock, hip-hop and electronic music, and other genres, the festival takes place on the Praia de Monte Verde in Ribeira Grande.

In addition to the daily tickets, there are general passes with or without camping, a cheaper way of not missing out on this festival that last year welcomed about 28,000 festival-goers.

Centro de Portugal

Idanha-a-Nova

Boom Festival

Start Date: 2018-07-22 End Date: 2018-07-29

Website: <http://www.boomfestival.org>

Contacts: Herdade do Torrão - Idanha-a-Nova

In July, attend the Boom Festival and celebrate art, freedom and nature along the banks of the Idanha-a-Nova dam.

This biannual festival, held during full moon in August, is a singular event dedicated to independent and artistic culture. It includes performing arts, music, multimedia, painting, bio construction, theatre, cinema, conferences, workshops and installations. The festival's organisers also have a strong ecological awareness and are pursuing projects in the area of sustainability - in particular the treatment of waste residues and water.

The Boom Festival has an extremely beautiful setting, which offers unique views over the historic village of Monsanto and is integrated within Geoparque Naturtejo - a zone which has been classified by UNESCO, due to its geological riches and valuable natural, historical and cultural heritage.

Óbidos

Óbidos International Piano Week

Start Date: 2017-08-10 End Date: 2017-08-21

Website: <http://www.pianobidos.org>

Contacts: Óbidos

In august, the medieval town of Obidos is filled with piano music.

Young music students from all over the world take part in the Obidos International Piano Week in order to perfect their knowledge with great masters.

Lisboa Region

Ericeira

Sumol Summer Fest

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.sumolsummerfest.com>

Contacts: Ericeira

In June Ericeira is invaded by the good vibes of the Sumol Summer Fest.

Apart from the bands that **thousands of lovers of good music and beaches** will be able to hear over these two days, this festival also has the ingredients of summer, heat, holidays and the sea, in an area well known to surfers who find the best waves in the country here.

And there's no worries when it comes to finding somewhere to stay, since on getting a **two-day pass**, festival goers can choose the option of camping and stay at the Ericeira Camping site with a rare view over the Ribeira de Ilhas sea.

Lisboa

Brunch elektronik

Start Date: 2017-07-23 End Date: 2017-10-08

Website: <http://lisboa.brunchelektronik.com/>

Contacts: Lisboa - Tapada da Ajuda

On summer Sundays, Tapada da Ajuda is revitalised with Brunch elektronik. Come along and find out for yourself.

The purpose is to bring **electronic music** lovers closer to international artists as well as to the national scene. This event allows you to enjoy great sessions in the daytime, in a beautiful outdoor venue with shady areas and tables for you to rest between dances.

Bruch elektronik is an event for the whole family, which includes the **Petit Brunch** area with activities such as inflatables, table football and workshops, designed so that adults and children can socialise together in the same place, enjoying the music, the sun and a good lunch, too, as there is a wide culinary choice on offer in the various food trucks.

Music Days in Belém

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.ccb.pt>

Contacts: Centro Cultural de Belém - Lisboa

Come to the "Music Days", at the Belém Cultural Centre in Lisbon! This Music Festival is a **three-day marathon of concerts**, intended to be a different way of promoting access to **classical music**.

During the intervals, visitors will have an ideal opportunity to explore the building of the **Centro Cultural de Belém**, a landmark achievement in Portuguese modern architecture, and relax at the esplanades offering wonderful views over the river.

Oeiras

NOS Alive

Start Date: 2018-07-12 End Date: 2018-07-14

Website: <http://www.nosalive.com>

Contacts: Passeio Marítimo de Algés

In July don't miss NOS Alive and the chance to see performances by some of the top current bands, in an event that combines music and art.

Further than music, NOS Alive Includes the distinctive feature of a space dedicated to **urban art**, where new fine artists create works using recycled materials.

Against the backdrop of the **Algés Maritime Promenade**, very close to Lisbon in front of the River Tagus, the NOS Alive has a prime location for those who want to enjoy all night through, since it is also next to the train station that connects Algés directly to the bar and discos areas of Lisbon and Estoril coast.

Caixa Alfama

Start Date: 2017-09-15 End Date: 2017-09-16

Website: www.caixaalfama.pt

Contacts: Lisboa - Alfama - Largo do Chafariz de Dentro,1

Fado fills the streets of Alfama over the space of two days, with appearances on a number of stages around the neighbourhood, showing the various facets of this genre, which represents the Portuguese soul so well.

This festival, which offers contact with our identity in the most traditional alleys of this part of Lisbon, is organised in partnership with the **Museum do Fado [Fado Museum]**. Of the ten stages which will host some charismatic voices and other less familiar ones, we can mention, for example, the one in Largo Chafariz de Dentro with free admission, and the Auditorium of the Museum, where you can hear the voices of young fadistas - fado singers - who are securing the present and the future of Fado.

Sintra

Sintra Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.festivaldesintra.pt>,
<http://www.ccolgacadaval.pt>

Contacts: Sintra

See a music or dance performance in a royal palace during the Sintra Festival in June and July.

Here you can appreciate some of the most important works of classical music and dance, in romantic and unique surroundings.

Porto and the North

Caminha

EDP Vilar de Mouros Festival

Start Date: 2017-08-24 **End Date:** 2017-08-26

Website: <http://www.edpvilardemouros.com>

Contacts: Vilar de Mouros - Caminha

Vilar de Mouros is the oldest festival in Portugal. For three days in August it attracts an older public, as well as the younger people who usually flock to the summer festivals. The bill features national rock bands and established international ones.

Besides the quality music, you will discover some amazing countryside and the hospitality of the residents of the friendly village of Vilar de Mouros.

Guimarães

Guimarães Jazz

Date to be announced.

Website: www.ccvf.pt

Contacts: Guimarães

If you're a jazz fan, don't miss this festival! The very first festival in 1992 was considered by critics to be the best of the year and, every year since then, in the first weeks of November, the Guimarães Jazz Festival has revealed a whole host of new talents.

It is now regarded as a showcase for new musical directions and budding musicians, giving the audience the chance to appreciate some of the latest and most original trends in jazz.

Paredes de Coura

Vodafone Paredes de Coura Festival

Start Date: 2017-08-16 End Date: 2017-08-19

Website: <http://www.paredesdecoura.com>

Contacts: Praia do Tabuão - Paredes de Coura

Don't miss the four-day Paredes de Coura Festival in August.

Bands, playing mainly alternative rock, perform in a natural amphitheatre at the river beach of Tabuão, near the town of Paredes de Coura in the region of Porto e Norte, offering always a party atmosphere in this beautiful landscape.

For those who want to make the most of nature contact and live fully the festival spirit, the best option is to buy the four-day pass that offers free camping. Visit the festival web site and get all the information about it.

Porto

NOS Primavera Sound

Start Date: 2018-06-07 End Date: 2018-06-09

Website: <http://www.nosprimaverasound.com>

Contacts: Parque da Cidade - Porto

In June, go to hear NOS Primavera Sound, which brings a wide selection of national and international artists to Porto.

Presenting itself as the Portuguese counterpart to the San Miguel Primavera Sound open-air festival, which has taken place in Barcelona since 2001, NOS Primavera Sound focuses on a variety of styles and new bands, spotlighting both the local scene and artists with long and respected careers.

The event will be scattered across several different stages. In addition to the main stage - the **NOS Stage**, another highlight will be the ATP Stage, which belongs to the British promoter All Tomorrow 's Parties, creator of namesake festivals held in the UK, the United States and Australia.

The Festival takes place in the Parque da Cidade (City Park), a large urban park alongside the Atlantic coast, able to accommodate about 30,000 people per day.

Verão na Casa

Start Date: 2017-06-01 End Date: 2017-09-16

Website: <http://www.casadamusica.com>

Contacts: Casa da Música - Porto

In summer, the Casa da Música will provide the soundtrack for evenings spent in Oporto. Don't miss any of the "Verão na Casa" (Summer in the Casa) performances.

The key aspect of the programme is diversity - spanning renowned Portuguese singers, sounds from Brazil, fado, jazz, reggae and classic music.

Other

Algarve

Castro Marim

Medieval Days in Castro Marim

Start Date: 2017-08-23 End Date: 2017-08-27

**Website: <http://diasmedievais.cm-castromarim.pt/>,
<http://www.cm-castromarim.pt>**

Contacts: Castro Marim

In August, Castro Marim returns to the Middle Ages, in a highly rigorous historical recreation.

During four days and nights, the castle of Castro Marim once again plays host to kings and queens, knights in shining armour, jesters, buffoons, noblemen and ladies, as the entire Court make a procession before the admiring gazes of many visitors that travel to the event every year.

Jousting tournaments, on foot and on horseback, street theatre performances, banquets accompanied by medieval music and a handicrafts and merchandise fair, complement the entertainment activities of these Medieval Days, enabling us to relive the magic and mystery of times gone by.

Faro

Festival F

Start Date: 2017-09-01 End Date: 2017-09-02

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalF/>

Contacts: Faro

At the beginning of September, do not miss the last big summer festival that for two days livens up the historic centre of Faro.

The festival F takes place in the so-called “vila adentro” (village within) the historic area of Faro through which, over the centuries, the Phoenicians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors have all passed. It still retains a very particular charm and boasts a huge architectural, religious, natural and cultural heritage.

With a strong focus on Portuguese music, with shows on several stages throughout the city, this cultural and artistic event embraces other aspects such as cinema, stand-up comedy, musical and political gatherings, fine arts, literature, crafts, street entertainment and street food.

The Festival F keeps families in mind with a special programme for children and a ticket policy designed for families.

Sagres

Burning of the Ribbons

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.turismo-centro.pt>

Contacts: Coimbra

Coimbra throws a 'Queima das Fitas' party for its new graduates. Put on your Faculty's colours and have a good time!

This **student celebration**, that is held every year starting in May has become a Coimbra tourist attraction, attracting thousands of spectators to its parades, dances and serenades. These parties celebrate the **end of the academic year** and the beginning of the month of preparation that precedes final exams.

A wave of joy and enthusiasm crashes down on Coimbra when a throng of students gather in front of the Sé Velha (Old Cathedral) to hear the **traditional serenade**. This is the Song of Coimbra that officially starts the famous academic party known as the 'Queima das Fitas' ('Burning of the Ribbons'). For a week, the city is the site of **countless cultural events**, with the most well known being, among others, the Sarau Académico (Academic Social Gathering), the Baile de Gala (Gala Ball), the Garraçada (Bullock Fight) in Figueira da Foz, and the Chá Dançante (Tea Dance).

Yet the most important and well-attended event takes place in the Largo da Feira. There, the grelo (student's badge consisting of a ribbon of the colour of his / her faculty) is burned in the chamber pot used during the initiation rites (praxe) that took place in students' first year in university. The ribbons are burned in order to symbolise the new status of the graduates.

The celebration always ends with a **joyful and colourful show**. Students, riding in cars, wave to the crowd as they head towards the Baixa (downtown area), sharing their euphoria and irreverence with the city.

Estarreja

ESTAU - Estarreja Arte Urbana / Estarreja Urban Art Festival

Start Date: 2017-09-09 **End Date:** 2017-09-17

Contacts: Estarreja

Come to Estarreja in September and enjoy the best urban art produced in the world.

ESTAU - Estarreja Urban Art Festival turns the streets of this city in central Portugal into an open-air museum as it brings the community closer to art through murals, installations, workshops, films, talks, guided tours, music and much more besides. Countless national and international artists will be taking part. The Festival programme involves various urban spaces and facilities, such as Squares, Streets, Cinema-Theatre, Municipal Library, Cultural Centre [Casa de Cultura], Egas Moniz House Museum [Casa Museu], to name but a few.

ESTAU has been awarded the **EFFE Label** (Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe) which singles out the most notable European festivals.

Fátima

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fátima

Start Date: 2016-10-13 End Date: 2017-10-13

Website: <http://www.fatima.pt>

Contacts: Fátima

In 2017, the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima will be celebrated with a wide-ranging programme, the high point of which will be the presence of His Holiness **Pope Francis** on **13th May**.

The first apparitions of Our Lady were to the shepherd children on 13th May 1917 and they were repeated the following months, the last occurring on 13th October the same year, when a remarkable crowd witnessed the "Miracle of the Sun". These are the dates that attract the greatest number of the faithful to the Sanctuary every year to take part in the **Candlelight Procession on the night of 12th May and the Farewell Procession on the morning of 13th May**, but every day, especially on the 13th of each month, many pilgrims arrive in Fátima, who visit this holy place to express their faith.

Apart from the regular pilgrimages and the religious celebrations, the 100th anniversary **will be celebrated until 13th October 2017** with a wide-ranging cultural programme including a number of exhibitions, concerts of sacred music, performances relating to the apparitions, conferences, summer courses and the International Congress "Thinking Fátima", which will be held in June.

Detailed information about the celebrations of the 100th anniversary can be found at www.fatima.pt

Óbidos

Óbidos Vila Natal

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.obidosvilanatal.pt>

Contacts: Óbidos

Visit Óbidos - Christmas Town - and enter a truly magical world!

From the beginning of December, Óbidos fills up with light, colour and fantasy - transforming into a dreamlike setting where everyone - children and adults - can enjoy magical experiences, amongst a wide array of attractions and amusements.

Father Christmas' House, the crib, performances, games, ice rink, inflatables - are just some of the many attractions that Óbidos has in store for you, offering special moments ideal for the whole family.

Lisboa Region

Lisboa

Lisbon, Ibero-American Capital of Culture 2017

Start Date: 2017-01-07 End Date: 2017-12-31

Website: <http://www.lisboacapitaliberoamericana.pt>

Contacts: Lisboa

In 2017, Lisbon is the cultural capital of a world that brings together more than 120 million people from the Iberian Peninsula, Mexico and South and Central America. To celebrate this fact, there will be a year-long programme of about 150 activities and unmissable events.

Lisbon was elected by the Union of Ibero-American Capital Cities to be cultural capital for 2017, and will host a series of events under the **Past/Present** theme that evoke the traces, routes and evidence of the past, but also celebrate the enjoyment and creativity of people who speak the languages of this community, from Castilian to Portuguese, using other mother tongues or adopted languages, and speak with different pronunciations from Galician to Guarani.

This **huge programme** includes exhibitions, theatre, concerts, dance, conferences, gastronomic events and tours around the city that will enjoy the participation of hundreds of artists, producers, teachers and cultural promoters.

Visit the [official website](#) to discover everything about the programme for Lisbon 2017 - Ibero-American Capital of Culture.

Setúbal

ObservaNatura

Start Date: 2017-09-16 End Date: 2017-09-17

**Website: <http://www.observanatura.com>,
<http://www.facebook.com/observanatura>**

Contacts: Moinho de Maré da Mourisca - Setúbal

Learn more about birds and their habitats at ObservaNatura, that takes place in September at Moinho de Maré da Mourisca near Sado River estuary.

This fair is held since 2009 and it is currently the only fair in Portugal dedicated to **Ornithology Tourism**, a subgroup of nature tourism focusing on **birdwatching**, either directly or using binoculars or telescopes. The extensive programme for the "ObservaNatura" fair includes workshops, mini-courses, guided birdwatching tours through the **Sado Estuary Nature Reserve** on foot and by boat, and bird banding sessions. Herons, spoonbills and flamingos are just some of the species which can be observed at this time of year.

The fair has free entry, and is organised by the Institute for the Preservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF)/Sado Estuary Nature Reserve and Tróia-Natura, with many partners, including the Portuguese Tourist Board, Setúbal City Council, the Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds, the Setúbal Bay Association and Birds & Nature.

Madeira

Ilha da Madeira

Atlantic Festival

Start Date: 2018-06-09 End Date: 2018-06-30

Website: <http://www.madeiraislands.travel>

Contacts: Ilha da Madeira

In June, a sense of liveliness joins forces with tradition to transform the Madeiran capital into an attractive and fun-filled venue where visitors are offered a series of unforgettable concerts and shows.

The Atlantic Festival, which takes place throughout the month of June, is a cultural and fun-packed event, consisting of three distinct components: the **Madeira Music Festival**, the **International Fireworks Competition** and various **street performances**.

Every **Saturday night**, there are concerts. Combined with the fireworks, these provide unique moments in which the splendour of the firework display blends harmoniously with the music to provide unique moments of happiness and colour.

The month of June thus transforms the Madeiran capital into an attractive and fun-filled venue where visitors are offered a series of **unforgettable concerts and shows**, not only because of their artistic and musical quality, but also because of the magical atmosphere that they provide.

Ilha de Porto Santo

Columbus Festival

Start Date: 2017-09-14 End Date: 2017-09-16

Website: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

Contacts: Vila Baleira - Porto Santo

In September, in an atmosphere evoking the period of the Portuguese Maritime Discoveries, the island of Porto Santo puts on a whole range of concerts and performances linked to music and theatre.

Vila Baleira devotes a week to the navigator Christopher Columbus, who passed through this island and spent several years of his life living here. **Columbus** came into contact with Madeira in 1478, when the inhabitants of Funchal were devoting their energies to the sugar trade. Columbus lived in this archipelago after marrying the daughter of the captain of Porto Santo. His son Diogo was born here.

This festival is designed to remind people of Columbus' time in the Madeira Archipelago, during the course of his voyages to the American continent, as well as the whole epic story of the period of the **Discoveries**.

Music, exhibitions, street entertainment and a historical parade **recreate the medieval atmosphere of Columbus' disembarkation** with his companions on the town's quay. The festivities serve to make this week a truly "historic" one.

Porto and the North

Porto

Serralves em festa

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.serralves.pt>

Contacts: Fundação Serralves - Porto

Visit Oporto and take part in one of the biggest contemporary arts festivals, that offers activities for all ages and for the whole family.

During a non stop 50-hour period in June, Serralves em Festa presents hundreds of artists, in a wide array of activities in the fields of music, opera, dance, performance, theatre, new circus, literature, cinema, video, photography, workshops, guided visits and exhibitions.

The festivities aren't confined to the premises of Serralves - they extend beyond the Foundation's walls and inundate the streets of Oporto's Baixa zone with street theatre, music and lively entertainment. Don't miss it!

Sport

Portugal's Rally

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.rallydeportugal.pt>,

<http://www.facebook.com/rallydeportugal>

Come and witness the great skill and expertise of the world's top drivers, who will be racing along the roads and tracks of Portugal, competing in the Portugal's Rally.

The Portugal's Rally is the sixth stage of the **International Automobile Federation's (FIA) World Rally Championship**, and it is expected to be one of the most hotly disputed events of the season on the European continent.

Alentejo

Baja Portalegre 500

Start Date: 2017-10-26 **End Date:** 2017-10-28

Website: <http://www.bajaportalegre.com>

Cross-country racing fans should check out the Baja Portalegre 500, to be held on the roads of the Alentejo region in October.

Over a period of almost 20 years, competitive racing tracks in the Alentejo region have hosted the Iberian peninsular's most traditional cross-country racing competition - the Baja Portalegre, integrated within the **FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies**. This competition is organised in three categories - **automobile, motor bike and quad** - and its quality and competitiveness is confirmed by the annual presence of leading international pilots.

The Baja Portalegre 500 is organised by the Portuguese Automobile Association (ACP) and contributes to various competitions such as the Vodafone National Cross-Country competition, the Spanish Cross-Country Championship, the II

Nissan Challenge (Spain), the Tomaz Mello Breyner Trophy and the RTP Cross-Country Trophy.

Algarve

ALUT - Algarviana Ultra Trail

Start Date: 2017-11-30 End Date: 2017-12-03

Website: <http://alut.pt/>

Contacts: Algarve - Via Algarviana

Introducing itself as “the race that will put Algarve to the test”, the Algarviana Ultra Trail is a trail running sports event whose route crosses Portugal from one side to the other, proclaiming the beauty of its inland areas.

Starting on November 30, the ALUT, which, at 300 km, is the **longest trail running race** in Portugal, should be completed in 72 hours and its course is almost entirely on the Via Algarviana. It starts in **Alcoutim**, beside the River Guadiana, and ends at **Cabo de São Vicente**, in Vila do Bispo. The course passes through the Serra do Caldeirão, Serra do Espinhaço de Cão and Serra de Monchique, climbing to a height of 12,700 metres.

Participation in the event is limited to a maximum of 60 athletes, as the organization takes special care with their monitoring and safety. It is recommended that participants already have experience in 100-mile races or similar distances.

Vilamoura

Portugal Masters

Start Date: 2017-09-21 End Date: 2017-09-24

Website: <http://www.visitalgarve.pt>,

<http://www.portugalmasters.pt>,

<http://www.europeantour.com>,

<http://www.portugalgolfmembership.com>

Contacts: Oceânico Victoria Golf Club - Vilamoura

In September, the world's greatest golfers will travel to Vilamoura to take part in Portugal Masters.

Considered to be one of the leading golf events, the Portugal Masters will take place in the **Victoria Golf Club**, on a course designed by the mythical player, Arnold Palmer, that alternates well-positioned bunkers with lakes and waterfalls, in a continuous challenge for players.

With a guaranteed presence in the **PGA's European Circuit**, Portugal Masters is sure to consolidate Portugal's position as Europe's finest golf destination.

Azores

Ilha de São Miguel

SATA Airlines Azores Islands Pro

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.azoresislandspro.com>

In September, come and see the exhibitions of the world's best surfers during the SATA Airlines Azores Islands Pro, which takes place in São Miguel.

This event is part of the **World Qualifying Series of the Professional Surfers' Association** and has been classified as a Prime Event, which is the highest grade awarded in this sport. The setting that has been chosen for this tournament is the beach of Santa Bárbara, close to Ribeira Grande on the northern coast of São Miguel island, whose waves are greatly appreciated by the many aficionados of this sport.

Centro de Portugal

Nazaré

Capítulo Perfeito / Perfect Chapter

Start Date: 2017-10-05 End Date: 2017-11-15

Website: <http://capituloperfeito.com/evento/>

Contacts: Praia do Norte - Nazaré

Perfect Chapter is an event that brings together the best national and international tube riders in a special tube competition that takes place in October/November on Nazaré's North Beach. Unmissable!

Aimed at surfers who spend their lives in search of perfect and tube waves, this competition attracts participants from all over the world, vying for the title of best surfer in perfect conditions.

The competitions are assessed by a group of experts who will choose the person who fully masters the single, and main, manoeuvre in the event - the "tube" - and they will happen only when the conditions are right, that is, when the waves are 2 to 3 metres and tubular, with an offshore wind, left and right waves.

Peniche

MEO Rip Curl Pro Portugal

Start Date: 2017-10-17 End Date: 2017-10-28

Website: <http://live.ripcurl.com>, <http://www.ripcurl.com>, <http://www.worldsurfleague.com>

Contacts: Supertubos (Peniche); Carcavelos e Guincho (Cascais)

In October, journey to Portugal to watch the world's top professional surfing competition.

With participation by the world's leading surfers, Rip Curl Pro Portugal - a competition included within the **WSL - World Surf League Tour** - will be held in Peniche and Cascais that at this time of year offer the best conditions for hosting surfing

competitions.

The selected beaches are well known amongst surfers - **Carcavelos**, **Guincho** and in particular **Supertubos** - famous for its large, tubular-shaped waves.

Tondela

Caramulo Motorfestival

Start Date: 2017-09-08 End Date: 2017-09-10

Website: <http://www.caramulo-motorfestival.com>

Contacts: Caramulo

This September, journey back several decades and watch a Festival which brings classic and sports vehicles to the roads around Caramulo.

Dedicated to classic and sports cars and motorbikes, the Caramulo Motor Festival combines competition with leisure in an ideal event for all visitors - whether or not motor sports fans.

In addition to the Caramulo Ramp - which counts towards the National Mountain Championship /Caterham Trophy - this Festival incorporate other events such as the Luso-Caramulo Historic Rally, the Viseu-Caramulo Historic Ride and concentrations of classic vehicles offering processions of collector items. In order to see the vehicles in detail, it is also possible to visit the Automobilia trade fair in the Multiuse Pavilion or the collection of cars, motorbikes, velocipedes and miniatures in the Caramulo Museum - one of the Festival organisers.

Take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy the spectacular landscapes of the Serra do Caramulo - one of the best locations in Portugal for practising outdoor activities, such as mountain climbing, rappel, slide or BTT cycling.

Lisboa Region

Rock' n' Roll Lisbon - Marathon

Start Date: 2017-10-15 End Date: 2017-10-15

Website: <http://rocknrolllisbon.com>

Contacts: Cascais / Lisboa

The Lisbon Marathon will take place in October which is always competed for against a backdrop of panoramic views by the river or seaside.

The 42 kms distance Marathon sets off from **Cascais and follows the Coastal Road** (Estrada Marginal), firstly by the sea and then along the river until the finish line at Lisbon's **Parque das Nações**.

The event also includes two shorter distance races which are within the reach of all those taking part. The **Half Marathon** sets off from the Vasco da Gama Bridge and charts a 21kms course that also finishes up at the Parque das Nações. It provides the opportunity to cross one of the longest bridges in Europe on foot on the one day when cars have to give precedence to people.

At the same time there is the **Mini Marathon** which is about 8kms and corresponds to the last stretch of the two races. Very

popular with the locals in general, the Mini Marathon is taken by each one in their own stride, whether running or walking, since the main objective is taking part and meeting people.

Lisboa

CSIO - International Showjumping Competition of Lisbon

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.sociedadehipica.pt>,
<http://csiolisboa.com>

Contacts: Hipódromo do Campo Grande - Lisboa

In May, the Hippodrome of Campo Grande hosts the CSIO - Official International Showjumping Competition of Lisbon.

The CSIO of Lisbon is part of the Calendar of the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI), and qualifies for the Europe and World Championships, as well as for the Olympic Games.

Lisbon Half Marathon

Start Date: 2018-03-11 End Date: 2018-03-11

Website: <http://www.meiamaratonadelisboa.com>,
<http://www.facebook.com/MeiaMaratonaLisboa>

Contacts: Lisboa

The Lisbon Half Marathon will be taking place in March over a course that takes runners across the 25 de Abril bridge and offers them some beautiful panoramic views over the city.

This race covers a distance of 21,097 metres from its start at the toll booths on the opposite bank of the **River Tagus to the finishing line in front of the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos in Belém**. It forms part of the Official Calendar of the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (AIMS) and its competitors will include some of the world's top athletes.

Included in the programme for the Half Marathon and starting at the same time as the main event is the **Mini-Marathon**, which covers a distance of 7,200 metres and is open to all those who wish to participate, being essentially more of a social event than an actual competition.

If you're in Lisbon, come and join in this festival of sport, which last year reached a world record number of 37,000 participants. And take advantage of this great opportunity to cross over the 25 de Abril bridge on foot, appreciating the magnificent view that it offers over the Portuguese capital.

Sintra

IRONMAN 70.3 Portugal

Start Date: 2017-09-03 End Date: 2017-09-03

Website: <http://eu.ironman.com/pt-pt/triathlon/events/emea/ironman-70-3/cascais.aspx#axzz4T127DRsX>

Contacts: Cascais

In September, IRONMAN 70.3 will take place in Cascais, along the Atlantic coast. Don't miss it!

This competition, which includes swimming, cycling and running, is part of the **world's largest triathlon** organization and offers 50 qualifying slots for the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship 2018.

In Portugal, the event takes place in the area of **Cascais**, a lively and cosmopolitan village by the sea, and starts with one loop **swim** in front of the fortress.

The 90 km loop **cycle** course takes off in Cascais and along the Avenida Marginal (coastline road) until Algés, passing through Oeiras with beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean. The return route is made along another road overlooking the Serra de Sintra, reaching Cascais via the Guincho road.

The race ends with a two loop **run course** along the 3 km (Paredão) promenade next to the Cascais, Estoril and São Pedro beaches.

Volvo Ocean Race 2017-2018

Start Date: 2017-10-31 End Date: 2017-11-05

Website:
<http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/ports/lisbon.html>
Contacts: Doca de Pedrouços - Lisboa

Portugal's capital city has been chosen for the transatlantic stopover of the prestigious Volvo Ocean Race 2017-2018 world regatta, regarded as the Around the World by Yacht event.

On the circumnavigation route of this competition, **Lisbon** will welcome the finest sailors in the world and the most experienced international crews. The exceptional geographic location of the Portuguese capital, as a gateway of communication between Europe and the Atlantic, its seafaring vocation and its natural conditions for water sports are just some of the differentiating factors of Lisbon that won over the organisation of the Volvo Ocean Race.

Beginning on 11 October 2017 in Alicante (Spain), the round-the-world regatta that is the Volvo Ocean Race ends on 30 June 2018 in The Hague (Holland), passing through Lisbon, Cape Town, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Auckland, Itajaí, Newport, Cardiff and Gothenburg.

Sintra Portugal Pro

Start Date: 2017-09-12 End Date: 2016-09-17

Website: <http://www.sintrabodyboard.com>

Contacts: Praia Grande - Sintra

Come and appreciate the great skill and expertise of the world's top bodyboarders, who, in September, will be taking part in the Sintra Portugal Pro at Praia Grande.

Organised under the auspices of the International Bodyboarding Association (IBA), the Sintra Portugal Pro tournament consists of both men's and women's events and is the only stage in the World Bodyboarding Championship to be held in Europe.

Contained within the boundaries of the protected area of the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park, Praia Grande is considered a major international bodyboarding event because of the quality of its waves, which allow competitors to perform some truly spectacular manoeuvres.

Porto and the North

Peso da Régua

Douro Valley Half Marathon

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://meiamaratonadouro.pt/>

In May, come to the Douro wine region and take part in one of the world's most beautiful races!

Starting at the lake formed by the dam of the Barragem de Bagaúste in the municipality of Armamar and ending in the Avenida do Douro in Peso da Régua, this half marathon covers a distance of roughly 21 kilometres along the banks of the River Douro, passing through some truly breathtaking countryside. This sports event has gradually earned a firm reputation both nationally and internationally and brings together thousands of competitors from all kinds of different countries.

Besides the half marathon, there will be other events designed to make your stay in the region an unforgettable experience, such as concerts, exhibitions or special wine tasting sessions, all taking place in what is the world's oldest demarcated wine region, classified by UNESCO as World Heritage.

Porto

Red Bull Air Race

Start Date: 2017-09-02 End Date: 2017-09-03

Website: <http://www.redbullairrace.com>

Contacts: Porto

In September come to Oporto to watch the Red Bull Air Race – the world's most exciting air race!

If you like competitions that test pilots' aeronautics skills don't miss the Red Bull Air Race world circuit over the River Douro. This competition consists of a slalom race - where the world's most skilful pilots manoeuvre around obstacles in flights that almost touch the ground and trace tight circles. In addition to great speed, this competition also requires minute precision and dexterity, since the smallest error can jeopardise the performance.

In addition to the city of Oporto (whose historic centre is a World Heritage site), the air race world circuit will be held in other parts of the globe, including Abu Dhabi, San Diego, Chiba, Budapest, Kazan, Lausitz and Indianapolis.

Theatre

Lisboa Region

Lisboa

FIMFA - International Festival of Puppets and Animated Forms

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://fimfalx.blogspot.com>

Contacts: Lisboa

In May, FIMFA brings puppets from throughout the world to Lisbon.

Professional **puppet companies from various countries**, of recognised international merit, present their latest creations in an innovative programme, targeted at various publics and age groups.

In parallel to the puppet theatre shows, colloquia, exhibitions and workshops are held, related to this theme.

Porto and the North

Porto

FIMP - International Puppet Festival

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.fimp.pt>

Contacts: Porto - Teatro Municipal do Porto Rivoli -
Campo Alegre, Teatro Nacional São João, Teatro do
Bolhão

In October, don't miss the International Puppet Festival of
Oporto.

This festival is an encounter between the arts and different
linguistic styles that lights up the city of Oporton that takes place
in Oporto's leading performance venues.