

With sunny days reminding us that summer is on the way, Easter is an excellent time to visit Portugal!



During this festive season, traditions come alive in every street and home, with the aroma of Folar, (Easter bread) the traditional Easter bread that Portuguese families do not do without at this time of year. The shape, content and preparation vary according to the region, the village and even the family.

It's a time of renewal and togetherness, when families gather around the table, celebrating sharing, heritage, and gastronomy, and the joy of the festivities becoming part of the ritual.

At this time of year, the temperatures are already inviting you to stroll along the beach and soak up the sun and sea, especially in the Algarve, Or to immerse yourself in nature, which renews itself in spring in an explosion of colours and aromas, to be discovered in the Natural Parks in Porto and the North, in Central Portugal, in the Alentejo or on the islands of the Azores. Portugal is a particularly popular sun destination during the Easter break.



But Easter is a time of deep Catholic significance all over Portugal. In Braga, holy week is celebrated with heavy religious solemnity and its highlights are Maundy Thursday (The Last Supper and Jesus washes the disciples' feet), Good Friday (crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ), Holy Saturday (ascension to heaven) and Easter Sunday itself (Resurrection). In Óbidos, the last moments of the life of Jesus Christ on the Sacred Road are recreated, and in Castelo de Vide Jewish traditions bring a rich tone to the celebrations.

In other parts of the country, there are other reasons to celebrate. In Loulé, it's the Feast of the Sovereign Mother, which attracts many visitors; and in Constância, the colourful boat processions at the Festival of Our Lady of the Good Voyage. Nature and outdoor activities are also popular during the Easter vacations, when you can explore Portugal's hiking trails, nature reserves and other outdoor adventures.

These are just a few suggestions. You'll be sure to discover many more! Why not schedule your trip here now?



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