Surf Guide to PORTUGAL





Discover surfing holidays in Portugal's best surf towns









QUICK FACTS

Population: 10 million

Location: South West Europe

Main surf area: 800km West Coast - facing the

Atlantic coastline

Language: Portuguese

Currency: Euro Year round surf: Yes

Most consistent surf: September to April (Winter) **Best time for Beginners**: May to October (Summer)





WHAT'S THE SURF LIKE IN PORTUGAL?

Mention surfing holidays Portugal to anyone and they will become very jealous very quickly! The country is our most popular surf holiday destination and it is easy to see why.... Read more

Cascais



Lisbon



Ericeira



Peniche



Lagos



Sagres & Vicentina Coast



Surfing Portugal's coastline will take you to beautiful unspoilt white sandy beaches that you would never normally get to - all of which have direct access to the best waves and surf Europe has to offer. Mix this with the laid back surf culture. traditional unspoiled towns, inexpensive cost of things, delicious seafood, great coffee (and Pastal de Nata custard tarts!!) and of cour... Read more

PORTUGAL WETSUIT GUIDE & WEATHER

Surfing Portugal down South in the Algarve means lovely warm 21°C water in the summer, dropping to only 15°C in Winter. This allows for Shorts & Bikini or just a shortie wetsuit for July, August & September. For the rest of the year you just need a light 3 2 suit.

The... Read more



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CASCAIS Portugal's spectacular coastline

The Cascais coastline is arguably the most spectacular in Portugal. The town lies 30kms west of Lisbon facing out onto the Atlantic Ocean. The stretch of land from Carcavelos surf beach to Guincho surf beach takes in stunning beaches, lively promenades, incredible mansions, the famous Estoril Casino, the protected park lands of Sintra and of course the beautiful cosmopolitan town of Cascais.

Cascais town is a lively mix of cafes, bars & restaurants. Its cobblestone streets open out onto a beautiful beach and marina take in the sunshine by wandering around or just lounge in its beach front cafés admiring the views.

For those wanting to surf Cascais you will find a huge choice...the area has a mix of beach breaks, longboard breaks, point & reef breaks and both mellow & advanced surf breaks. Travel west and you will find the beautiful Guincho beach, a fantastic surf beach with a great bar/...

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SURF CONDITIONS





For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits











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The coastal town of Cascais (pronounced Cash-ki-sh) is considered the Monte Carlo of Portugal. It has a long history and enjoyed a particularly important development in the 14th century as it became an important stopping point for boats on their way to Lisbon. It also became a strategic military post in the defence of Lisbon. You can see this in some of the old building and fortresses that line the coast - these continued to be built throughout the 15th, 16th & 17th century and still exist today. In ...

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Cascais is the perfect place to learn how to surf. The town is surrounded by many different types of beaches. The best beginners/intermediate surf beach is **Guincho** (pronounced Ginchu) 5 km's north west of Cascias town. It's a beautiful kilometre long stretch of beach.

Further north are two excellent beginners beaches **Praia das Macas** & **Praia Grande**. They are well worth the trip as they will take you past Cabo da Roca, mainland Europes most Western Point with ...

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GETTING THERE

Cascais is only a 30kms from Lisbon airport (see map below). It a 35 minute drive approximately. From Lisbon centre it takes 25 minutes approximately. You can also fly to Faro in the South of Portugal (3 hours drive away) or to Porto in the North of Portugal (4 hours drive away) **Flights to Cascais** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.wegolo.com is a website that lets you know who flies where from ...

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Sintra, Portugal

Moby Dick Lodge Surf House

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Cascais, Portugal

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Perfect Spot is a countryside style house up to 30 people with plenty of space for everyone. You'll ...



Cascais, Portugal

Vila Gale Hotel Cascais

4 Star Hotel facing the Ocean.
Renovated in 2009. Sauna, Massage
& Treatment facilities. Hotel was o...



Cascais, Portugal

Vila Bicuda Resort

80 luxury villa apartments. Free WIFI In Villas & Entire complex. 2 swimming pools. Very spacious. R...



Cascais, Portugal

Sheraton Cascais Resort

Sheraton Cascais Resort is a new style of hotel. Inspired by a concept of completeness, we create an...

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Moana Surf School

Main Surf Beach: Guincho

Beach.



<u>Cascais Routes</u>
Main Surf Beach: Praia do
Guincho



Add Action Portugal

Main Surf Beach: Praia do
Guincho, Cascais



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Ericeira (pronounced Eery-Say-Reh) is the surf capital of Portugal, often described as a 'Surfing Mecca'. Situated only 40 minutes drive from Lisbon and 30 minutes from the airport, it's a fantastic place to learn how to surf and for the more intermediate and advanced there is so much choice you'll feel like a kid in a sweet shop!

Ericeira is a delightful picturesque village that sees an old traditional Portuguese way of life mixing with the new modern surfing culture. You won't find any signs of mass tourism or worldwide fast food chains. The area has 12 surf beaches within the 8km stretch of the town, which has led it to become the number one place to surf in Portugal & in Europe.

In February 2011 Ericeira was awarded the title of Europe's first 'World Surf Reserve'. It is a major achievement and a testament to the area (there are only 3 in the world, the other 2 ...

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SURF CONDITIONS

For Beginners:



For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits











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Its hard to capture the beauty of Ericeira in a few words. You have to come and see for yourself! The town is unlike any of the usual overpopulated tourist towns that can be found by the sea in Europe. Instead you will experience a beautiful traditional old Portuguese village, where fishing has been the main focus for centuries. The old town sits on top of huge magnificent cliffs that over look the Atlantic below. Below each cliff are stunning beaches each blessed with some of the best surf in ...

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This is where you surf Europe's best coast line and let the fun begin. There are over 12 surf breaks along the Ericeira coast, with different options for all standards. With so much choice you'll feel like a kid in a sweet shop! The area was introduced in the Stormriders Surf Guide to Europe with the heading "Enter the Heartland".

World Surf Reserve

In 2011 it was awarded the title of 'World Surf Reserve', there are only 2 other places in the world ...

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GETTING THERE

Ericeira is only a 30 minute drive from Lisbon airport (see map below), allowing you to surf Portugal's best waves in no time. You can also fly to Faro in the South of Portugal (3 and a half hours drive away) or to Porto in the North of Portugal (also 3 hours drive away) **Flights to Lisbon** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.wegolo.com is a website that lets you know who ...

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Ericeira, Portugal

Villamar Apartment

A modern spacious 2 bedroom apartment with an amazing 200 metre terrace, which is perfect for sittin...



Ericeira, Portugal

Villa Ana Margarida Hotel

NEW! The former home of Joaquim Casado, the local designer behind the Villa Ana Margarida collection...



Ericeira, Portugal

Villa Ana Margarida by Nature (Ecolodges)

Originally called the Ecolodges and now renamed Villa Ana Margarida by Nature. We have 6 Lodges,...



Ericeira, Portugal

Helios Beach Houses

3 Beach Houses made up of: 2 wooden bungalows, a white house and a spacious common area with BBQ. Th...



Ericeira, Portugal

Chill In Ericeira Surfhouse

Newly launched Surf House in the heart of Ericeira. Sleeps 30. Run by former Portuguese female surf ...

SURF SCHOOLS



Na Onda

Main Surf Beach: Foz do

Lizandro



Blue Ocean Ericeira Surf
School
Main Surf Beach: Ribeira

D'ilhas Beach



"Ericeira SUP" Stand Up
Paddle Experience
Main Surf Beach: "Ericeira
World Surfing Reserve" area



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LAGOS Surf Portugal's warmest waters

Lagos surfing stretches from the South coastline of the Algarve to the South Western coastline of the Alentejo region. It is an area packed with dozens of different surf beaches to suit all standards.

Lagos is an ancient maritime town with more than 2,000 years of history. It is from here that Portugal began to explore and discover the rest of the world in the 15th century. It sits on the Western corner of the Algarve, at the start of the National Reserve that makes up the South West coast of Portugal. It is a fantastic town to base yourself for a surf holiday due to its lively mix of cafés, restaurants& bars and stunning beaches, coves & cliffs.

You will mostly surf along the West coast on the stunning surf beaches of the National Reserve parkland (protected from development). It is one of Europe's best kept secrets. A ...

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SURF CONDITIONS





For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits













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If you have surfed all week and still have some time to explore then you have come to the right place. Lagos benefits from being a city despite its population of only 20,000. It is a beautiful charming place that has avoided the massive high rises that feature in many other coastal towns in the Algarve. An ancient maritime town with more than 2,000 years of history, **Prince Henry the Navigator** set Lagos up as Portugal's capital in the 15th century and it was from here that Portugal began ...

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Surf Lessons often occur at the areas best and most reliable surf beaches, Praia do Amado and Praia do Amoreira, 20-30 minutes from Lagos. Depending on conditions you may surf at any number of surf beaches nearby such as Maia Praia, Castalejo, Arrifana, Zavial, Cabanas and Porto de Mos. Either way the surf schools will pick you up and take you to the best beaches on the day.

Don't worry if you have no experience whatsoever. The beginner's lessons ...



GETTING THERE

Lagos is less than an hour's drive from Faro airport and 3 hours from Lisbon airport. Flights Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.aerlingus.com www.flytap.com www.ryanair.com www.britishairways.com www.flymonarch.com www.easyjet.com How to get to Lagos from Faro Airport: Train – Take a short bus/taxi from Faro airport to Faro train station (€5-€6) and get the train ... Read more

TOP 5 ACCOMMODATIONS



Lagos, Portugal

Casa Offshore

Stylish & comfortable surf house with a an amazing outdoor swimming pool, hot tub and outdoor dining...



The Surf Experience

The original Surf Experience Surf House - longest running surf camp in Portugal established 1992. Ol...



Vilabranca Apartments

One & Two bedroom spacious Self Catering Apartments sleeping 2 - 6. ...



Lagos, Portugal

Aqualuz Suite Hotel **Apartments Lagos**

Located 1 km from the Atlantic Ocean in Algarve, the Aqualuz features 4 swimming pools, a spa with m...



Lagos, Portugal

Vila Gale Hotel Lagos

The 4-star Vila Gale is a luxury resort located right on the beautiful 1km long Meia Praia Beach ...



Lagos, Portugal

SURF SCHOOLS



Extreme Algarve Main Surf Beach: Arrifana and Amoreira



Fil Surf School Main Surf Beach: Arrifana



Justin West Surf Coaching Main Surf Beach: Punta Ruiva



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Lisbon, or Lisboa, is the capital of Portugal and means "enchanted port". A Lisbon surf holiday is probably not the first thing that springs to mind when thinking of the city however Lisbon is surrounded by dozens of beaches that offer some of the best surf in Europe.

The city they say was founded by the Phoenicians and grew in importance thanks to the River Tagus which flows across the country into Spain. It was also ruled by the Moors, the Arabs and eventually the Christians.

In the late 1400's the city developed the Caravel ship that allowed it sail faster and carry more than its rivals and so it took over from Venice and became the world's main trading centre for goods & spices. Vasco do Gama set off and discovered the sea route to India by sailing around Cape Town in South Africa and so began the Age of Discovery.

The city was ...

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Air Temp (°C)

Wetsuits



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SURF CONDITIONS

For Beginners:



For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



RAIN



AREA

Lisbon is **Portugal's capital**, home to 3 million people, almost a third of the Portuguese population. It is located in the centre of Portugal, facing the Atlantic Ocean and at the mouth of the River Tagus which goes inland and on up into Spain. The historical or downtown part of Lisbon is made up of different Barrios (Neighbourhoods). Many of these Barrios were destroyed by the earthquake and subsequent fire in 1755. The city is now made up of small labyrinth narrow streets and small squares dating back ... Read more

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Downtown Lisbon city itself does not have a beach and walking around siteseeing you may be oblivious to the fact that dozens of beautiful white sandy surf beaches are only a 5 minute car drive away (Or 4 train stops!)

The surrounding beaches pick up all the swells the Atlantic have to offer making it one of the most consistent surf destinations in the World.

The area has a good selection for all standards. Closest to the city would be Caxias & Santo Amaro ...

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Lisbon airport is only 15 minutes from Lisbon city centre Flights to Lisbon Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. Skyscanners.net is a good website that lets you know who flies where from different cities. www.aerlingus.com www.flytap.com www.ryanair.com www.britishairways.com www.flymonarch.com www.easyjet.com How to get to from Lisbon Airport to Lisbon city centre There is a metro station at ... Read more

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Lisbon, Portugal

Surf Lisbon - House & School

A typical Portuguese summer house converted into a surf house overlooking the Ocean. The Surf Hous...



Lisbon, Portugal

Carcavelos Surf House

Offering a garden, Carcavelos Surf House is located 1 km from the beach. The B&B provides a daily br...



Lisbon, Portugal

Geckosurfhouse

Geckosurfhouse is a surf-themed bed & breakfast located in Costa da Caparica. The property is a 5-mi...



Lisbon, Portugal

Surflab Lisbon house

A completely new renovated house, located in the center of one of the coolest cities in Europe, with...

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Lessons from €35

Surf Lisbon Surf School
Main Surf Beach:
Carcavelos (Winter) and
Costa de Caparica
(Summer)

Lessons from €25

Aerial Shore break wave
riding School
Main Surf Beach: Praia
Grande (Sintra); Carcavelos
(Cascais);

Lessons from €25

7ª Essência Surf &
Bodyboard School
Main Surf Beach:
Carcavelos beach, guincho
beach



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PENICHE

Home to Europe's best beach breaks



Home to some of Portugal's most consistent surf beaches, Peniche lies 90km's north of Lisbon (1 hour's drive from the airport). The town is know as being home to arguably Portugal's most famous wave -Supertubos. On the other side of town is an area called Baleal and its beach Cantinho da Baia, one of Portugals best beginner and intermediate surf beaches - one of the main reasons people come to surf Peniche. It is here that some of the best Peniche surf camps are located.

A surfing holiday in Peniche will be all about spending time surfing, relaxing on the beach and chilling out at Bruno's beach bar amongst others. The accommodations are all generally a short stroll from any beach meaning you can surf for as long as you want without having to drive. Its an ideal surf holiday option for groups, couples or solo travellers.

The WSL Surf tour comes to Peniche every year ...

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For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits





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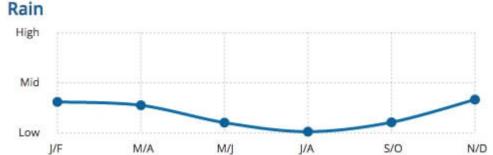
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AREA

Peniche is located in western Portugal, about 90 km north of Lisbon and is the largest fishing port in Portugal. It was an island until the Middle Ages, but it progressively became a peninsula as from the seventeenth century (and therefore a perfect surfing area!!). Legend has it that a group of Lusitanians escaping retaliation by **Julius Caesar's** hosts took refuge in the island and founded the town. Europe's westernmost city, Peniche has always been linked to the sea and the main economic activities of its residents ...

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The best thing about the Peniche & Baleal peninsula is that the beaches face both north and south, and are all within a few kilometres of each other. So on nearly all conditions there is surf - it is well known as one of Portugal's most consistent surf destinations and a great place for a Surfing Holiday.

The **WSL World Tour** comes to Peniche every year in October and is a great time to visit if you want to watch the worlds ...

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GETTING THERE

Peniche is approximately a 1hr drive from Lisbon airport. And two and a half from Porto **Flights** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.wegolo.com is a website that lets you know who flies where from different cities. www.aerlingus.com www.flytap.com www.ryanair.com www.britishairways.com www.flymonarch.com **How to get to Peniche from Lisbon Airport: Transfers** - Share a taxi ... Read more

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Peniche, Portugal

villa sleeps 123 people and in...

Villa with amazing ocean view and

view across the bay of Peniche. The

Ferrel Surf House



Peniche, Portugal

Next Level Surfcamp

The original European surf tour, surf lifestyle and surf school company all wrapped into one! 5 minu...



Peniche, Portugal

Surf Castle

All 5 bedrooms offer stunning views across the spectacular Peniche coastline. No other house in the ...



Peniche, Portugal

Surfers Lodge

High end surf lodge. Beautifully design inspired by the surfing lifestyle in California during the s...



Peniche, Portugal

Silver Coast Villas - Praia del Rey Golf & Beach

We have beautiful Apartments, Townhouses and Villas on the West Coast of Portugal at Praia D'El Re...

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Peniche Surf School
Main Surf Beach:
Supertubos Beach



Ripar Surf School

Main Surf Beach: Praia da

Areia Branca



Global Surf School

Main Surf Beach: Praia da

Areia Branca



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SAGRES & VICENTINA COAST ortugal's secret West coast paradise

Sagres and the Vicentina Coast is one of Portugals true hidden secrets. It is close enough to the large town of Lagos but protected from development because of its status as a National Park. The coastal area is home to many protected species of wildlife as well as beauitful long sandy beaches. And you guessed it, the beaches happen to have some of the best waves in Europe, with a mix of beach breaks and reef that will suit all standards.

The atmosphere around these Sagres surf beaches will take you back to another age when surfing was as much about discovered new areas as it was about finding waves. Far from any modern buildings or development you will be surfing in waters surrounded by only mountains, hillsides, forest and beautiful blue skies. Don't just take our word for it come surf Sagres and discover it for yourself.

The UK's Independent newspaper sums it up best: "...

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SURF CONDITIONS





For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits











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AREA

The Vicentina Coast is part of Portugal's "Sudoeste Alentejano e Costa Vicentina Nature Reserve" that stretches for 200kms from Sagres in the south to Sines along the West coast. It is a true **outdoor paradise**, full of paths waiting to be traveled by foot, by bike, along cliffs & beaches, between agricultural fields, hillsides, meadows, small towns and large expanses of countryside, surrounded by flowers & trees that flourish beside the sea and the bright blue skies. Know as 'Portugal's Garden' it is home to over 750 species of ... Read more

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Sagres & Vicentina Coast continued...

WAVES

This area of Portugal is a year round surf destination and has the warmest sea water in the country. In the summer months you can surf in just shorts or a shortie and it doesn't get dark until 10pm so you can surf all day long! The coastline is part of the protected natural park with 50 kilometres of protected beaches with no large towns or high rise tourist accommodations. Instead you will discover beautiful pristine beaches and small traditional towns a far cry ...

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GETTING THERE

Sagres & the Vicentina coast is 1 hour 20 minutes from Faro airport and 3 hours from Lisbon airport. A car is recommended to make it easier to get around. **Flights** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.wegolo.com is a website that lets you know who flies where from different cities. www.aerlingus.com www.flytap.com www.ryanair.com www.britishairways.com www.flymonarch.com www.easyjet.com **How to get ...**

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TOP 5 ACCOMMODATIONS



Sagres & Vicentina Coast, Portugal

Aldeia da Pedralva

Aldeia da Pedralva (Pedralva Village) - 24 traditional cottages in a beautifully restored old Portug...



Sagres & Vicentina Coast, Portugal

Casa Azul Sagres - Rooms & Apartments

Casa Azul Sagres is a small Bed & Breakfast recently renovated to a high standard thinking about the...



Sagres & Vicentina Coast, Portugal

Arrifana Surf Lodge

A typical Portuguese summer house converted into a surf lodge overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The...



Sagres & Vicentina Coast, Portugal

Sagres Natura

Sagres Natura is in a large well decorated Portuguese house with great views of the area, and right ...



Sagres & Vicentina Coast, Portugal

Aljezur Experiences Luxury Guest House Surfcamp

Our Luxury Guest House e Surf Camp are located in the heart of Costa Vicentina Natural Park. We are...

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Wavesensations Sagres
Surf School
Main Surf Beach: Sagres



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Sintra is home to two of the most reliable surf beaches in Portugal, Praia das Macas and Praia Grande, making sintra surf holidays a great choice. And away from these beaches are a dozen hidden surf spots & coves that are waiting to be discovered! As the poet and traveller Lord Byron famously said in the 19th century "Sintra is the most beautiful place in the world".

Sintra and its surrounds are a dedicated national parkland that stretch from the coastline and inland down to the town of Cascais. In 1995 it was granted status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its historic collection of Palaces, Castles, royal retreats and classic buildings dating back to the 8th century. Most famous of these is the Pena National Palace, the spectacular summer residence of the Portuguese monarchy in the 18th and 19th century. It sits magnificently on top of Sintra mountain and can be seen from as far away as ...

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SURF CONDITIONS

For Beginners:



For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits











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Most visitors to Sintra come to see the spectacular **Pena Palaces** and the ruins of the old Castle. The Palace was completed in 1840 and sits at the top of Sintra's highest mountain with panoramic views of Lisbon, the Ocean and the surrounding area. It is truely maginificent. The Castle was built in the 8th century and lies in ruins. It offers a nice walk around it with panoramic views below. Several Palaces dating from the 12th to the 16th century are also open to the public as well ...

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Sintra's two main beaches are Praia das Macas and Praia Grande. Both are perfect beginner/intermediate beaches and are some of the most consistent surf beaches in the whole Lisbon-Sintra area. North and South of these beaches are many small coves and beautiful hidden beaches that provide any exploring surfer with plenty to get excited about!

Close by is **Praia Guincho**, a spectacular long beach with different peaks, perfect for learning and can get big and windy in the ...



GETTING THERE

Sintra is 30kms from Lisbon airport. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes. Praia das Macas takes an extra 5-10 minutes. Flights to Lisbon Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. Try www.skyscanner.com for details of who flies to Lisbon from your location www.flytap.com www.ryanair.com www.britishairways.com www.flymonarch.com www.easyjet.com www.aerlingus.com How to get to Sintra from Lisbon Airport: ...

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Sintra, Portugal

Moby Dick Lodge Surf House

A typical Portuguese summer house converted into a surf house quite close to nature. The house can...



Surf Iberia Surf House

Upon arrival you will be assured of a warm welcome by the team and enjoy exploring the lodge with it...



The Lodge

A remodeled villa on a beautiful spacious 5000 sqm estate. Chose between single-, double-, family-ro...



Sintra, Portugal

Casa de Surf

A typical Portuguese summer house converted into a surf house overlooking the Ocean. The house ca...



Sintra, Portugal

The Shorebreak House

The house is within 1 minute distance from the Aguda Beach, located in the traditional Portuguese vi...



Sintra, Portugal

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Aerial Shore break wave riding School Main Surf Beach: Praia Grande (Sintra); Carcavelos (Cascais);



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PORTO Discover Porto's best waves

Portugal's second city, or if you ask any local its the first! Like any country the first (Lisbon) and second city (Porto) are great rivals, and when it comes to surfing Porto is a real contender for the title of best surfing capital in Europe.

Porto has enjoyed a mini renaissance in recent years. Its fantastic restaurant and bar scene has rejuvenated the city. It is less built up than its Southern counterparts and surrounded by green hills with long stretches of beaches both North and South of the city.

Due to the myth of it not being as sunny as down south a surfing holiday in Porto is not always the first choice. With summer temperatures of 28 degrees, and empty set ups it should be first on your list.

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For Beginners:



For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Air Temp (°C) Wetsuits









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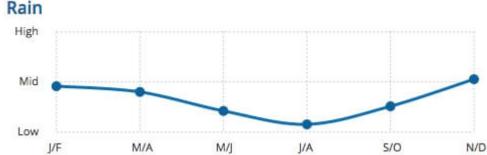


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Porto or Oporto as it is called by the Portuguese is a Unesco heritage town and one of the oldest cities in Europe. The river Duoro splits the city and can be crossed by the magnificent Dona Maria Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel. The main old town is a mix of narrow cobblestone streets, colourful tiled old houses, delightful plazas and the charismatic medieval quarter. Its charm is its run down building, unchanged by time and mass tourism, go for a little wander and pretty soon you will only see ...

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The best time to surf Porto is between Spring through to Autumn. It's main surf beach is **Matosinhos beach**, the best surf spot in Porto for beginner and intermediates. Its a long 1km sandy beach with a few different points on it. The set up is a mix of beach break and reef break and parts of it are sheltered so it handles larger swell. Easy to get to and consistent.

Next to Matosinhos is **International Beach**. A lovely ... Read more



GETTING THERE

The city is only a 10km from Porto airport (Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport), so a quick weekend surf trip is a great option if you don't have a full week. You can also fly to Lisbon also, but it is 3 hours away so not ideal. **Flights to Porto** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal.

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Porto, Portugal

Porto Alive Hostel

A typical Oporto building in downtown converted into a friendly and cosy hostel. Renovated in Febru...



Porto, Portugal

Oporto Surf Camp

Oporto Surf Camp is a very cosy and colorfull hostel on footsteps from everything you need for your ...



Porto, Portugal

Watermark Surf House-Esmoriz

Our surf house in Esmoriz is located within a 150 meters walk from the beach and close to the forest...



Porto, Portugal

Watermark Surf House-Espinho

Our surf house in Espinho is located within a 20 meters walk from the beach, where the waves are usu...



Porto, Portugal

Fish tail

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SURF SCHOOLS



Surfaventura
Main Surf Beach:
Matosinhos



Fish Surf School
Main Surf Beach:
Matosinhos



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If you are looking for a real escape, an adventure through local towns & villages, away from the tourism routes, then a Surf Holiday in the Alentejo is the one for you!

The Alentejo region is the South West/Central part of Portugal, above the Algarve and below Lisbon. It also spans the width of the country to Spain's border but we don't need to concern ourselves with the central part as there is no surf there!

The Alentejo remains largely undeveloped and far from the tourism mecca that is the Algarve or Lisbon. It is a world away from busy city life and home to some of Portugal's most beautiful uncrowded beaches.

The name means "Beyond the Tagus". The Tagus river runs from Spain across the centre of Portugal to its exit point at the Capital Lisbon. The main towns along the coastline are Comporta, Sines, Vila Nova de Milfontes, Zambujeira do ...

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SURF CONDITIONS

For Beginners:



For Intermediates:



For Advanced:



RAIN



AREA

The Alentejo coastline from the northern town of Comporta to the Southern town of Aljezur is approximately 130 kms long and a 2 hour drive. So you can base yourself anywhere and be surfing a different beach every few hours! Without going into too much details here is a quick intro to some of the main towns... Comporta - An hour from Lisbon. A small town known for its long white sandy beaches and surrounding rice fields. Has become a trendy spit lately with people from Lisbon escaping from the ...

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The Alentejo region is a year round destination. Autumn to Spring is the most consistent and summer is great for learning and progressing. It offers endless possibilities for all standards, some hard to get to secrets, others beautiful open beaches! There are some many waves along this 130 km coastline that it is impossible to describe, below are just a few to note and look out for...

The north part of the region starts with Comporta and the beautiful **Carvalhal** beach. A ...

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GETTING THERE

The Alentejo region is 130 kms long so where you fly to depends on whether you are coming to surf the north or further south. The north part of the Alentejo is 1hr from Lisbon airport, while the South is 2 hours from Faro airport. **Car Hire** - Definitely the best way to travel. We have a <u>discount car hire</u> section on our website where you can rent a car. **Transfers** - Share a taxi or mini bus with our ...

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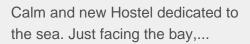
Allmar Hostel

Zmar Eco Experience

Zmar - Eco Campo Resort Spa has

been designed to integrate into the

natural environment and conserve...





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Maria Mar - Surf & Guest House

A beautiful small Surf & Guest House where you can escape to and enjoy the most beautiful beach and ...



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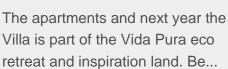
Cerca do Sul

Offering large views of Monchique Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean 5 kms away, Cerca do Sul is a typ...



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PRAIA DA AREIA BRANCA & SANTA CRUZ

Uncrowded Portuguese coastline with amazing surf

Praia da Areia Branca to Santa Cruz is a beautiful pristine coastline that offers great surf along the uncrowded coastline. Situated only 60 minutes drive from Lisbon and 50 minutes from the airport.

Praia da Areia Branca is a really calm and peaceful village where you can really observe an old traditional Portuguese way of life, and live the travel experience as a local. You won't find any signs of mass tourism or worldwide fast food or hotel chains. The area has lots of surf beaches where you can surf and is a great place to learn how to surf, with many quality surf schools in the area.

Santa Cruz is a small town North of Ericeira with great beach breaks offering waves for all levels of surfing. With a number of surf schools this is a great base for your holiday and being so close to Ericeira and on such a fantastic coastline offers peace and tranquility ...

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AREA

Santa Cruz covers an extended stretch of sand that is divided up into various beaches named after the respective cafes with the Beaches of Navio, Mirante, Pisão, Física, Centro, Santa Helena, Formosa and Azul. The purity of both the waters and sands here comes in addition to the surrounding picturesque landscapes and ensure that Santa Cruz is a highly popular tourist resort. To the far south, the **Ponta da Vigia** cliffs form a series of rocky outcrops among which the **Penedo** ...

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Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz continued...

WAVES

This amazing uncrowded coastline between **Santa Cruz** to **Praia da Areia Branca** offers many beach breaks and reefs. With beach breaks in each town suitable for learning and many off the beaten track waves along the coastline it is a great place to explore without the concern for large crowds.

Santa Cruz beach break gets good swell and waves are great on small to medium west swells. It can get crowded in the summer months but you ...

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GETTING THERE

The Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz are is only a 50 minute drive from Lisbon airport . You can also fly to Faro in the South of Portugal (3 and a half hours drive away) or to Porto in the North of Portugal (also 3 hours drive away) **Flights to Lisbon** Please note to check airports as new routes & airlines may begin operating at any time. Below are just some that fly to Portugal. www.wegolo.com is a website that lets you know who flies where from different cities. www....

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TOP 5 ACCOMMODATIONS



Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz, Portugal

Sizandro Beach Lodge

A renovated beach lodge that accommodates 32 people, directly overlooking the Sizandro river and be...





Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz, Portugal

Beach Break House

Beach Break House is a rustic and cozy house with ocean view and space for up to 9 guests in 1 doubl...



Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz, Portugal

Santa Cruz Beach House

A spacious designed open plan beach house just 5 mins from local surfing beach. House accommodates s...



Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz, Portugal

Cliff Surfcamp

A spacious 3-level house with open terraces and glimpses of the sea. 11 originally decorated rooms a...



Praia da Areia Branca & Santa Cruz, Portugal

Da Silva Surfcamp

Our Surfcamp is a typical portuguese cottage that fits perfectly into the rural charm of the country...



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