

CONTROLO'2010 9TH PORTUGUESE CONFERENCE ON AUTOMATIC CONTROL SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Controlo 2010 offers guided tours in English for participants, students/fellow and accompanying persons, covering the most attractive sights and monuments of Coimbra and its surroundings, like Batalha and Nazaré.

To register, please get in touch with us by e-mail: info@controlo2010.org/ at reception desk. It is highly recommended to book in advance, as availability onsite will be limited.

HALF DAY TOUR: DISCOVER COIMBRA

One of the most important cities in Portugal, Coimbra played a central role in the history of the country, being the first capital city and having the first university, founded 1290), and being the only one until 1913. The highlights of a visit to the city are a panoramic tour viewing the Mondego valley that divides the city, the monasteries of Santa Clara, the Botanic Garden dating the 18th century, and off course, the University, with the world wide famous baroque library and the private chapel. Before finishing we recommend a walking tour from the university to downtown, visiting the old cathedral and passing by the old and tiny streets of the medieval city. Don't miss the charm of one of the most beautiful cities in Portugal.

Date: Wednesday, September 8th, at 14:30
OR

Friday, September 10th, at 9:30

Meeting Point: the tour will depart from Praça Dom Dinis - University of Coimbra

Duration: 3 hours

Program: University of Coimbra - Biblioteca Joanina + Capela de São Miguel
Old Cathedral (Sé Velha)

Monastery of Santa Clara-a-Velha

Rate: 20 € per person

Notes: walking tour

Minimum Participants: 15

FULL DAY TOUR: BATALHA, NAZARÉ AND ÓBIDOS

MONASTERY OF BATALHA

Important late gothic monastery, it's one of the biggest examples of late gothic architecture in Europe. The monastery dedicated to the victory against the Castilians in 1385, is the materialisation of the willing of Portugal to maintain its independence. It houses the tombs of four Portuguese kings.

NAZARÉ

One of the most popular and famous beaches in the western coast of Portugal, Nazaré has a traditional flavour of an old fishing port. From the upper part of town, the "Sítio" it is possible to view an immense view over the Atlantic Ocean, and downtown little square are connects by tinny streets that lead us to the white sandy beach of Nazaré.

ÓBIDOS

The preserved medieval town of Óbidos is one of Portugal's most interesting walled settlements. From the hidden corners and high walled gardens of the old medina area, to the gothic, Renaissance and Baroque features, the Town is an extensive work of art carved, destroyed and rebuilt throughout many centuries. Enjoy walking the ramparts and discover the sceneries of surrounding landscapes.

Date: Thursday, September 9th

Meeting Point: the tour will depart from the following hotels:

9:00 - Vila Galé Hotel

9:15 - Ibis Hotel

9:30 - Dom Luís Hotel

Duration: all day

Program:

10h30: Monastery of Batalha

13h00: Nazaré

15h30: Óbidos

Rate: 45€ per person

Notes: Lunch included

Minimum Participants: 30