

Chapter 1 : Walking in Portugal

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Sure, there are much more walking trails in Portugal, but unfortunately we had only two weeks to visit the country. Whatever country we plan to visit, we check its hiking trails first. We are also suggesting some of the best hotels in Portugal where you can rest after a long day of hiking. When we travel in Europe, we book our hotels through some of the best websites using TripAdvisor , Booking. We also use a lot AirBnB to book local apartments. Always make sure you travel with travel insurance! Be adventurous, but not careless. Check out some of the most reliable insurance companies out there: If you love animals and you prefer going local during your travels, try housesitting, which is an amazing way to travel the world while taking care of the pets whose owners are on vacation. These secretive feelings disappeared once we hiked up to the forest, with a bright sun peeking from behind high pine and eucalyptus trees. Suddenly, all the terrain was clearly visible. A dry river that used to flow across the forest and a random local man walking his hyperactive puppy appeared together, surrounded by fragile purple bellflowers. Schist is an ancient building material, that has recently become very popular to make trendy thin plates made of layers of rocks. The most famous, but also the most heavily reconstructed schist village, is Talasnal. It was abandoned in the s during a mass exodus from the countryside, but it is coming back to life thanks to wealthy locals and foreigners who renovated some of the houses and started renting them out. Most of the schist houses attached to the renovated ones are still empty. To experience an immensely quiet atmosphere, where the past triumphs over the present, make sure to visit the villages of Casal Novo, Catarredor or Vaqueirinho and Chiqueiro, where local shepherds still live. More info for Lousa hiking trail The hike we did was Bring sturdy hiking shoes with you. There are a few parts where the trail gets really rocky. In summer, snakes love to sunbath on hot stones near trails, so be aware of your steps when hiking there. If you want to cool down, bring swimwear. From there take a regional train to Coimbra A station for regional trains in the center of town. The hotel holds a remarkable place in history. Here Marechal Massena, a commander of the Napoleonic troops, was getting ready for his dinner when he found out they were being attacked. He fled immediately, leaving his dinner for his enemy, Duke of Wellington. The hotel serves special honey produced from local pollen. You can buy it together with other natural products teas, bee pollen at the reception. Check the latest price on TripAdvisor , Booking.

Chapter 2 : Walking holidays in Portugal | Headwater

Walking Holidays in Portugal. Portugal is a country bursting at the seams with natural beauty, wildlife and history. Once you scratch the surface of this culturally rich land, it is easy to become addicted.

Colin Boulter Good old economic downturn. Marta Cabral, of non-profit organisation Casas Brancas, is in some ways grateful for the financial crisis. She had been working on a new walking route in south-west Portugal, the Rota Vicentina, which follows the Atlantic for km along the wildest, most unspoilt coastline in southern Europe. One thing that stood in her way was the fact that stretches of beautiful coast are also attractive to property developers. But the world economy caught a cold and the euro took to its bed. Plans for an oceanside golf course were torn up; a projected large-scale, village-style resort up the coast was never started. The whole Rota Vicentina is now “ just “ open, but my husband and I had a brief preview of its two sections last summer. This charming turismo rural has rooms in low, blue-and-white buildings round a swimming pool. There were hammocks and deckchairs, and a pond with a weeping willow on a little island reached by a bridge. Guest sitting room at Casa Seiceira. Marta is glad locals have come on board, but they must have taken some persuading. Antonio, owner of Casa da Seiceira, was helpful and welcoming, but did regard us with vague wonder “ or was it pity? This, we learned, was because in these parts walking for the sake of walking seems strange. But the kindly Alentejanos seem to have decided that if these weirdos are set on choosing feet over wheels, the least they can do is make sure we are well-fed. Dinner at Casa da Seiceira was a banquet of local cheese and ham, freshly caught fish, veg and salads; breakfast was fruit, more cheese and gorgeous sourdough bread with jam. And, before we left, they staggered out with a gargantuan packed lunch for us. It looked like a lot to carry, but my comment that we could pick up something on the way showed my ignorance of this sparsely populated region. Putting the Atlantic on our right, we turned south on a secluded path. The ocean looked calm, but at our feet, Atlantic rollers were pounding in, and a breeze took the edge off the hot sun. The trail, at times steep and rocky, is magnificent. And lunchtime brought two ravenous people, glad to dive into their picnic. The clifftops we tramped after lunch held such a profusion of flowers they could have been a well-tended garden rather than a remote shore. The Portuguese do enjoy seaside, but they come en masse to resorts such as Praia de Odeceixe in August, when the wind keeps temperatures in the high 20s, rather than the 40C found inland. We peered down at this wide beach with its lazy river: At the foot of the cliff a British couple “ campervan, surfboards, Kindles “ had an idyllic riverside spot to themselves. At dinner, starters of sliced tomatoes and cheese, and cold octopus salad with parsley were followed by fish with two sorts of potatoes, carrots and beans, a huge salad, melon and delicious sweet potato and coconut cake. We had thought nothing could match the ocean walk, but were soon among majestic hills, rushing rivers with stepping stones, and vast forests. On his favourite stretch of the route, Balthasar picked up a strange bulbous black stone and handed it to me. This was also our favourite stretch: Balthasar told us of wild camping trips here with his children “ tent beneath cliffs, swimming in clear pools. There are still mines in the Alentejo, but on a crowded continent, its most valuable resource is probably its open spaces “ mountains and valleys, forests and beaches. And unlike with mining or property development, exploiting the riches of the Rota Vicentina will help preserve the area, keeping small hotels open and bringing income to local producers.

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punctuated by medieval hamlets, while the Costa Prata mixes beaches with seaside gems like canal-laced Aveiro.

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