



## **Portugal trip in April-May 2024**

### **Dates 29th April - 8th May**

Start Point – Bragança , North East Portugal

Price – 10 days £1250

Price per vehicle (independent of number of passengers)

### **Travel to and from Portugal**

The trip officially starts and finishes in Portugal, however the trips are usually timed to fit in with the Brittany Ferries Portsmouth – Santander Service. Should you wish to ,you are more than welcome to meet up with us at Portsmouth and travel there and back as a group, or make you own way. Once we have a group I will share my ferry booking/schedule and this usually includes a 10% discount code.

### **Accommodation**

Mainly camping, but hotels optional

We often have one night in a Hotel in Porto and enjoy an evening meal on Porto's historic dockside  
If the weather were to become unsuitable for camping ( multiple nights of heavy rain) then we may also look to seek alternative accommodation ( cheap hotel etc).

Wild camping is also possible, but like most of Europe its not generally allowed. We may look to wild camp one or 2 nights with everyone's agreement.

### **What is included**

Guide with own support vehicle

Expertise and support

Advice and Information (Before, during and after the event).

### **What is not included**

UK - Europe Ferry (Allows flexibility on routes and travel times).

Accommodation or food

### **Itinerary**

The itinerary is as follows but this is flexible

Braganca

Villa Real  
Braga (2 nights)  
Porto ( hotel )  
Nazarre  
Santerrem  
Castello Branco  
Guardia  
Salamanca ( Spain)

## **Spirit and intention of the trip**

This trip is intended as an off-road 4x4 adventure not a cultural tour. The route will cross the Northern mountains to Porto then south along the coast towards Lisbon, then we will return north east back via the mountains. Portugal has some of the best off-roading Europe has to offer. Short of going to Morocco, it has some of the best land access and freedom of movement available in western Europe. The sparsely populated county is very rugged and mountainous. A world away from the popular coastal tourist traps. The Portuguese themselves love motor sport and are some of the most ardent rally fans. They are very welcoming to 4x4s. All this makes Portugal a fantastic 4x4 destination for the interpreted overland traveller. You can expect to see and experience many interesting places and have the opportunity to sample some of the local culture and cuisine. We will be looking to seek out challenging terrain that will test your driving skills and use the full capabilities of your 4x4 vehicles.

## **Driver/Driving Ability**

You should have previous experience of offroad driving and its high recommended you have attended one of our weekend trips in the UK so you can get an idea of what to expect. This trip is recommended for experienced drivers only. With these trips, we often find that the "on-road" driving can be as challenging than "off-road". There are long distances to cover and you can expect to be driving most of the day, every day (This is a driving holiday after all!). You are likely to be driving a right hand drive vehicle on a left hand drive road system. We recommend you are confident driving your 4x4 in a heavily loaded state (but hopefully not too heavy!) and have previous experience of driving abroad. It is preferable (and far more enjoyable) if you have a co-driver that you can share some of the driving with.

## **Vehicle requirements**

The minimum requirement is a well maintained full size 4x4s with a high/low ration transfer box. (No Freelanders or SUVs).

This trip is suitable for well prepared "tough" trucks. We don't mean mad winch challenge mods as there still a fair way to drive on the tarmac, but this is a proper off road trip, Winches, Snorkels, Steering Guards, Rock Sliders. Mud Tyres, Waffle boards, High lift Jacks, etc will all come in handy.

It is our belief that you are best spending your money on things under your vehicle rather than things

on your vehicle. Priorities should be: Reliability, Tyres, Suspension, Off-road performance and Protection.

Secondary concerns should be for things like: Internal storage, Roof Racks, Roof Tents, Solar Power, Additional Lights, Jerry Can holders etc

## **Tyre Recommendations**

Modern Mud Terrain Tyres although good quality AT  
BF Goodrich Mts or ATs Cooper Discover AT3, Copper Discover St Maxx or Cooper Discover ST PRO , Maxxis BigHorn, Toyo Open County etc etc

Traditional wisdom dictates all terrain tyres are best for overlanding but our experience of changeable conditions in the mountains means Mud Terrain Tyres make the best choice - make sure they have plenty of thread left!

## **Portugal costings**

Ferry UK – Spain (Bilboa or Santander)~ £800 (based on 2 sharing return)

Ferry/Tunnel Uk France £100 each way

Calais to Braganca – 1000 Miles

Fuel - France £1.60/litre Diesel

Fuel - Portugal £1.60/litre Diesel

Camping £30 per night for 2 people sharing

Hotel £70-£100 per night

Not much else to spend your money on except food, drinking water, trinkets and beer.

## **Terms and conditions**

20% deposit at time of booking – Full payment 2 months before the start of the trip

Once we receive your deposit and booking we'll send you a confirmation along with a preparation guide and our disclaimer.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Our primary objective is to see you out enjoying a 4x4 adventure in your vehicle. We are happy to cancel or reschedule your booking up to 2 months before the trip. Within 2 months refund or rescheduling is at our discretion. The only real problem occurs if your cancellation takes the number of vehicles on a trip below the minimum of 4 vehicles required to make a trip viable. If this is the case and the trip cannot be rescheduled with your fellow adventurers (who may already have committed to ferry/hotel bookings/time off work/vehicle preparation etc), then we will not be able to provide a refund. This policy is designed to minimise the chance of a cancellation affecting a trip going ahead and protects those who wish participate.

Hotel and Ferry Bookings: In light of the above policy it is recommended you do not fully commit to Ferry or Hotel booking until 2 months before your trip. It is advisable that you contact us before making any commitment to a ferry or hotel bookings and we can confirm the status of a trip.