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# Welcome to the real Portugal & Madeira

**Portugal** is a beautiful land of marked contrasts whose bold, seafaring people pushed forward the frontiers of the ancient world. Evidence of that glorious heritage can be seen everywhere: in fascinating cities, extraordinarily lovely scenery and warm, unaffected people who keep alive their age old traditions and ceremonies. This country, with its unexpected contrasts, is a most stimulating and rewarding one to tour.

The country is ideally suited for touring holidays. The distances are not great and the roads, although sometimes winding, are in good repair. Very comfortable accommodation in character hotels, historic manor houses and Pousadas is readily available. We also feature the Algarve area, but not the standard hotels or apartments now common in the overcrowded resorts. The holidays presented here, as you will see from the following pages, are rather different. Try one – you will discover a side of Portugal you least expected, and you will not be disappointed.

## **Direct flight to Beja, Alentejo**

Sunvil Discovery charts, for the 2nd year running, a BMI flight direct into Beja. The Embraer 49-seat plane, with full catering and free 20kg luggage allowance, operates on a weekly basis from Heathrow on Sundays, and is the only direct flight route from the UK. See flight details on page 90.

A visit to **Madeira**, Europe's most traditional holiday island destination, is a must for nature lovers. Traditional Portuguese culture, overwhelming beauty and genuine island hospitality await you. This green, subtropical paradise is located 310 miles from the African coast and 620 miles from Europe. Explore by car or on foot (see page 74 for our suggested 'Walking Holiday') the hidden wonders of this beautiful island with its myriad of mysterious mountain ranges covered in subtropical vegetation, picturesque coastlines dotted with charming fishing villages and enterprising terraced fields and levadas (irrigation channels) clinging to steep, volcanic hillsides.

## **Sunvil Prices**

As all our holidays are tailor-made, we have adopted a flexible pricing policy based on individual airline net fares which now, as a result of the changing airline industry, fluctuate on a regular basis. Our computer system enables us to give up to the minute quotes on all properties. We have therefore shown a range of indicative prices for our featured accommodation and will quote the accurate price on application. This price will reflect the latest flight prices and any offers from hotels – only one offer applicable per booking. Prices available from January to October 2012.



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