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# PORTUGAL

## SURF GUIDE

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DISCOVER THE ATLANTIC COAST OF PORTUGAL



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# SURFING IN PORTUGAL

AN INTRODUCTION

## **Popular destination for surfers**

Portugal is a popular destination for surfers. In fact, the country has several waves that are famous in the surfing world. The country is also home to a World Surfing Reserve and some of Europe's best waves, including Supertubos and Nazare. This guide will tell you everything you need to know about surfing in Portugal—where to go, how to get there, where to stay while you're there...and much more!

## **Some of the best surfspots in Europe**

Portugal has some of the best surfspots in Europe, and it's a great place to learn to surf. You'll be surrounded by friendly locals who love their sport and are willing to share their knowledge with you! Surfers from all over the world visit Portugal each year because there are so many incredible waves to choose from. What's the best season for surfing in Portugal? If you want consistent waves, visit during spring or fall (September-April). During summer months (June-August), there is more chance for small waves or even flat spells.

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### **Nazare**

Nazare is one of the most famous surf spots in Portugal. It's located on the shore of a small village with the same name and also has several other beaches nearby, like Covão dos Conchos, Praia de São Bento and Praia da Pipa.

But as you probably know, Nazaré is most famous for the gigantic waves. The World Record of the biggest wave ever ridden is even set here. Big wave riders visit this place every year. Most chances for these waves are in fall and winter.

### **Peniche**

Peniche is a town in Portugal, located on the Atlantic coast between Porto and Lisbon. Peniche is a popular tourist destination, due to its beaches and the Peniche Lighthouse.

Peniche has many surfschools and surfcamps.

### **Supertubos**

Supertubos is a right-hand point break that is popular with advanced surfers. It's not a great place to learn to surf, but it has some of the most consistent waves in Portugal and can be a blast when conditions are right. The wave is packed with barrels and breaks over shallow sandbars as well as rocks, so you have to be careful where you paddle out if you don't want to get pinched or dinged by jagged edges.

When it comes time for your first Supertubos session, make sure you check the forecast beforehand and watch out for rip currents—they can sneak up on you fast at this beachbreak! If there are no signs of an impending storm or high winds, then head down toward the water with your gear in tow (you can rent from any number of shops near the shoreline).

### **Ericeira**

If you're looking for some of the best surf spots in Europe, look no further than Ericeira. It's known as one of the top surfing destinations in Europe and has been for over 50 years. It's home to many world-class surfers and hosts the World Surf League Championships every year. If you want to watch competitors from around the world compete against each other, this is where you'll find them!

Ericeira is also a World Surfing Reserve.

### **World Surfing Reserves**

*World Surfing Reserves: A series of surf spots in the world that have been recognized by the World Surf League (WSL) as having "outstanding natural beauty, environmental and cultural significance".*



### **Vila Nova de Milfontes**

Vila Nova de Milfontes is a small town in Portugal and is considered by many to be one of the best places to surf in Europe. With plenty of beaches and good quality waves, it is no wonder why there are several surf schools in this area. The best time for surfing for beginners is during summer months (May-September) when you can expect flat water conditions with offshore winds blowing from the land in the mornings during these months, perfect for beginners looking to learn how to surf!

During winter, between November and April months there will be bigger swells which are better suited for advanced level surfers who want some serious wave action. If you're not afraid of rough waters then this might be the place for you because most days will provide excellent conditions throughout this period.

## **4 best beaches to surf in Algarve Portugal**

- Arrifana: located on the west coast. Lots of surfschools and surfcamps go here. So it can be pretty crowded. But the scenery is a must see.
- Carrapateira: perfect if you want to escape crowds on wild beaches during high season (June - September). You will find some nice waves here but it depends on swell direction so make sure you check local weather forecasts before heading out into open waters.
- Praia Tonel (Sagres): facing west, getting lots of swell. If it's too big here. take a small walk where you have a south facing beach called Praia da Mareta, where the waves are more gentle. Is it huge? Check Praia do Martinhal.
- Praia da Luz / Lagos, Algarve: a great place to start your surf adventure in Portugal. The waves are gentle and ideal for beginners. The beach is home to the biggest surfing school in Europe and offers plenty of accommodation options, restaurants and bars.

### **Vila do Bispo**

- Vila do Bispo, Algarve: a beautiful town with an impressive fortress that overlooks the sea where you'll find one of the best surfing spots in Portugal. As well as surfing there are lots of other activities such as mountain biking, kayaking or hiking trails nearby which makes this town ideal for a multi-activity holiday with friends or family members who love different sports too!

### **Sagres**

Sagres is a small village on the south coast of Portugal. It is located in the western most point of continental Europe, and is known as one of the best places to learn how to surf (along with Praia Beliche). You can either surf on the west coast or on the east coast as you wish.

If you're looking for an alternative to going abroad for your surfing holiday, then Sagres may be just what you're after!



# WHERE TO STAY

AN INTRODUCTION

## **Where to stay in Portugal**

The best way to stay in Portugal, in my opinion, is to rent a camper van. This is a great option if you have time and enjoy exploring the country at your own pace. If this sounds like you, then I recommend looking into Siesta Campers. They offer camper vans that are comfortable and easy to drive (especially if you're used to driving stick shift). Additionally, they come with everything you need for an extended trip: bedding and kitchen supplies; toiletries; water bottles; even snacks! It's so nice not having to worry about buying these items or making space for them in your luggage when traveling by plane or train. The only thing left for me was deciding where exactly I wanted to stay during my time in Portugal...

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## CONCLUSION

Portugal is a great surf destination for many reasons. It has an excellent coastline, with plenty of beaches to choose from. It also boasts some of Europe's best waves, as well as being home to the world's first surfing reserve in Ericeira. There are lots of options when it comes time to find somewhere comfortable and clean where you can stay while enjoying all these amenities. If you're looking for something cheap but still close enough that you don't feel like driving hours away every day then try Lisbon area hotels or Vila Nova de Milfontes apartments!

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