



# Tailor-Made Itinerary – Hakim



**TRIP OVERVIEW**

**Weather**

25-35°C - Warm and sunny with occasional coastal breezes

**Budget**

€845-€1,415 / person

**Safety**

Low Risk - Portugal is generally safe for families; stay aware of your surroundings.



## ✦ Introduction

Dear Hakim,

Thank you for sharing your vision for an unforgettable family adventure in Portugal! Based on your preferences—a 3-week journey with your family (2 adults, 2 children), focusing on three different regions with stays in boutique hotels, budget hotels, guesthouses, and eco lodges—this preliminary proposal is crafted to balance discovery, comfort, and family-friendly experiences. This itinerary is designed by our expert team and is fully customizable to your pace and interests.

## ✦ Why Portugal for Your Family?

- **Family-Friendly Atmosphere:** Portugal is renowned for its warm hospitality, safety, and welcoming attitude towards families.
- **Variety of Experiences:** From historic cities to golden beaches and lush countryside, there's something for everyone.
- **Easy Logistics:** Excellent road infrastructure, short travel distances, and diverse accommodation options make it ideal for a family road trip.
- **Summer Vibes:** August offers lively festivals, warm weather (25–35°C), and vibrant coastal life.

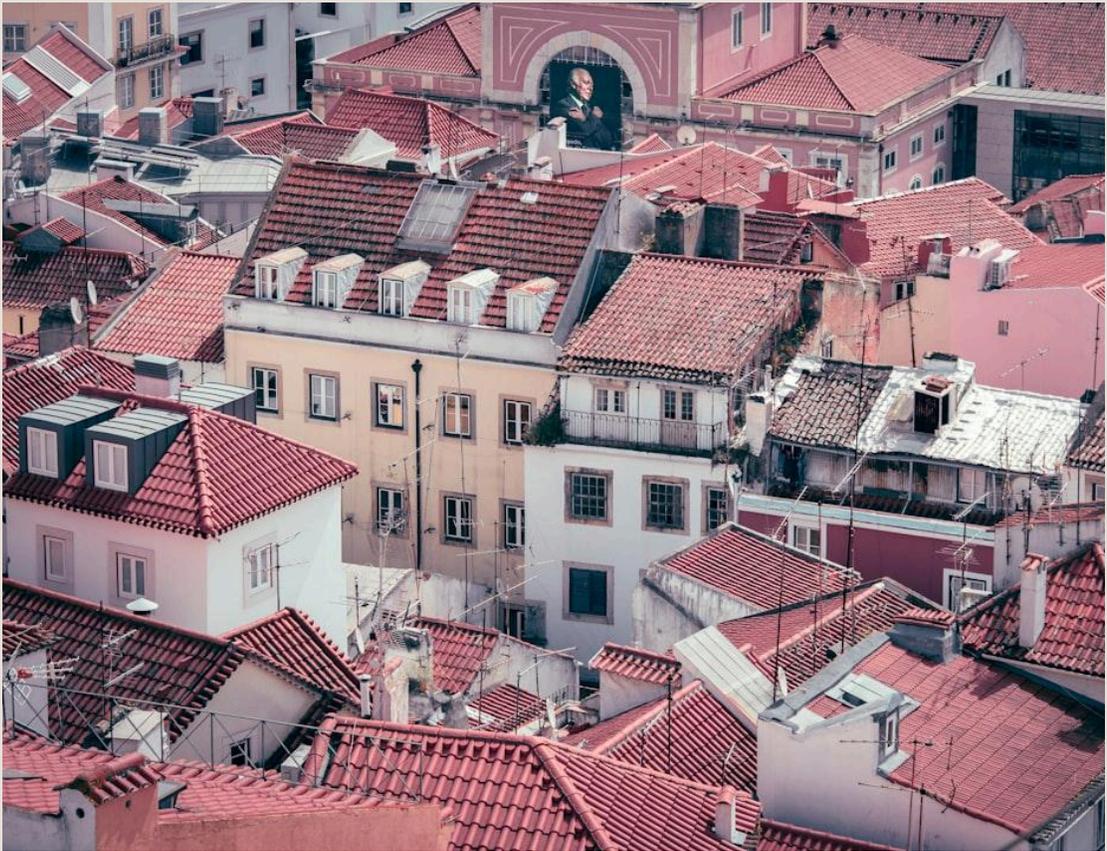
**TIP:** August is peak season—book accommodations and main activities

4–6 weeks in advance for best availability and family room options.

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

**Structure:** 7 nights per region, with a focus on family-friendly activities, reasonable drive times (max 3–4h/day), and at least one rest day per week.

### 📍 **Day 1: Arrival in Lisbon**



● **Morning:** Arrive at Lisbon Airport. Private transfer to your hotel in the

Baixa or Alfama district (30 min + 30 min buffer for airport formalities).

- **Afternoon:** Settle in, stroll through Praça do Comércio and the riverfront. Light exploration, gelato break.
- **Evening:** Family-friendly dinner at Time Out Market (variety of options).
- **Highlight:** First sunset over the Tagus River.

#### **Accommodation Options:**

- **Areias do Seixo** (Eco Lodge) – Santa Cruz, 1 hour north of Lisbon. Eco-friendly retreat with family villas (3 bedrooms, private pools), organic farm, kids' entertainment, yoga, and spa. From €185/night. *Family amenities:* Multiple pools, kids' program, on-site dining with fresh produce.
- **Noah Surf House** (Eco Boutique Hotel) – Santa Cruz. Modern beach hotel with surfing, yoga, and beach clean-up activities. Family-friendly rooms, beach access, activity programs. From €185/night.
- **Hotel da Baixa** (Boutique Hotel) – Lisbon Baixa. Stylish, central, family rooms available. From €120/night.

**TIP:** Areias do Seixo and Noah Surf House are ideal for families seeking sustainability and comfort. Book early for August stays.

#### **Day 2: Discovering Lisbon's Old Quarters**



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**Morning:** Tram 28 ride through Alfama and Graça (kids love the vintage trams!).

*Experience:* 1–2 hours, all ages. €3–5 per person (public tram fare).

- **Afternoon:** Visit Castelo de São Jorge (hilltop views, easy walk, stroller-friendly paths).
- **Evening:** Dinner in Alfama with live Fado (early seating, family-friendly).
- **Highlight:** Panoramic city views from Miradouro de Santa Luzia.

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

**TIP:** Tram 28 can be crowded—ride early morning for best experience with children.

### 📍 **Day 3: Oceanarium & Parque das Nações**



**Morning:** Lisbon Oceanarium (one of Europe's best, suitable for all ages, 2–3h visit).

*Experience:* €19/adult, €13/child (3–12), under 3 free. Interactive exhibits, stroller-friendly.

- **Afternoon:** Cable car ride along the river, playground time in Parque das Nações.
- **Evening:** Relaxed dinner in the park area.
- **Highlight:** Interactive science exhibits for kids.

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

**TIP:** Book Oceanarium tickets online to skip queues. Many museums offer family discounts.

#### 📍 **Day 4: Day Trip to Sintra**



● **Morning:** Private transfer (40 min + 15 min buffer) to Sintra. Visit Pena Palace (colorful, fairy-tale castle, shuttle to entrance).

- **Afternoon:** Explore Quinta da Regaleira gardens (mystical, fun for children).

*Experience:* 2–3 hours, suitable for ages 5+, some stairs and uneven terrain. Entry: €10/adult, €5/child.

- **Evening:** Return to Lisbon (40 min). Light dinner near hotel.
- **Highlight:** Exploring secret tunnels and towers in Sintra.

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

**TIP:** Sintra is cooler than Lisbon—bring a light jacket for the gardens. Book palace tickets in advance for August.

## **Day 5: Belém & Maritime Discoveries**



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**Morning:** Tram or taxi to Belém (20 min). Visit Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO), Pastéis de Belém tasting.

- **Afternoon:** MAAT Museum (interactive exhibits), riverside cycling (child seats available).
- **Evening:** Riverside dinner with sunset views.
- **Highlight:** Pastéis de Belém baking workshop.

*Experience:* 1–2 hours, from 6 years. €25–40 per person (child discounts available).

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

**TIP:** The Pastéis de Belém bakery gets busy—arrive early or book a workshop for a hands-on experience.

## 📍 **Day 6: Beach Day at Costa da Caparica**



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**Morning:** Short drive/taxi to Costa da Caparica (30 min + 15 min buffer). Family beach time, surf lesson (from 8 years).

- **Afternoon:** Beach games, seafood lunch at a local restaurant.
- **Evening:** Return to Lisbon. Optional evening stroll.

- **Highlight:** Kids' sandcastle contest.

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

**TIP:** Main beaches have lifeguards in August. Bring sun protection; UV intensity is high.

## 📍 **Day 7: Free/Rest Day in Lisbon**



- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast, optional visit to Gulbenkian gardens or puppet museum.
- **Afternoon:** Pool time or spa for parents, kids' activities at the hotel.
- **Evening:** Family dinner at a local pizzeria.
- **Highlight:** Unstructured family time.

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

**TIP:** Schedule a siesta or pool time during peak heat (2–5 PM) to avoid family fatigue.

## 📍 **Day 8: Lisbon to Algarve (Lagos/Albufeira)**



- **Morning:** Private transfer or self-drive to Algarve (approx. 2.5–3h + 30 min break for snacks/bathroom).
- **Afternoon:** Check-in at your hotel in Lagos or Albufeira. Settle in, explore nearby beach.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a beachside restaurant.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Casa Flor de Sal** (Eco Guesthouse) – Ria Formosa, Eastern Algarve. 8 self-catering cottages, 2 pools, natural lake, large gardens. From €95/night.  
*Family amenities:* Play areas, self-catering kitchens, peaceful rural setting.
- **Conversas de Alpendre** (Eco Boutique Hotel) – Cacela Velha, Algarve coast. 12 rooms, treehouse accommodation, saltwater pool. From €129/night.  
*Family amenities:* Treehouse option, pool, coastal location.
- **Vila Galé Lagos** (Resort Hotel) – Lagos. Resort with pool, kids' club, family suites. From €140/night.

**TIP:** Renting a car in the Algarve gives flexibility for exploring beaches and villages. Ensure child car seats are included.

## **Day 9: Beaches & Sea Caves**



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**Morning:** Boat tour to Ponta da Piedade sea caves (from 4 years, 2h).

*Experience:* €30–50 per person (child discounts available).

- **Afternoon:** Praia Dona Ana beach time, paddleboarding (from 8 years).
- **Evening:** Seafood dinner in Lagos old town.
- **Highlight:** Exploring hidden grottoes by boat.

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

**TIP:** Book boat tours early for family-friendly time slots in August. Life jackets provided for all ages.

## Day 10: Family Adventure Park



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**Morning:** Visit Zoomarine Algarve (waterpark, dolphins, rides; suitable for all ages, full day).

*Experience:* €35–50/adult, €20–30/child. Splash zones for young children.

- **Afternoon:** Continue at park or relax at hotel pool.
- **Evening:** Casual dinner at hotel or nearby.
- **Highlight:** Kids' splash zone and animal shows.

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

**TIP:** Bring swimwear and sun hats. Arrive early to avoid queues at popular rides.

## **Day 11: Cliffs & Villages**



● **Morning:** Visit Sagres (1h drive), explore fortress and dramatic cliffs (easy walks, stroller-friendly paths).

*Experience:* Sagres Fortress & Cabo de São Vicente, 3–4h. Entry: €5–10/adult, €3–5/child.

- **Afternoon:** Lunch in Sagres, visit local pottery workshop.
- **Evening:** Return to Lagos/Albufeira. Free time.
- **Highlight:** Sunset at Cabo de São Vicente lighthouse.

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

**TIP:** The cliffs can be windy—bring a light jacket for sunset viewing.

## 📍 Day 12: Market & Cooking Class



• **Morning:** Visit Lagos market, guided family cooking class (from 6 years).

*Experience:* 2–3h, €40–70 per family (includes market visit and meal).

- **Afternoon:** Enjoy your creations for lunch, free time at hotel pool or beach.
- **Evening:** Explore local gelaterias.
- **Highlight:** Kids learn to make Portuguese custard tarts.

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

**TIP:** Self-catering kitchens at Casa Flor de Sal make it easy to try local recipes with market ingredients.

### 📍 **Day 13: Free/Rest Day**



- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast, optional spa for parents, kids' club activities.

- **Afternoon:** Pool or beach day.
- **Evening:** Family barbecue at the hotel or picnic on the beach.
- **Highlight:** Unstructured family fun.

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

**TIP:** Plan at least one full rest day per region to avoid family fatigue and enjoy spontaneous discoveries.

### **Day 14: Dolphin Watching & Farewell to Algarve**



- **Morning:** Dolphin watching boat tour (from 4 years, 2h).

*Experience:* €30–50 per person (child discounts available).

- **Afternoon:** Last swim or souvenir shopping.
- **Evening:** Early dinner, pack for next leg.

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

**TIP:** Dolphin watching tours are popular—book in advance for morning departures with young children.

### **Day 15: Algarve to Porto (by train or flight)**



**Morning:** Transfer to Faro station/airport. High-speed train (approx. 5h direct + 30 min buffer) or short flight (1h + airport time) to Porto. Private transfer to hotel (30 min).

- **Afternoon:** Settle in at hotel in Ribeira or Cedofeita district.
- **Evening:** Stroll along Douro riverfront, dinner at Mercado Beira-Rio.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **PortoBay Flores** (Boutique Hotel) – Porto city center. Family-friendly, central, green hotel certification. Family room configurations. From €120–180/night.
- **Moov Hotel Porto Centro** (Budget Hotel) – Porto. Central, budget-friendly, family rooms. From €80/night.
- **Casa Agricola da Levada Eco Village** (Eco Guesthouse) – Douro Valley, 1.5–2h from Porto. 17th-century granite building, self-catering apartments, riverside. From €80/night.

**TIP:** Train travel is more relaxed for families than flying. Book family compartments when possible for extra comfort.

 **Day 16: Porto City Discovery**



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**Morning:** Funicular ride, explore Ribeira quarter (UNESCO), Livraria Lello bookshop (Harry Potter inspiration).

*Experience:* 2–3h, all ages. Entry: €5/adult, €3/child. Early morning visit recommended.

- **Afternoon:** Visit World of Discoveries (interactive museum, great for kids).

*Experience:* 2–3h, suitable for ages 5+. €12–18/adult, €8–12/child.

- **Evening:** Dinner in a riverside restaurant.
- **Highlight:** Tasting francesinha (local sandwich) with a kid-friendly version.

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

**TIP:** Porto's funicular railway is a hit with children and offers great city

views.

## Day 17: Douro Valley Day Trip



- **Morning:** Private transfer to Douro Valley (1.5h + 15 min buffer). River cruise (short, safe for children), vineyard visit (grape juice tasting for kids).  
*Experience:* 4–6h, €60–100/adult, €30–50/child.
- **Afternoon:** Picnic lunch among the vines, return to Porto.

- **Evening:** Leisure time, optional family games night at hotel.
- **Highlight:** Scenic train ride through the valley (optional).

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Quinta da Gricha Vineyard House** (Eco Vineyard Estate) – Douro Valley. Family-friendly wine estate, grape juice tastings for children, vineyard exploration. Price on request.
- **Casa Agricola da Levada Eco Village** (Eco Guesthouse) – Douro Valley. From €80/night.
- **PortoBay Flores** (Boutique Hotel) – Porto. From €120–180/night.

**TIP:** Book Douro Valley river cruises and vineyard visits in advance for August dates.

 **Day 18: Porto Parks & Play**



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**Morning:** Visit Porto City Park (playgrounds, bike rentals, picnic spots).

*Experience:* 2–4h, all ages, free entry.

- **Afternoon:** Serralves Museum & gardens (interactive exhibits, art trails). Entry: €10/adult, €5/child.
- **Evening:** Dinner in Foz do Douro (beachfront).
- **Highlight:** Outdoor family art scavenger hunt.

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

**TIP:** Serralves gardens offer shaded trails and interactive art—perfect for a

summer afternoon with children.

## 📍 Day 19: Day Trip to Guimarães



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**Morning:** Train or private transfer to Guimarães (1h + 15 min buffer).

Explore medieval castle and historic center.

*Experience:* 4–5h, castle entry €5–10/adult, €3–5/child. Train: €10–15 return per person.

- **Afternoon:** Lunch in old town, visit interactive museums.
- **Evening:** Return to Porto, relaxed evening.

- **Highlight:** Climbing castle towers (from 6 years).

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

**TIP:** Guimarães is less crowded than Porto in August—great for a relaxed family day out.

## 📍 Day 20: Free/Rest Day in Porto



- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast, optional riverfront cycling or hotel pool time.
- **Afternoon:** Last shopping or revisit favorite spots.

- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with Douro views.
- **Highlight:** Family photo session in Ribeira.

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

**TIP:** Use this day for spontaneous discoveries or to revisit favorite places from earlier in the week.

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



- **Morning:** Private transfer to Porto Airport (30 min + 30 min buffer).

Airport assistance as needed.

- **Afternoon:** Flight home.
- **Highlight:** Last pastel de nata at the airport café.

**TIP:** Porto Airport offers family facilities and play areas. Allow 3 hours for airport procedures with children.

## ✦ Customizable Options

- Upgrade to private guides in Lisbon, Algarve, and Porto (French or English).
- Premium family suites or connecting rooms at boutique hotels and eco-lodges.
- Private airport/train station transfers throughout.
- Special interest tours (street art, surfing, wildlife watching).
- Babysitting services or kids' clubs for parent downtime.
- Eco-lodge upgrade in the Algarve or Douro Valley.

**TIP:** Self-catering options at Casa Flor de Sal and Casa Agricola da Levada are ideal for families with dietary preferences or young children.

## ✦ Alternative Options

- **Slower Pace:** 2 regions (Lisbon + Algarve or Porto) with longer stays and more rest days.
- **Different Regions:** Swap Porto for the Serra da Estrela mountains (nature, hiking, cool summer air).

- **Budget Focus:** Emphasize guesthouses and budget hotels, more self-catering, public transport.

**TIP:** All recommended accommodations emphasize sustainability: waste management, energy conservation, local integration, and wildlife protection.

## ✦ Practical Info & Budget

- **Seasonality:** August is peak summer—book early for best family rooms. Expect warm weather and lively resorts.
- **Comfort:** All accommodations offer A/C or fans. Pools available in most hotels.
- **Health/Visa:** No visa required for EU citizens. Ensure travel insurance covers all family members.
- **Travel Logistics:** All drives under 3–4h. Train/flight options for long distances.

**TIP:** Car rentals require child car seats for children under 12 or 135 cm.

Most rental companies provide seats at €10–15/day.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (21 nights, eco-lodge/boutique hotels)	€420–€790 (adults/children, based on €80–150/night, family rooms)
Main Activities (boat tours,	€125–€200 (adults), €90–€150

museums, workshops)	(children)
Local Transport (transfers, trains, car rental)	€50–€75
Meals (mix of self-catering and restaurants)	€250–€350
Total Estimated Cost	€845–€1,415 per person

**TIP:** This budget keeps you well within your €1,500 per person target, allowing for flexibility and some upgrades.

## **Next Steps**

This proposal is a starting point—let us know your preferences for regions, activities, and accommodation styles. We'll refine the program, confirm availability, and provide a detailed quote. Ready to plan your family's Portuguese adventure?

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