

Budget Travel

WHERE WILL YOU GO NEXT?

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TO GO
IN 2016

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ESSENTIAL
DESTINATIONS:

ICELAND
SAN ANTONIO
CUBA
LOS ANGELES
GREECE
VIETNAM
MARTINIQUE
GALÁPAGOS
ISLANDS
PORTUGAL
ISLA HOLBOX
+ MORE



From top: Exterior of Portugal's Villa Extramuros; morning at the villa.



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PORTUGAL

EXPLORE THE VINEYARDS AND TASTY CUISINE BEFORE WORD GETS OUT THAT THIS IS ONE OF EUROPE'S COOLEST DESTINATIONS.

WHY 2016. Once a lesser-appreciated travel destination, Portugal is about to have its moment. Lisbon is experiencing an uptick in foreign visitors, and the Algarve has long been the vacation of choice for socks-and-sandals-wearing northern Europeans. Enjoy the country's charm without the crowds in Porto, Portugal's second largest city, known for its unique culinary expressions, port wine, and its location—where the Douro River and the Atlantic Ocean meet.

WHAT TO DO. A trip to Porto should include a visit to an iconic port lodge across the river; five-Euro tours include a tasting of about three different port wines. Sightsee through the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site of steep cobbled streets and Baroque architecture like the Clerigos Tower. Twenty minutes away from Porto, in Matosinhos, you'll

find the freshest seafood in town: Restaurante O Xarroco is great for grilled fish, prawns tossed in olive oil and garlic, or for something truly local, fried petingas (tiny fish similar to sardines) paired with tomato rice (351-22-938-1649). Farther off the beaten path still is the region of Alentejo, which has beaches, rolling vineyards, olive groves, and even Roman ruins. Its northeast pocket—close to Spain—is home to some of the best wines in the country. Award-winning boutique winery Lima Mayer is in Monforte, which you can visit by appointment (limamayer.com).

WHERE TO STAY. On the banks of the river is Pestana Vintage Porto (from \$168 per night, pestana.com), which recently added 50 additional rooms designed in chic midcentury-modern style. —*Chadner Navarro*



This Roman temple in the Alentejo region of Portugal is a UNESCO World Heritage site.