



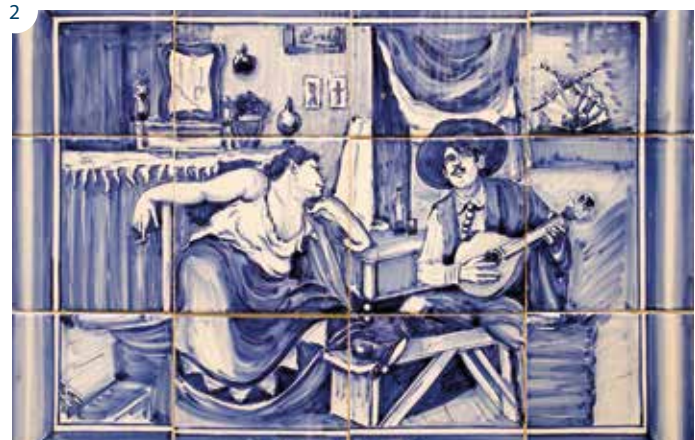
# Portugal... what not to miss

Here is a selection of some of the many highlights to be found in Portugal which we hope will inspire you to travel and experience them for yourselves.



## Conimbriga

Conimbriga is without doubt the most important Roman site in Portugal. Intricate mosaic floors, a complex of baths and an aqueduct still stand and there is an excellent museum displaying finds from archaeological digs in the area.



## Fado

Lisbon is the city of Fado music, sorrowful tales of passion, yearning and of unrequited love. For live musical performances head to the fado houses in the districts of Alfama and Bairro Alto.

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### Festival of São Antonio

Between 12-14 June the Portuguese capital celebrates St Anthony, the patron saint of the city. During the festival, there are street stalls selling grilled sardines, fado music is played, people dance and a parade takes place on the Avenida da Liberdade.

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### Monchique

Surrounded by the wooded hills of the Serra de Monchique, this whitewashed hilltop market town offers excellent views, narrow cobbled streets and an excellent terrain for hiking, horse riding and cycling. Monchique is also famous for the locally produced honey.

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### Monsanto

One of the twelve historical villages of Portugal, Monsanto has evolved over the years around the granite boulders that dominate the landscape. There are narrow lanes, a castle, spectacular views and souvenir shops selling hand-woven goods.

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### Port wine

All major port wine producers have their cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia and many offer port wine tastings for visitors. One of our favourites is Sandeman's Port Cellar whose tour includes a short film, museum visit and a tasting.

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### Wild flowers

March through to May sees the plains of the Alentejo erupt with colour - vast swathes of intense purple, white, red, yellow and blue stretch before your eyes. This is the 'Provence of Portugal'!

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### Walking trails of the Alentejo

Try one of the new Transalentejo self-guided walking trails located near the Alqueva Lake and Guadiana River. Enjoy the local flora and scenic rural landscapes and villages on these well marked trails.