5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism

Portugal
Reguengos de Monsaraz - Alentejo
9th – 10th September 2021
1. INTRODUCTION

The 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism will take place in Reguengos de Monsaraz in the region of Alentejo (Portugal), on 09-10 September 2021. This information note provides details on administrative and logistical arrangements, along with other relevant information pertaining to your participation in the 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism. This information note is subject to change and will be updated.

1.1 VENUE INFORMATION

The Conference will take place at tents located next to the walls of the Monsaraz Castle.
1.2 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

- **Title:** 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism
- **Dates:** 09-10 September 2021
- **Venue:** Monsaraz
- **Host:** Câmara Municipal de Reguengos de Monsaraz
- **Organizer:** UNWTO
- **Participants:** Approximately 150 participants including government officials, regional and local authorities, DMOs, private sector representatives, wineries, infrastructure providers, academia and UNWTO Affiliate Members
- **Official Languages:** English, Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Official website:** [https://www.unwto.org/event/5-unwto-global-conference-on-wine-tourism](https://www.unwto.org/event/5-unwto-global-conference-on-wine-tourism)

1.3 THE HOST CITY

This extremely beautiful mediaeval town has succeeded in preserving its own distinctive characteristics over the centuries. Walking through the streets of Monsaraz is like going back in time, for it is a truly unique place where one can find all the peace and tranquillity that have been forgotten by the modern era.

The most immediate visual impression in the town is that of the whitewash and schist of its houses and buildings. Every year, throughout the month of July, Monsaraz becomes an open-air museum, affording visitors the opportunity to get to know more about the customs and habits used in the production of Alentejo handicraft, appreciate the delights of the regional cuisine and enjoy the various cultural events that are held there, including music, theatre, dance and art exhibitions.

As far as the town’s architectural heritage is concerned, the highlights are the mediaeval castle and keep, the former court building (built between the fourteenth and the sixteenth centuries) and the parish church of Nossa Senhora da Lagoa (dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries).
2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 REGISTRATION

To participate in this event, prior registration is required. As the capacity is limited, we recommend registering as soon as possible, and no later than 3 September 2021. Participants should include information on their travel schedule and accommodation to enable the host to make the necessary arrangements for local transfers. Online registration is available at the following link: https://registration.unwtoglobalconferencewinetourism.org/

2.2 BADGES

Participants will be able to collect their identification badges at the registration desk at the venue of the Conference on the following dates and time:

- Wednesday, 08 September 2021: 10:30 - 19:30
- Thursday, 09 September 2021: 8.00 – 12.00
- Friday, 10 September 2021: 9.00 – 11.00

To receive an accreditation, participants should bring their registration confirmation.

All participants are requested to wear their identification badges for the duration of the 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism, as well as at social events.

3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

A valid passport is necessary for visitors entering Portugal. Participants who require an entry visa are requested to contact diplomatic or consular missions of Portugal in their countries to obtain their entry visa.

Participants are requested to check on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal for information on visa requirements and procedures: https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/short-stay-visas-schengen/general-information/who-needs-a-visa

For further information, please check:
https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php

Please note that visa applications must be made on time and each participant assume direct responsibility of any delay.
4. SANITARY REQUIREMENTS

Portuguese government has been taking all necessary public health measures to protect the entire population as well as our visitors. Measures in force may be reviewed in accordance with the evolution of the pandemic. Please don’t forget to check the website of your local authorities to see the information required to return to your country.

1) Arriving to Mainland Portugal by Plane *Updated on August 1

**Allowed travels** (Essential and non-essential travel)
Countries of the European Union, Schengen Associated countries (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland), Albania, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Canada, China, South Korea, United States of America, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Northern Macedonia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Taiwan, Ukraine and special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macao.

RT-PCR Test (or similar NAAT test) 72h before boarding, or Rapid Antigen Test 48h before boarding, or a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate. Children under 12 do not need to present test.

All passengers need to fill a Passenger Locator Card (individually) before departure to Portugal or on board at https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card

**Limited travels**

**Passengers from Brazil, India, Nepal, and South Africa** (Only essential travel)
RT-PCR Test (or similar NAAT test) 72h before boarding, or Rapid Antigen Test 48h before boarding. Need to comply with quarantine of 14 days after arrival in Portugal. Children under 12 don’t need to present test.

**Passengers from the UK** (Essential and non-essential travel)
All travellers to mainland Portugal (aged 12 or older) are required to show a negative Covid-19 test: RT-PCR taken within 72 hours of departure or lateral flow test taken 48 hours prior to departure. Comply with 14 days of prophylactic isolation on arrival in Portugal, or have complete vaccination for 14 days, of a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Children and young people that are yet to complete 18 years old at the time of their departure flight are exempt from quarantine as long as they travel accompanied by their parents, parent or responsible adult that are fully vaccinated/immunised as per EU directives. Children under 12 years old are exempt of testing requirements. Young people from 12 to 18 years old must comply with testing requirements.

All passengers must complete the Passenger Locator Card (individually), prior to departure to Portugal or on board, available at: https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card.

Passengers required to undergo prophylactic isolation must register at https://travel.sef.pt

For further information, please check: https://www.visitportugal.com/en/content/covid-19-measures-implemented-portugal
5. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

5.1 ARRIVALS

The closest international airport from Monsaraz is the Lisbon airport which is approximately 185 km / 2h by car/approx. time.

Further information regarding the airport is available in the following website: https://www.ana.pt/en/lis/home

5.2 RECEPTION AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The host will organize the reception of participants at Lisbon airport and will facilitate the free transfer of delegates on arrival and departure between the airport, the official hotels (listed in section 6), the venue of the Conference and the social programme.

Upon arrival at Lisbon airport, participants will be waited by holding signs with the name of the Conference and will guide them to their corresponding transfer vehicle. An information desk in charge of the transfers’ coordination will be located at the arrival hall of the airport.

In order to facilitate the arrival/departure transfers, participants are requested to provide information on their flight schedules (arrival/departure) and accommodation during the registration process, by 3 September 2021.

A detailed schedule of shuttle services for local transportation will be provided in due course.

5.3 ARRIVAL BY CAR

Lisbon Airport, Alameda das Comunidades Portuguesas, 1700-111 Lisboa
Follow the directions to A12, A2, A6 and N114 in Évora. Select the exit 5 at A6 1 h 3 min (118 km)
Continue through N114. Then Circular de Évora, IP2 and N256 to Largo da República in Reguengos de Monsaraz.
Follow the directions of Monsaraz and/or Monsaraz Castle.
5.4 CAR RENTAL COMPANIES

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5.5 OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Bus:

https://rede-expressos.pt/

*Prices and schedules based on July 29

The bus can take participants from Lisbon to Reguengos de Monsaraz, then in Reguengos de Monsaraz, participants will need to take a taxi to arrive in Monsaraz.

Private Transfers:

https://lanebus.pt/
Pick up at Lisbon Airport to Monsaraz or vice-versa:
Sedan (up to 2 pax* and 2 small/medium bags) 250€
Business Minivan (up to 4 pax* and 4 medium/large bags) 285€

*Covid-19 requirements up based on July 29
6. ACCOMMODATION

6.1 HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The host has negotiated special room rates with some designated hotels for participants of the 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism. Participants are invited to contact hotels directly for reservations, by 3 September 2021 at the latest, indicating that they will participate in this event. Special rates of the official hotels are applicable only during the dates of the Conference.

6.2 RECOMMENDED HOTELS

In case of any difficulty with your hotel reservation you may contact the secretariat at secretariat@unwtoglobalconferencewinetourism.org

A list of hotels with special rates for participants of the 5th UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism is provided below:

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<td>4*</td>
<td>Vila Galé Évora (40 min. by car)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>Single 86€ Double 96€</td>
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<td>Vila Planície (5 min. by car)</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Single 164€ Double 174€</td>
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<td>Single 81€ Double 91€</td>
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<td>3*</td>
<td>Estalagem de Monsaraz (5 min. Walking distance)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Single 83€ Double 93€</td>
<td><a href="mailto:retiro.monsaraz@gmail.com">retiro.monsaraz@gmail.com</a> +351 266 557 019</td>
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Local transfers will be provided from these hotels to the venue and to the social activities.
Terms & conditions:
All hotels listed above were selected according to the location and quality of services. Final price and availability must be confirmed directly with the hotel depending on the selected room. Participants must book directly with the hotels using the contacts indicated above. Participants will be responsible for their accommodation. Participants must mention the code “Global Conference Wine Tourism” when booking the hotels mentioned above to enjoy the special prices.
7. PROGRAMME

7.1 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Provisional Programme of the Conference extends over 2 days with technical sessions and several thematic presentations on 9 and 10 September 2021. Detailed information on the sessions' speakers and their biographies will be available on the Conference's website: https://www.unwto.org/event/5-unwto-global-conference-on-wine-tourism

7.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The languages for the Conference will be Spanish, English and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in these languages.

7.3 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Conference will host a social programme for participants that includes visits to local wineries, cultural performances and local gastronomy allowing for networking within a pleasant setting.

8. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

8.1 WEATHER

The climate in Monsaraz in September is considered Mediterranean with few days of rain and the average temperature ranges from 16°C to 30°C.

We suggest participants to consider appropriate clothing, considering that the event will take place in summer, although in the evenings the weather can be fresh.

![Weather Chart](https://www.accuweather.com/)
8.2 OFFICIAL TIME

The Standard Time Zone in Monsaraz is UTC/GMT +1 hour.

8.3 OFFICIAL CURRENCY

The official currency in Portugal is the Euro (€). It is advisable to change money in banks or in other authorized places. Participants are advised to get informed and verify the exchange rate before making any transaction.

8.4 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portugal’s official language is Portuguese. However, English is widely spoken and understood.

8.5 BANKING HOURS

In Portugal, banks open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 15:00.

The city of Monsaraz has ATMs in different parts of the city, and they operate 24 hours a day, with credit and debit cards.

8.6 ELECTRICITY

The power supply in Portugal is 220-240V/50 Hz (two round pins). Adaptors and converters may be needed if you are traveling from countries that use 110V or other types of plugs.

8.7 LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS

For international inbound calls, the country code is +351, and the area code for Reguengos de Monsaraz is 266 [+351 266 (...)]

8.8 USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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**8.9 TOURIST INFORMATION PORTUGAL**

Please see Visit Portugal’s website for more information: [https://www.visitportugal.com/en](https://www.visitportugal.com/en)
Monsaraz website: [https://www.visitportugal.com/pt-pt/content/monsaraz-4](https://www.visitportugal.com/pt-pt/content/monsaraz-4)

**9. BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT PORTUGAL**

**9.1 COUNTRY PROFILE**

With its mild climate, 3000 hours of sunshine per year and 850 kms of splendid beaches bathed by the Atlantic Ocean, Portugal is the perfect holiday destination all year round.

This is a country that has the oldest borders in Europe, with an exceptional range of different landscapes just a short distance away, lots of leisure activities and a unique cultural heritage, where tradition and modernity blend together in perfect harmony. Its superb cuisine, fine wines and hospitable people make this a tourist paradise of the highest quality.

Situated in the extreme south-west of Europe, just a few hours from any of the other European capitals, Portugal attracts visitors from all over the world. Come and discover the charms of this country.


**9.2 ALENTEJO REGION**

The plains that extend as far as the eye can see start close to the Tagus. To the north, the pace is set by the green of the flatlands, in the vast interior, unending flatness, and fields of wheat waving in the wind; at the coast, wild, beautiful beaches waiting to be discovered. The landscape combines with the sun, the heat and a slower pace of life. This is the Alentejo.


**10. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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