

Press Release

Vintage Tours 2027: Discovering Alentejo and Extremadura in an MGA Roadster

Six days, two countries and more than 2,000 years of history: Vintage Tours combines the cultural heritage and extraordinary landscapes of Portugal's Alentejo and Spain's Extremadura with carefully selected Pousadas and Paradores and the unmistakable driving experience of a classic British roadster.

Kempton, 27 August 2026 – For the 2027 season, Vintage Tours is presenting a new journey through two of the Iberian Peninsula's most fascinating and, at the same time, still relatively undiscovered regions. The six-day tour through the Alentejo and the Extremadura combines the cultural and historical diversity of Portugal and Spain with the experience of exceptional landscapes and carefully selected driving routes – creating a journey in which not only the destinations, but also the roads connecting them become part of the experience.

The route takes guests from Arraiolos via Estremoz, Crato and Marvão into Spain, continuing to Cáceres, Mérida and Zafra. From there, the journey crosses back into Portugal via Monsaraz and Vila Viçosa, before returning to Arraiolos via Évora. In this way, the tour connects some of the most important historical and cultural sites of the region with the distinctive landscapes of Alentejo and Extremadura.

What makes the journey particularly appealing is the combination of history and landscape. The route passes through extensive cork oak forests, olive groves, vineyards and the characteristic dehesa landscapes of the region. Along the way, medieval towns, Roman heritage and historic landmarks tell the story of the many cultures and civilizations that have shaped the Iberian Peninsula over the centuries.

From Arraiolos to Cáceres

The journey begins in Arraiolos, known for its traditional carpets and historic castle. From here, the first stage leads via Estremoz, one of the Alentejo's most historic towns, to Crato. Already on this opening stage, the character of the tour becomes apparent: quiet roads, gently rolling landscapes and an environment that is particularly rewarding when experienced from behind the wheel of a classic Roadster.

The following day takes guests to Marvão, spectacularly positioned on a mountain ridge and dominated by its medieval fortress. After crossing the Spanish border, the route continues to Cáceres. Its historic centre, with its remarkable medieval and Renaissance architecture, is one of the finest-preserved historic quarters in Spain and provides one of the first major cultural highlights of the journey.

Roman Heritage and the Landscapes of Extremadura

The third stage takes us from Cáceres to Zafra, with an extended visit to Mérida along the way. As the former capital of the Roman province of Lusitania, Mérida is home to some of Spain's most important Roman monuments. Its theatre, amphitheatre, bridge and other remains of antiquity make the city an essential part of the journey.

Beyond Mérida, the road to Zafra leads through the characteristic landscapes of Extremadura. Vast open spaces alternate with olive groves and extensive dehesa, where centuries-old cork and holm oaks define the landscape.

Returning to Portugal

From Zafra, the route crosses the Spanish-Portuguese border once again. One of the highlights of this stage is Monsaraz, perched on a hill above the Alqueva reservoir. Its medieval village, whitewashed houses and historic fortifications offer spectacular views across one of the Alentejo's most distinctive landscapes.

The journey then continues to Vila Viçosa, a town closely associated with Portuguese royal history. The final day takes us via Évora, whose Roman, medieval and Renaissance architecture provides another outstanding expression of the Alentejo's rich cultural heritage, before returning to Arraiolos.

Historic Hotels as Part of the Experience

A key element of the Vintage Tours philosophy is the careful selection of accommodation. Throughout the journey, guests stay in carefully chosen Pousadas de Portugal and Paradores de España.

Many of these properties are located in historic monasteries, castles, palaces or other buildings of cultural significance. The hotels therefore become an integral part of the journey itself, allowing guests to experience the history and character of each region beyond the day's driving.

Perfectly Curated Journeys Rather Than Pre-Packaged Routes

The journey through Alentejo and Extremadura is a perfect example of the Vintage Tours approach. Our tours are not standardised packages assembled from existing itineraries. Instead, they are personally researched, driven and curated.

When selecting the routes, the objective is not simply to get from one destination to another as efficiently as possible. What matters is the quality and character of the roads, the surrounding landscape, interesting places to stop along the way and the way in which driving pleasure, culture and regional authenticity can be brought together.

The same principle applies to the selection of hotels and restaurants. They are chosen not only for comfort and quality, but also for the contribution they make to the overall experience and for the authentic connection they provide to the region.

The MGA Roadster as Part of the Journey

The Vintage Tours vehicle fleet plays a particularly important role in this concept. Guests experience the tour in classic MGA Roadsters, meticulously maintained and prepared by Vintage Tours for every journey.

The open British sports car provides an immediate connection with the landscape. The winding roads, the scents of cork oak and olive groves, the changing light and the vastness of the countryside all become an integral part of the driving experience.

This brings together the elements that define Vintage Tours: classic cars, carefully selected driving routes, exceptional landscapes, historic places, regional cuisine and personally selected hotels.

A Journey Where the Road Becomes Part of the Destination

The Alentejo and Extremadura tour is designed for travellers looking for more than a conventional road trip. It combines the opportunity to discover some of the region's most significant historical and cultural landmarks with the immersive experience of travelling through the landscape itself.

From the medieval walls of Marvão and Cáceres to the Roman heritage of Mérida, from the whitewashed villages of the Alentejo to the endless cork oak landscapes of the dehesa, the journey connects two countries and many centuries of history.

Through its careful selection of routes, accommodation, culinary experiences and vehicles, Vintage Tours creates a journey in which every element is considered and connected – making the road itself an essential part of the experience.

The Alentejo and Extremadura journey is part of the **Vintage Tours 2027 Tour Calendar**.

For more information: **www.vintage-tours.com**

About Vintage Tours

Based in Kempten, Vintage Tours specialises in exclusive guided classic car journeys through Portugal and the neighbouring regions of Spain. The company combines driving classic MGA Roadsters with authentic cultural and nature experiences, exceptional hotels, as well as regional gastronomy and wine culture. All tours are developed with extensive local knowledge and offer a travel experience that combines automotive passion with the cultural treasures of Portugal and Spain.

With its programme, Vintage Tours gives enthusiasts of classic automobiles, as well as lovers of exclusive travel, the opportunity to experience the most beautiful regions of Portugal and Spain behind the wheel of a classic car. For this purpose, the company maintains its own fleet of perfectly maintained MGA Roadsters, combining driving pleasure and elegance.

Many miles go into every Vintage Tours journey, as all road trips are personally prepared with great attention to detail and leave nothing to be desired.

With Vintage Tours, you immerse yourself in the most beautiful landscapes and the rich culture of one of Europe's most authentic regions.

Vintage Tours – classic car travel in style.

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