



# Tailor-Made Itinerary – Hakim



**TRIP OVERVIEW**

<b>Weather</b>	25-35°C - Warm and sunny
<b>Budget</b>	€1,695 / person
<b>Safety</b>	Low Risk - Portugal is generally safe for families; stay aware of your surroundings.

## **Introduction**

Dear Hakim,

Thank you for considering Travel Differently for your family adventure in Portugal! Based on your preferences, we have crafted a preliminary three-week itinerary (01–23 August 2026) for two adults and two children, focusing on three distinct, family-friendly regions. This proposal is designed using our expert knowledge of Portugal's best summer destinations, tailored for comfort, discovery, and memorable family moments. All details are customizable to suit your family's pace and interests.

## ✦ **Why Portugal for Your Family?**

- **Safe, welcoming, and easy to explore** – Portugal is renowned for its hospitality and family-friendly infrastructure.
- **Rich variety** – From historic cities to golden beaches and lush countryside, each region offers unique experiences for all ages.
- **Excellent value** – Portugal provides a wide range of quality accommodations (boutique hotels, eco-lodges, guesthouses) within your budget.
- **August highlights** – Warm, sunny weather, vibrant festivals, and plenty of outdoor activities for children.

**TIP:** August is peak season—book hotels and activities early for best rates and availability, especially for family rooms.

## ✦ **Custom Program – 3 Weeks, 3 Regions**

**Structure:** 1 week in Lisbon & surrounds (urban & beaches), 1 week in the Algarve (coastal paradise), 1 week in Porto & Douro Valley (culture & nature). Each region is chosen for its family appeal, ease of access, and diversity of experiences.

**TIP:** All drives between regions are under 3.5 hours. For families, allow an extra 15–30 minutes for snack and bathroom breaks. Trains and private transfers are stroller- and child seat-friendly.

## 📍 Day 1: Arrival in Lisbon



- **Morning:** Arrival at Lisbon Airport (LIS). Private transfer to your hotel in the historic Baixa or Alfama district (30 min, request child seats).
- **Afternoon:** Settle in and explore the neighborhood. Stroll through Praça do Comércio and the riverside.
- **Evening:** Family dinner at a traditional “tasca” (local eatery).
- **Highlight:** Sunset views from Miradouro de Santa Luzia.

### **Accommodation Options:**

- **AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado** (Boutique Hotel) – Lisbon Historic Center. Family suites (2 bedrooms, kitchenette), rooftop terrace, zero-waste initiatives, organic breakfasts. Restored 19th-century building using local artisans. From €180/night.
- **Solar do Castelo** (Eco-Guesthouse) – Alfama District. Family rooms (interconnecting), garden play area, solar panels, rainwater harvesting, authentic tiled interiors. From €210/night.
- **My Story Hotel Tejo** (Budget Hotel) – Baixa. Family rooms, central location, breakfast included. From €150/night.

**TIP:** Early check-in or airport meet & greet can be arranged for families with young children.

### **Day 2: Lisbon – Tram & Tile Adventure**



- **Morning:** Ride the iconic Tram 28 (kids love it!). Visit the National Tile Museum for a hands-on tile painting workshop (1–2h, €15/adult, €10/child, ages 5+).
- **Afternoon:** Explore Belém: Jerónimos Monastery, Pastéis de Belém tasting.
- **Evening:** Leisurely dinner in Belém or return to hotel.
- **Highlight:** Pasteis de nata baking class (from 6 years, €25–35/person).

**TIP:** Lisbon's trams and public transport are stroller-friendly. Private family guide or stroller rental available on request.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

### 📍 **Day 3: Sintra Castles & Gardens**



- **Morning:** Private transfer (40 min, with child seats) to Sintra. Visit Pena Palace (shuttle available, moderate walking, €14/adult, free under 6).
- **Afternoon:** Explore Quinta da Regaleira's magical gardens (great for kids' imaginations, picnic spots).
- **Evening:** Return to Lisbon (rest/early night).

- **Highlight:** Picnic in Sintra's parklands.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Casa do Valle** (Eco-Lodge) – Sintra. Family cottages (sleeps 4+), outdoor space, pool, organic farm-to-table meals, nature trails. From €170/night.
- **TIP:** Add a horse-drawn carriage ride in Sintra (fun for ages 4+, €20–30/family).

**Accommodation Options:** Same Lisbon hotel options as Day 1 for those returning to Lisbon.

 **Day 4: Lisbon Oceanário & Park of Nations**



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**Morning:** Visit Lisbon Oceanário (Europe's largest aquarium; 2h, €25/adult, €16/child under 12). Touch pools and interactive exhibits for all ages.

- **Afternoon:** Cable car ride and playgrounds at Parque das Nações.
- **Evening:** Family-friendly riverside dining.
- **Highlight:** Interactive science exhibits at Pavilhão do Conhecimento (from 5 years, €10–12/person).

**TIP:** Book tickets online for the Oceanário to avoid queues in August.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

📍 **Day 5: Rest/Free Day – Lisbon Beaches**



- **Morning:** Short train ride (40 min) to Cascais or Carcavelos Beach. Relax, swim, sandcastles.
- **Afternoon:** Optional surf lesson (from 6 years, €35–45/child) or stroll the Cascais marina.
- **Evening:** Return to Lisbon, light dinner.
- **Highlight:** Ice cream on the promenade.

**TIP:** Trains to Cascais are stroller-friendly and run every 20 minutes. Bring sun hats and sunscreen for August heat.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

## 📍 Day 6: Lisbon – Alfama & Fado



- **Morning:** Explore Alfama's winding streets, visit São Jorge Castle (panoramic views).
- **Afternoon:** Family tile-painting workshop (from 5 years, €15/adult,

€10/child).

- **Evening:** Early Fado show (many venues welcome children for early sets).
- **Highlight:** Kids receive their painted tile as a keepsake.

**TIP:** Book a private Fado dinner experience for a more intimate family-friendly setting.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

## **Day 7: Lisbon – Free Day / Local Markets**



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**Morning:** Visit Time Out Market or Campo de Ourique market (tastings, family-friendly stalls).

- **Afternoon:** Free time for shopping, parks, or rest at the hotel.
- **Evening:** Farewell Lisbon dinner.
- **Highlight:** Kids' cooking class option (from 7 years, €25–30/child).

**TIP:** Arrange late checkout or luggage transfer for a smoother transition to the next region.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

## 📍 Day 8: Transfer to Algarve – Lagos



- **Morning:** Private transfer to Lagos (3h, with 1h break en route for snacks/restroom).
- **Afternoon:** Check-in to your Algarve accommodation. Relax by the pool or beach.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a family-run seafood restaurant.

### **Accommodation Options:**

- **Casa Mãe Lagos** (Boutique Hotel) – Lagos. Family suites (kitchen, balcony), saltwater pool, kids' club, zero-plastic policy, wellness garden, beach proximity. From €200/night.
- **Quinta Bonita** (Eco-Lodge) – Near Lagos. Family villas (outdoor

space, playground), permaculture farm, solar energy, supports local farmers. From €180/night.

- **Casa Flor de Sal** (Guesthouse) – Ria Formosa/Eastern Algarve, near Lagos access. Cottages (sleeps 4–6), pools, lake, play areas, organic produce, wildlife protection. From €160/night.

**TIP:** Renting a car with child seats is recommended for maximum flexibility in the Algarve.

## 📍 **Day 9: Algarve – Ponta da Piedade & Beaches**



- **Morning:** Boat tour of Ponta da Piedade's sea caves (2h, €25/adult, €15/child, suitable for ages 4+).

- **Afternoon:** Beach time at Praia Dona Ana (gentle waves, lifeguards).
- **Evening:** Stroll through Lagos Old Town.
- **Highlight:** Shell-collecting contest for the kids.

**TIP:** Private family boat charters are available for a more personalized experience.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.

## 📍 **Day 10: Algarve – Waterpark Adventure**



- **Morning:** Visit Slide & Splash Waterpark (30 min transfer, full day; €30/adult, €20/child under 12). Slides, baby pools, shaded family areas.

- **Afternoon:** Waterpark fun continues. Shaded rest areas and family facilities.
- **Evening:** Return to hotel, light dinner.
- **Highlight:** Family photo at the giant slides.

**TIP:** Reserve a private cabana for shade and comfort during your waterpark day.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.

## **Day 11: Algarve – Sagres & West Coast**



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**Morning:** Day trip to Sagres (40 min drive). Visit Fortaleza de Sagres (fortress, sea views).

- **Afternoon:** Picnic at Praia do Amado (great for kite-flying, sand dunes).
- **Evening:** Return to Lagos.
- **Highlight:** Sunset at Cape St. Vincent (most westerly point of Europe).

**TIP:** Add a surf lesson at Praia do Amado (from 6 years, €35–45/child).

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.

📍 **Day 12: Algarve – Rest/Free Day**



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**Morning:** Poolside relaxation or optional spa for parents (kids' club available at select hotels).

• **Afternoon:** Optional visit to Lagos Zoo (2h, €18/adult, €13/child, interactive animals, petting zoo for ages 3–10).

• **Evening:** Family movie night at the hotel (on request).

**TIP:** Babysitting service or parents' night out can be arranged at most eco-lodges and boutique hotels.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.

## 📍 Day 13: Algarve – Silves Castle & Countryside



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**Morning:** Day trip to Silves (45 min drive). Explore the Moorish castle and medieval town.

- **Afternoon:** River picnic and orange grove visit.
- **Evening:** Return to Lagos.
- **Highlight:** Kids' treasure hunt at the castle (from 5 years, €10/child).

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Companhia das Culturas** (Boutique Eco-Hotel) – Near Silves. Family suites, gardens, organic cuisine, nature immersion. From €170/night.

**TIP:** Arrange a local guide or horseback riding (from 8 years, €40–50/child) for a unique countryside experience.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8 for those returning to Lagos.

## 📍 **Day 14: Algarve – Local Markets & Farewell**



- **Morning:** Visit Lagos farmers' market (fruit tastings, crafts).
- **Afternoon:** Last swim or stroll along Meia Praia.
- **Evening:** Farewell Algarve dinner with local music.

**TIP:** Arrange late checkout or luggage transfer for a stress-free departure.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.

## 📍 Day 15: Transfer to Porto



- **Morning:** Transfer to Porto by high-speed train (Alfa Pendular, 3h30, direct; or morning flight, 1h + airport time). Private transfer to hotel in Ribeira district (25 min).
- **Afternoon:** Settle in, walk along the Douro riverfront.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a riverside restaurant.

### **Accommodation Options:**

- **Torel Avantgarde** (Boutique Hotel) – Porto. Family rooms (views, pool access), art from local creators, energy-efficient, themed suites, central Ribeira location. From €210/night.
- **Rosa Et Al Townhouse** (Eco-Guesthouse) – Porto. Interconnecting family rooms, rooftop terrace, recycled materials, community-supported, near riverfront. From €180/night.
- **Moov Hotel Porto Centro** (Budget Hotel) – Porto. Family rooms, central location, breakfast included. From €130/night.

**TIP:** Trains have family compartments and kids' play areas. Request child seats for private transfers.

### **Day 16: Porto – City & Bridges**



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**Morning:** Family-friendly walking tour: Livraria Lello (magical bookstore, €8/adult, €6/child under 12), Clérigos Tower (optional climb).

- **Afternoon:** Cross Dom Luís I Bridge (pedestrian level), visit Gaia's cable car (fun for kids, €6–8/person).
- **Evening:** Try francesinha (local sandwich) at a casual eatery.
- **Highlight:** Douro river cruise (1h, €18/adult, €9/child, all ages).

**TIP:** Private guide or Harry Potter-themed tour available for families.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 15.

## 📍 Day 17: Porto – Sea & Science



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**Morning:** Tram to Foz do Douro (beachfront), visit Sea Life Porto (aquarium, interactive zones for ages 3+, €16/adult, €11/child).

- **Afternoon:** Picnic at Parque da Cidade (large playgrounds, bike rentals €10–15/bike).
- **Evening:** Return to Porto, dinner at leisure.

**TIP:** Bike rental or surf lesson (from 8 years, €35–45/child) can be arranged for active families.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 15.

## **Day 18: Porto – Douro Valley Day Trip**



- **Morning:** Private transfer to Douro Valley (1h30). Family-friendly vineyard visit with grape juice tastings and picnic lunch (4h, €50/adult, €25/child). Vineyard walks and eco-retreats available.
- **Afternoon:** Short river cruise or scenic train ride (1h, €18/adult, €9/child).
- **Evening:** Return to Porto.

- **Highlight:** Grape-stomping activity (from 6 years, seasonal, included in vineyard visit).

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Casa Agricola da Levada Eco Village** (Eco-Lodge) – Douro Valley. Family apartments by river, organic gardens, vineyard walks, 17th-century stone. From €160/night.

**TIP:** Overnight in a Douro quinta (wine estate) can be arranged for a deeper countryside experience.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 15 for those returning to Porto.

 **Day 19: Porto – Rest/Free Day**



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**Morning:** Free time for shopping, museums, or rest at the hotel.

- **Afternoon:** Optional visit to World of Discoveries (interactive museum, ages 4+, €8/adult, €6/child).
- **Evening:** Leisurely farewell dinner.

**TIP:** Babysitter for parents' night out can be arranged at most boutique hotels.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 15.

## **Day 20: Porto – Markets & Parks**



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**Morning:** Explore Mercado do Bolhão (local delicacies, crafts).

- **Afternoon:** Relax in Crystal Palace Gardens (peacocks, playgrounds).
- **Evening:** Pack and prepare for departure.

**TIP:** Arrange late checkout or luggage storage for a smooth departure.

**Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 15.

## **Day 21: Departure from Porto**



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**Morning:** Private transfer to Porto Airport (OPO, 25 min, request child seats). Airport assistance as needed.

- **Afternoon:** Flight home.
- **Highlight:** Family photo book (complimentary digital album post-trip).

**TIP:** VIP airport lounge access and fast-track security can be arranged for families.

## ✦ Customizable Options

- Upgrade to private guides in each region for deeper local insight.

- Switch train transfers for short internal flights (Lisbon–Faro, Faro–Porto) for speed.
- Book family suites with kitchenettes or connecting rooms at each stop.
- Add more adventure (kayaking, dolphin watching, horseback riding) or more cultural workshops.
- Arrange for local babysitting or kids' club access for parents' downtime.
- Eco-conscious upgrades: carbon offset, electric vehicle for transfers.

**TIP:** All recommended hotels use sustainable practices such as solar power, organic produce, and zero-waste policies.

## **Alternative Options**

- **Slower pace:** Spend 10 days in 2 regions only (Lisbon & Algarve), with more rest days and deeper local immersion.
- **Swap regions:** Replace Porto/Douro with Central Portugal (Serra da Estrela mountains, family hiking, river swimming).
- **Budget focus:** Opt for guesthouses and self-catering apartments, reducing private transfers in favor of trains.

**TIP:** Guesthouses and eco-lodges often offer discounts for children under 12 and provide kitchenettes for self-catering.

## ✦ Practical Info & Budget

- **Seasonality:** August is peak summer – expect warm weather (25–35°C), busy beaches, and lively festivals. Book early for best hotel options.
- **Comfort:** All accommodations are vetted for family amenities (pool, playground, family rooms, breakfast included).
- **Health & Safety:** Portugal is very safe; tap water is drinkable; no special vaccinations required. EU health card recommended.
- **Visa:** Not required for EU citizens; others, please check.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (21 nights, avg. €180/night for family room, split by 4)	€945
Private Transfers (Lisbon–Algarve, Algarve–Porto, airport, local)	€200
Experiences & Activities (workshops, boat tours, waterpark, museums)	€250
Meals (mix of self-catering, local restaurants)	€200

Miscellaneous (tips, souvenirs, extras)	€100
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Total Estimated Cost	€1,695
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*Children under 12 often receive discounts on hotels and activities (approx. 20–30% off). Detailed, itemized quote available upon refinement of preferences and hotel category choices.*

**TIP:** All prices are based on August 2026 estimates and may vary slightly with availability and final selections.

## **Next Steps**

- Let us know your preferred hotel styles for each region, and any must-do activities.
- Would you like to add or remove any destinations?
- We can adjust pacing, hotel category, or activities based on your feedback.
- Once you confirm, we will check live availability and provide a detailed, finalized quote.

**Ready to refine your dream family trip to Portugal? Reply with your thoughts and we'll personalize every detail for you!**

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