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Península de Setúbal

Visit 1 August 2012

9:00 Departure from Lisbon

10:00 Arrábida Presentation – Casa da Baía, Setúbal

11:00 Arrábida tour visit

13:00 Lunch in Quinta de Alcube

15:00 PROVE Project: good practice in short food supply chains – Espaço Fortuna, Quinta do Anjo

16:00 Muscat Taste – Casa Mãe da Rota de Vinhos da Península de Setúbal, Palmela

18.00 Visit to the PROVE delivery center in Alvalade-Lisbon The Península de Setúbal is circumscribed by different classified natural areas: in the North by the estuary of Tagus river; in the south by the estuary of Sado river and by Arrábida Natural Park; in the west by the lagoon of Albufeira and in the east by several Ecological corridors linking Canha with Marateca stretching towards Sesimbra.

The region's prevalent features stem from a privileged localization with appropriate edaphic and weather factors as well as suitable water resources offering a huge farming and forest potential.

Wine production stands out among a great assortment of farming products, deserving a special reference the wines of DO Palmela and Setubal (Moscatel) along with the Península de Setúbal Regional Wine. The DOP cheese of Azeitão, the Palmela striped Apple, honey and Montijo's gerbera, also play an important role in the regional agriculture.

Gastronomy is remarkably diversified, being fish dishes and traditional sweets a must.

Architectural heritage and lanscapes are extremely rich. The Castles of Palmela and Sesimbra catch everybody's attention and so do São Filipe Fortress at Setúbal, Cape Espichel Shrine, the Arrábida Convent and numerous farms and mansions clinging to rural traditions and crafts. This heritage is enriched by the cultural tradition related to farming activities namely horse and bull fairs in the cities of Montijo, Moita and Alcochete, by the Palmela's grape harvest celebration (Festa das Vindimas) and Sesimbra's "Zimbramel" exalting nature's cycles. All over the territory pagan and religious traditions are also present in festivals.















