



**Main Festivities in
Portugal 2019: Santo
António (Lisboa), São
João (Porto) and São
Pedro (Sintra)**

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In June, Portugal and the portuguese people all over the country celebrate their three most popular saints: Santo António (thirteenth of June, in Lisbon), São João (twenty fourth of June, in Porto) and São Pedro (twenty ninth of June, in Sintra). Known for its traditional food and drinks, joyful atmosphere and crowded streets,

the celebrations go on all day.

With June being the beginning of the holiday season in Portugal, a visit at this time could be the spark that makes your clients fall in love with this sunny corner of Europe and want to come back.

In this newsletter, we will be showcasing all the relevant information about these festivities, hopefully it will make your clients want to partake in the fun!

Santo António



Santo António is one of the most worshiped saints of the Portuguese capital, treated as if he's the patron saint of Lisbon. Celebrations around this religious figure include weddings (due to this saint being the patron saint of weddings),

enjoying traditional grilled sardines with a cup (or two) of either wine or beer and Portuguese traditional music playing throughout the city. Whilst walking through town, one will also observe the vast decorations throughout the Lisbon neighborhoods, a characteristic common to the rest of the country. Combine all these aspects and you've got an unparalleled event!

São João



A bit similar to the way Santo António is celebrated across the country, the festivities in Porto surrounding São João also have an abundance of good food and good mood, celebrating the saint throughout the night. The main differences between the celebrations in the two major Portuguese cities are that in Porto instead of weddings, fertility is the celebrated theme, this being the significance of the celebrations since their beginning. Also, at midnight

the traditional fireworks are fired off from boats next to the D. Luís I bridge, from the middle of the Douro river. Truly a spectacle to behold!

São Pedro



The last saint to be celebrated, São Pedro is mainly celebrated in smaller, more traditional points of Portugal, such as Sintra, Setúbal, Évora, the list goes on. The saint is not smaller in importance though, being extremely relevant to Portuguese people and being celebrated accordingly. On the 29th of June, the day of the Pope is also celebrated, due to São Pedro being the first ever pope of the Catholic Church. Visiting one of the multiple towns where this saint is celebrated is the perfect way to experience a completely authentic Portuguese celebration, and definitely not overpopulated with tourism!

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