

## Eight reasons why Portugal should be your top pick this summer

The coast is clear: hidden coves, turquoise waters... Portugal is ready and waiting

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### 4. Say goodbye to supermarket wines and homemade sandwiches

Wine just keeps getting better in Portugal, as do the wineries, which seem to emanate a new design-driven sleekness. One of the best – in all senses – is **Aldeia de Cima** ([aldeiadecima.com](http://aldeiadecima.com)), set among poppy-strewn fields in the Alentejo. Be sure to reserve space in your suitcase on the way home for their delicious wines.

In the same region, **Herdade de Malhadinha Nova** ([malhadinhanova.pt](http://malhadinhanova.pt)) is a hotel and winery set in several beautifully restored old buildings on a large farm. It opened just last year and is the perfect spot for those seeking to enjoy the authentic Alentejo life – you can ride their fine stable of horses and picnic beneath the olive trees.



Hotel and winery, Herdade de Malhadinha Nova