

# Portugal – a closer look



### Northern Portugal

Blessed with some of the most spectacular scenery in the country - lush countryside, terraced hillsides adorned with port wine estates, rugged mountains and long sandy beaches.

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### Central Portugal

A rich heritage of fortified towns and castles, idyllic villages with slate-roof houses painted in white and ochre and a world of Roman columns and mosaic pavements as found in Conimbriga.

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### Lisbon Region

Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, can rightly stand amongst the loveliest of all European cities. Here, past and present stand side by side in harmony.

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### Alentejo

A magnificent landscape of sweeping fields of wheat and sunflowers dotted with tiny white-washed villages, forests of pine and cork and mighty rivers await visitors to the Alentejo. New flight route into Beja – see page 90.

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### Algarve

Think of the Algarve... mile upon mile of golden sand beaches interrupted only by craggy outcrops of rock. The land of the Moors and their intriguing legacy is evident in local architecture, music and language.

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### Madeira

A lush sub-tropical island with a temperate climate and a rich repertoire of floral species and exotic plants. The island offers extensive walking trails, beautiful gardens, traditional villages and quinta's producing the famous Madeira wine.

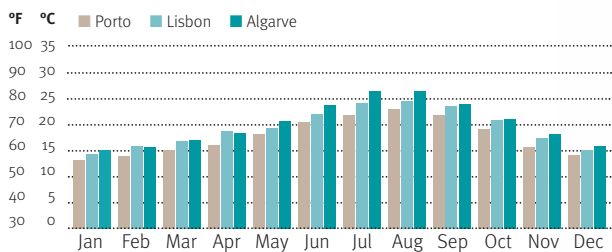
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Portugal maximum average air temperature



Madeira maximum average air temperature

