

My name is Jose and this is my co-pilot Bella.

Today I'm taking you all for an adventure in Portugal.

Welcome on board, fasten your seat belts and enjoy the trip!



Portugal is only over 2 hours away by plane from Ireland.

The flag of Portugal is red and green. The Portuguese coat of arms is pictured where the two colours meet, the green symbolizes hope for the future, the red symbolizes the blood of the nation. The five blue small shields represent the five Moorish kings who were defeated by the first king of Portugal.

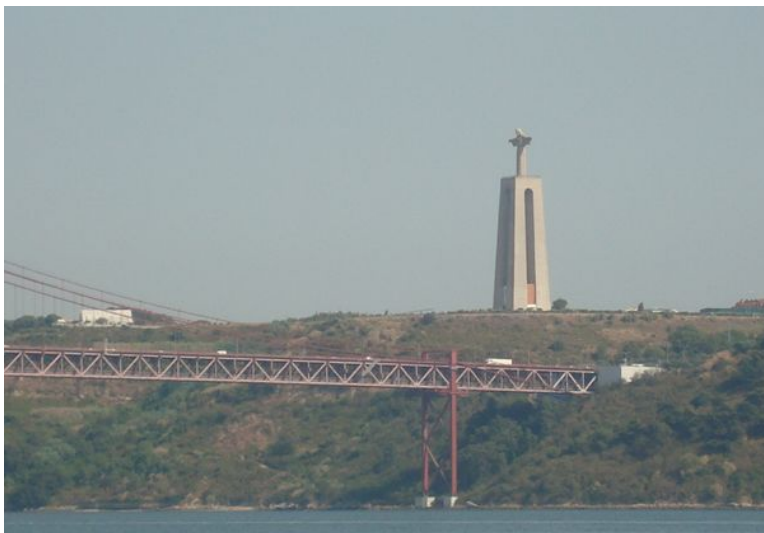
Portuguese Flag



I was born in Ireland but all my family lives in Portugal that is how it is so good. Every summer I spend my holidays in Portugal and I visit many places so I will be the best guide for you.

Lisbon is the capital of Portugal and it's located in the middle of the country.

Lisbon is a big city with loads of monuments and churches. The best place I loved to visit and it's the most attractive place is called Oceanario. It's like a Zoo but all the species are from the sea. Takes most of the day to visit this amazing place!









Portugal has many famous beaches but the most famous are in the south of the country, named the Algarve.

In Algarve the beaches are truly beautiful, the ocean is warm for swimming, the sand is clear and white and there are many golf courses. They have really tasty seafood and the oranges are very juicy because the sun is so hot.

Algarve beach – Praia da Rocha



Algarve golf course



Tasty fresh seafood



My family lives in Oporto which is located in the north of the country.

The north also has beautiful beaches with white sand but the water is colder than the south.

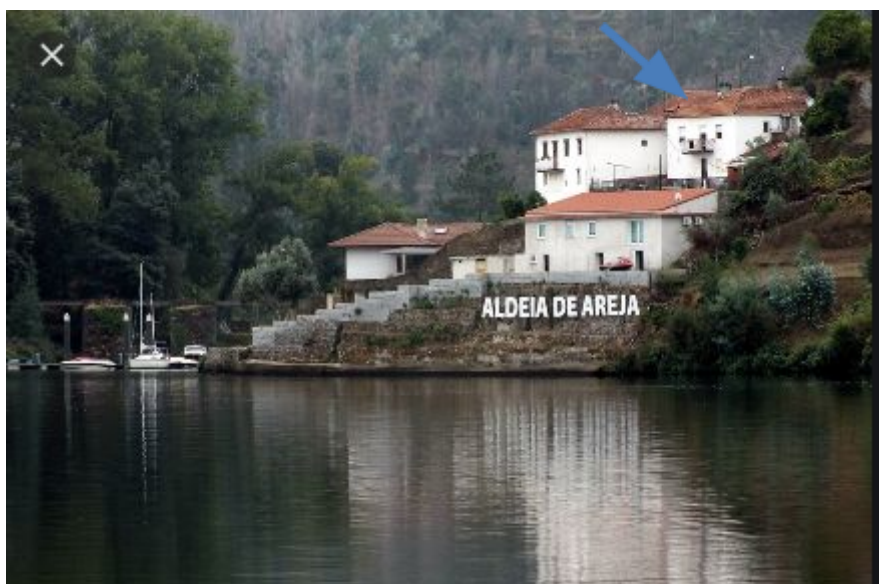
But the north is also beautiful as you can go to the interior and see big mountains.

I always spend the most of my time in my granny's house.

Only 50 people lived in that village and most are elderly people.

There is no coffee shop or any other shops in this place.

My Nanny's house



The place is beautiful and it has a huge river called Douro river, where boats pass all the time full of tourists.

These hotel boats are going up to the river to show the vineyards and the places they produce the famous Porto wine.



At night we sit at the front balcony and watch the police in the coastal guard boats checking if the people that are driving the boats have lights just in case they crash.

Douro river cruises boats



My dad, Junior, mum and me, we built a boat out of wood and we have a 3hpr motor on it. It is very nice to go on adventures in. I love seeing the beautiful view in the boat from the mountains.



We painted the boat ourselves. My mum made a dragon on it and I made a water snake. Junior made a crocodile and my dad made a scary shark with bloody teeth.



We had so many adventures, every day we were exploring the river and going inside the small rivers. It was so cool to have different views, the birds and different flora. Sometimes we were stuck with fallen trees or big rocks on the way, so we had to improvise!



We would usually go to the beach but what I would call a river it has sand like a beach and it has water but the beach that we go to doesn't have salty sea

water it has nice fresh water. There are two beaches that I love, the first one is Lomba. Lomba is a very big popular beach, lots of people go there.

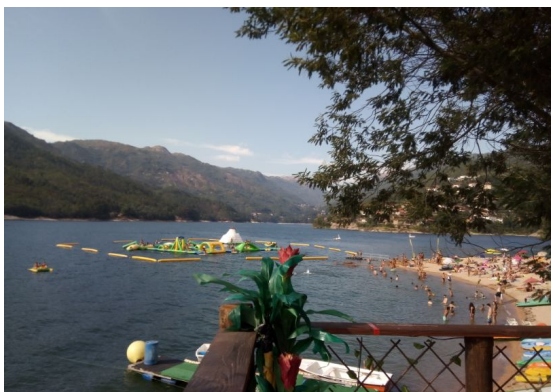


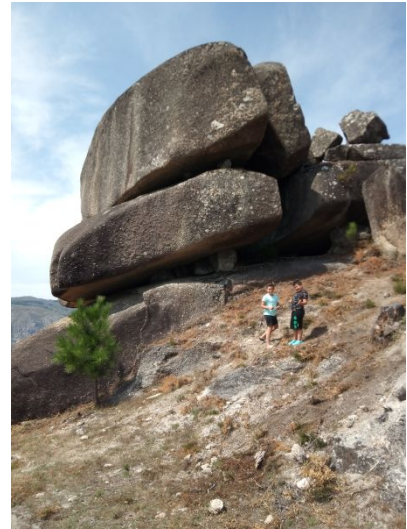
The second one is Pedorido. Pedorido was a very cool and nice beach until it was infested with jelly fish got stuck in the ground inside the water and because of them, we have this feeling on our toes they start to tingle and they feel very weird.

Pedorido river beach



Every summer, I also go to Geres to camp there with my family. Geres is a National Park reserve located in the north of Portugal and is on the border of Spain. Last year was a great summer camp there. We had a river just outside the camping site where we could go swimming whenever we wanted. There is a natural volcanic spring where we used to go and bathe. The water was so hot that it could burn the skin off of you. I had great fun there. We went on horse riding, mountain walks, racing in electric go karts and we went to the zoo with massive animals like elephants, giraffes, rhinos, lions and all sorts of animals that you can imagine.





Hope you all enjoyed your trip to Portugal. See you next time and I hope you can visit this country!

Have a nice trip (Boa viagem)

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