Évora

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TRAVEL THROUGH PORTUGUESE CULTURE WHILE STUDYING IN UNIQUE CITIES.

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The city of Évora is right in the heart of Alentejo, at the crossroads of three important rivers, Tagus, Guadiana and Sado. The historic city center, considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is just an hour and a half drive from Lisbon, the capital of Portugal.
They call it the "City-Museum", because it has more than 2000 years of history and is surrounded by walls and historical monuments that cannot be circumvented. Today, it also has a huge variety of typical restaurants, terraces and famous nightlife.
For students who prefer to live away from big cities, Évora is the ideal place, since from the center you can walk almost everywhere.
The university tradition is also one of the landmarks of this city, after the foundation of the University of Évora, the second to emerge in Portugal, in 1559. Since then, the city has also lived for students, providing those who live here, between Portuguese and the more than 1000 foreign students annually, a vibrant academic experience.

PLAYLIST

A collection of songs to keep you company while exploring the city. Get the playlist of artists from Évora and surrounding areas by scanning the code.

Duarte Coxo

Duarte lived his childhood and adolescence in the village of Arraiolos, near Évora. He started to sing fado, a traditional Portuguese musical style, as a joke, but in 1997 he took on a more serious commitment, developing works of research of lyrics and songs of traditional fado.
In 2004 he presented his first record work "Fados Meus" and, in 2006, he was awarded the Amália Rodrigues Revelation Award for Men. In the following year, the Municipality of Arraiolos distinguished the artist with the Medal of Merit Municipal - Cultural Section. You can find out more about the artist at duartefado.com.

The cooler cultural venues

SOCIEDADE HARMONIA EBORENSE

Located in Praça do Giraldo, in a centenary building right in the center of Évora, here you can discover bands emerging from the musical scene in Portugal. In an alternative environment, you can also enjoy the terrace overlooking the city or play ping-pong, snooker, chess or darts in the various bars and rooms of the space.

PRAÇA DO GIRALDO,
7000-508 ÉVORA

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ESPAÇO CELEIROS

A welcoming space with a diversified program that, throughout the year, hosts the formations of Pé de Xumbo Association in different types of dance and music. It is also a meeting point in Évora for musicians and dancers. Here are also installed other cultural associations of the city such as Bruxa Teatro, the Cantares de Évora Group and the B Collection / Festival Escrita na Paisagem.

RUA EBORIM 16,
7000-658 ÉVORA

266 732 504

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CENTRO DE ARTE E CULTURA

Aiming to promote artistic and cultural actions, the space stands out for its social commitment and sustainable practices that bet on a multidisciplinary and inclusive program. The annual program includes exhibitions of contemporary art, performative projects and also the awareness and motivation of different local audiences.

LARGO DO CONDE DE VILA FLOR, 7000-804 ÉVORA

266 748 350

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CENTRODEARTEECULTURA

The best restaurants at nifty prices

TASQUINHA DO OLIVEIRA

A tribute to the art of good eating. Among cold and hot snacks, fish and meat dishes, this is one of the great examples of good Alentejo cuisine. The traditional confection and variety in the wine list make the space one of Évora's gastronomic references.

RUA CÂNDIDO DOS REIS
45-A, 7000-582 ÉVORA

266 744 841

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TASQUINHA-DO-OLIVEIRA

ALKIMIA MADEIRENSE

The flavors of the Madeira island are also found in the middle of Alentejo. Get ready for a unique tasting, inspired by the best of Madeiran cuisine. All in an environment marked by the colors and customs of the region, in what is the ideal place to visit with friends, grab a bite and taste each dish.

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BARAHONA 6D, ÉVORA

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CAFÉ ALENTEJO

If you want to discover what a typical tavern was like in the mid-twentieth century, which was once a real inn, then you must visit Café Alentejo. With an imposing architecture, it is ideal for lunch or dinner around snacks and Alentejo flavors, such as cheese, sausages and, of course, the wines produced in the region.

RUA RAIMUNDO 5, ÉVORA

266 706 296

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ALENTEJO.COM

The best places to snap that killer Gram

TEMPLO ROMANO DE ÉVORA

One of the main tourist attractions in the city, this is one of the best preserved Roman temples in the Iberian peninsula. Considered World Heritage by UNESCO since 1996, here you will certainly return to a time that has passed. One thing is certain: when you pass by, you will not resist taking pictures.

LARGO DO CONDE DE VILA FLOR, 7000-863 ÉVORA

SÉ CATEDRAL DE ÉVORA

The largest medieval cathedral in Portugal, entirely built in granite, in a transition between romantic and Gothic style. If you go up to the top of the Cathedral you will most likely get lost in the panoramic view over the city, worthy of unmissable photographs. Inside the cathedral, you will also find the cloisters that will make you feel like you are starring in an old film.

LARGO DO MARQUÊS DE MARIALVA, ÉVORA

CASAS PINTADAS EUGÉNIO DE ALMEIDA

Discover the paintings that belonged to a 15th century manor house, they are not in sight for everyone, but certainly deserve a visit. A unique copy of a mural painting from a palace, hidden in the historic center of Évora, which has to end up on your Instagram account.

RUA DE VASCO DA GAMA, 7000-941 ÉVORA

The best gardens, parks, and chill out spots

JARDIM PÚBLICO

It is considered a small oasis in the middle of the city, with centuries-old trees and an entire environment that makes the garden the perfect place to relax. In addition to the green area, you can also take the opportunity to visit the Medieval Wall, the Palace of D. Manuel and the Fake Ruins.

RUA DA REPÚBLICA 74,
ÉVORA

JARDIM DE DIANA

Overlooking the famous Roman Temple, this small garden has a kiosk where you can spend the afternoon enjoying the view, studying, reading a book, listening to a podcast or gathering friends and enjoying a good time in one of the most central places of the city.

RUA CONDE DE VILAFLOR,
7000 ÉVORA

ALTO DE SÃO BENTO

The perfect place to watch the sunset away from the bustle of the historic city center. To get there, you can take a good walk from the center or you can be more adventurous and grab your bike, taking the trails. The visit shouldn't end without a photograph with the windmills installed on top of the hill and the view across the city of Évora has the background.

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7°56'15. EN1

Unmissable shops

FONTE DE LETRAS

A bookstore where you can find all the editorial news, with special attention to small and rare publishers, poetry books, editions about Alentejo and a good selection of books for children. It has a regular cultural program, a small space for plastic arts exhibitions and a corner where you can drink coffee or tea while browsing through the pages.

RUA VASCO DA GAMA 8,
7000-941 ÉVORA

266 899 855

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DROGARIA AZUL

Never has the popular expression “has everything like in the pharmacy” made so much sense. Drogaria Azul is the commercial establishment open to the oldest public in Évora. Here you can find soaps, creams, cologne, kitchen utensils, rugs or detergents, among more than 12 thousand products that you still don’t know about but will help you in some way.

LARGO LUÍS DE CAMÕES
11-12 E 13

266 702 360

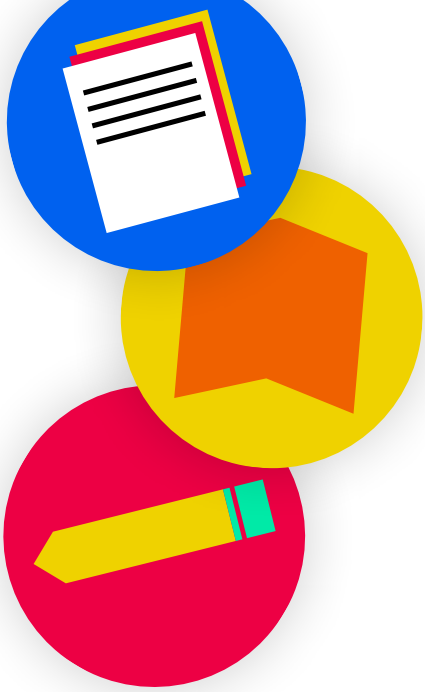
DROGARIAAZUL.PT

RUA 5 DE OUTUBRO

One of the busiest streets in Évora, with shops and restaurants, located in the Praça do Giraldo area. Here you can walk up to the Cathedral and, on the way, stop to discover in the local shops the typical handicrafts of this area of Alentejo or the street cafes. Who knows, maybe you’ll find the perfect gift to take has a souvenir to your family.

RUA 5 DE OUTUBRO,
7000 ÉVORA

Best places to dive into books



BIBLIOTECA DO COLÉGIO DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

It is one of the best known options, both for its size and the schedule, which runs from 9am to 8pm. The library of Colégio do Espírito Santo is ideal for spending a good afternoon of study, the difficult thing will sometimes be finding a place to sit.

RUA DO CARDEAL REI 6,
7000-645 ÉVORA

266 740 800

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BIBLIOTECA DO COLÉGIO LUÍS ANTÓNIO VERNEY

On the other side of the city you will find the Luís António Verney College Library, which is open on weekdays until 8pm. Here you have everything you need to study, you'll only need to bring the motivation to stay focused during the afternoon.

RUA ROMÃO RAMALHO 59,
7000-671 ÉVORA

266 745 349

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THE BAKERY LOUNGE

If you prefer a more welcoming environment, you can visit the Bakery Lounge which, despite not being able to receive many people at the same time, is the perfect place to spend an afternoon of productive study and even take breaks to try some of the snacks.

RUA DE BURGOS 6,
7000-841 ÉVORA

266 707 085

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Unexpected spots

CAPELA DOS OSSOS

A bizarre but impressive construction, a must-visit, even if it's just for its unusual features. Built in the 17th century by three Franciscan monks, with the intention of provoking a reflection on the ephemerality of life, the chapel has hundreds of skulls, bones and even mummies to fill the room. A macabre space for some, disturbing and curious for others, that is worth discovering.

LARGO 1º MAIO, ÉVORA
7000-650 PORTUGAL

CROMELEQUE DOS ALMENDRES

Built between the end of the 6th and the 3rd millennium B.C., it's one of the largest and most important megalithic monuments in the world, much older than the famous Stonehenge. There are still ninety-five monoliths in perfect condition that you can visit whenever you want in this quiet and peaceful scenery.

38° 33′ 28″ N
8° 3′ 41″ O

ASSOCIAÇÃO PÓ DE VIR A SER

The cultural mission of the association is to make sculpture available to everyone. It is a platform that aims to provide creators and the community with tools for creation and that works against the petrification of action and culture. Focusing on sustainable artistic practices, it hosts programs by resident artists, meetings, workshops, exhibitions, performances, concerts and much more.

RUA DE MACHEDE 58,
700-864 ÉVORA

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A skip and a jump away

REGUENGOS DE MONSARAZ

The medieval historic center is sure to transport you to another era. There you can visit the Church of Nossa Senhora da Lagoa, the castle with its imposing construction, the arena and the view of the incredible Lake Alqueva. Take buses 8102, 8918 or 8902 in Évora and enjoy the 1-hour journey to your destination.

PRAÇA DA LIBERDADE,
7201-970

55KM FROM ÉVORA

ARRAIOLOS

The small Alentejo village is known for the quality of the traditional carpets produced in the region. Arraiolos rugs, full of history embroidered by hand for generations, are part of the most well-known, oldest, and traditional crafts in Portugal. To get there, just take the bus 8913 in Évora, which takes you to the village in 30 minutes.

PRAÇA DO MUNICÍPIO 27,
7040-027

30KM FROM ÉVORA

ESTREMOZ

Considered the "white city" of Alentejo, it is recognized in the distance by the white facades scattered along the hill, embraced by old walls. It is a place of hard work in the vineyards, olive groves and marble extraction, but also in tranquility with a harmonious and symmetrical view of the vineyards. Book a day and take the 8946 bus in Évora to visit this unmistakable region.

RUA MARQUÊS DE POMBAL,
7100-513

50KM FROM ÉVORA

Public Art at Large

CABEÇUDO ABOVE THE CLOUDS

The first intervention of urban art within the walls of Évora, after many authorizations for being World Heritage by UNESCO, was created by the artist Le Funky, in collaboration with Júlio Quirino. The big-headed character represents a puppet, appealing to the time of Carnival, popular in the city.

LARGO DO CHÃO
DAS COVAS

FACHADA DA RESIDÊNCIA ANTÓNIO GEDEÃO

Le Funky and Bruno Loz, two former students of Design at the University of Évora, gave a new color to the facade of the António Gedeão University Residence. The challenge was to create two murals linked to the work of António Gedeão himself, who was a professor and researcher in the history of science.

RUA JOÃO ABEL MANTA 11,
7005-500 ÉVORA

DIGITAL PHOENIX

Finally, and again, at the hands of the artist Le Funky, born in Évora, the Digital Phoenix work was done for the Fire Department of the city, with the help of the writer PAOR. A tribute to the supermen without a cape, who save lives and dedicate their day to the protection of all: firefighters.

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