

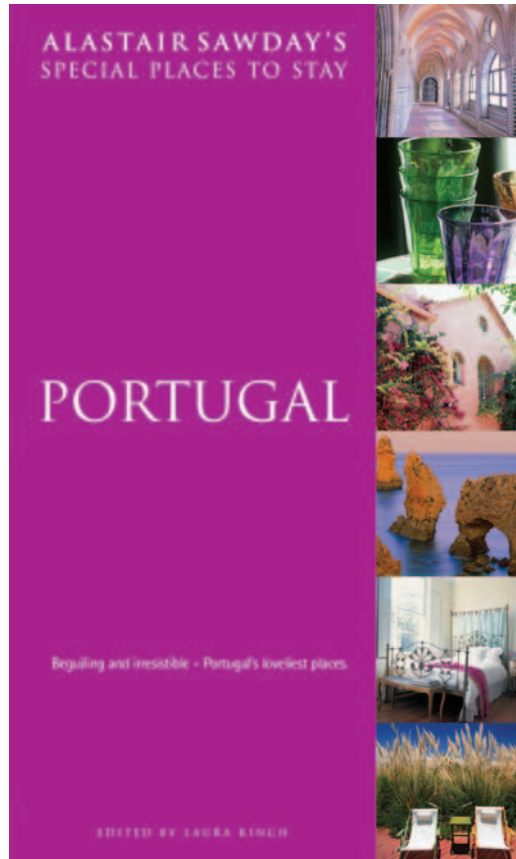
ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY PORTUGAL

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92 new entries and 191 entries in total from the lush northern Minho to sub-tropical Madeira.

30 government-run but owner-managed pousadas in some of the most spectacular buildings in Portugal

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Algarve



Quinta da Fonte Bispo

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Enjoy the benign climate, exceptional vegetation and closeness to the sea in the gentle hills of the Algarve hinterland. This old farmstead will inspire affection for the region, and it is run by the kindest people. It is a long, low, white building with pretty chimney stacks and broad bands of blue around doors and windows – near the road but peaceful. Parts of the farm are 200 years old but it has been completely renovated. The six suites in the converted outbuildings, fronting a cobbled central patio, were designed with families in mind: open-plan sitting rooms have beds which double up as sofas and open fires for cosy winter days. The style is local and ‘country’: herringbone terracotta floors, beamed and bamboo roofs, simple yet adequate shower rooms. There is a large communal sitting room in similar style but most of the year you will be out by the pool; find a shady spot beneath the orange, almond or olive trees. The restaurant serves Portuguese food (delicious cheeses and chorizo), and there are a sauna, table-tennis, pool and mini-gym. *Minimum stay two nights. Painting courses available.*



rooms 6 suites for 4. Extra beds available.
 price €65-€95.
 meals Lunch €17.50. Dinner €20.
 closed Rarely.
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