

STORIES IN CORK & WINE ÉVORA



BLU COSTA
Travel Curation

Journeys of Craft & Table

Évora: Stories in Cork & Wine

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Traveling is...
trading the *must-see*
for the *must-linger*.



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The House

*Travel is not accumulation.
It is interpretation.*

*We choose depth,
context,
presence.*

*Luxury, to us, is time.
Time to arrive, to understand, to feel.*

*We curate moments that make sense
and stay with you.*

*BLU Costa
The House of Travel Curation*



The People Behind BLU

*Born and raised in Lisbon, **Tiago** brings a historian's and architect's eye to every journey.*

***Adriana**, a professor and a travel journalist, brings a storyteller's sensibility to the details that matter.*

We believe travel is about the experiences we live and the people we meet along the way.

We look forward to interpreting your moments with us.

Adriana and Tiago



How We Curate

Every journey begins by understanding pace
and what should remain.

We do not assemble trips.
We interpret them.

Curation is the discipline of choosing what
belongs and shaping how moments connect.

Our work moves through five lenses:

Journeys in Cities
Journeys on the Land
Journeys by the Water
Journeys of Craft & Table
Journeys in Time

Not categories of tourism,
but ways of shaping meaning.



What Sets Us Apart

You are always understood

We speak fluent English and we listen to you.

Experienced local professionals

All our guides are locals and have minimum 5 years of experience.

Less walking, more experiencing

Stops are coordinated to reduce waiting, unnecessary walking and fatigue.

Guided throughout, not just driven

Each visit includes context and stories that deepen your understanding.

A more personal way of traveling

At times, we share moments such as a meal together, because the people you meet matter.

Carefully chosen partners

We work with trusted places and people, selected for their quality and genuine experiences they offer.

Attentive service

Inspired by Adriana's background in travel journalism, our service reflects the standards of the world's leading hotels and agencies.



How We Work with You

Every journey begins with a conversation.

We listen to understand what draws you to a place and how you prefer to travel.

Some travelers seek a single day well designed.

Others ask us to shape and accompany an entire journey.

From there, we select the places, encounters, and pacing that belong together.

Whether your ideas are clear or still taking form, our role is to interpret them.





From Adriana

The Alentejo is a land of vast horizons, golden plains, and timeless beauty, where life moves to the rhythm of nature and tradition.

Dotted with whitewashed villages, ancient castles, Roman presence, and endless olive and cork oak groves, it captures the essence of rural Portugal.

Here, wine still matures in ancient clay pots, honoring a 2,000-year-old Roman tradition.

I hope this journey leaves you with a deeper sense of the richness of life in the countryside.

Adriana Lage

“

The Alentejo is a
world of bread and
sun.

By looking so far
into the distance,
one ends up looking
deep inside oneself.

”

— JOSÉ SARAMAGO , Portuguese writer



A few favorite
corners in
Alentejo to
inspire you.





THE SKIN OF THE EARTH

The Alentejo *montado* (farm) is a living sanctuary where time slows to the rhythm of the trees.

Here, the cork oak anchors the horizon, a gnarled sentinel in a landscape of light and ancient silence.

It's a place that forces you to slow down. Between the dappled shade and the quiet rustle of the leaves, there's a rugged elegance here that feels completely authentic, far away from the noise of the modern world.

Why it stays with you

An ancestral pace

A living art

A noble stillness



ECHOES OF ROME

In the Alentejo, wine is still made as the Romans did 2,000 years ago. Inside cool, quiet cellars, massive clay amphorae — *talhas* — stand tall, preserving a winemaking tradition that has remained virtually unchanged since the time of the Caesars.

Tasting *Vinho de Talha* is a direct connection to the past. Fermented naturally in clay, the wine is bold, earthy, and honest.

It's a rare chance to sip history, unfiltered and raw, straight from the heart of the earth.

Why it stays with you

A living time capsule

The ritual of opening a clay pot

A true taste of the Alentejo soil

Beauty lives in the
quiet corners of
everyday life.



ÉVORA OLD TOWN

Évora is a living history book where Roman ruins and medieval walls meet sun-drenched alleys.

This UNESCO city blends 2,000 years of empires with a quiet, southern soul.

Wandering the old town, reveals hidden patios and golden-hued houses.

It is a place where history isn't behind glass, but part of the daily rhythm.

Why it stays with you

Roman, Moorish and Medieval layers

A maze of white-washed charming streets

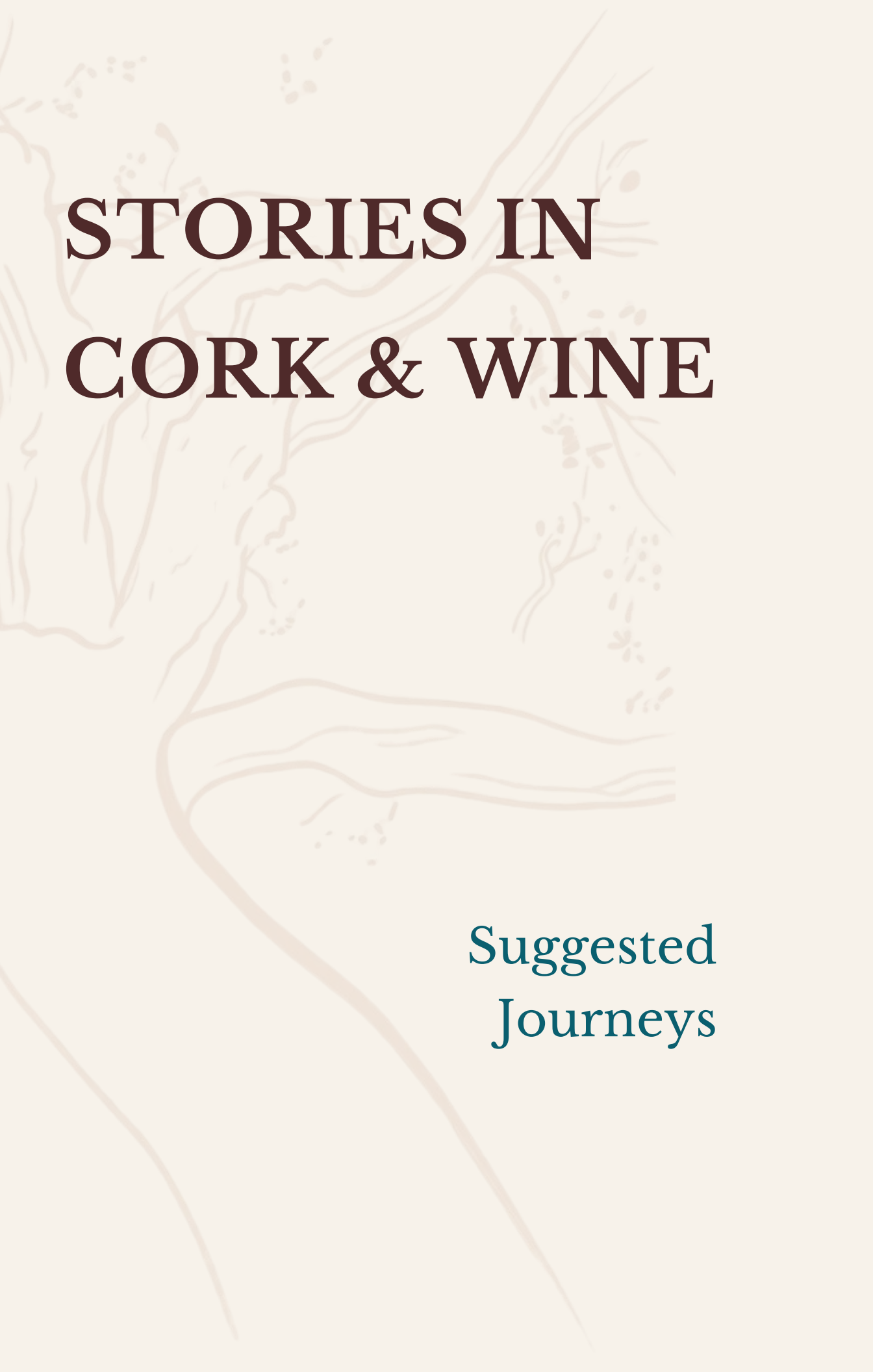
The glow of the Alentejo sun on ancient stone

“

My Alentejo is
a glass of gold
filled to the brim.

”

— Florbela Espanca, Portuguese writer



STORIES IN CORK & WINE

Suggested
Journeys

Journey Interpretations

This journey may be experienced in three ways, each offering a different level of depth, pace, and access.

Classic

The Essential Journey

A clear understanding, well paced.

Extended

Added Moments Along the Way

For those who wish to add a few further layers.

Signature

The Full Journey

Our most immersive way to travel.

CLASSIC JOURNEY

09:00

We pick you up at your hotel. Upon arrival in Évora, we begin with the **layers of Jewish history** still present in the city, followed by a visit to the **Chapel of Bones**.

LUNCH TIME

In Évora, we choose a traditional restaurant.

AFTERNOON

Visit to a winery preserving the tradition of *Vinho de Talha*, where wine continues to **mature in clay amphorae**, as it did centuries ago. We walk through the cellars before a **tasting of three wines** with local olive oil and small regional bites.

CLASSIC JOURNEY

AFTERNOON

Later, we continue into the cork landscapes of the Alentejo to witness the seasonal extraction of cork bark, a process carried out only between May and July, and still done entirely by hand.

17:30

We start our journey back to Lisbon and drop off at the hotel.



EXTENDED JOURNEY

09:00

We follow the **Classic Journey**.

It includes a visit to a **cork factory**, offering a closer look at how cork is transformed through Portuguese craftsmanship.

At the winery, the experience is extended with a guided tasting of **five single-varietal Portuguese wines**, accompanied by regional tapas and olive oils.

17:30

We start our way back to the hotel.



SIGNATURE JOURNEY

07:30

With an early departure, we follow the **Extended Journey**.

It includes a **private visit led by a specialist in Jewish heritage**, offering deeper historical and cultural context throughout Évora.

The day also includes a curated **picnic at the farm** at lunch time, prepared with regional products from the Alentejo.

17:30

We return to Lisbon.



“

To drink the wine of
this land is to swallow
the very essence of
the Alentejo—bold,
honest, and heavy
with the weight of
time.

”

— Miguel Torga, Portuguese writer



The Practical Side of Travel

Stories in
Cork & Wine

INVESTMENT

for 2 guests

Included in Every Journey

Private journey · 2 dedicated guides · Tickets
Hotel pick-up and return

Classic

The Essentials · 10h · € 1,260

Visit to cork farm
Walk in Évora
Visit to Chapel of Bones
Time for lunch in Évora
Visit to winery and tasting of 3 wines and snacks

Extended

Added Depth · 11h · €1,560

Visit to a cork factory
Tasting of 5 Portuguese single-varietal wines

Signature

The Full Journey · 12h · € 1,980

Guided visit with a specialist in Jewish Heritage
Regional picnic beneath the cork trees

ADDITIONAL TOUCHES

Handled Separately

Some personal items
are handled separately.

Travel insurance
Documents and visas
Flight tickets
Hotel reservations
Personal expenses
Gratuities

A Few Personal Choices

If, during the tour, you
feel like adding a visit to
an attraction or tasting
a few more wines, we'll
be happy to arrange it
along the way.

Any adjustments may
be settled at the end of
the tour.

THOUGHTFUL DETAILS

At BLU, every detail is considered so you can simply enjoy your journey.

We are more than drivers. **We accompany you** at each stop, ensuring you feel **welcomed** and **supported**.

All tours include **personal incident insurance**, and we follow high standards of **responsible driving**.

Above all, you are accompanied by attentive, **fluent English**-speaking **Local Guardians** who are happy to share their version of Portugal with you.

INVESTMENT

Payment Method

Payment may be completed in full, or with a deposit through the link or QR code provided.

The remaining balance may be arranged, either up to 72 hours prior to the journey, or in cash at the beginning of your journey.

Additional Hours

Should you wish to linger a little longer, additional time can be arranged, settled at the conclusion of the tour as follows:

- Up to 30 minutes — included
- Each additional 30 minutes — €40

WHEN PLANS SHIFT

Weather Changes

Our journeys take place in most weather conditions. In rare cases of extreme weather, we may need to adjust or reschedule the journey.

You will be offered a full refund or a new date.

A Flexible Approach

The order of the itinerary may shift slightly depending on weather or partner availability, always with your experience in mind.

PLANS CAN CHANGE

Rescheduling

Date changes requested more than 48 hours ahead can usually be accommodated, upon availability.

Requests within 48 hours are subject to our cancellation guidelines.

48 hours or more — full refund

48–24 hours — 80% refund

Within 24 hours — non-refundable

Please note: some advance tickets may follow the venue's own policy.

If You Need to Reach Us

To cancel or reschedule, please contact us by email or WhatsApp. We will confirm and guide you.

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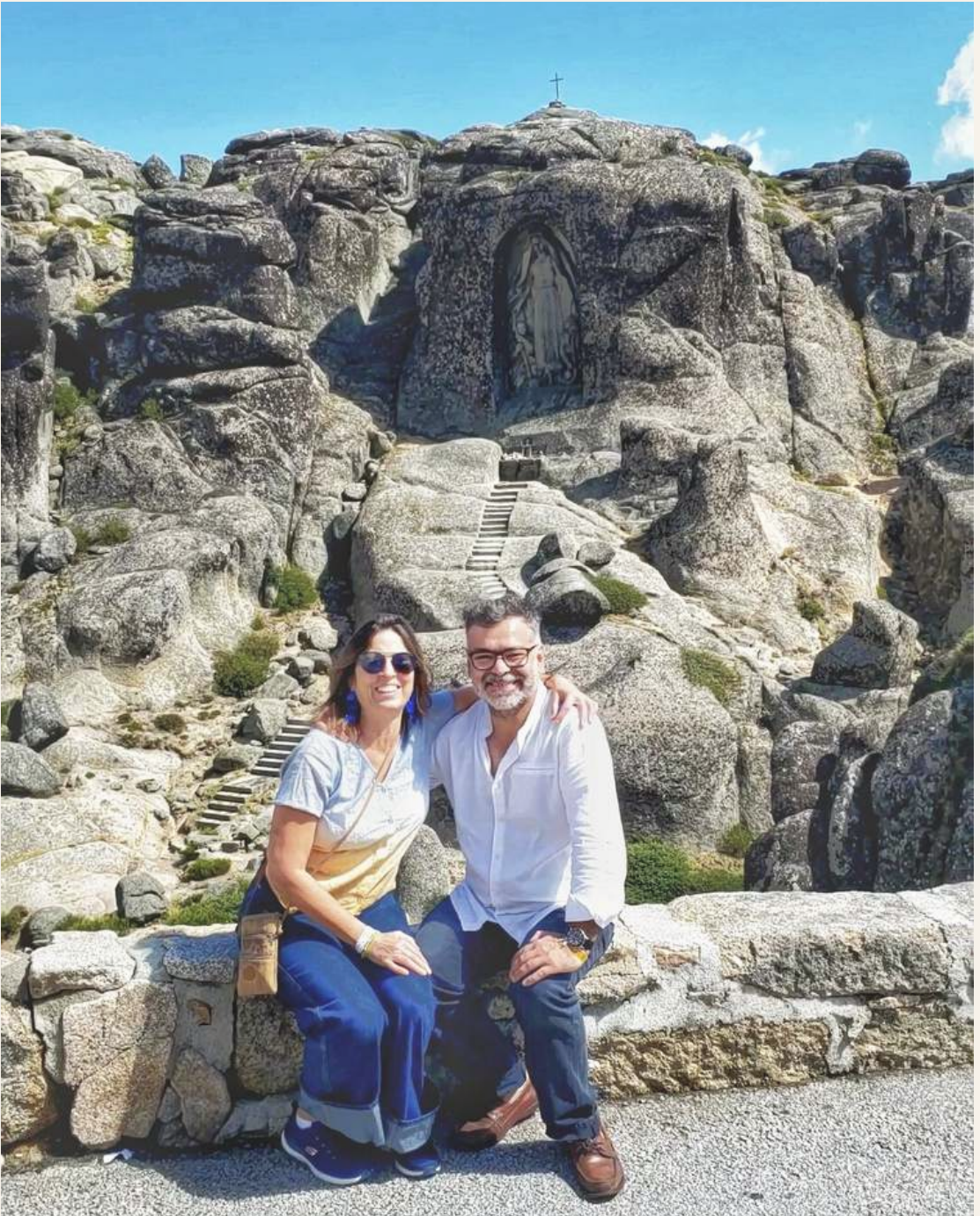
We are here to take care of the details, so you may simply enjoy your time.

If you have any questions, or wish to adjust anything along the way, just let us know.

Adriana

Some journeys end.

Others stay with us.



Until we meet.

Adriana & Tiago

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**TURISMO DE
PORTUGAL** The logo for Turismo de Portugal features the text 'TURISMO DE PORTUGAL' in bold black letters. To the right is a stylized graphic of a person in green and red holding a yellow sun over blue waves.



