



FAM TRIP to Portugal

by TravelTailors

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Portugal by TravelTailors hosted it's very first B2B FAM before the luxury trade show **EMOTIONS** Seville this year.

We received 6 travel agents that arrived in Porto on the 5th of November, to get to know Portugal in a bit more depth. Portugal has really become a desired destination for many travellers that have already been to Europe and want something unique. It's no longer Europe's best kept secret :))!

Our trip was amazing from beginning to end mainly because we were very lucky

to have a great group of agents, and our partners, as expected, were superb!

We enjoyed wonderful meals, visited amazing hotels and had the greatest experiences. The comfort of our van, and kindness (as well as perfect timings) of our driver made every moment even better.

In Porto we stayed at the amazing [Vila Foz Resort & Spa 5*](#), facing the ocean with breathtaking sunset views. We had an outstanding first meal at [Maison Albar 5*](#), located in the Porto city center. Our visit of the city of Porto was very well accompanied by our local guide as was our tour of the Taylor's Port Wine Cellar, topped by the amazing view at lunch and the vintage bottle of Port that we finished off with. The second day ended with a sunset cruise on the Douro river, enjoying the views of the city!

On our way to Lisbon, we stopped at the University City of Coimbra and visited the amazing Joanina Library and the University's main buildings, such a unique location with strong history and culture. We continued to Tomar where we had a very medieval lunch and a visit to the Convent of Christ with our local guide, a stop that really should not be missed on any trip to Portugal!

In Lisbon, we enjoyed our stay at [The Vintage 5*](#), especially the complementary portuguese gin! Dinner at Lumi, located at [The Lumiares Hotel & SPA 5*](#) was truly delicious. The food tour in Lisbon, gave everyone a better understanding of the portuguese gastronomy. There was also great interest in checking out a

number of the Lisbon hotels. Our last dinner in Lisbon was very elegant at [The One Palácio da Anunciada 5*](#)

We must not forget that the group had a chance to try a number of traditional convent sweets from Portugal - Charutos dos Arcos, Pastel de Nata, Beija-me Depressa, Pastel Tentugal and Queijada de Évora... and there are so many more...

On our way to the Algarve we stopped in Évora and visited the very unique Bone Chapel, as well as the historical town center and Diana Temple with our local guide. Departing Évora on our way to the Alentejo and to the amazing [Herdade da Malhadinha Nova - Country House & Spa 5*](#), a place that showcases the very best of the Portuguese traditions, in many aspects. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch here with everything farm to table and produced 100% at the Estate. This really made leaving rather difficult!

Back on the road towards the Algarve we reached [Vila Monte Farm House 5*](#) at sunset and had a very relaxing evening, wonderful portuguese cataplana in an amazing setting, just 15 minutes from the best beaches in the region.

Before leaving Portugal, towards Seville, we had to make one more stop at the very unique [Grand House Hotel 5*](#) in Vila Real De Santo António. The very last town before arriving in Spain. This location is quite special, since you really do not find it on the tourist maps. The Grand House has to be experienced, words

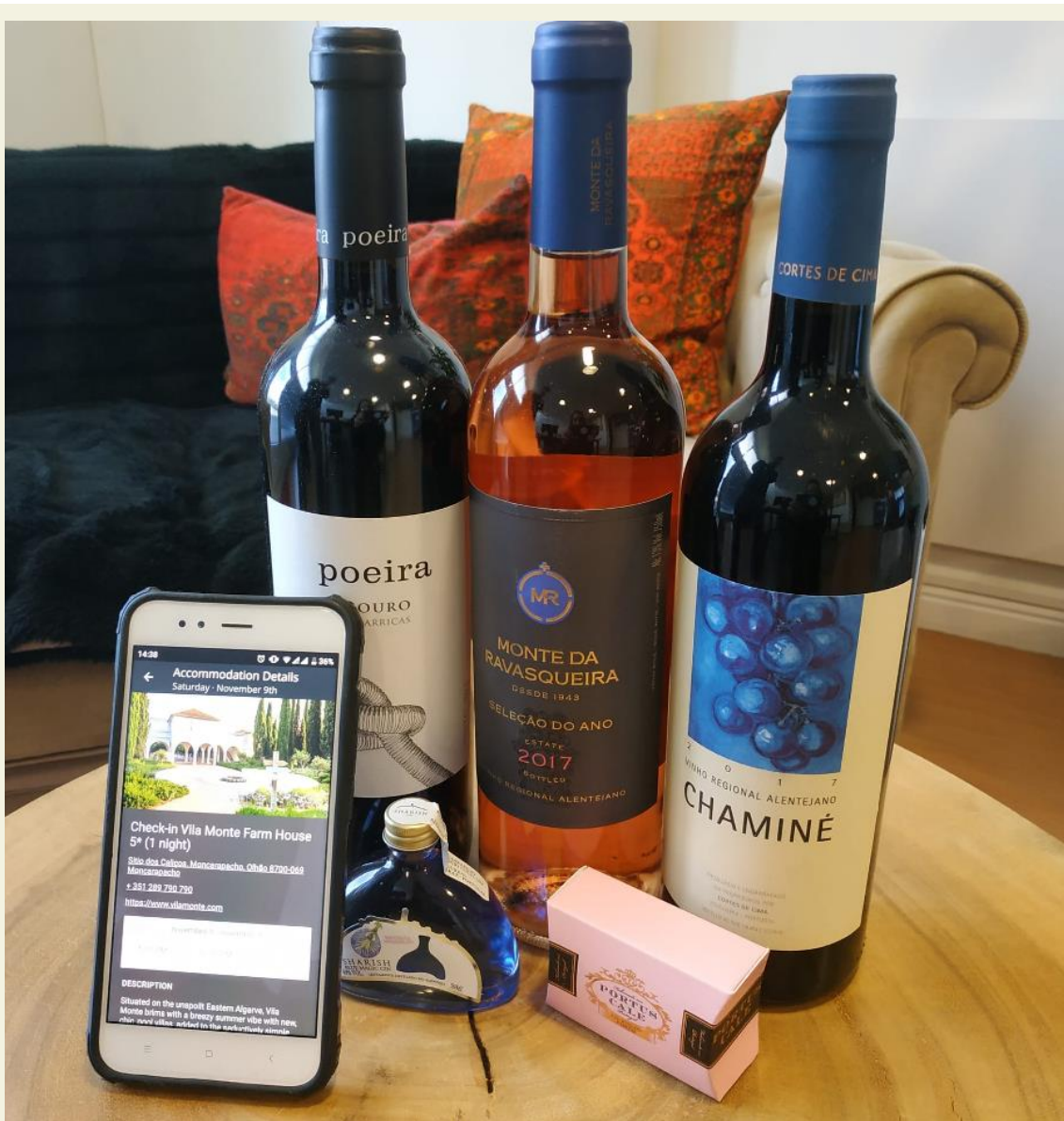
can't describe the view at the breakfast room, it's so relaxing! We had a wonderful light lunch, keep in mind that "light" and food don't really go together in Portugal :), it was very filling and tasty, at the Grande Beach Club, what a setting and what a special goodbye to Portugal.

From here we had a 1h30 drive to Seville. One thing the group took with them is that Portugal is very easy to visit and navigate, since many locations are about 1h30 from one another, this actually became a funny joke among us, but it helps to understand that you don't really feel the drives between the lovely towns that can be visited along the entire country.

To this wonderful group we toast "Saw-Wood" (Saúde) and hope to receive many of their clients in our wonderful country!



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