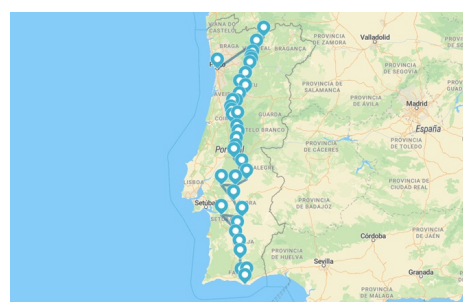




Portugal, 7 Days · Tailor-made by car

The iconic N2 Route, from north to south Portugal

Travelling along the iconic N2 Route is discovering Portugal in the most authentic way. This legendary road linking Chaves and Faro over 739 kilometres crosses the country from north to south through mountains, wine-growing valleys, historic cities, charming villages and golden plains that herald the arrival of the ever-bright light of the Algarve. A unique journey that will allow you to experience the diversity of Portugal stage by stage, enjoying quiet roads, changing landscapes and delicious local cuisine. More than just an itinerary, setting out on the N2 - one of the most iconic routes in Europe - is an authentic experience, a way to connect with the essence of Portugal. From the thermal character of the north to the carefree atmosphere of the Algarve, every kilometre adds a story, an image and a memory. The N2 Route is a journey for those who are not just looking to arrive, but to discover a country full of contrasts.



CULTURAL

Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till July 2027

From: London

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - CHAVES

Departure from your city of origin to Porto, one of Portugal's most vibrant cities. Arrival and collection of your hire car. Depending on your flight arrival time, you can choose between two ways to start your route: spend a few hours exploring Porto or head north to Chaves, the first destination in green, mountainous and serene Portugal. Located about 150 kilometres from the airport (almost 2 hours by car).

The route by car is comfortable and smooth, with well-marked roads that combine motorways and more rural sections that give a taste of what is to come on the N2, the 'Portuguese Route 66'. Little by little, the urban landscape of Porto fades away to give way to hills covered with pine trees, vineyards and small scattered villages that herald the arrival in the heart of Tras-os-Montes.

CHAVES

Very close to the border with Galicia, Chaves welcomes travellers with history and character. This spa town with a Roman past and a well-preserved heritage is famous for its 1st-century bridge, which not only connects the two banks of the Tâmega but also symbolically marks the beginning of the famous Portuguese N2 Route. Strolling through its old town is always a good idea: cobbled streets, beautiful houses with wooden balconies, charming squares and cafés where time seems to have stood still.

Any gastronomic suggestions before you rest? Folar de Chaves, stuffed folhadinhos or the traditional posta à transmontana are perfect choices for your first dinner in Portugal. Tomorrow you will begin your journey along the legendary road that will take you from north to south. Are you ready?

Accommodation in Chaves.

DAY 2 · CHAVES - VILA POUCA DE AGUIAR - VILA REAL - SANTA MARTA DE PENAGUIÃO - PESO DA RÉGUA

After waking up in Chaves and finding yourself at kilometre zero of the N2, it's time to set off on this legendary road that crosses Portugal from north to south.

On this second day, you will truly experience the legendary spirit of the N2: quiet roads, stone villages, medieval castles and a superb landscape overlooking the photogenic Douro Valley. A stage that combines history, nature and excellent wines. Let's get started! As you leave Chaves behind, the road winds its way through pine-covered hills and small villages.

VILA POUCA DE AGUIAR

The first stop is Vila Pouca de Aguiar, about a 30-minute drive away. Here you will find an area marked by granite and a rural landscape of great beauty. Nearby, the Castelo de Pena de Aguiar dominates the heights. The climb to its summit offers a beautiful panoramic view of the surrounding area.

VILA REAL

Back on the N2, the journey to Vila Real is short and pleasant, taking about half an hour, with wide roads that descend gently between hills. Take advantage of the stop to explore its historic area, have a coffee with a view and take a short break before setting foot in wine country.

SANTA MARTA DE PENAGUIÃO

Just a quarter of an hour away is Santa Marta de Penaguião, where the landscape changes completely. Vineyards stretch as far as the eye can see, and every bend offers beautiful views of the Douro Valley.

RÉGUA

And we arrive at Régua, just 10 minutes away. Here, the Douro opens up before you in one of its most iconic stretches, a setting where rugged hills, centuries-old wineries and perfectly ordered rows of vineyards create one of the most beautiful landscapes in Portugal.

Arriving in Régua is like arriving in the heart of wine country. Here, gastronomy and wine take centre stage. A glass of port or a red wine from the region is the best accompaniment to a delicious 'bacalhau á lagareiro'.

Accommodation in the Peso da Régua area.

● DAY 3 · PESO DA RÉGUA - LAMEGO - CASTRO DAIRE - SÃO PEDRO DO SUL - VISEU

The third day of the route will take you from the photogenic Douro Valley to the mountainous heart of Portugal, among Baroque sanctuaries, historic fortresses and spa towns. Let's hit the road! After breakfast surrounded by vineyards and the leisurely pace of the Douro, it's time to say goodbye to Régua and take the N2 towards Lamego.

LAMEGO

In just 20 minutes along a scenic route with beautiful views of the valley, you will reach Lamego, one of those places that manages to surprise the traveller. Elegant, historic and baroque, the city boasts heritage gems such as the Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, with its monumental staircase decorated with fountains and tiles. Take advantage of the stop to explore the old town and, if you fancy a gastronomic treat, try the traditional 'bôlas de Lamego', stuffed bread rolls that are a true local emblem.

CASTRO DAIRE

Back on the road, the route continues towards Castro Daire, known for its rural authenticity, about a 40-minute drive away, where the mountains take centre stage and the N2 winds its way through forests and small villages steeped in tradition. The region is notable for its ancient Roman roads, which still survive among the vegetation, and for the beauty of its landscape.

SÃO PEDRO DO SUL

After driving for about 20 minutes, you will arrive at São Pedro do Sul, one of Portugal's most prominent spa towns. The steam from its medicinal waters, used since Roman times, and its relaxed atmosphere make it a pleasant stop before continuing your journey. If you fancy a moment of relaxation, this town offers a spa experience in some of its historic baths.

VISEU

The last leg of the journey will take you to Viseu, a vibrant city that has become one of the country's leading cultural centres. Here, urban art coexists with lively squares, an imposing cathedral and cobbled streets lined with interesting shops and restaurants where you can sample Portuguese culinary delights. A place that combines history, modernity and good food.

Accommodation in Viseu.

● DAY 4 · VISEU - TONDELA - SANTA COMBA DÃO - MONTÁGUA - PENACOVA - VILA NOVA DE POIARES - LOUSÃ - GÓIS - PEDRÓGÃO GRANDE - SERTÃ

On this fourth day of your trip, you will travel one of the most varied stages of the famous N2. A pleasant journey awaits you, taking you through forests, narrow roads winding through the mountains, small villages where life moves at a leisurely pace, and beautiful viewpoints overlooking scenic, deep valleys. It is a day to enjoy nature, the peaceful rhythm of the Portuguese countryside and discover little-known corners of the heart of the country.

After waking up in Viseu and saying goodbye to its vibrant atmosphere, you can get back on the road to enjoy one of the most scenic stages of the route. It will be a comfortable and peaceful stage, with numerous villages strung together and short stretches that allow you to enjoy many stops without rushing. In total, you will drive about 170 kilometres, with a cumulative driving time of just over 3 hours.

TONDELA AND SANTA COMBA DÃO

In just 20 minutes, the N2 takes you to Tondela, a quiet enclave surrounded by hills and farmland. It is a peaceful stretch that allows you to perceive how the north begins to transform into a more rural central Portugal.

The next stop is Santa Comba Dão, a charming riverside village with granite houses overlooking the river. Its cobbled streets, viewpoints over the water and serene atmosphere allow you to take a break from driving and relax. Any local delicacies? This area is known for its excellent honey and artisan cheeses.

MONTÁGUA AND PENACOVA

The route continues to Montágua, just a quarter of an hour away, where wooded areas take centre stage and the road becomes more scenic. It is one of those stretches where you can enjoy driving among eucalyptus and pine trees and villages scattered among the vegetation. Shortly afterwards, you will come to Penacova, known for its panoramic views over the river and its traditional mills. Here, the combination of the valley, the water and the altitude creates one of the most beautiful images in central Portugal.

VILA NOVA DE POIARES, LOUSÃ AND GÓIS

From Penacova, the road descends gently towards Vila Nova de Poiares, about 20 minutes away, a place famous for its traditional cuisine. Once in Lousã, half an hour away, the mountains frame some of the most attractive landscapes of the day. The area is known for its dark slate villages nestled among forests and for the medieval castle that guards the valley. Nearby is Góis, another authentic village with charming bridges over the river and traditional houses.

PEDRÓGÃO GRANDE

From this point, the landscape becomes more rugged as the road winds through the mountains to Pedrógão Grande, about 25 minutes away, the gateway to the large reservoirs of central Portugal.

SERTÃ

The journey ends in Sertã, a charming village surrounded by hills and crossed by a river, which is the ideal place to rest, with its peaceful natural landscapes and authentic corners. Roast kid and local sweets could be a good menu to end today's adventure.

Accommodation in Sertã.

● DAY 5 · SERTÃO - VILA DE REI - SARDOAL - ABRANTES - PONTE DE SOR - AVIS - MORA - CORUCHE - MONTEMOR O NOVO - VIANA DO ALENTEJO - ALCÁCER DO SAL

Ready to cross the heart of Portugal? Today's stage is one of the most complete and varied of the entire route: mountainous landscapes, cities bathed by the Tagus River and, little by little, the arrival at the warm plains of the Alentejo. It is a long stage, but comfortable and with short stops, where the rural essence and Portuguese hospitality will accompany you to Alcácer do Sal, very close to the Atlantic.

VILA REI

The first stop of the day could be Vila Rei, about a 20-minute drive away, where you will find the Geodesic Centre of Portugal, i.e. the exact centre point of the country, a perfect symbolic place to start the day. From its viewpoint, the country unfolds in all directions and the panoramic views allow you to perceive the diversity of the territory crossed by the famous N2.

SARDOAL AND ABRANTES

After setting off, half an hour later you will come to Sardoa, a small village surrounded by hills and forests. Its well-preserved old town, dotted with narrow streets and whitewashed houses, exudes a special serenity. Just 15 minutes away is Abrantes, where its medieval castle overlooking the Tagus offers beautiful views of the area. The river stretches out at the foot of the city, creating scenes that combine history, landscapes and water.

PONTE DE SOR AND AVIS

The route continues to Ponte de Sor and Avis, one of the most picturesque villages of the day. Its medieval layout, walls and whitewashed houses on top of the hill make the village a beautiful viewpoint over the Alentejo.

MORA AND CORUCHE

About 25 minutes away is Mora, where nature takes centre stage once again. The area is known for its river aquarium and its wide, rolling pasture landscapes. In Coruche, its fields of cork oaks and white architecture reflect the light of the Alentejo. The area is famous for its cork production, one of the most important in Europe.

MONTEMOR-O-NOVO AND VIANA DO ALENTEJO

In Montemor-o-Novo, 35 minutes away, the ruins of the castle stand on the hill that dominates the entire region. The village, peaceful and bright, is a picture postcard of the Alentejo countryside. The next stop is Viana do Alentejo, a charming village with a well-preserved castle and one of the most outstanding shrines in the region: the Santuário de Nossa Senhora d'Aires.

ALCÁCER DO SAL

After a final half-hour drive, today's journey ends in Alcácer do Sal. Its white terraced houses, the castle in the upper part and the peaceful atmosphere of the historic centre are the perfect end to this exciting day.

Accommodation in Alcácer do Sal.

● DAY 6 · ALCÁCER DO SAL - FERREIRA DO ALENTEJO - ALJUSTREL - CASTRO VERDE - ALMODÔVAR - LOULÉ - SÃO BRAS DE ALPORTEL - FARO

Today we head south to Portugal. First through the pastures and golden fields of the Alentejo, then through former mining lands and finally through the hills of the Algarve interior. It's a day when the climate becomes milder and, from the N2, you'll begin to feel the proximity of the ocean. Today's journey will end in the bright city of Faro. Let's get started!

FERREIRA DO ALENTEJO AND AJUSTREL

After enjoying a pleasant breakfast in Alcácer do Sal, you can head south. The first few kilometres will transport you to the beautiful landscapes of the Alentejo. After about half an hour, you will reach Ferreira do Alentejo, an agricultural enclave surrounded by open fields. From here, you will reach Aljustrel in about 20 minutes, a town marked by its mining tradition. The old mines and reddish tones of the area give the landscape a special character.

CASTRO VERDE

The journey continues to Castro Verde, about 25 minutes away, where the horizon opens up to large rolling plains known as the 'white countryside', one of the most famous images of the Baixo Alentejo. The historic centre is charming and peaceful, with quiet cafés and a very authentic local atmosphere.

ALMODÔVAR AND LOULÉ

Once in Almodôvar, the Alentejo begins to transform into the Algarve. The landscape changes. It is a beautiful drive, with gentle curves and views that herald the change of region. The route continues to Loulé, a lively city full of possibilities. Its market and white streets convey that blend of tradition and modernity so typical of the Algarve.

SÃO BRAS DE ALPORTEL AND FARO

The next stop is São Bras de Alportel, a quiet village with a special charm, surrounded by hills covered with cork oaks and olive trees. The last leg of the day takes you to Faro, the Algarve's landmark. Its walled historic centre, the maritime atmosphere of the Ria Formosa and its light-filled squares make it the best destination to end this legendary road trip. A good option for dinner and a stroll is Manuel Bivar Boulevard, Faro's golden mile, which has a high concentration of shops, bars and restaurants.

Accommodation in Faro.

● DAY 7 · FARO - CITY OF ORIGIN

After dawn in the bright city of Faro, capital of the Algarve, it is time to say goodbye to Portugal. Depending on your flight departure time, you can take a stroll through the streets of Vila Adentro, visit the marina or enjoy the city atmosphere.

Arrive at the airport with enough time to return your hire car and catch your flight back to your city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Chaves.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Chaves.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Peso Da Regua.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Peso Da Regua.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Viseu.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Viseu.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Sertão.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Sertão.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Alcácer do Sal.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Alcácer do Sal.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Faro.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Faro.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

✕ Accommodation taxes in Algarve direct payment in facility.

✕ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Porto



Chaves



Vila Pouca de Aguiar



Vila Real



Santa Marta de Penaguião



Peso Da Regua



Lamego



Castro Daire



São Pedro do Sul



Viseu



Tondela



Santa Comba Dão



Mortágua



Penacova



Vila Nova de Santo Andre



Lousã



Góis



Pedrógão Grande



Serta



Vila de Rei



Sardoal



Abrantes



Ponte De Sor



Avis



Mora



Coruche



MontemorNovo



Viana do Alentejo



Alcácer do Sal



Ferreira do Alentejo



Aljustrel



Castro Verde



Almodôvar



Loulé



São Brás de Alportel



Faro



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far the possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.