

# Discover the 20 Best Hidden Gems in Portugal!

Explore the 20 Best Hidden Gems in Portugal, showcasing some of the most beautiful villages and secret places that are often hidden and little known to travellers. These gems are real treasures and worth a visit.

From the island of Farol to Casa do Penedo and the island of Flores, embark on a journey to discover exceptional places in Portugal.



#### 1. Costa Nova, Aveiro - Porto

Visit Costa Nova, renowned for its colourful houses and fish market. The main attraction is Avenida José Estevao, where houses once used for storing fishing equipment have become vacation homes.



#### 2. Casa do Penedo, Moreira do Rei

This unique house near Fafe, built among four large rocks, resembles something from "The Flintstones." Constructed in the mid-seventies, it remains a rustic holiday home without electricity.



#### 3. Azenhas do Mar

Just 50 minutes from Lisbon, this small fishing village clings to cliffs and offers stunning Instagram-worthy views. Enjoy the natural seawater pool, sheltered beach, and local seafood restaurants.



### 4. Quinta da Regaleira, Sintra

Located in Sintra, this fairy-tale palace and castle attract travellers and celebrities worldwide. Madonna once lived in Sintra, drawn by its beauty. Don't miss a visit to the "Pena Palace."



## 5. Berlengas Archipelago, Peniche

A hidden gem near Peniche, the Berlengas Archipelago offers fairy-tale landscapes, a fort, and a lighthouse. This nature reserve is accessible and perfect for sunbathing on its small beach.



#### 6. Santana, Madeira

Known for its traditional triangular houses, Santana offers more than picturesque views. Located in northern Madeira, it provides excellent hiking opportunities in lush surroundings.



#### 7. Sistelo, Parque Nacional da Peneda-Gêres

Dubbed "The Little Portuguese Tibet," Sistelo features green terraces shaped by human hands. This village of three hundred inhabitants is a wonder of Portugal, with beautiful landscapes and traditional granaries.



#### 8. Islet of Vila Franca do Campo, Sao Miguel - Azores

This small island, part of an underwater volcano, lies just one kilometre off Sao Miguel. It offers crystal clear waters and a small beach, making it a unique paradise.



## 9. Odeceixe, Algarve

Odeceixe, one of Portugal's 7 Wonders, straddles the Algarve and Alentejo regions. Known for its beautiful beach, it is a hidden gem worth discovering.



### 10. Ferragudo, Lagoa - Algarve

This beautiful fishing village in Lagoa is a top-secret place in Portugal. It's part of a picturesque municipality that includes Porches and Carvoeiro.



### 11. Ilha das Flores, Azores

Flores Island, in the northernmost part of the Azores, is a paradise for nature lovers and hikers. It's famous for its guava jam, thanks to the island's perfect microclimate.



#### 12. Bom Jesus, Tenoes - Braga

The Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte is breath-taking. Climb its 116-meter-high stairs, representing the five human senses, or take the funicular for stunning views.



### 13. Culatra Island, Olhao - The Algarve

Accessible only by boat from Olhao, Culatra Island is car-free, peaceful, and perfect for swimming and diving in crystal clear waters.



### 14. Monsanto, Centro de Portugal

Monsanto, titled "Most Beautiful Portuguese Village" in 1938, offers historical buildings and panoramic views. After a drive from Lisbon, enjoy a meal with exceptional views at Adega Tipica O Cruzeiro.



#### 15. Carvoeiro, Lagoa - The Algarve

Carvoeiro, now a popular seaside resort, retains its charm with many Portuguese residents. It features beautiful beaches and stunning views.



### 16. Piodao, Serra do Açor

Located in the Serra do Açor, Piodao is one of Portugal's most beautiful villages. Its houses blend seamlessly with the natural landscape.



#### 17. Arrabida Natural Park, Setubal

Setubal, just 40 minutes from Lisbon, offers sublime beaches, a charming city centre, traditional markets, and natural reserves. Cross the 25th of April or Vasco da Gama bridge to visit.



### 18. Ponta da Piedade, Lagos - Algarve

Ponta da Piedade's rock formations, carved by millennia of waves, are breath-taking. Lagos offers outdoor activities, beaches, a historic centre, and vibrant nightlife.



#### 19. Marvao, The Alentejo

Marvao, a fortified city at the top of Serra de Sapoio, offers stunning views. Visit the nearby city of Evora, known for its whitewashed houses and Gothic cathedral.



#### 20. Benagil Cave, Carvoeiro - Algarve

Accessible only by boat or kayak, this spectacular cave features clear waters, fine sand, and sunlight streaming through the roof.

# **Properties Of The Week**





Nestled in Boliqueime within Loulé municipality, amidst this serene setting stands a magnificent two-story villa designed with a contemporary flair. The ground floor seamlessly integrates all living spaces, boasting a well-thought-out layout. Featuring four bedrooms with spacious built-in wardrobes, including two ensuite, alongside a sizable office or additional room as desired.

Ref. <u>OH2739</u> Price €1,890,000

New build four bedroom villa in Fonte Santa - Alsakia Village

Nestled in the enchanting Passis Valley of Alsakia, this remarkable 4-bedroom villa offers the perfect blend of contemporary design, natural beauty, and luxurious amenities. This new construction property presents an exceptional opportunity for those seeking a refined and elegant lifestyle.

Ref. <u>OHL2123</u> Price €1,250,000



### **Testimonial Of The Week**



"You are absolutely a True Unicorn in this world"

"No words could express our gratitude for all you help in ensuring "Casa dos Sonhos" was ready for us.

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts"

Louise, Walter and Freya



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