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For surfers looking for a break

If you've opened this guide, it's because your passion for surfing has brought you here. But this isn't your usual surf guide.

It's an invitation for surfers of all levels to follow their curiosity beyond the waves and discover new spots away from the shore. And perhaps, along the way, we'll even lead you to your next surf break. If that's your will.

Every surfer knows the feeling. The search for the right wave, the best conditions or a spot you haven't discovered yet. Sometimes it's right there. Other times, you need to keep going a little further.

In Portugal, there's plenty of coastline to explore. Across more than 1,800 kilometres of coast and 365 days a year, you can stop in Ericeira, Europe's first World Surfing Reserve, head to Peniche, where the WSL brings together some of the world's best surfers, or make your way to the giant waves of Nazaré.

But what happens between sessions can be just as memorable. There are cities and towns worth stopping in, markets and tables worth lingering at, vineyards, trails, heritage, art and landscapes that add stories to your trip you won't find in the forecast.

That's where this guide comes in. Across Portugal's seven regions, we've brought together 49 breaks inspired by food, wine, culture, heritage, nature and wellbeing. Some begin around a table, others in a vineyard, a museum, on a trail or in the middle of a city.

And there's a little something waiting at the end of each one: a clue to a real wave. Because the best part is up to you. After all, the true spirit of surfing lies in the thrill of the search, not just in catching waves.

Now all that's left is to choose where to start. Enjoy the ride.

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PORTO AND THE NORTH

From Espinho to Viana do Castelo, a long stretch of beach breaks, reef breaks and shifting conditions keeps surfers moving along the coast. Some sessions call for commitment, others for simply finding the right spot at the right time. And when you're ready to come ashore, keep exploring. Wine experiences, historic cities, local markets and green landscapes are all part of the ride.



Wine Cellar, Penafiel

THE VINEYARD BREAK

A crisp and expressive point break set among the granite hills and river valleys of Penafiel. Shaped by stone, oak and time, it unfolds with freshness, depth and a strong sense of place.

Takeoff
Paddle in through Penafiel, just inland from Porto, where granite soils, Tâmega valley breezes and gently rising vineyards create a natural entry into the wave. Everything flows at a fresh, confident pace.

First Section
The first drop brings freshness and bright acidity to the ride. Lemon zest, ripe peach and orange blossom stretch the face into long, fluid lines, encouraging relaxed turns and easy progression.

Middle Section
Thick skins and granite soils add body, salinity and personality. The wave gains texture while keeping its tension, revealing how inland warmth gives the grape a riper, rounder voice through firm, well-balanced sections.

Barrel
The oak barrel draws you inward. Months on fine lees, gentle stirring and a subtle touch of toast create an immersive moment where fruit, oak and time come together.

Exit
The finish lingers long, saline and gently toasted on the palate. A final smooth glide down the Tâmega ends with the warming character of an Alvarinho aguardente, leaving a lasting impression of the north's noblest white grape.

Best Conditions
Best surfed cool, never cold, with time to savour every layer of the grape, its granite and its oak.



Find another break just 42 km from Penafiel.



Ponte de Lima

THE SANCTUARY BREAK

**A peaceful river break set within a landscape where nature, heritage and spirituality have coexisted for centuries.
Quiet, authentic and deeply connected to the surrounding environment.**

Takeoff
Begin beside the historic stone bridge, where clear waters and lush scenery set the tone for a journey through one of the North's hidden treasures.

First Section
Ancient paths, granite chapels and riverside landscapes accompany the ride, revealing the rich cultural legacy that shapes the character of Estourãos.

Middle Section
The river narrows gently through untouched surroundings, inviting you to slow down and appreciate the beauty and tranquillity of the region.

Barrel
Sheltered by vegetation and stone, the experience becomes immersive and contemplative, offering a rare sense of connection with place.

Exit
The landscape opens once again, leaving you refreshed and inspired by the harmony between heritage and nature.

Best Conditions
Best surfed early morning in autumn, when sound belongs only to water and birds.



Find another break just 32 km from Ponte de Lima.



Thermal Baths, Chaves

THE SPA BREAK

A restorative escape inspired by the centuries-old thermal heritage of Chaves, where mineral-rich waters, wellbeing and tranquillity come together.

Takeoff
Step into a world of relaxation, guided by the healing waters that have drawn visitors to Chaves since Roman times, surrounded by comfort and calm.

First Section
Thermal experiences unfold gently, inviting the body to unwind while benefiting from the unique properties of the region's natural mineral waters.

Middle Section
The pace slows further as wellness rituals and hydrothermal treatments help restore balance, vitality and inner harmony.

Barrel
A moment of complete serenity, where warm waters and deep relaxation create a lasting sense of renewal and wellbeing.

Exit
You emerge refreshed and re-energised, ready to discover the cultural heritage, natural beauty and authentic flavours of the Chaves region.

Best Conditions
Best enjoyed when body and mind call for restoration, relaxation and the timeless benefits of thermal wellness.



Find another break just 144 km from Chaves.



Mercado do Bolhão, Porto

THE MARKET BREAK

A vibrant urban break that captures the essence of Porto through flavour, tradition and everyday life.

Takeoff
Enter one of the city's most iconic markets, where local voices, aromas and colours create an immediate sense of place.

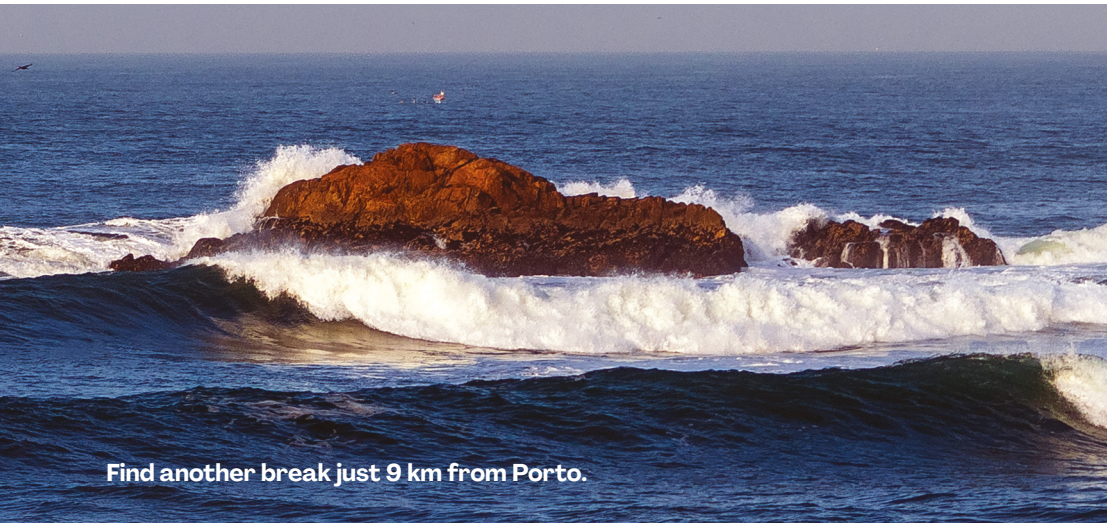
First Section
Fresh produce, seafood and regional delicacies tell the story of Northern Portugal's rich gastronomic heritage.

Middle Section
Conversations, traditions and generations of knowledge create an atmosphere that is both lively and authentic.

Barrel
At the heart of the market, Porto's character reveals itself through its people and its enduring connection to food and community.

Exit
You leave inspired to continue exploring the city's culinary culture.

Best Conditions
Best surfed mid-morning, with appetite and tolerance for noise.



Find another break just 9 km from Porto.



Street Art, Porto

THE TAG BREAK

A creative urban break where contemporary expression meets the historic fabric of Porto.

Takeoff
Wander through streets and neighbourhoods transformed by colour, imagination and artistic intervention.

First Section
Large-scale murals reveal different perspectives of the city and its communities.

Middle Section
Every corner offers a new story, reflecting Porto's vibrant cultural identity and creative energy.

Barrel
Immersive artworks invite you to pause, observe and see the city through a different lens.

Exit
You leave with a deeper appreciation of Porto's dynamic and evolving character.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with curiosity and loose rules.



Find another break just 12 km from Porto.



Museu dos Biscainhos, Braga

THE NOBLE BREAK

An elegant break inspired by the refined heritage of Braga and the grandeur of its aristocratic past.

Takeoff
An elegant break inspired by the refined heritage of Braga and the grandeur of its aristocratic past.

First Section
The palace interiors reveal centuries of craftsmanship and cultural sophistication.

Middle Section
Formal gardens create a harmonious setting where history and nature coexist.

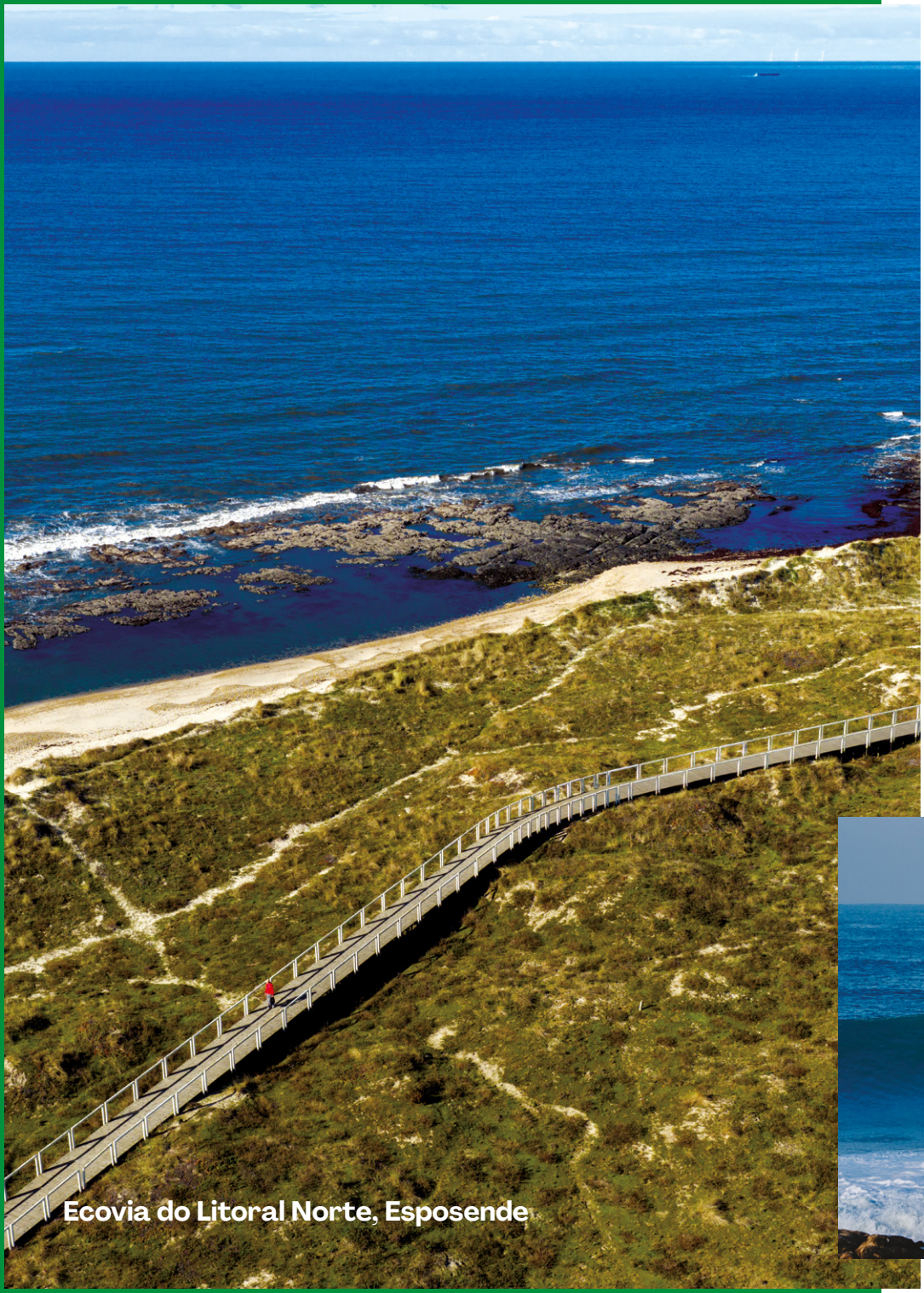
Barrel
Rich collections and intimate spaces offer a glimpse into the lifestyle of Portugal's noble families.

Exit
You leave enriched by the timeless elegance of one of Braga's cultural landmarks.

Best Conditions
Best surfed when detail matters more than speed.



Find another break just 48 km from Braga.



Ecovia do Litoral Norte, Esposende

THE PASSAGE BREAK

A scenic break celebrating the connection between nature, active tourism and coastal landscapes.

Takeoff
Follow the route as it winds through rivers, dunes and Atlantic scenery.

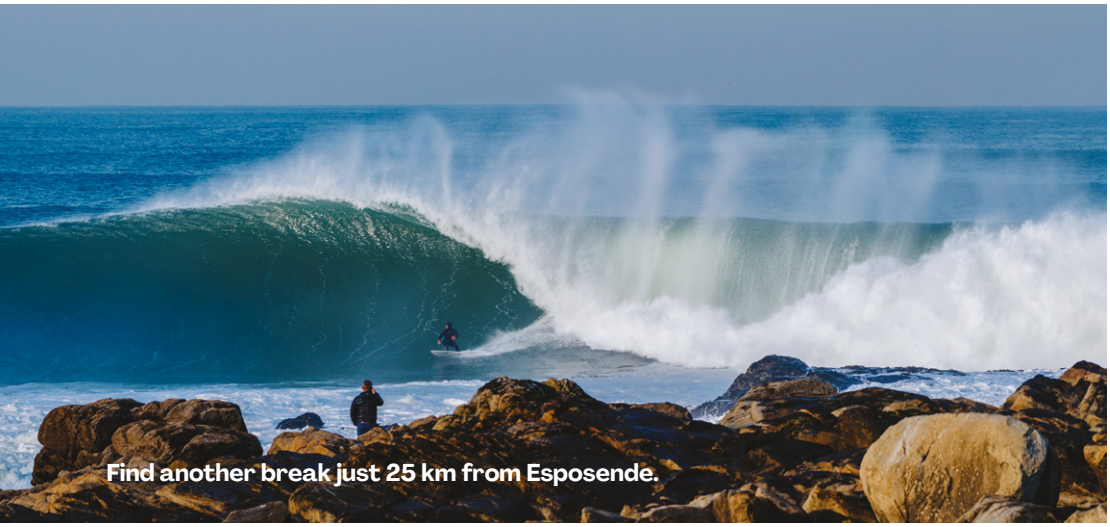
First Section
Open views and natural beauty encourage exploration at your own pace.

Middle Section
The changing landscape reveals the ecological diversity of the region.

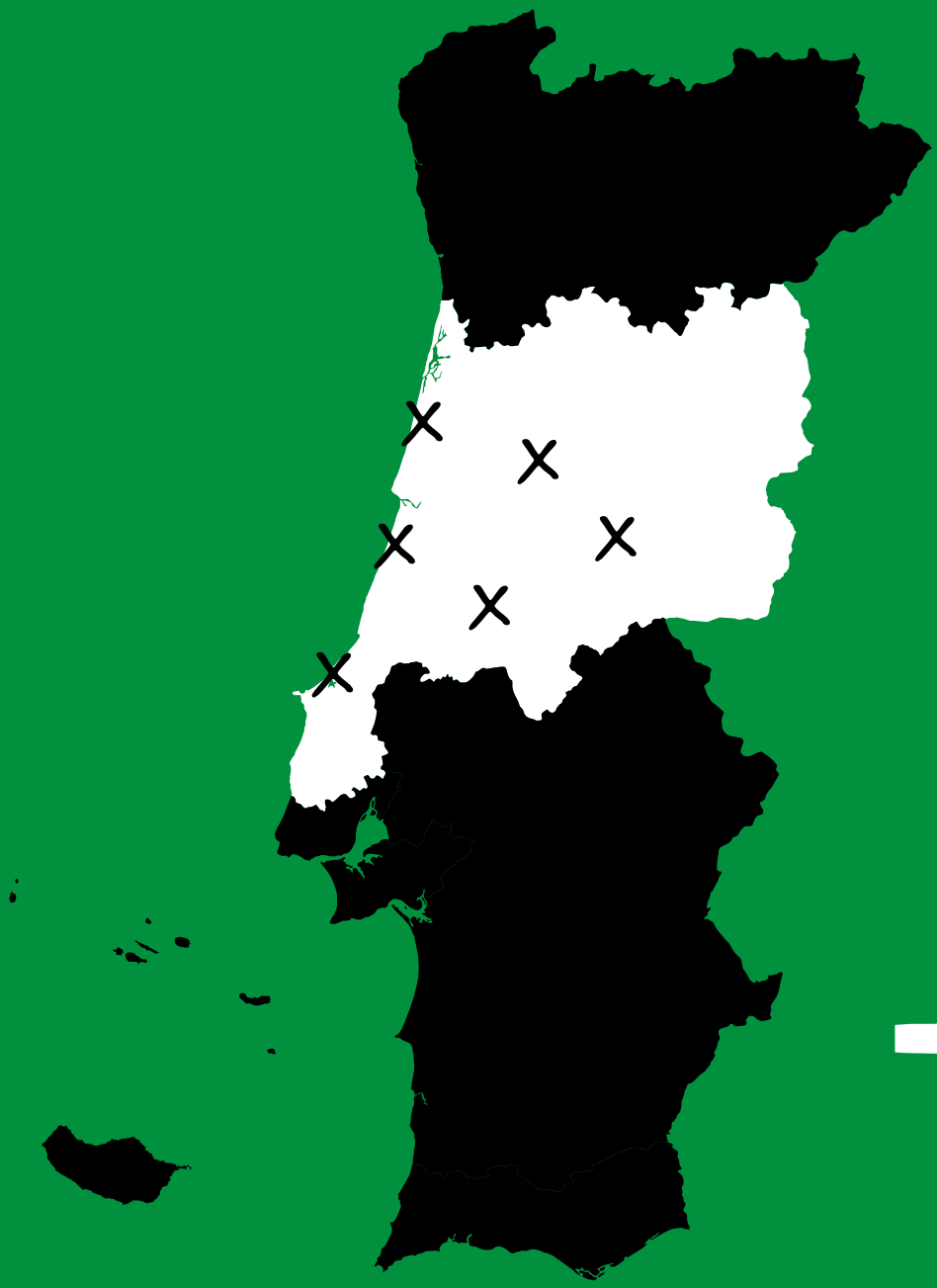
Barrel
Moments of tranquillity allow for a deeper connection with nature.

Exit
The journey ends with a renewed appreciation for slow travel and the outdoors.

Best Conditions
Best surfed over distance, not speed.

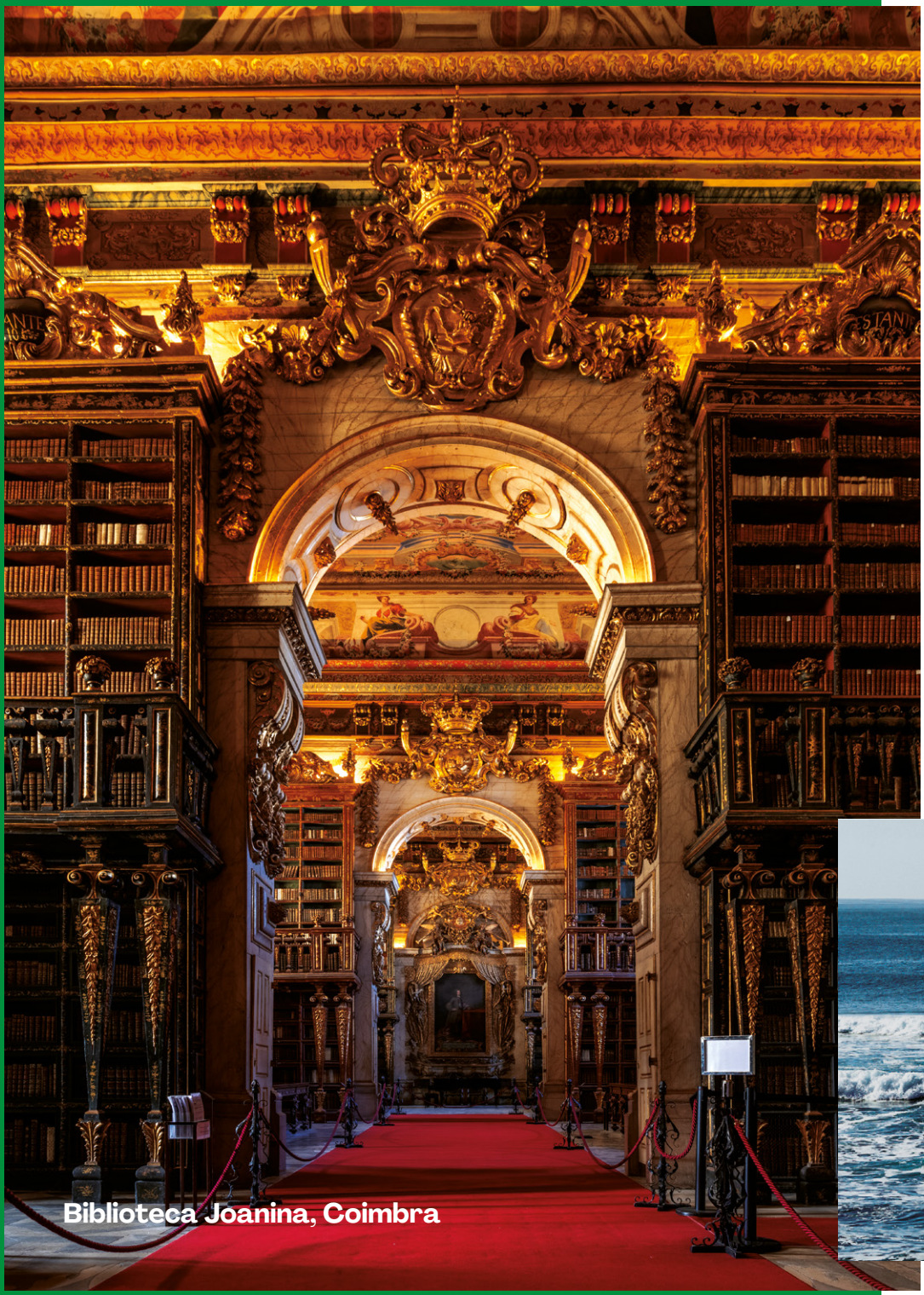


Find another break just 25 km from Esposende.



CENTER OF PORTUGAL

The Center of Portugal brings together some of the country's best-known surf territory, from the powerful beach breaks around Peniche to the giant waves of Nazaré. Head further along the coast and there's plenty more to ride, with Barra, Mira and Figueira da Foz adding their own conditions to the mix. Once you're out of the water, follow the journey inland. Food, wine, forests, heritage and centuries of history are closer than you might think.



Biblioteca Joanina, Coimbra

THE LESSON BREAK

A richly layered cultural break shaped by books, Baroque detail and centuries of knowledge. Ornate, immersive and quietly imposing.

Takeoff
Drop in beneath gilded wood and painted ceilings. A measured entry into colour, detail and silence.

First Section
Shelves rise across the face. Long, controlled lines through books, ornament and history.

Middle Section
The wave deepens. Gold, wood and colour overlap as centuries of knowledge reveal themselves around you.

Barrel
An enclosed pocket of books and decoration. Dense, intricate, absorbing. You slow down and let the details surface.

Exit
Light returns beyond the library. You glide out carrying centuries of stories with you.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, with time to look beyond the shelves.



Find another break just 60 km from Coimbra.



Ovos Moles, Aveiro

THE SWEET BREAK

A distinctive break inspired by one of Portugal's most iconic traditional sweets and the unique identity of Aveiro.

Takeoff
Begin among canals, colourful moliceiro boats and Art Nouveau façades.

First Section
The craftsmanship behind Ovos Moles reflects generations of local tradition and know-how.

Middle Section
The experience reveals the close relationship between the city, its history and its gastronomy.

Barrel
A moment to savour a delicacy recognised as a symbol of Aveiro's cultural heritage.

Exit
You leave with a taste of the city and its authentic character.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with patience and attention to detail. Not rushed. Never improvised.



Find another break just 11 km from Aveiro.



Moliceiros, Aveiro

THE DRIFT BREAK

A gentle, floating break inspired by the unique rhythm of Aveiro's canals and the colourful moliceiro boats that define the city's identity.

Takeoff
Step aboard and drift into a landscape shaped by water, maritime traditions and centuries of connection with the lagoon.

First Section
The canals guide the ride through Art Nouveau façades, bridges and reflections that reveal Aveiro's distinctive charm.

Middle Section
Moliceiros glide gracefully across the water, carrying stories of local traditions and the historic relationship between the city and the Ria.

Barrel
For a moment, water, colour and movement blend into a uniquely Aveiro experience.

Exit
The journey slows as the canals widen. You leave with a deeper appreciation for the maritime spirit that shapes the destination.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with curiosity and a camera ready for every reflection.



Find another break just 46 km from Aveiro.



Vineyards, Viseu

THE GRANITE BREAK

A journey through the wine landscapes of Center of Portugal , where vineyards, heritage and nature come together to create unforgettable experiences.

Takeoff
Begin among rolling vineyards and historic wine estates, where mountain breezes and centuries of winemaking tradition shape the character of the region.

First Section
Winding through the vineyards, each stop reveals new flavours, stories and perspectives on the people and places behind the wines.

Middle Section
Cellar visits, tastings and scenic landscapes invite a deeper connection with the region's culture, gastronomy and wine heritage.

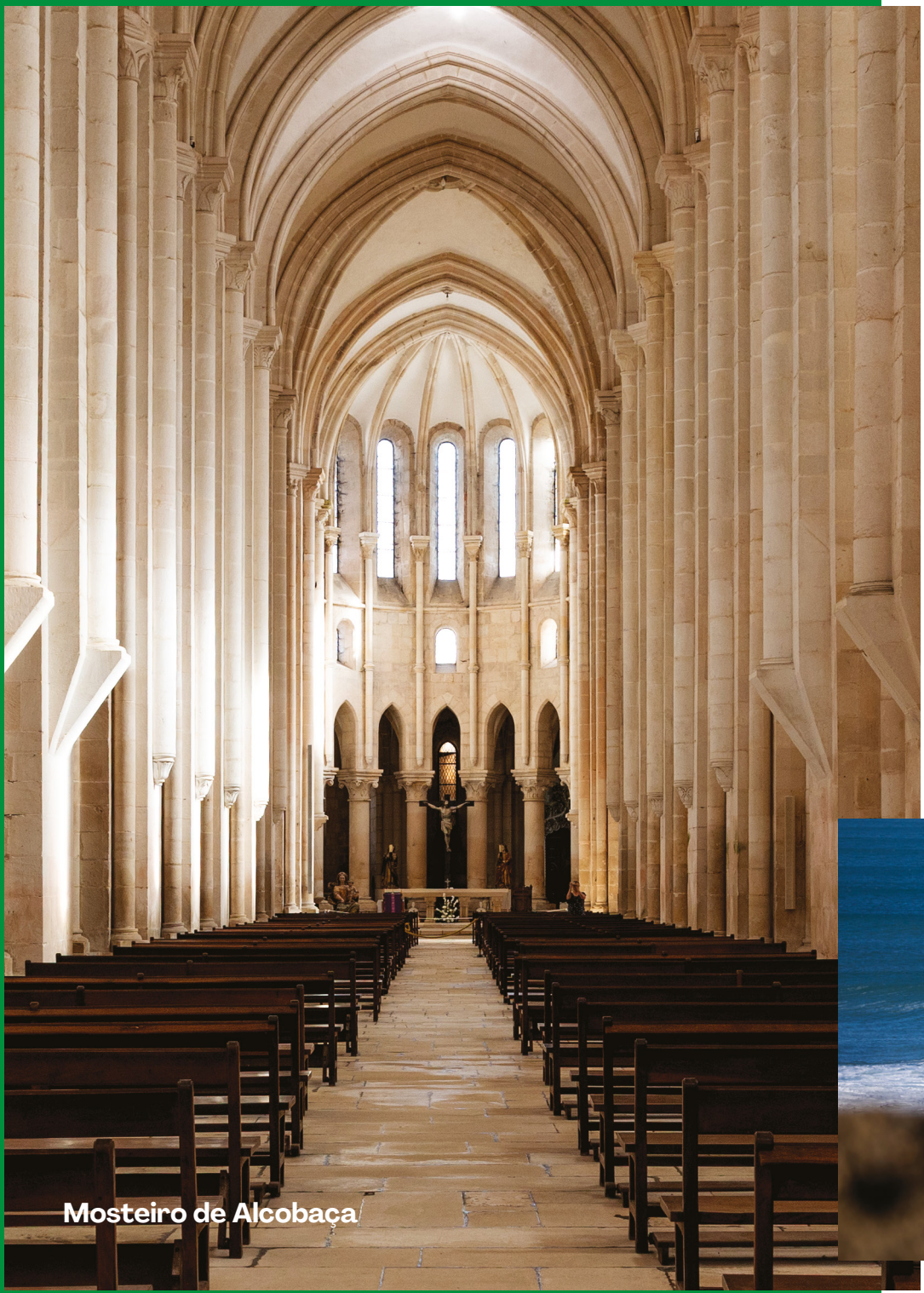
Barrel
The experience reaches its fullest expression around the table, where local wines and regional cuisine come together in perfect harmony.

Exit
You leave with a richer understanding of the region, its traditions and the unique identity expressed in every glass.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, with time to explore, taste and savour every moment.



Find another break just 95 km from Viseu.



Mosteiro de Alcobaça

THE DEVOTION BREAK

A monumental break shaped by history, spirituality and architectural grandeur. Timeless, awe-inspiring and deeply connected to Portugal's cultural heritage.

Takeoff
Enter through one of the country's most remarkable monastic complexes, where scale and simplicity create an unforgettable first impression.

First Section
Gothic lines guide the ride through vast interiors, revealing centuries of faith, craftsmanship and cultural legacy.

Middle Section
The stories of Pedro and Inês emerge from the stone, bringing emotion and human drama to the experience.

Barrel
Surrounded by silence and architectural beauty, you become immersed in the atmosphere of a place that has witnessed generations of history.

Exit
Courtyards and open spaces lead you back into the present, carrying with you the memory of one of Portugal's most iconic monuments.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with time to explore every detail.



Find another break just 12 km from Alcobaça.



Mata Nacional do Bussaco, Luso

THE FOREST BREAK

An enchanting forest break where nature, heritage and biodiversity meet beneath a canopy of towering trees.

Takeoff
Slip into winding paths surrounded by rare species, historic gardens and the distinctive atmosphere of Bussaco.

First Section
Sunlight filters through the forest, revealing landscapes that feel both natural and timeless.

Middle Section
Every turn offers new discoveries, from hidden viewpoints to centuries-old botanical treasures.

Barrel
Mist settles among the trees, creating a magical moment of immersion in one of Portugal's most unique natural settings.

Exit
The forest gradually opens, leaving you refreshed and connected to nature.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in the early morning, when the landscape feels at its most evocative.



Find another break just 55 km from Luso.



Skatepark, Belmonte

THE CONCRETE BREAK

A highland ride where movement, wellbeing and nature come together above the landscapes of Belmonte.

Takeoff
Drop in surrounded by the mountains of Center of Portugal, with open views stretching towards the majestic Serra da Estrela.

First Section
Fresh air, outdoor activity and an active lifestyle set the pace, creating the perfect environment to recharge both body and mind.

Middle Section
Every line reveals a new perspective, encouraging balance, focus and a stronger connection with the natural surroundings.

Barrel
The journey gains depth through Belmonte's unique character, where heritage, culture and wellbeing meet in a truly inspiring setting.

Exit
You roll out with renewed energy, clear focus and the feeling of having discovered a place that keeps you moving.

Best Conditions
Best surfed when you're ready to challenge yourself, embrace the outdoors and find your flow.



Find another break just 170 km from Belmonte.



LISBOA

Around Lisboa, changing coastlines mean changing waves. Follow the coast from Costa da Caparica to Carcavelos, Guincho and further north towards Ericeira and you'll find beach breaks, reefs and point breaks for different conditions and levels. The best part? You never have to choose between a surf trip and a city break. Here, the next wave can lead straight into food, culture, wine, architecture or a slower afternoon away from the water.



Street Art, Lisboa

THE WALL BREAK

A restless urban break shaped by colour, scale and creative expression. Bold, spontaneous and constantly changing.

Takeoff
Drop in at street level. Walls, façades and unexpected corners pull you into the line.

First Section
Large murals open across the face. Long, expressive carves through colour, characters and scale.

Middle Section
The city shifts around you. Smaller works appear between streets and neighbourhoods, changing the rhythm as you move.

Barrel
A narrow street closes in. Paint fills the walls. For a moment, the city becomes the gallery.

Exit
The streets open again. You glide out knowing the next work may be just around the corner.

Best Conditions
Best surfed on foot, with time to follow the unexpected.



Find another break just 15 km from Lisboa.



Vineyards, Torres Vedras

THE TERROIR BREAK

A break shaped by Atlantic influence, coastal vineyards and the electric acidity of Lisboa's great white grape.

Takeoff
Begin where Arinto vines meet open horizons and ocean breezes keep the acidity alive.

First Section
Lemon, lime and green apple cut through first, sharpened by cool Atlantic nights.

Middle Section
Limestone and clay add a chalky, mineral tension that holds the line.

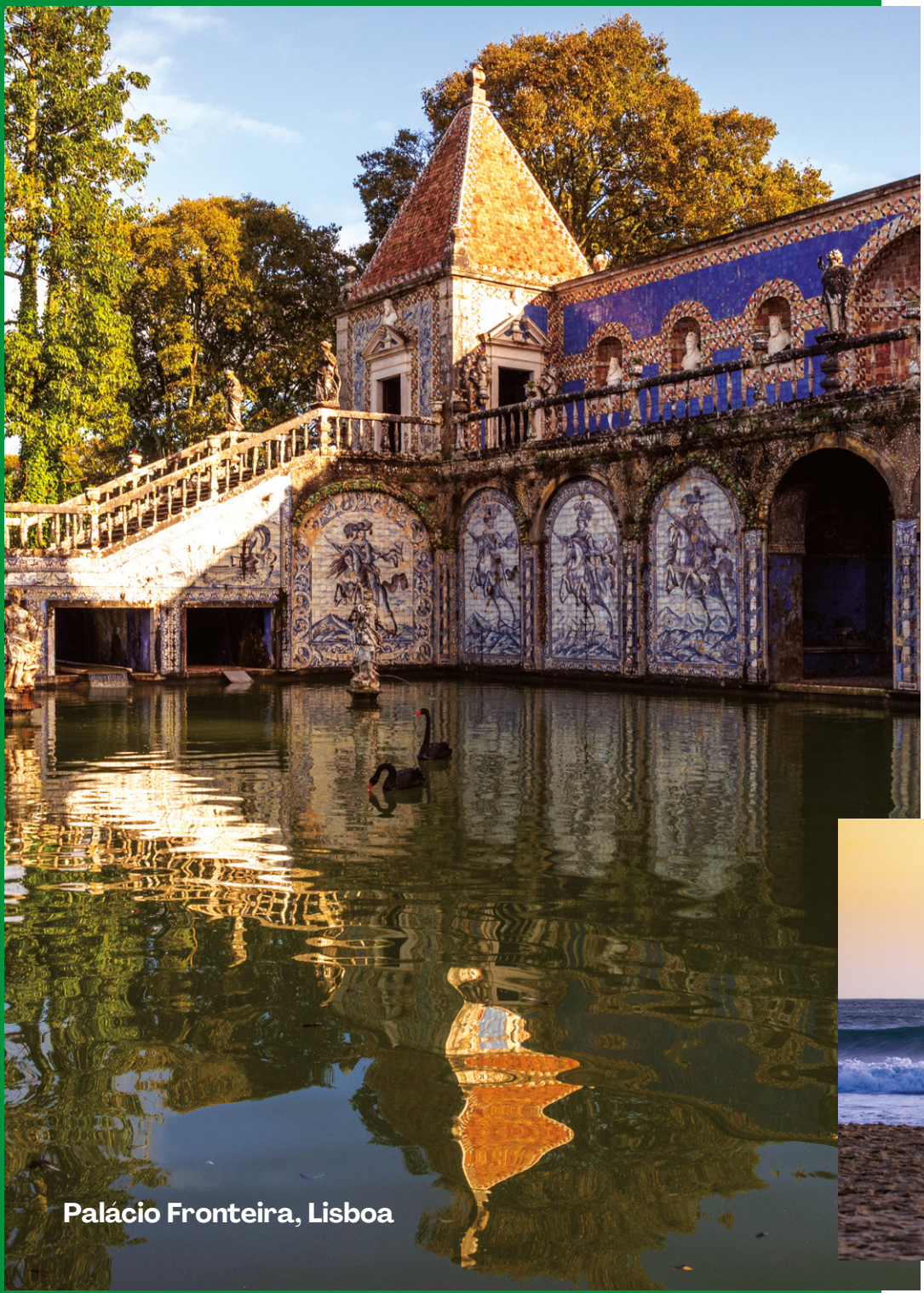
Barrel
Time on lees and in bottle reveals hidden depth, turning sharp acidity into lasting complexity.

Exit
The Atlantic returns at the end, leaving a long, salty trail that links sea and vineyard.

Best Conditions
Best surfed well chilled, with seafood close by. Precision over power.



Find another break just 20 km from Torres Vedras.



Palácio Fronteira, Lisboa

THE AZULEJO BREAK

A refined break where historic gardens, remarkable azulejos and aristocratic heritage create one of Lisbon's most elegant experiences.

Takeoff
Step through the gates and into a world of fountains, terraces and beautifully preserved landscapes.

First Section
Azulejo panels unfold like visual storytelling, revealing scenes that celebrate Portugal's history and artistic traditions.

Middle Section
Formal gardens guide the ride through symmetry, colour and tranquillity, just moments from the city centre.

Barrel
Hidden corners invite contemplation, offering a closer look at the beauty and sophistication of this historic estate.

Exit
You leave immersed in centuries of heritage while remaining connected to the vibrant energy of Lisbon.

Best Conditions
Best surfed at a leisurely pace, with time to admire every detail.



Find another break just 22 km from Lisboa.



Bacalhau a Brás, Lisboa

THE TASCA BREAK

A golden food break where an old recipe meets everyday Lisbon. Humble, comforting and full of character.

Takeoff
Follow the scent of onion and olive oil towards a pan where a Lisbon classic starts to take shape.

First Section
Shredded salt cod meets crisp matchstick potatoes, celebrating the pantry of every Portuguese home.

Middle Section
The eggs fold into the mix, with low heat, patience and timing setting the rhythm.

Barrel
At the heart of the dish, the essence of Lisbon reveals itself in that creamy, just-set moment.

Exit
You finish with parsley, black olives and a deeper taste of Lisbon's favourite comfort food.

Best Conditions
Best surfed hot, straight from the pan.



Find another break just 26 km from Lisboa.



CAM - Centro de Arte Moderna Gulbenkian, Lisboa

THE CANVAS BREAK

A thoughtful cultural break where art, architecture and nature flow together in perfect balance.

Takeoff
Enter through gardens and open spaces that create a calm transition from the city into a world of creativity.

First Section
Masterpieces from different cultures and periods unfold across the galleries, inviting curiosity and discovery.

Middle Section
The experience moves seamlessly between art, landscape and architecture, creating a rhythm that feels both inspiring and contemplative.

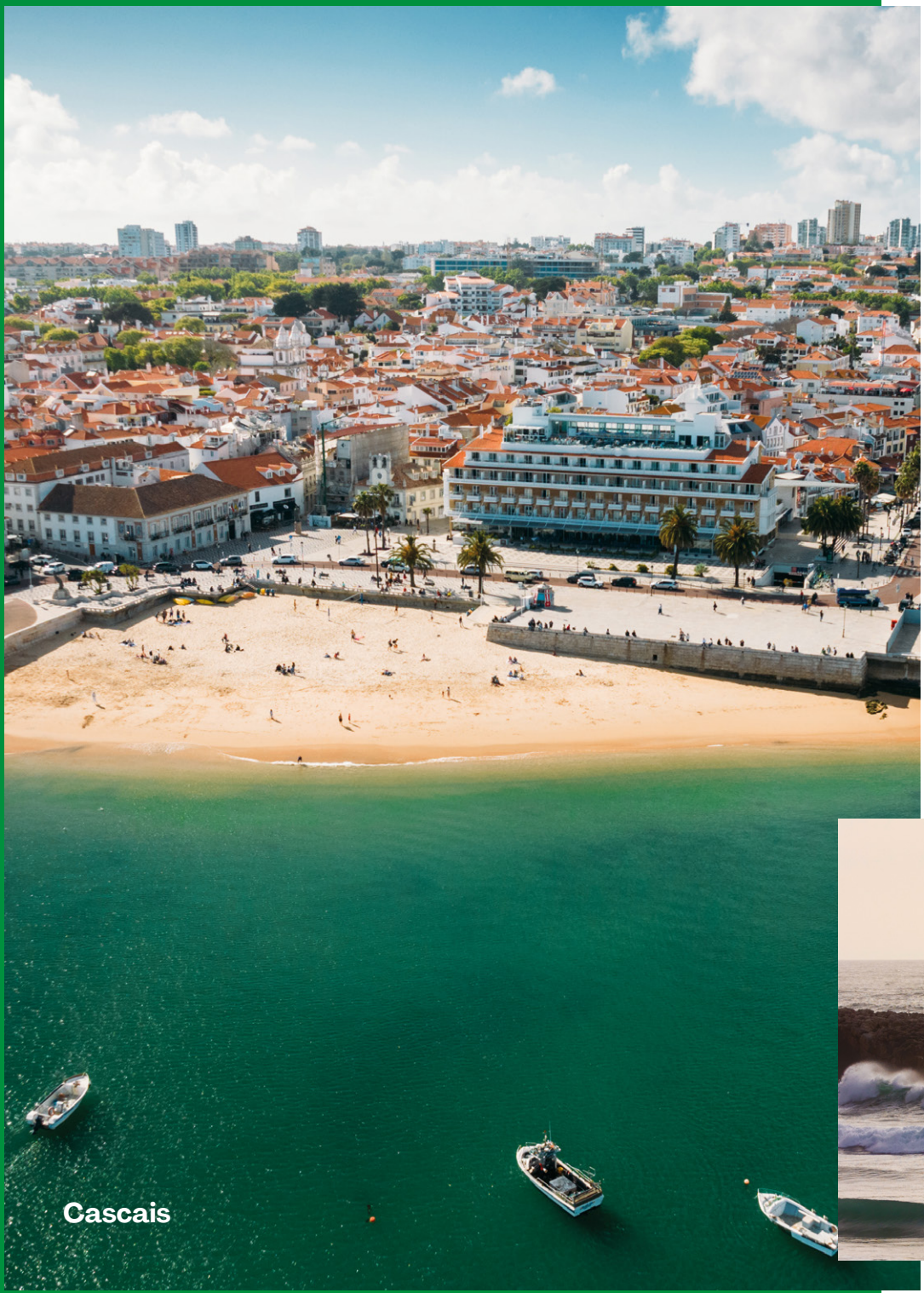
Barrel
A quiet gallery offers a moment of focus and reflection, where creativity takes centre stage.

Exit
The gardens guide you gently back outside, carrying the inspiration of one of Lisbon's leading cultural institutions.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, with an open mind and a sense of curiosity.



Find another break just 16 km from Lisboa.


Cascais

THE ROYAL BREAK

A sophisticated coastal escape where the sea, sailing lifestyle and contemporary elegance come together in one of Portugal's most iconic waterfront settings.

Takeoff
Arrive at the marina, where Atlantic views, vibrant energy and the spirit of discovery set the tone for the experience.

First Section
The coastline unfolds at a leisurely pace, revealing picturesque scenery, maritime heritage and the unique atmosphere of Cascais.

Middle Section
Moments by the water, local flavours and seaside experiences create a perfect balance between relaxation and exploration.

Barrel
At the heart of the marina, the connection between ocean, lifestyle and destination comes into full view.

Exit
You leave inspired by the beauty of the coastline and the timeless appeal of life by the sea.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in good company, with clear skies and a sense of adventure.



Find another break just 10 km from Cascais.



Parque Natural Sintra-Cascais

THE GREEN BREAK

A remarkable coastal break where dramatic cliffs, dense forests and Atlantic landscapes create one of Portugal's most remarkable natural settings.

Takeoff
Begin between mountains and ocean, where nature reveals its most untamed beauty.

First Section
Trails lead to breathtaking viewpoints overlooking the coastline.

Middle Section
The diversity of landscapes showcases the unique ecological richness of the park.

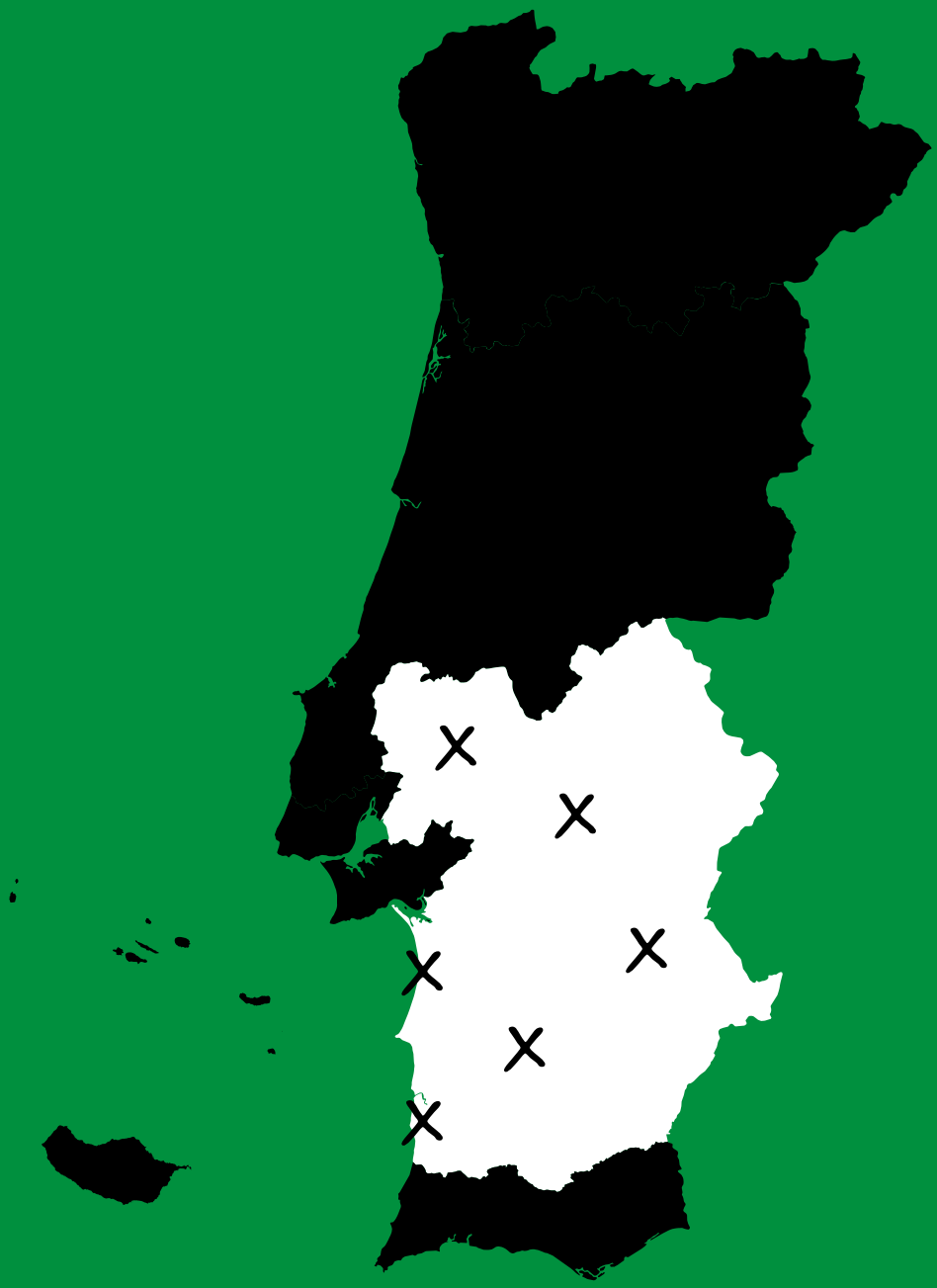
Barrel
Hidden corners offer unforgettable moments of immersion in nature.

Exit
You leave inspired by the powerful meeting of land and sea.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with respect for terrain and weather.



Find another break just 10 km from Sintra.



ALENTEJO

The Alentejo keeps things spacious. Along its wild coast, different breaks meet long beaches and a landscape where the pace changes as soon as you arrive. Surf until you've had enough, then let the road take over. Fishing towns, local food, vineyards, heritage and wide-open landscapes make the space between sessions just as much a part of the trip.



Castelo de Montemor-o-Novo

THE CASTLE BREAK

A commanding hilltop break shaped by stone, history and open Alentejo horizons. Solid, exposed and built to endure.

Takeoff
Climb towards the walls. A steady ascent into stone, height and centuries of history.

First Section
Ramparts define the face. Long, controlled carves follow the remains of the fortified town.

Middle Section
The wave opens between walls and ruins. Different layers of history emerge as you move through the site.

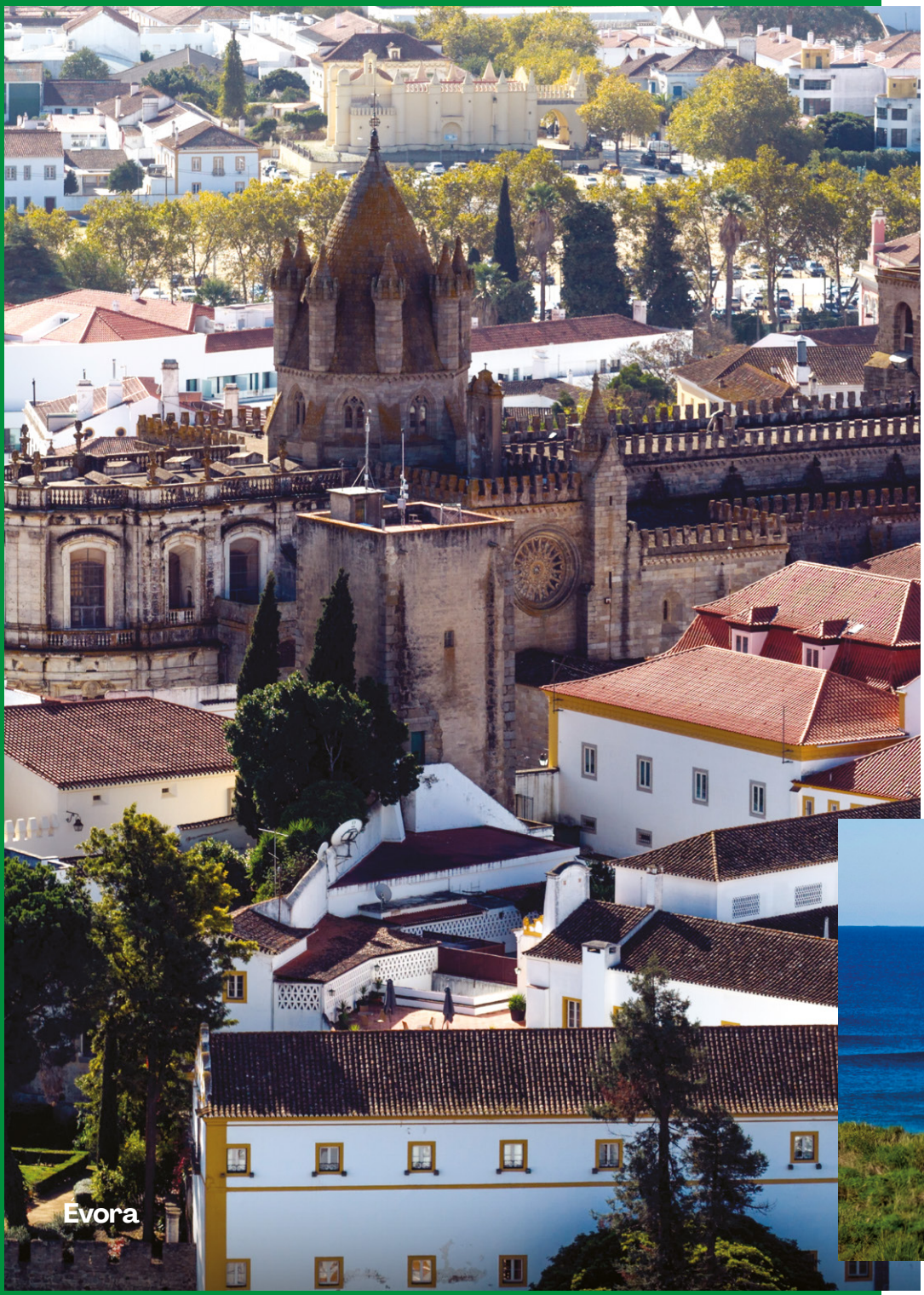
Barrel
Stone closes around you. Quiet, weathered and imposing. You hold the line through the heart of the castle.

Exit
The landscape opens beyond the walls. You glide out above the Alentejo plains.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in clear weather, when stone and horizon share the view.



Find another break just 90 km from Montemor-o-Novo.



Evora

THE HERITAGE BREAK

A remarkable heritage break where Roman, medieval and Renaissance influences come together within one of Portugal's most iconic historic cities.

Takeoff
Enter through ancient streets and welcoming squares that have connected people, cultures and stories for centuries.

First Section
Roman traces shape the route, revealing layers of history at every turn.

Middle Section
Medieval streets, churches and whitewashed buildings create an immersive journey through time.

Barrel
The heart of Évora surrounds you with architectural beauty, cultural richness and a strong sense of identity.

Exit
The city opens onto lively squares and sunlit streets, leaving you inspired by one of Portugal's great heritage destinations.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, letting history guide the journey.



Find another break just 145 km from Évora.



Street Art, Sines

THE SPRAY BREAK

A coastal urban break where contemporary creativity meets maritime heritage and Atlantic landscapes.

Takeoff
Begin along the streets of Sines, where artistic expression adds new layers to a town deeply connected to the sea.

First Section
Murals and public artworks reflect local identity, history and the energy of the surrounding coastline.

Middle Section
The creative landscape evolves as artistic interventions interact with everyday life and maritime traditions.

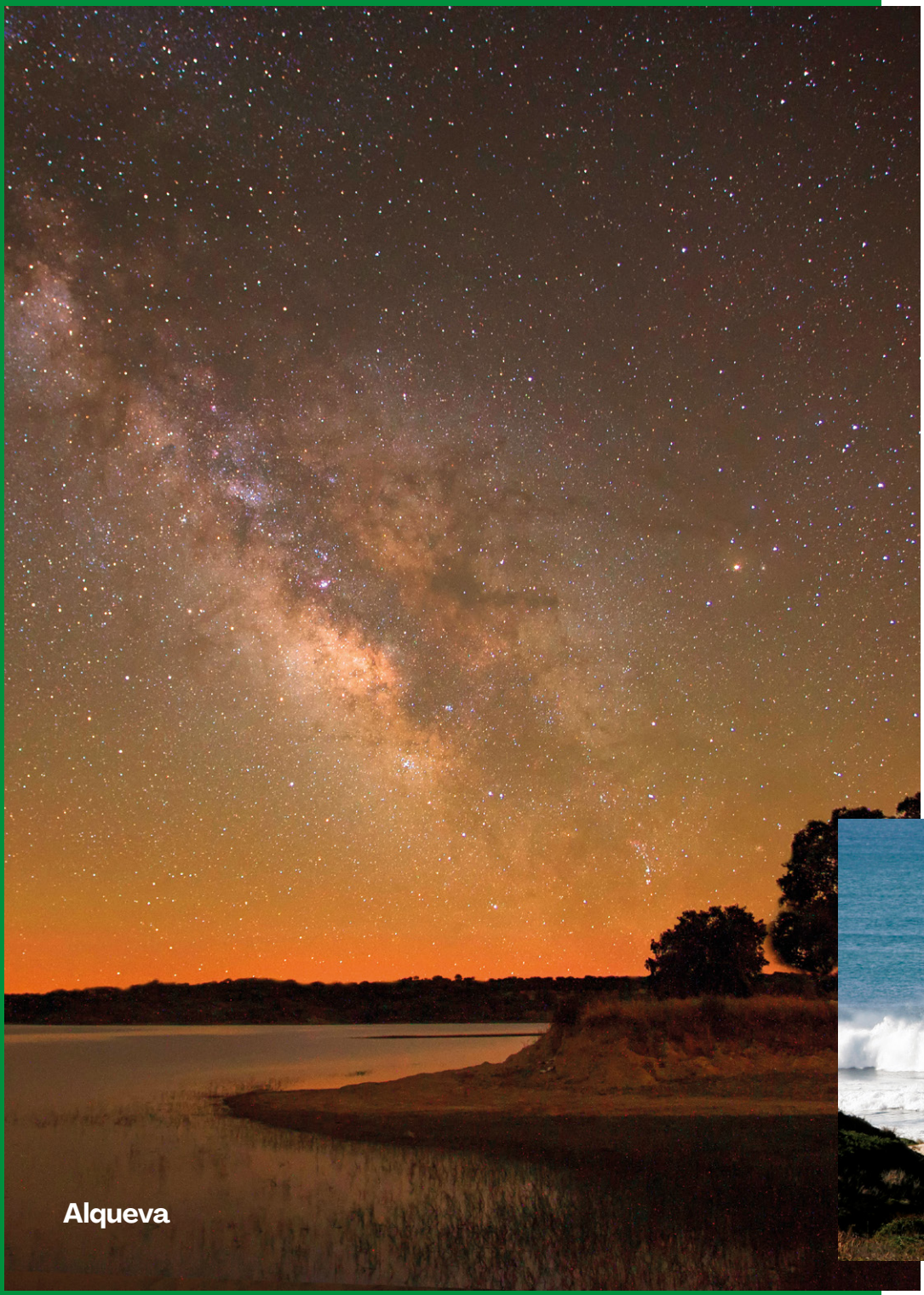
Barrel
A powerful piece captures the spirit of a destination that embraces both heritage and modern expression.

Exit
The Atlantic horizon returns, reminding you of the strong connection between culture and place.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with curiosity and a willingness to look beyond the obvious.



Find another break just 9 km from Sines.



Alqueva

THE STARLIGHT BREAK

A unique break beneath one of the world's largest Dark Sky destinations, where nature, silence and the cosmos take centre stage.

Takeoff
As daylight fades, the vast waters of Alqueva reflect the changing colours of the sky.

First Section
The landscape invites contemplation and a slower connection with nature.

Middle Section
As darkness settles, thousands of stars transform the experience into something truly memorable.

Barrel
Under pristine night skies, visitors discover one of Portugal's most extraordinary natural assets.

Exit
You leave with a renewed sense of wonder and perspective.

Best Conditions
Best surfed after sunset, with patience and curiosity.



Find another break just 170 km from Alqueva.



Wine Cellar, Beja

THE GOLDEN BREAK

A warm, sun-soaked break inspired by the wines and landscapes of the Alentejo. A journey through local flavours, winemaking traditions and the pleasure of slowing down.

Takeoff
Paddle in from the open plains of Beja, where thick-skinned grapes stand up to the summer sun. A smooth entry, a golden glow in the glass.

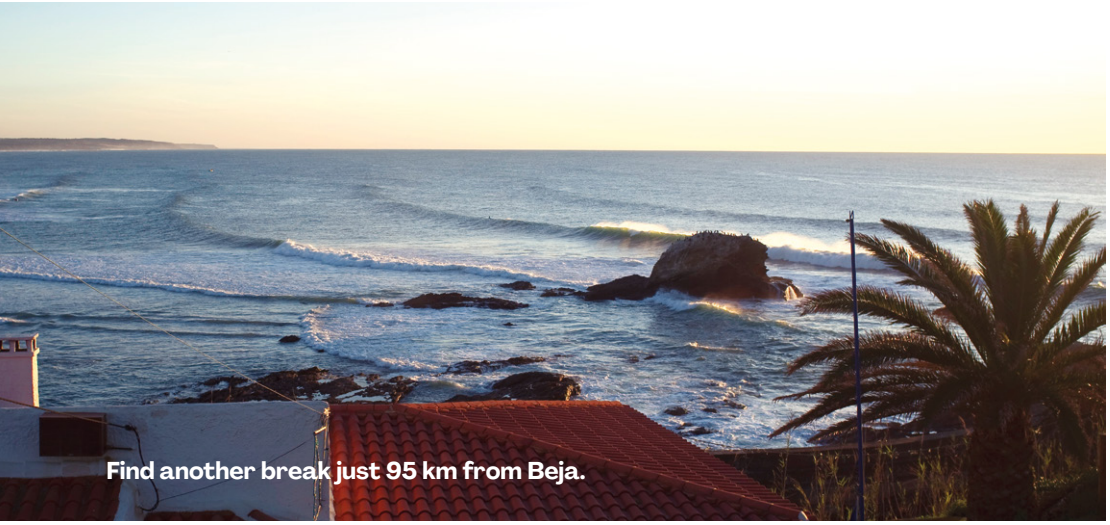
First Section
Ripe fruit defines the face. Long, open lines through citrus, peach and a hint of tropical sweetness.

Middle Section
The wave gains body. Fresh acidity holds the line while the texture fills out, round and confident without ever losing balance.

Barrel
A deeper pocket of minerality and structure, drawn from the sun-baked soils of the Beja countryside. Sometimes touched by oak, always rooted in the land. You stay inside and let it unfold.

Exit
A long, clean glide through a lingering, sunlit finish. You kick out refreshed and in no hurry.

Best Conditions
Best surfed chilled, with good food and the sun going down over Beja. Golden hour, in a glass.



Find another break just 95 km from Beja.



Cais Palafítico da Carrasqueira, Setúbal

THE STILL BREAK

A quiet break shaped by the tides, wooden walkways and fishing traditions of the Sado Estuary. Here, the rhythm belongs to the water.

Takeoff
Step onto the wooden piers of Carrasqueira. No rush, no crowds to chase. Just the tide setting the pace.

First Section
A maze of weathered wooden walkways stretches across the mudflats, each turn opening up a different view.

Middle Section
The tide moves in and out, changing the landscape with every passing hour. Fishing boats rest between trips, waiting for the water to return.

Barrel
Out on the piers, surrounded by open skies and the stillness of the estuary, there's nothing to do but take it all in.

Exit
Head back to shore with a different kind of rhythm. Slower, quieter and worth carrying into your next stop.

Best Conditions
Best surfed without a schedule. Just follow the tide and take your time.



Find another break just 77 km from Setúbal.



Sopa de Caçāo, Évora

THE SHARK BREAK

A deep, rustic shore break shaped by the Alentejo coast and inland tradition. Garlic, coriander and vinegar in one steady swell. Warm, sharp and impossible to forget.

Takeoff
Drop in through steam and garlic. A clean sour bite from the vinegar. No warm-up.

First Section
Coriander lines up the face. Firm, white cação cuts long, smooth turns through a rich, golden broth.

Middle Section
Bread waits at the bottom of the bowl. It soaks, softens and pulls you deeper. This is where the ride gets serious.

Barrel
Warm hands, full belly. You kick out slow and satisfied.

Exit
Warm hands, full belly. You kick out slow and satisfied.

Best Conditions
Best surfed hungry, on a cold day, with a spoon in one hand and bread in the other. Shark sighting guaranteed.



Find another break just 135 km from Évora.



ALGARVE

With two coastlines to work with, a change in swell can simply mean a change of direction. The west coast faces the swell head-on, while the south coast can offer a different kind of session, particularly in winter. So when conditions change, change direction. And keep that same mindset once you leave the water. From nature and local food to culture, wine and the region's towns, there's always another reason to stay on the move and not to rush back into the water.



Mercado Municipal de Olhão

THE TABLE BREAK

A lively market break shaped by fresh produce, local voices and the flavours of the Algarve. Direct, colourful and full of energy.

Takeoff
Drop in early. Counters fill, voices rise and the market quickly finds its rhythm.

First Section
Fish and seafood set the first line. Fresh, fast and unmistakably connected to the coast.

Middle Section
Fruit, vegetables and regional produce add colour to the face. The wave becomes richer as you move between stalls.

Barrel
The market closes around you. Sound, movement and aroma overlap in one intense pocket of local life.

Exit
Step back towards the waterfront. You glide out with the flavours of Olhão still following the line.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in the morning, when the market is in full swing.



Find another break just 70 km from Olhão.



Ria Formosa

THE LAGOON BREAK

A wide, shifting coastal break shaped by tides, sandbanks and slow moving life. Subtle, technical and deeply connected to rhythm rather than force.

Takeoff
Paddle in with the tide. A low, horizontal drop into shallow water and open sky. The first section feels calm but deceptive.

First Section
Channels guide the line. Long, drawn out carves through changing blues and greens. You read the water constantly.

Middle Section
The wave fragments. Islands appear and disappear. You navigate quietly through narrow passages where birds and boats cross your path.

Barrel
A brief enclosure between banks. Soft, fluid, never fully closed. You stall gently and let the tide carry you forward.

Exit
Open water and light. The lagoon releases you slowly, leaving salt on your skin and silence in your head.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with the tide rising, early or late in the day.



Find another break just 100 km from Ria Formosa.



Street Art, Faro

THE OUTLINE BREAK

A linear urban break defined by contrast, edges and negative space. Clean, minimal and exposed.

Takeoff
Enter from open streets. A direct drop into sharp light and hard surfaces.

First Section
Walls stretch long and flat. Extended carves along clean lines. Nothing hides here.

Middle Section
Interruptions appear. Corners, shadows, sudden colour. You stay alert, adjusting speed without breaking flow.

Barrel
A narrow underpass. Brief, dark, compressed. You hold steady and pass through.

Exit
The city opens again. Wide turns and air. You kick out clear and reset.

Best Conditions
Best surfed midday, when light defines every edge.



Find another break just 120 km from Faro.



Teatro Lethes, Faro

THE STAGE BREAK

A theatrical point break shaped by narrative, pause and presence. Measured, expressive and quietly dramatic.

Takeoff
Enter through historic doors. A controlled drop into shadow and anticipation.

First Section
The stage sets the face. Long, deliberate lines. You move with intention.

Middle Section
Streets and façades shift the wave. Light and sound change the rhythm. You stay composed.

Barrel
An enclosed interior moment. Still, focused, expectant. You hold the line until release.

Exit
Public squares open wide. Applause fades. You glide out reflective.

Best Conditions
Best surfed at dusk, when the city slows.



Find another break just 115 km from Faro.



Igreja de São Lourenço, Almancil

THE CHURCH BREAK

A luminous reef break built from repetition, devotion and detail. Precise, radiant and immersive.

Takeoff
Step in quietly. A vertical drop into light and reflection.

First Section
Azulejos line the face completely. Long, reverent carves through blue and gold narratives.

Middle Section
The wave tightens. Every surface speaks. You ride slowly, absorbing detail without distraction.

Barrel
The dome encloses you. Bright, overwhelming, sacred. You stall and let it pass.

Exit
Light returns gently. You glide out humbled and still.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in silence, with time to stay.



Find another break just 110 km from Almancil.



Vineyards, Lagoa

THE RESERVE BREAK

A sun-filled wine journey shaped by the Algarve's landscapes, traditions and relaxed rhythm of life. An experience where vineyards, gastronomy and the Atlantic climate meet.

Takeoff
Begin among vineyards bathed in sunshine, where the region's unique terroir creates the perfect setting for discovery.

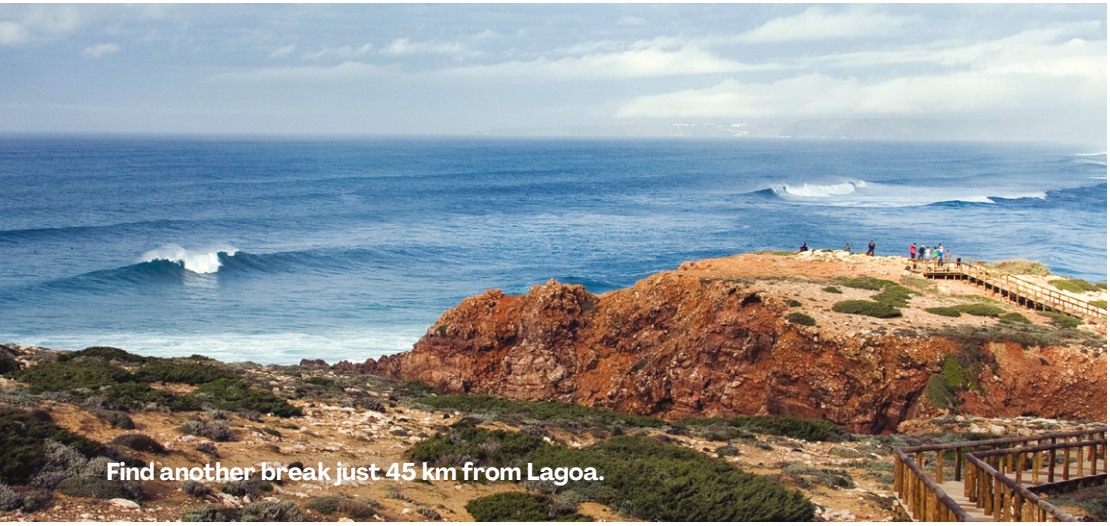
First Section
The journey unfolds through wine estates and scenic landscapes, revealing the diversity and character of Algarve wines.

Middle Section
Guided tastings, local stories and authentic encounters offer a deeper appreciation of the region's wine culture.

Barrel
A moment to slow down and savour the experience, surrounded by vineyards, local flavours and the unmistakable atmosphere of the Algarve.

Exit
You leave with a new perspective on the region, its wines and the people who bring them to life.

Best Conditions
Best surfed without rushing, allowing time to explore, taste and enjoy every detail.



Find another break just 45 km from Lagoa.



Golf Course, Lagos

THE CLUB BREAK

A smooth coastal point break designed for reset and perspective. Open, calm and restorative.

Takeoff
Drop in above the ocean. A long descent into space and light.

First Section
Wide lines form naturally. Slow, confident turns. Breathing leads the ride.

Middle Section
The wave evens out. Nothing pushes you. You float between sea and land.

Barrel
A soft enclosure. Warm, quiet, complete.

Exit
The coast opens fully. You glide out restored and clear.

Best Conditions
Best surfed at golden hour, when everything slows.



Find another break just 35 km from Lagos.



MADEIRA

Madeira brings dramatic landscapes right down to the water, with reefs and point breaks scattered around an island long known by surfers searching for powerful waves. Jardim do Mar, Paul do Mar, Lugar de Baixo, São Vicente and Porto da Cruz are all part of the story. But the island rewards exploring between sessions too. Follow its roads, trails and levadas and the next discovery might be a wine lodge, a local table, a centuries-old tradition or another view of the ocean.



Cascata da Levada do Caldeirão Verde , Santana

THE CANYON BREAK

A high energy wellness break shaped by water, rock and Madeira's steep terrain. Physical, immersive and intensely present.

Takeoff
Drop in where the mountain meets the water. A direct entry into rock, forest and movement.

First Section
Follow the water downhill. Natural pools and waterfalls set a fast, physical line through the landscape.

Middle Section
The wave becomes technical. Rock, water and changing levels demand balance, focus and commitment.

Barrel
The canyon closes in. Water falls, walls rise and attention narrows to the next move.

Exit
The terrain releases you. You glide out wet, energised and fully connected to the landscape.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with an experienced guide and a route suited to your level.



Find another break just 26km from Santana.



Street Art, Funchal

THE PULSE BREAK

A vertical urban break carved into steep streets, sharp colour and constant movement. Energetic, layered and always in motion.

Takeoff
Drop in from above. A steep, immediate descent into colour, sound and gravity. The first section demands focus from the start.

First Section
Walls rush past. Murals stretch across uneven surfaces, forcing quick reads and confident lines.

Middle Section
The city tightens. Corners, stairways, sudden shifts in perspective. You react instinctively as the wave accelerates downhill.

Barrel
A narrow alley compresses everything. Loud, enclosed, vertical. You commit fully and let speed carry you through.

Exit
The street opens toward the sea. Space returns. You glide out charged and fully awake.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with energy and sharp senses. Not a slow ride.



Find another break just 36 km from Funchal.


Madeira Wine

THE HERITAGE BREAK

A deep, historical point break shaped by heat, wood and Atlantic air. Warm, structured and quietly powerful.

Takeoff
Paddle in from an island in the middle of the Atlantic. A controlled drop into amber light and long aging lines.

First Section
Old casks guide the face. Smooth, extended carves through history and patience.

Middle Section
The wave gains depth. Flavours thicken into caramel, dried fruit and toasted nuts. You slow your movements, staying balanced and grounded.

Barrel
The cask closes in. Warm, concentrated, almost indestructible. You stall and let decades pass over you.

Exit
Bright acidity cuts back in. A long, gentle glide out toward warmth and openness.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, with respect for time and craft.



Find another break just 40 km from Funchal.



Espetada, Madeira

THE BUTCHER'S BREAK

A tall, island-born reef break shaped by fire, laurel and tradition. Bold, rustic and built to be shared. Every section runs straight through the meat.

Takeoff
Beef, garlic, coarse salt and bay leaf on a single line. The drop is immediate: big chunks, live embers, no warm up.

First Section
Laurel smoke defines the face. Juicy, charred edges set up long, steady turns, with the meat sliding down the skewer one bite at a time.

Middle Section
The wave hangs high above the table. Juices drip, the crowd leans in. You hold your line and pull piece by piece. The wave hangs high above the table. Juices drip, the crowd leans in. You hold your line and pull piece by piece.

Barrel
Bolo do caco with garlic butter catches everything that falls. Warm, soft and dangerously addictive. You stay deep.

Exit
A final glide through milho frito and salt-crusted satisfaction. You kick out full, slow and smiling.

Best Conditions
Best surfed hungry, in good company, under a hanging skewer. Island rules: no one leaves the line early.



Find another break just 39 km from Câmara de Lobos.



Carreiros do Monte, Funchal

THE WEAVE BREAK

A hand built, tactile break shaped by craft, patience and human rhythm. Technical, intimate and deeply connected.

Takeoff
Enter through workshops and hands at work. A careful drop into texture and detail.

First Section
Wicker lines form the face. Tight, controlled carves through woven patterns.

Middle Section
The wave demands precision. Every movement responds to touch and balance.

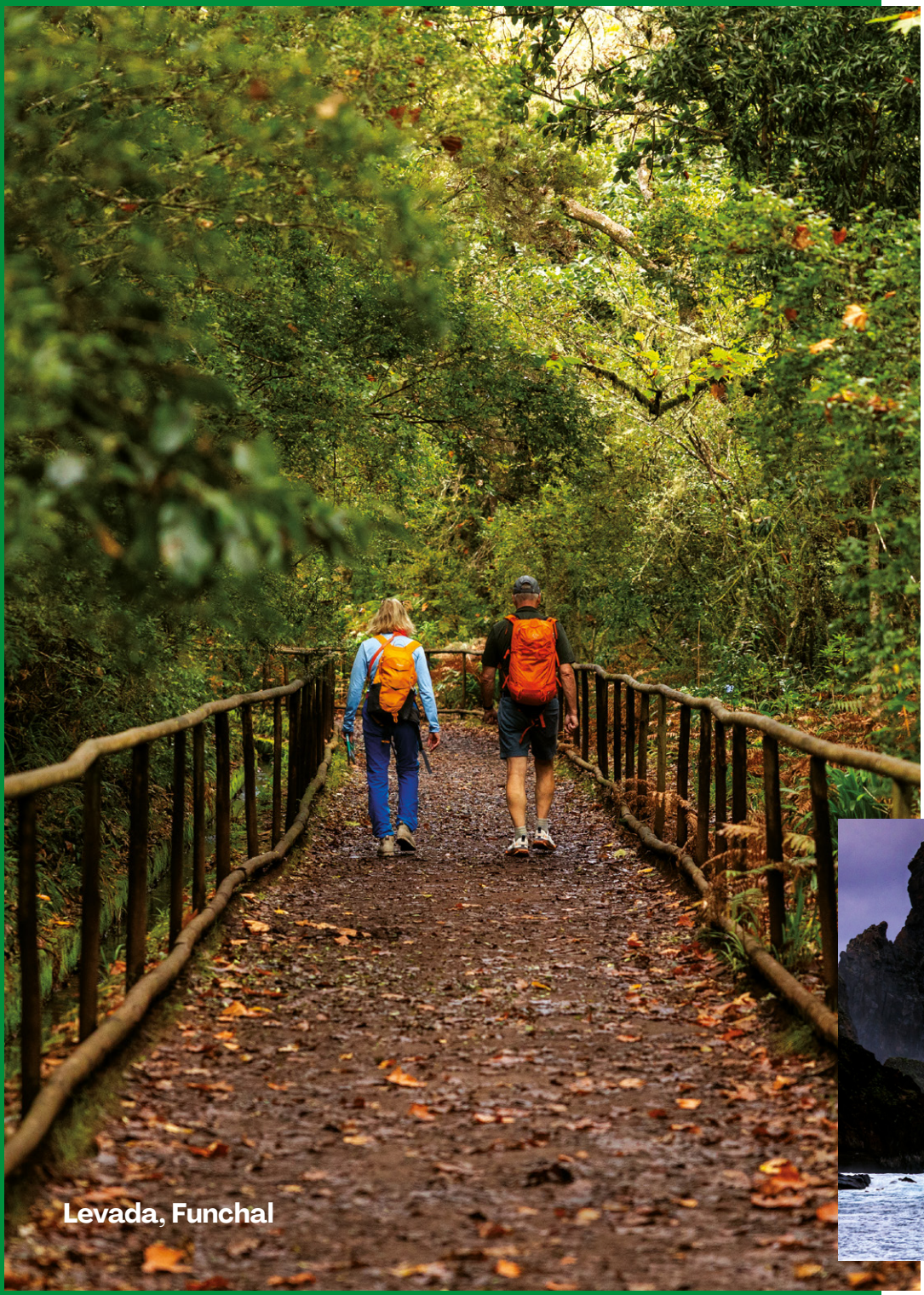
Barrel
An enclosed moment within the weave. Close, quiet, exact.

Exit
Open space and tradition. You glide out aware of every movement.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with focus and appreciation for craft.



Find another break just 40 km from Funchal.



Levada, Funchal

THE TRAVERSE BREAK

A long, connecting point break designed for movement and continuity. Expansive, inclusive and steady

Takeoff
Drop in at trail level. A smooth entry into landscape and distance.

First Section
The path stretches ahead. Long, consistent lines through varied terrain.

Middle Section
Subtle changes test endurance. You stay balanced, conserving energy.

Barrel
A brief narrowing between cliffs and vegetation. Focus sharpens, then releases.

Exit
The trail opens wide again. You finish aligned and grounded.

Best Conditions
Best surfed with time and steady pace.



Find another break just 3 km from Funchal.



Fortaleza de São João Batista do Pico, Funchal

THE SENTINEL BREAK

A commanding coastal reef break built for defence, scale and presence. Solid, exposed and resolute

Takeoff
Drop in beneath stone walls. A firm entry into history and height.

First Section
The fort defines the face. Long, confident carves through mass and shadow.

Middle Section
The wave gains authority. Wind and sea meet. You hold your ground.

Barrel
A dark passage beneath stone. Heavy, enclosed, imposing. You commit fully.

Exit
Open ocean releases the tension. You glide out steady and aware.

Best Conditions
Best surfed when the sea is active and the sky clear.



Find another break just 36 km from Funchal.



AZORES

Out in the Atlantic, surfing takes on a different scale. Reefs, point breaks and powerful swells meet volcanic coastlines across the Azores, with São Miguel offering particularly varied conditions and other islands adding breaks of their own. And then there's the Fajã da Caldeira de Santo Cristo in São Jorge, a mythical surf spot reached far from the crowds and surrounded by wild nature. Here, exploring is part of surfing. Follow the next swell, cross the island or take the journey further and you'll find volcanic landscapes, hot springs, local food, wine and culture waiting beyond the break.



Lagoa das Sete Cidades, São Miguel

THE LAKE BREAK

A vast volcanic break shaped by water, altitude and changing light. Open, layered and deeply connected to the landscape.

Takeoff
Drop in from the crater rim. A wide descent into green slopes, still water and volcanic scale.

First Section
The lakes open across the face. Long, sweeping lines follow the contours of the caldera.

Middle Section
Light shifts across water and vegetation. Colours change, perspectives widen and the landscape keeps moving without going anywhere.

Barrel
The crater closes around you. Water below, green walls above. For a moment, the whole island seems to fold into one view.

Exit
Follow the landscape back towards the rim. You glide out with the lakes still holding the line behind you.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in clear weather, when the crater reveals its full scale.



Find another break just 40 km from São Miguel.



Caldeira Velha, São Miguel

THE STEAM BREAK

A geothermal wellness break where warm, iron-rich water rises through dense vegetation on the slopes of the Fogo Volcano. Natural, enveloping and unmistakably volcanic.

Takeoff
Enter through the forest and let the temperature change set the drop. Humid air, vegetation and warm water quickly replace the pace of the road outside.

First Section
The warm waterfall sets the first section. Iron-rich water falls into a natural bathing area, turning the volcanic landscape into something you can physically step into.

Middle Section
Heat and forest share the line. The experience stays simple: water, rock, vegetation and the constant reminder that the warmth comes from the island beneath you.

Barrel
Steam and foliage close the view for a moment. The world becomes smaller, warmer and quieter before the path brings the forest back into focus.

Exit
Cooler air returns as you leave the water. The contrast carries the final section, with the volcanic slope still surrounding the ride.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, allowing the temperature, forest and volcanic setting to do the work.



Find another break just 8 km from São Miguel.



Museu Carlos Machado, São Miguel

THE ARCHIVE BREAK

A layered, reflective point break built from memory, collection and island identity. Measured, thoughtful and quietly immersive

Takeoff
Enter through solid doors. A controlled drop into curated silence and time.

First Section
Rooms open like long faces. Smooth, deliberate carves through natural history and art.

Middle Section
Transitions tighten the wave. Stories overlap. You adjust pace, letting meaning surface gradually.

Barrel
An enclosed gallery space. Dim, concentrated, inward. You stall among fragments of the island's past.

Exit
Light returns through courtyards and windows. You exit thoughtful and aware.

Best Conditions
Best surfed when curiosity leads and time is available.



Find another break just 11 km from São Miguel.



Naco de Atum, São Miguel

THE FLAVOUR BREAK

A deep, Azorean reef break shaped by open ocean, fire and precision. Clean, generous and powerful. Every section runs through a single thick cut of tuna.

Takeoff
Drop in straight from deep water. A hot pan, a quick sear, no warm up. The ocean arrives on the plate in seconds.

First Section
A golden crust defines the face. Firm, meaty lines through olive oil, garlic and coarse salt.

Middle Section
The wave opens up. Pink at the centre, warm at the edges. Timing is everything: a few seconds too long and you lose.

Barrel
A tight pocket of pure flavour. Dense, juicy and clean. You stay low and let the Atlantic do the work.

Exit
A final glide through lingering salt and sea breeze. You kick out light, full and satisfied.

Best Conditions
Best surfed hungry, somewhere mid-Atlantic. Pink in the middle. No exceptions.



Find another break just 38 km from São Miguel.



Forte de São Brás, São Miguel

THE BASTION BREAK

A solid, defensive reef break shaped by stone, geometry and Atlantic exposure. Heavy, composed and resolute.

Takeoff
Drop in beneath thick walls. A firm descent into mass and shadow.

First Section
Stone lines define the face. Long, powerful carves through weight and history.

Middle Section
Angles shift. Bastions redirect the wave. You adjust carefully.

Barrel
A dark, enclosed chamber. Dense, imposing, echoing. You commit fully.

Exit
Open sky returns. The wave releases you grounded and steady.

Best Conditions
Best surfed when the sea is active and focus is sharp.



Find another break just 25 km from São Miguel.



Street Art, São Miguel

THE ART BREAK

A flowing urban break where colour and story spread across walls and streets. Expressive, fluid and constantly evolving.

Takeoff
Drop in from side streets. A smooth entry into painted narratives and scale.

First Section
Large murals open wide faces. Long, confident carves through colour and myth.

Middle Section
Details appear suddenly. Smaller works interrupt the line. You react intuitively.

Barrel
A narrow alley saturated with paint. Close, intense, immersive.

Exit
Open streets and daylight. You glide out visually charged.

Best Conditions
Best surfed slowly, letting stories reveal themselves.



Find another break just 60 km from São Miguel.



Vineyards, Pico

THE STONE BREAK

A raw, technical point break carved from lava and human persistence. Structured, demanding and profoundly authentic.

Takeoff
Enter through black stone corridors. A low, controlled drop into rigid lines and open sky.

First Section
Stone walls guide the face. Long, disciplined carves through volcanic geometry.

Middle Section
The wave tightens between currais. Wind and salt challenge balance.

Barrel
A narrow enclosure of rock. Dark, heavy, absolute. You stall briefly then push through.

Exit
The ocean opens suddenly. Blue replaces black. You glide out with respect.

Best Conditions
Best surfed in clear weather, when structure and light align.



Find another break on Terceira Island.



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