
Celebrations

Azores

Angra do Heroísmo

Sanjoaninas

Start Date: 2017-06-22 End Date: 2017-07-02

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.

Centro de Portugal

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: 2017-06-01 End Date: 2017-07-01

**Website: <http://www.festasdelisboa.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

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!

Porto and the North

Guimarães

Festas Gualterianas

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.aoficina.pt>,
<http://www.guimaraesturismo.com>

Contacts: Guimarães

If you visit Guimarães during the first weekend in August, you will be able to enjoy the Festas Gualterianas, which have brought great life and entertainment to this city for more than a century.

The high point of the celebrations is the procession held in honour of São Gualter (St. Walter). This takes place on the Sunday, but the vast programme of entertainment includes more than enough activities to appeal to everyone. There is also a historical parade, a battle fought with flowers, bullfighting, fireworks and lots of live music.

Lamego

Festivities of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios

Date to be announced.

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.

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

Date to be announced.

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.

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.

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](#)

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

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.

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 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 created 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: 2017-08-05 End Date: 2017-09-11

**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.

Porto and the North

Ponte de Lima

Ponte de Lima Horse Fair

Start Date: 2017-07-06 **End Date:** 2017-07-09

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

Contacts: Expolima - Ponte de Lima

With the River Lima in the background, one of the country's biggest horse events is held in June in the North of Portugal.

The strong equestrian tradition in Ponte de Lima led to creation of the Horse Fair – an event which attracts a large number of visitors and exhibitors, including participation of national and foreign thoroughbred breeders. In parallel there are various national competitive events in the fields of Harness, Horseball and show jumping, involving renowned riders.

In addition to the equestrian activities, the Horse Fair also includes gastronomy and handicrafts displays and many entertainment activities.

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.

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

Festival Bons Sons

Start Date: 2017-08-11 End Date: 2017-08-14

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

Contacts: Cem Soldos (Tomar)

In mid-August in the village of Cem Soldos near Tomar, the Bons Sons Festival spotlights the best of Portuguese music, embracing all genres and open to all generations.

More than a festival, Bons Sons is a unique experience since the festival venue is the actual village, which accommodates eight stages, perfectly incorporated into its streets, squares, churches, and other local facilities, each with a different programming line.

The integration in the village environment does not stop here, since the villagers themselves are involved in staging the festival, welcoming and supporting visitors in a special exchange between host and visitor that provides an unparalleled experience of a musical event.

NOS Summer Opening

Start Date: 2017-07-21 End Date: 2017-07-22

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

Contacts: Funchal

In July, in a unique natural setting with the Atlantic Ocean and Funchal as a backdrop, NOS Summer Opening is a true feast, a tribute to the sun and positive energy.

This urban festival takes place in the amphitheatre of the Parque de Santa Catarina where, for two days, you can hear good vibrations punctuated by Hip-Hop, Reggae, Funk and Soul. A wide range of artists have already featured in previous years, including Skye and Ross from Morcheeba, Buraka Som Sistema, Richie Campbell, Natiruts, Dengaz, Gabriel o Pensador, Jazzanova, Da Chick, Orelha Negra, and many others.

To enable you to fully enjoy the festival and the best island destination in the world there are two-day passes, to which you can add 4-item packs that offer experiences like paragliding, surf trips, downhill mountain bike rides, jeep or catamaran whale-watching trips.

Alentejo

"Terras sem Sombra" Festival

Start Date: 2017-02-11 End Date: 2017-07-01

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.

Marvão

Marvão International Music Festival

Start Date: 2017-07-21 End Date: 2017-07-30

Website: <http://marvaomusic.com>

Contacts: Marvão

In July the magic of classical music invades the dream-like setting of Marvão, in Alentejo.

With a focus on quality, through a **carefully constructed programme and the selection of peerless musicians** from various parts of the world, the Marvão International Music Festival has been making its mark on the European itineraries of summer festivals of classical music.

At the same time, this event aims to open up to a new audience and new experiences as it harmoniously links together various musical styles and other forms of artistic expression, such as the visual arts and dance, thus becoming an excellent stage for creativity.

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.

Zambujeira do Mar

MEO Sudoeste Festival

Start Date: 2017-08-01 End Date: 2017-08-05

Website: <http://sudoeste.meo.pt>

Contacts: Herdade da Casa Branca - Zambujeira do Mar

The Sudoeste (Southwest) Festival is the biggest summer festival in Portugal. It takes place in August in Zambujeira do Mar, a fishing town on the Alentejo coast famous for its beautiful beaches and mild temperatures.

For five days there are performances by bands of various types. The show carries on through the early hours and onwards with electronic music, but to know all that will happen, take a look at its official website.

As always, the party takes place at Zambujeira do Mar, a fishing town on the Alentejo coast famous for its beautiful beaches and mild temperatures. Those who acquire the festival pass have access to free camping, which means a vacation week for a very nice price!

Algarve

Loulé

Festival Med

Start Date: 2017-06-29 End Date: 2017-07-02

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

Figueira da Foz

RFM SOMNII

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

Website: <http://www.rfm.sapo.pt>

Contacts: Praia do Relógio - Figueira da Foz

In July, come and be part of the RFM SOMNII in Figueira da Foz, an unmissable event that promises to be the best sunset party ever.

For three days, the RFM SOMNII will be bringing the huge beach of Praia do Relógio in Figueira da Foz to life, with the sounds of the best DJs in the world. Sun, beach and plenty of electronic music in a wonderful natural setting are the ingredients of this festival, a unique experience that attracts a bigger and bigger audience year by year: around 80,000 people are expected at this year's event.

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

Start Date: 2017-06-30 End Date: 2017-07-01

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.

Estoril

Festival Estoril Lisboa (Estoril Music Courses)

Start Date: 2017-07-01 **End Date:** 2017-07-28

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

Contacts: Estoril

The Estoril Music Weeks have helped to publicise new styles and recent creations. Don't miss this event, which takes place in July in Estoril.

The event is the result of the merger of the International Music Courses, the Music Festival and the Estoril Concert Contest.

Lisboa

Festival ao Largo

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

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

Contacts: Largo de São Carlos - Lisboa

In July make sure to visit the Largo São Carlos and watch some high-quality performances.

The "Festival ao Largo" (Festival in the square) brings erudite art into the street - offering free performances including symphony music, ballet and theatre, with participation by the Portuguese Symphony Orchestra, the Choir of the São Carlos National Theatre, the National Ballet Company and the D. Maria II National Theatre, amongst many other prestigious artistic groups.

Super Bock Super Rock Festival

Start Date: 2017-07-13 **End Date:** 2017-07-15

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

Contacts: Parque das Nações

Super Bock Super Rock is in the image of Rock, dissatisfied! The next edition promises to be amazing.

The festival that many have already designated as the "chameleon" because of how it has reinvented itself over the years, in 2015 has returned to near the Tagus, choosing the area of Parque da Nações, to revolutionize, once again, the paradigm of the big festivals in Portugal.

Featuring a completely new format for the major festivals in Portugal, boasting a modern, urban, cosmopolitan concept in 2016, Super Bock Super Rock will ensure, as always, the most extraordinary international and Portuguese artists.

Jazz in August

Start Date: 2017-07-28 **End Date:** 2017-08-06

Website: <http://www.musica.gulbenkian.pt/jazz/>

Contacts: Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian - Lisboa

Attend open-air jazz concerts during Jazz in August, held at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian in Lisbon.

Jazz in August shows the multiple identities of jazz, a more unusual programme than what is offered at the main international festivals.

Oeiras

EDP CoolJazz

Date to be announced.

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

Contacts: Parque dos Poetas, Parque Marquês de Pombal - Oeiras

Do summer nights, beautiful gardens and excellent music sound like the perfect combination to you?

High quality and high mix is the motto of the Cool Jazz Festival that presents leading contemporary singers and instrumentalists in unique locations close to Lisbon. The performances will be held in stunning open-air locations.

Before or after the shows, take the opportunity to learn more about this region. In bygone days, this zone served as the pleasure grounds for kings and nobleman. There is no shortage of attractions - beautiful palaces and museums, busy and quiet beaches, fine restaurants and plenty of amusements. You won't want to leave!

NOS Alive

Start Date: 2017-07-06 **End Date:** 2017-07-08

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.

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.

Vila Nova de Gaia

NOS em D'Bandada

Date to be announced.

Contacts: Porto

In September do not miss NOS em D'Bandada, a festival that for 18 hours fills the streets of Porto's historic centre with music.

The concerts, which are free and take place in various venues in the city, focus on Portuguese music and feature both big names and up-and-coming bands that cover all musical genres.

MEO Marés Vivas Festival

Start Date: 2017-07-13 End Date: 2017-07-15

Website: <http://maresvivas.meo.pt>

Contacts: Cabedelo - Vila Nova de Gaia

“Urbane, all-encompassing and an absolute must”, that's how the Marés Vivas Festival (Living Tides Festival) is being described, which is taking place against the unique backdrop of Cabedelo, by the Rio Douro estuary in Vila Nova de Gaia. Have you already bought your ticket?

If the description of urbane is down to its closeness to the cities of Gaia and Porto, which makes it easy to get to by public transport, then the term all-encompassing refers to the diversity of famous artists to be heard at this festival which makes it a must for a large public coming not just from all over Portugal, but also Spain and the rest of Europe.

Apart from the music, which is being performed at a beautiful natural spot very close to the beaches, the Marés Vivas Festival is also concerned with nature and the environment, actually having the 100R Certificate which it was awarded in 2010.

Other

Algarve

Castro Marim

Medieval Days in Castro Marim

Date to be announced.

**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

Sagres Birdwatching Festival

Start Date: 2017-10-04 End Date: 2017-10-08

**Website: <http://www.birdwatchingsagres.com>,
<https://www.facebook.com/birdwatchingfestivalofsagres>**

Contacts: Sagres

Plan your visit to Sagres and do not miss the Birdwatching Festival!

In **October**, Sagres in the Algarve will host the largest birdwatching event held in Portugal: the "Bird Watching Festival". Sagres, a place with a **huge biodiversity and beautiful landscapes**, is at this time of the year the main crossing point in Portugal for migratory birds, towards the warm lands of Africa.

The program includes more than 160 **different activities** where you can participate alone or with friends or family. It includes activities such as field trips, boat trips, short-courses, environmental education workshops, bird ringing and monitoring sessions, and much more. But there are other possibilities: pedestrian walks, guided tours about the history of Sagres, walks with donkeys or horses on boat trips, whale watching, bird watching, horse riding, and much more. There are also accommodation, restaurants and shops. Partners, including

Silves

Silves Medieval Fair

Date to be announced.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Feira-Medieval-de-Silves/231860703494421>

Contacts: Silves

Visit Silves in August and see how the Moors and Christians lived in the Middle Ages.

During a nine-day period, Silves (capital of the Algarve during the Arab occupation) will return to its golden age. In a historical recreation of the Christian Reconquest era, the city will be invaded by characters from the distant past, including jugglers, acrobats, dancers and snake charmers, who will exhibit their skills.

Don't miss this opportunity to see a live-action history lesson, including processions of noblemen, jousting tournaments and artisans and merchants offering their wares.

Azores

Horta

Sea Week

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.visitazores.com>,
<http://www.cmhorta.pt>

Contacts: Horta - Faial

During one week in August, the sea is the key theme underlying the year's most important event in the island of Faial.

The nautical Festival is the main event within the Sea Week and includes sporting competitions in various modalities such as swimming, diving, water polo, sail- and whale-boat regattas, rowing, canoeing, jet skiing, and angling.

On land, the animation is complemented by music and folklore performances, exhibitions, handicrafts and gastronomy fairs. The week ends with a grandiose fireworks display over the Bay of Horta.

Centro de Portugal

Águeda

AgitÁgueda

Start Date: 2017-07-01 End Date: 2017-07-23

Contacts: Águeda

Every year in July, the AgitÁgueda Festival brings a lot of colour and animation to this city in the heart of Portugal.

This event, held in the city centre along the river, is world renowned for the originality of the Umbrella Sky Project, where over 3000 colourful umbrellas covered four of its main streets in an event of great visual impact. In addition to this and other facilities that allow urban art to be their distinguishing feature, the AgitÁgueda program includes performances, concerts and many amazing initiatives that make of it a unique event.

Coimbra

Arts Festival

Start Date: 2017-07-15 End Date: 2017-07-23

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

Contacts: Quinta das Lágrimas - Coimbra

In July, Coimbra will be hosting its Arts Festival, organised by the Inês de Castro Foundation.

This is an eclectic festival offering public exposure to **all kinds of artistic expression**: music, painting, theatre, literature, cinema, photography and much more besides! The Festival will mainly take place in the spectacular open-air amphitheatre at the Quinta das Lágrimas.

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

Medieval market

Start Date: 2017-07-13 End Date: 2017-08-06

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

Contacts: Óbidos

In July, visit the Obidos medieval market, and back in time.

Surrounded by its high town walls, Obidos is the ideal scenario for hundreds of extras and actors, fully dressed in medieval costumes, who animate the town's streets, as they portray noblemen, beggars, mule-drivers, jugglers, musicians, jesters and dancers.

The main site of the entertainment events is located next to the castle, which will be the location of jousting tournaments, on horse and on foot, medieval dinners and the market, where everything is sold from medieval costumes to traditional home-made medical remedies.

Viseu

Ephemeral Gardens

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

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

Contacts: Viseu

In July, the Historic Centre of Viseu will once again be the stage for artistic creations in the domain of architecture, visual arts, sound, dance, theatre, cinema, polis, workshops and markets.

This multicultural event, **Ephemeral Gardens**, transforms Viseu into a place where the imagination examines new forms with the community, by the hand of local, national and international artists. Its artistic expressions and creations are displayed in iconic parts of the city of Viseu, like the Cathedral, the Misericórdia Church, museums, chapels, gardens, squares and several buildings in the historic centre, making it possible to enjoy these places in a completely different way.

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 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

Santa Maria da Feira

Medieval journey to Santa Maria da Feira

Start Date: 2017-08-02 End Date: 2017-08-13

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

Contacts: Santa Maria da Feira

Every year in the month of August, Santa Maria da Feira once again becomes a medieval town, filled with knights in heavy armour, wielding long swords and taking part in jousting tournaments.

Over a 12-day period, the historical centre is transformed into a **major medieval fair**, with the presence of merchants, artisans, blacksmiths, bakers, mule-drivers and liqueur sellers.

Inside the castle, visitors may observe scenes from the **daily life of the epoch** and outside they may take part in the renowned festivities and savour specialty dishes from the past. In the streets, acrobats, musicians, jugglers and fire-eaters exhibit their skills, transporting visitors back in time.

Sport

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

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.visitargarve.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

Red Bull Cliff Diving

Start Date: 2017-07-09 **End Date:** 2017-07-09

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

Contacts: Ilha de São Miguel - Açores

In July, in the Azores, don't miss the chance to see the world's top divers displaying all their skills.

The Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series will be hosting a stage in São Miguel, on the tiny islet of Vila Franca do Campo, a beautiful nature reserve set in the crater of an extinct volcano. Cliff diving is a highly spectacular sport, and here divers will be competing from a height of roughly 27 metres, reaching speeds of up to 85 kilometres per hour.

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

PT281+ Ultramarathon Beira Baixa

Start Date: 2017-07-27 **End Date:** 2017-07-30

Website: <http://www.pt281.com/>

Contacts: Beira interior

At the end of July athletes from all over the world will be competing in a long distance race over 281 kilometres on a four-day and three-night trip across Beira Interior in the Centro de Portugal.

The PT281+ Ultramarathon is a major test of the limits of the participants who will have to find an answer to this hard physical challenge in a maximum of 66 hours, guided by GPS along paths, woodland trails, country roads, tracks, walking trails and asphalt roads.

This event, which starts in Penamacor and ends in Castelo Branco, passes through the municipalities of Idanha-a-Nova, Vila Velha de Rodão, Proença-a-Nova and Oleiros. It is also an opportunity to find out about local customs and traditions, as well as the region's natural and historical heritage, which include, the historical Schist Villages, the Parque Natural do Tejo Internacional (Tagus International Natural Park) and the Geoparque Naturtejo (Naturtejo Geopark).

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.

Torres Vedras

Santa Cruz Ocean Spirit

Start Date: 2017-07-14 End Date: 2017-07-23

Website: <http://www.oceanspirit.pt/>, <http://www.visitcentrodeportugal.com.pt/es/events/santa-cruz-ocean-spirit/>

Contacts: Praia de Santa Cruz, Torres Vedras

Santa Cruz Ocean Spirit, the biggest international wave sports festival, is returning to Praia de Santa Cruz (Torres Vedras) for an action-packed 10 days with lots of new features and an even greater concern for the environment.

This festival has been held since 2007 and includes **national and international events** in various disciplines such as Surfing, Bodyboarding, Kitesurfing, Bodysurfing, Kayaksurfing, Skimboarding, Wave-skiing, Swimming, Adaptive Surfing and Stand Up Paddling.

But while the sea may be the focus of everyone's attention, the sand is also the setting for a **range of activities**, whether for trying out various sports in the swimming pool installed there or taking advantage of the presence of commercial enterprises linked to sea sports. These include surf schools and training centres for other disciplines, shops, restaurants and publicity areas of the various sponsors.

The festival includes an **environmental education** strand, too, with experiences in the area of nature conservation, and a **solidarity strand**, inviting participants to contribute to a cause.

Santa Cruz Ocean Spirit does not stop when night falls, since between 21.00 and 3.00 there will be performances by **various bands and DJs** to keep the night-time entertainment going on the beach.

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.

Cascais

Estoril International Showjumping Competition (CSI/5*)

Start Date: 2017-07-06 End Date: 2017-07-08

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

Contacts: Hípódromo Manuel Possolo - Cascais

Horse fans cannot afford to miss the International Showjumping Competition that, in July, will be bringing some of the best horsemen and women in the world to Cascais.

The Estoril International Showjumping Competition is part of the **Global Champions Tour**, which includes ten heats. The event has been awarded the CSI/five-star classification, the highest distinction in the sport.

This top-class competition will once again take place at the **Manuel Possolo Hippodrome in Cascais**, a venue that is now almost 70 years old and has recently been improved and equipped with excellent technical facilities, testifying to the longstanding equestrian traditions to be found in the cosmopolitan town of Cascais.

Lisboa

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.

Madeira

Funchal

Extreme Sailing Series

Start Date: 2017-06-29 End Date: 2017-07-02

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

Contacts: Funchal

In July at Funchal, do not miss a stage of the Extreme Sailing Series global tour, an international inshore racing circuit, known as the Formula 1 of sailing.

This spectacular circuit brings together the best skippers on the planet - from Olympic medalists to round-the-world record holders - competing against each other in state of the art 40-foot catamarans. The crews, racing identical speed machines, battle it out on short courses set very close to the shore and at the heart of cities, in order to bring the action to the public, who sometimes stands less than 5 meters away from the boats!

Ilha da Madeira

Rally Vinho da Madeira

Date to be announced.

Website: <http://www.ralivm.com>,
<http://www.madeiraislands.travel>

Contacts: Ilha da Madeira

The European Rally Championship is hosted in the spectacular landscapes of the island of Madeira in August.

The European Rally Championship is the oldest international competition organised by FIA (the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile), and includes 10 events in 10 European countries. The Madeira Wine rally is one of the most important events in the championship and is the region's biggest automobile event, attracting thousands of spectators to mountainous areas in search of a better place to watch the vehicles as they thunder by.

The rally is named after one of the main products in Madeira, the liqueur wine that was already highly popular in European courts in the 18th century due to its unique aroma and flavour.

Porto and the North

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

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.