

## **Press Release**

### **Vintage Tours 2027: Discover the Douro Valley in an MGA Roadster**

A journey through wine, culture, history and unique landscapes – on roads away from the mainstream.

**Kempton, 1 October 2026 – Following its successful introduction in 2026, Vintage Tours will once again offer its journey through the Douro Valley in 2027. The Vintage Tour through the Douro Valley combines the pleasure of driving a classic MGA Roadster with the region's exceptional cultural heritage, its centuries-old wine culture, outstanding gastronomy and stays in hotels of exceptional quality.**

Rather than following the usual tourist routes, the Vintage Tour through the Douro Valley takes guests along quiet roads, winding stretches and through impressive landscapes. This leaves Vintage Tours guests with ample time to enjoy both the classic cars and the journey itself at their own pace.

The Douro Valley is home to the Alto Douro wine region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a cultural landscape shaped by viticulture over many centuries. Wine has been produced here for almost 2,000 years. Steep vineyard terraces, historic quintas, natural stone walls and roads winding through the landscape create an exceptional setting for driving a classic automobile. The open cockpit of the MGA Roadster makes the changing impressions, sounds and unique atmosphere an immediate part of the travel experience.

#### **The Vintage Tour through the Douro Valley is much more than a classic car journey.**

During the journey, guests stay at carefully selected wine hotels that are closely connected to the wine culture and history of the Douro Valley. They provide a special way of experiencing the region, combined with tastings of regional wines and culinary experiences shaped by the traditions and ingredients of the Douro Valley. Traditional Portuguese cuisine is complemented in some cases by modern interpretations, giving the journey its own distinctive gastronomic dimension.

#### **The journey also includes some of the region's most significant cultural treasures.**

One of the highlights of this classic car journey through the Douro Valley is a visit to Casa de Mateus, an impressive Baroque palace near Vila Real. In addition to its architecture and historic gardens, the estate offers a fascinating insight into Portuguese history and the country's cultural life. The Fundação Casa de Mateus was established in 1970 and is dedicated to preserving and communicating the estate's historic heritage and collections. It is also involved in numerous cultural, scientific and educational projects.

The Vintage Tour also leads into the Côa Valley, home to one of Europe's most significant collections of prehistoric rock art in the open air. The rock engravings, some of which are around 22,000 years old, offer a direct encounter with some of the earliest known artistic and symbolic expressions of human communities on the Iberian Peninsula. A visit to the Côa Museum and the archaeological sites adds another extraordinary layer of time to the journey – from the history of viticulture deep into prehistoric times.

### **Two seasons – two different experiences of the Douro Valley.**

In 2027, the Vintage Tours to the Douro Valley will be offered in spring and autumn – two seasons that each give the Douro Valley its own distinctive character.

In spring, the landscape is particularly vibrant and intensely green. Almond and cherry blossoms add further splashes of colour at this time of year. In autumn, the vineyards begin to transform into warm hues and, depending on the timing of the journey, there is an opportunity to experience the grape harvest – one of the most important moments in the annual cycle of the Douro.

The routes have been deliberately designed to allow guests to experience the impressive Douro Valley without time pressure. Roads with little traffic and carefully selected stops create space to take in the enormous breadth and diversity of the landscape. The MGA Roadsters provide an authentic and particularly immediate way of experiencing the region.

### **A unique combination of culture, cuisine and exceptional hospitality.**

“The idea behind our Vintage Tour to the Douro Valley is to create a journey in which the classic automobile, the road and the destination become one shared experience. The MGA Roadster offers an ideal way to explore the Douro Valley in depth, because it connects the driver and passenger directly with the landscape. At the same time, our carefully curated programme allows guests to discover and enjoy the region's wines, cuisine, history and culture in a truly exclusive way,” says Matthias Haux, Founder and Managing Director of Vintage Tours.

The combination of a classic automobile, exceptional hospitality and carefully selected cultural and culinary experiences makes the Vintage Tour through the Douro Valley a journey for people who want to discover the fascination of the Douro Valley at a different pace and from a different perspective.

For more information: [www.vintage-tours.com](http://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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