

AGRICULTURE IN PORTUGAL

SPRING BREAK 2026

Spring Break
March 13-22, 2026



NAVIGATING PORTUGAL TOGETHER



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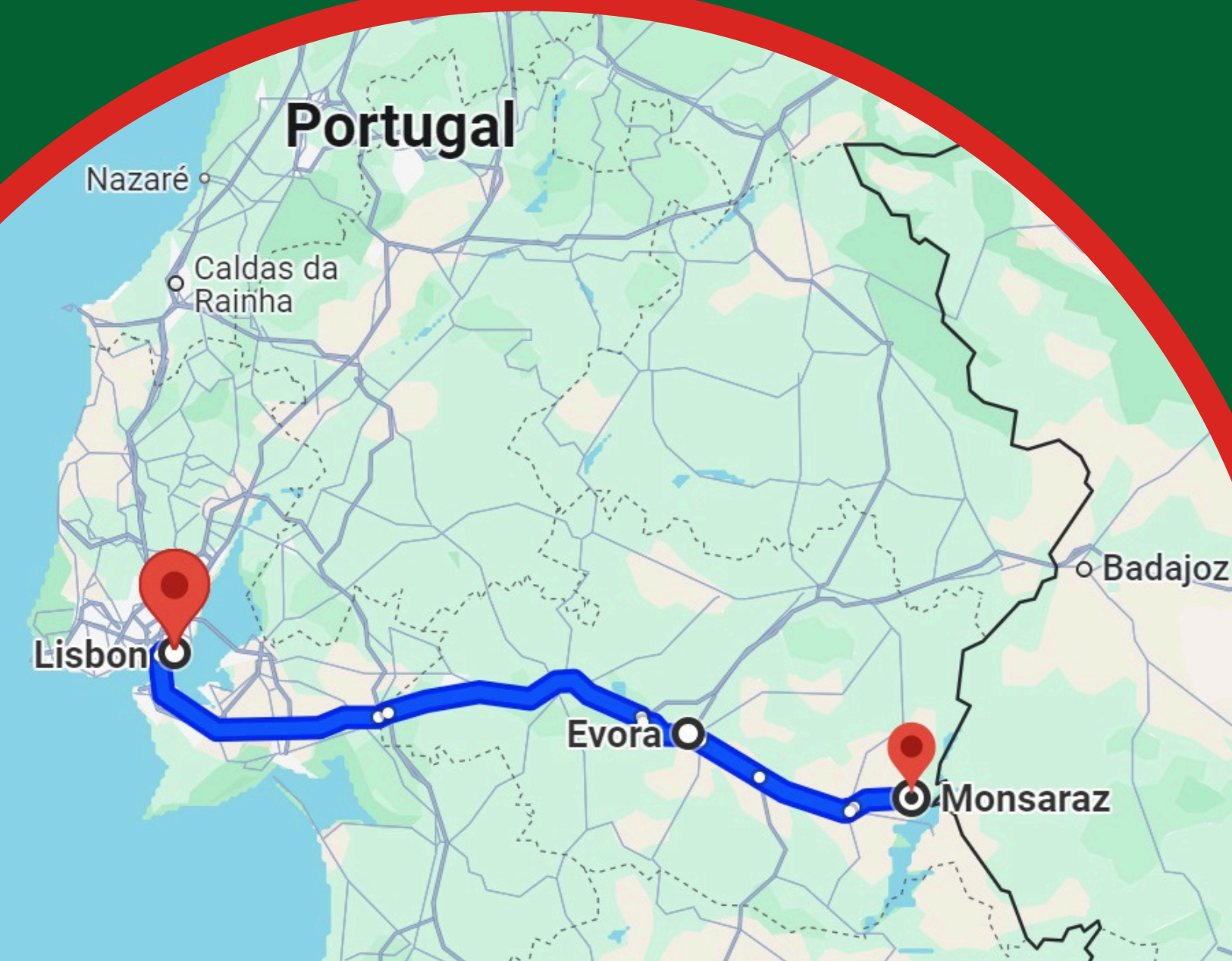


PORTUGAL

IBERIAN PENINSULA IN SOUTHWESTERN EUROPE

Portugal is...

- about the same size as of Indiana.
- the oldest country in Europe.
- focused on renewable energy.
- one of the world's top surf spots.
- the world's largest cork producer.
- home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



LOCATIONS IN PORTUGAL



Lisbon

The vibrant capital city of Portugal, located on the western coast. Lisbon is famous for its historic neighborhoods, picturesque viewpoints, and landmarks. It's also known for its lively nightlife and beautiful tram rides.



Alentejo

A vast region in southern Portugal, known for its rolling plains, olive groves, and cork oak trees. The Alentejo is also renowned for its excellent wines and cuisine, with a slower pace of life compared to the more touristy areas.



Evora

A historic city in the Alentejo region, known for its well-preserved Roman Temple, the Chapel of Bones, and its charming medieval streets. Évora is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its rich history and architecture.



Monsaraz

A stunning hilltop village in the Alentejo region, known for its medieval charm, narrow streets, and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the Alqueva Dam. It's a great place to experience traditional Portuguese culture.

ITINERARY

Friday, March 13
Depart Chicago

Saturday, March 14
Arrive Lisbon. Drive to Evora. Overview of Portugal and program. Orientation tour of Evora. Visit market. Welcome dinner.

Sunday, March 15
Walking tour of Evora. Temple of Diana. Gothic and Renaissance churches. Visit Chapel of Bones. Free afternoon to explore Evora.



ITINERARY

Monday, March 16

Drive to medieval village of Monsaraz. Castle of Monsaraz. Group lunch. Visit sustainable farm with cattle, wine production and cork.

Tuesday, March 17

Visit olive oil producer and have tasting. Visit farm and winery, a producer of cereals, cork, Alentejo cattle and wine.

Wednesday, March 18

Farm tour of regenerative agriculture. Group lunch. Explore Alandroal.



ITINERARY

Thursday, March 19

Visit oyster farm with tasting. Visit Instituto Superior de Agronomia for a lecture. Travel to Lisbon. Walking tour of Lisbon using public transit.

Friday, March 20

Drive to Sintra. Visit organic farm. Workshop on composting. Free evening to explore Lisbon.

Saturday, March 21

Use 24-hour Lisbon card to explore city on own. Farewell dinner.

Sunday, March 22

Depart Lisbon





ESTIMATED COST

\$4800

Included:

International Airfare
Accommodation
In Country Transportation
Some Meals
International Medical Insurance
Entrance Fees
Activities

Not Included:

Passport
Some Meals
Personal Expenses

Scholarships:

Global Leaps Scholarship
Agriculture Study Abroad Scholarships
Departmental Scholarship
National & International Scholarship Office

ACADEMICS

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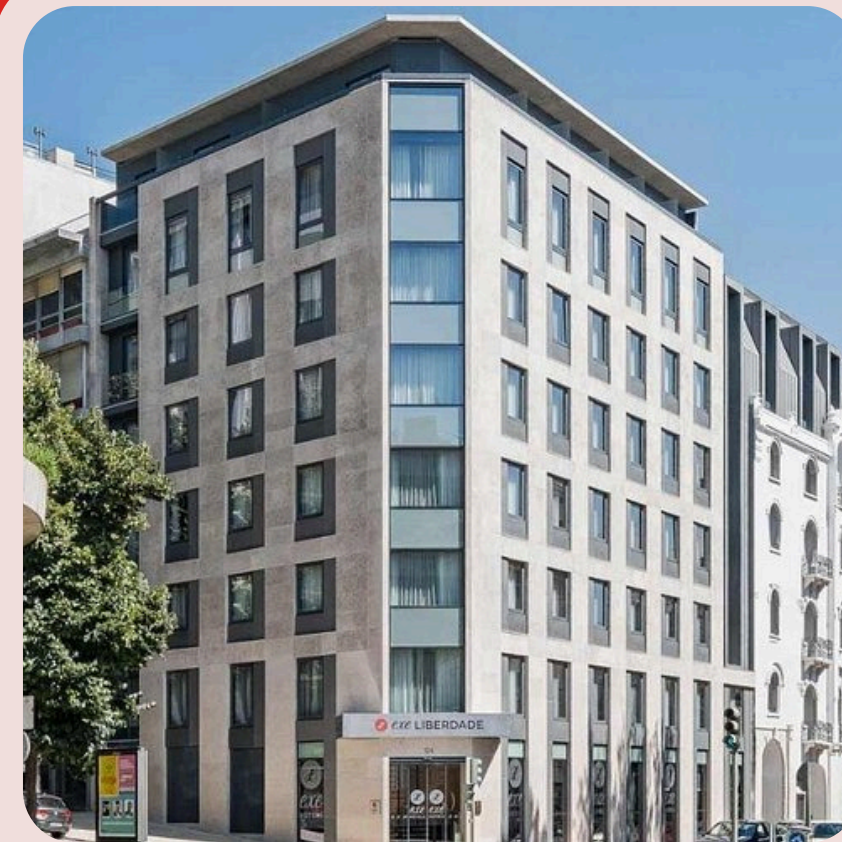
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ACCOMMODATION



Ibis Evora

May 14-18
Evora



Exe Liberdade

May 19-21
Lisbon



CORK FORESTS TO WINE FIELDS



Mediterranean Agriculture

Portugal's climate supports olives, grapes, cork, and grains—key staples in Mediterranean diets.



Wine Legacy & Cork Capital

Portugal is home to some of the world's oldest wine regions, including Alentejo —known for rich reds and large cork oak forests. Portugal produces over 50% of the world's cork, much of it harvested sustainably from the Alentejo region.



Growing Ag Innovation

Lisbon is a rising hub for ag-tech startups, sustainable food systems, and vertical farming innovation.



Tradition Meets Science

In Alentejo, you'll find sheep and goat farming, cheese production, and research into dryland farming—perfect for ag students to explore real-world resilience strategies.

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