

## PORTUGAL - ALENTEJO TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSE STAY & CYCLING

8-days / 7-nights CENTRE-BASED **SELF-GUIDED** easy to moderate cycling holiday



For those clients who want to only unpack once and immerse themselves in the ebb and flow of life in the Alentejo region, we offer a week stay at a traditional farmhouse in the Portuguese countryside. Set amongst the cork oaks, vineyards and olive groves, the farmhouse offers modern comforts in a genuine, rustic atmosphere. The house maintains the traditional architecture of the Alentejo, with big chimneys, a picturesque painted blue stripe, air-conditioning and thick walls that keep the house warm in the cooler seasons and fresh in the summer.

Discuss the range of possible options with your experienced hosts and then head off on your cycling day. The daily bike rides through the scenic, rolling landscape offer a wide variety of experiences including visits to wineries, artisans and producers of local specialties, medieval villages and the Évora historical center, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This tour offers the flexibility to do everything, ride or just meander around the farm and relax.

**SELF GUIDED** cost from: **\$2620** per person twin share      Season supplement \$130 per person on select dates

**GUIDED** cost from: **\$3500** per person twin share      Single supplements on request (limited availability)

**Departs:** Évora      Daily, year round (subject to a minimum of 2 people)

**Includes:** 7 nights' comfortable accommodation with ensuite, daily breakfast, 3 dinners, Welcome wine, cheese and oil tasting, briefing; hire of multi-geared touring bike with helmet, pannier and basic repair kit, cycling jersey, return transfers from Évora bus station, route notes and maps, 24-hour emergency hotline support.

**Guided tour includes the above and also:** 2 wine tastings and 1 cheese and liqueur tasting, water and fruit, English-speaking tour guide, entry to Bones Chapel, Évora cathedral and Ducal Palace, cycling jersey.

**Not included:** Meals not mentioned; personal expenses; gratuities; drinks; other entry fees; local city taxes (paid locally); or any extras. Airport transfers available on request – please ask for details and cost when booking.

**E-bikes** are available for a supplement, please ask when booking. Numbers are limited so book early.



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Local knowledge is a wonderful thing and there are many options for your cycling day, with daily distances from 30 – 75km across undulating terrain. There is often the option of a return transfer at the end of the day, which may be particularly appealing, if your chosen destination is a winery or the site of interest is quite a distance. **Daily cycling routes** and possible transfers can be discussed with your hosts during your stay (extra cost paid locally).

This is a holiday ideal for families – children can spend hours playing in the orchards and woodlands that surround the farmhouse. In the comfortable living room, there is a huge fireplace to sit by in the long winter evenings and a bar from which to buy your drinks, as well as books, music, television, DVDs and games.

Every morning you can enjoy a delicious breakfast of homemade jams, cottage cheese with olive oil and oregano or with honey and walnuts, homemade bread and cake, while overlooking the orange grove that supplies your breakfast juice. The tour includes some dinners, but you can always arrange extra dinners at the farmhouse or visit one of the excellent restaurants in the nearby town. There is the option of a **cooking class on Alentejo cuisine** (at extra cost) and as always, access to very good Alentejo wine to go with the great food.

For those preferring their own space, there is the opportunity to upgrade to stay in one of the charming, **self-contained cottages** on the property, while still enjoying the delicious breakfast that is such a drawcard on this holiday. Ask for more details when booking.



**Contact Outdoor Travel for more itinerary details and reservations:**

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