

WINE RETREAT

1-5 OCTOBER 2026 ODEMIRA, PORTUGAL

+50 WINES

20 DISTINCT WINE REGIONS

4 MASTERCLASSES

+25 GRAPE VARIETIES

**CLASSIC + AMPHORA, NATURAL
& ORGANIC WINES**

BLIND & GUIDED TASTINGS

**WINERY VISIT & MEET THE
WINEMAKER**

**5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS OF WINE
EXPERIENCE IN COASTAL
ALENTEJO**

AUTUMN
EDITION



BOOK NOW!
Spaces limited.

LEARN TO “TASTE LIKE A SOMM”

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORLD OF WINE WITH
SOMMELIER-LED TASTINGS AND CULINARY EXPERIENCES AT
AN OFF-GRID ECO-LUXE LODGE IN COASTAL ALENTEJO



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WINE EXPERIENCE & MASTERCLASSES

4 FULL DAYS OF IMMERSION



ABOUT OUR RETREAT

Unlock professional-level somm skills through systematic tasting, Portuguese wine exploration, food and wine pairing principles, and blind preference taste mapping. For wine enthusiasts at all levels - from serious beginners to experienced enthusiasts. Led by a certified sommelier educator, you'll gain frameworks, tips, and hacks that sommeliers use daily to transform your every wine experience, for life.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 MASTERCLASSES

- 1 - Taste Like a Somm: Systematic Wine Tasting
- 2 - Portuguese Wines in a Global Context & Tasting
- 3 - Pair Like a Somm: Food and Wine Pairing Hacks
- 4 - Your Wine Identity: Understanding Your Palette

- VINEYARD & WINERY IMMERSION

Behind-the-scenes winery experience: explore production cellars, taste unique and singular wines, and meet the winemakers defining Portugal's modern wine movement.

- CURATED EXPERIENCES

Experience Portuguese food and wine culture and enjoy an evocative Wine 'Story Tasting' led by world-renowned journalist Alastair Leithead, and more.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR



JOANNA HUTCHINS

DipWSET, Certified Sommelier



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✉ For any questions about wine classes, please
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PACKAGES

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5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

€1,695 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY

€1,395 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

15% DISCOUNT, 4 PAX GROUPS



Ask Ana & Alastair
about extending
your stay!

Unwind a little longer
with our special
retreat-only rates.

YOUR HOSTS: ANA AND ALASTAIR LEITHEAD

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Accommodation at Vale das Estrelas Eco-Luxe Lodge
- All meals from arrival dinner through departure breakfast
- Curated wine pairings (generous allotment per meal)
- All wine courses, materials, wines tasted in class
- Vineyard excursion and wine immersion experiences
- Access to all facilities, including Infinity pool, sun deck, covered patio, and outdoor areas
- Complimentary parking

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Airport transfers (1.5 hrs from Faro, 2.5 hrs from Lisbon). Car hire recommended; transport available on request.
- Optional extras such as local excursions, beach trips, massages, or additional transport - available at extra cost.

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WHAT PAST GUESTS SAY



Average 5-star rating from anonymous
post-retreat survey

"UNHESITATINGLY, GO!"

*"Excellent opportunity to learn about
wine while visiting one of the most
beautiful areas of Portugal!"*

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**Great Hosts! & Yummy Food
Inspiring Masterclasses by an Expert
Fantastic Setting to do a Wine Retreat**

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*"The whole experience
exceeded expectations."*

*"It's a friendly and stimulating way to spend a holiday -
and if you like wine you'll get loads out of it regardless
of your level of knowledge."*

SEE FOR YOURSELF, JOIN US OCT 2026!

**OR, PLAN AHEAD FOR OUR 2027 DATES:
13-17 MAY 2027 -OR- 7-11 OCT 2027**

