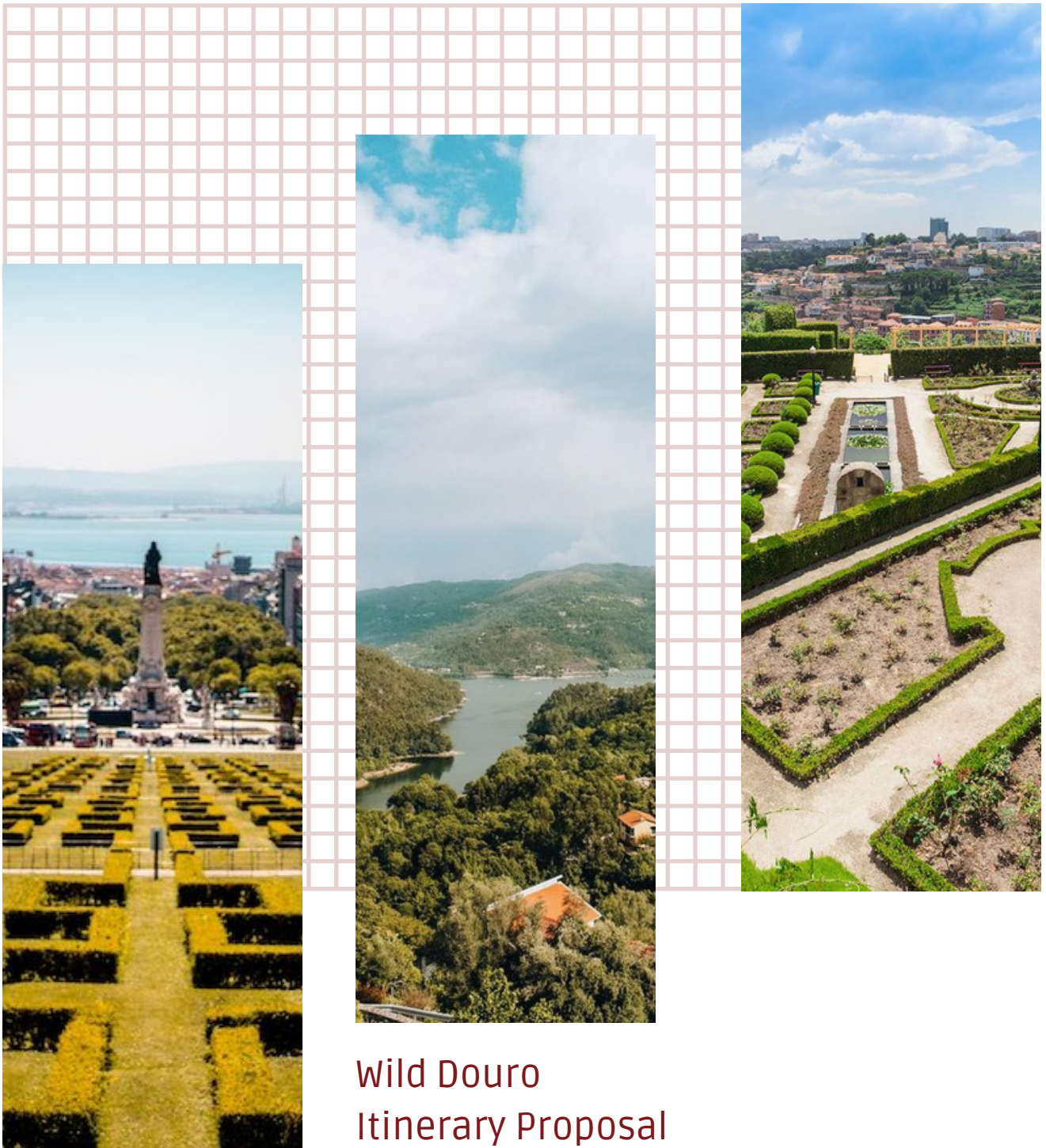


# PORTUGAL TOUR

December 15th, 2023 - January 4th, 2024



Wild Douro  
Itinerary Proposal



This is a special tour for those who aren't afraid of experiencing. For those who enjoy exploring the roots of a country or a region and for all the quality family time. Set to happen on a magical time of the year, we invite you to celebrate this incredible season in Portugal, a small wonder in this world.

## **Your request**

### **LOCAL**

Portugal

### **DATE**

December 15th, 2023 - January 4th, 2024

### **NUMBER OF PEOPLE**

4

### **SERVICES**

Transport, visits, meals and accommodation

## December 15th

Arrival at Lisboa International Airport.

The Wild Douro host will be waiting for you at the arrivals.

Our host will accompany you during your stay in Portugal and will be your driver and will offer guidance.

We are in the Christmas Season. The entire city will be completely decorated and lit for the date and it is worth strolling downtown to feel the locals doing their last shopping and strolling through the Christmas decorations.

As we still don't have a flight schedule, we leave free time after checking in at the hotel in the city.



## December 16th

Breakfast at the accommodation and meeting with your host to start our day in the capital.

Lisboa stands in its 7 hills above the Tejo river, bordered by one only light. The capital of Portugal since its conquest to the Moors in 1147, Lisboa is a legendary city with over 20 centuries of history and the most important tourist pole of the country. From the pombalino buildings with tile facades in Baixa, narrow medieval streets of the typical neighborhoods of Alfama and Bairro Alto, where at night you can hear the Fado, to the numerous museums and shops, Lisboa is a city with several options.

The best way to explore the city is with a TukTuk. We can go into the narrow streets and go into neighborhoods that cars can't reach.



During these 3 hours tour, we will get to know the center of the city as well as the emblematic area of Belém.

Nowadays, Belém is a cultural and monumental center, with a set of heritage of high historical and artistic interest.

In this part of the city, we will taste the famous Pasteis de Belém. These delicacies are custard tarts and you will find the Pastel de Nata in every bakery in Portugal but here it's the original recipe from many years ago. If we're lucky, we will get them fresh out of the oven!

The rest of the day is free. We suggest to explore the LX Factory, an 1846 factory complex that was reborn in 2008 and opposed to the presence of shops, cafes and restaurants.

This space offers many stores such as book stores, multi-kitchen catering establishments, urban art, among others... It is the perfect place to find souvenirs and local products.



## December 17th

Breakfast at the accommodation and meeting with your host to start our day.

Portugal is known for the art of tiles. You have already had the opportunity to see in several buildings in the capital, palaces, walls decorated with this national art, but Setúbal is, still today, its production center and that is why we are going to paint it in this city.

With centuries-old experience, ladies and men, artisans with lots of experiences will teach us how to paint and decorate Portuguese tiles. At the end of the workshop, a tasting of pies and Azeitão cheeses, accompanied by the equally famous muscatel wine from Setúbal.



Lunch at Setúbal, known as a fish city, fresh fish and sea food are really very appreciated in the city.

Departure to Lisboa for the hotel accommodation.  
Free time to do some shopping and relax.



## December 18th

Breakfast at the accommodation and meeting with your host to start our day. Today we will have a local guide with us because we will visit incredible places today and nothing is better than to have a local to explain everything!

We leave the center of Lisboa and head towards Sintra, one of the smallest and most beautiful cities in Portugal that Lord Byron, a very influential British poet in Romanticism, fell in love with "(...) Thus far have we pursued our route and seen all sorts of marvelous sights(...) I must just observe, that the village of Sintra, in Estremadura, is the most beautiful perhaps in the world(...)".

You will be dazzled by the enchanting fantasy of the Pena Palace that was built in the hills of Sintra and is the final product of D. Fernando II's imagination. Today is the greatest exponent of nineteenth century Romanticism in Portugal, with architectural references of influence Manueline and Moorish.

After the visit, we continue towards Colares, a village in the region and it's where we will have our lunch in a fresh fish restaurant.

Depending on the schedule we will have some free time and departures towards Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of the European Continent and, as the author of "Os Lusíadas", Luís Vaz de Camões described "Aqui... onde a terra se acaba... o mar começa...", meaning where the land ends and the sea begins.

Towards the next destination, we will arrive in Cascais, land where fish and seafood play an important role. Due to the proximity to the sea, fishing activity has always been prominent.

Our final stop is the stunning Palácio de Queluz, a luxurious royal residence. Its charms whether for its imposing nature or the sheer exuberance of its architectural details closely bound up with the lives of three generations of the Portuguese Royal Family and the scene of intense emotions.

Return to the hotel accommodation.



## December 19th

Breakfast at the accommodation and meeting with your host to start our day outside of this region.

The children will love this day! We will travel towards Lourinhã to visit the fantastic Dino Parque. This thematic park is focused on the history of dinosaurs and it's the biggest open-ai red museum in Portugal! You will learn about the history of the fantastic world and the era of dinosaurs and prehistoric animals.

Continue the day towards Óbidos.

The village of Óbidos keeps the memory of centuries, where the whitewashed houses with corners painted in blue or yellow and with medieval features, they are surrounded by an extensive wall. Ordinary vast heritage of religious architecture and historic-monumental remains, the village of kings and queens it was, in other times, a place of preference for rest or refuge from the disagreements of the Court. Every corner of this medieval village hides idyllic stories of lovers who confided their memories here.

We want to take you to Óbidos especially on this season because it's special. In an increasingly fast-paced world, Óbidos Vila Natal has one purpose: to stop time and unite families in fun, fantasy and special moments with their own. It is an experience that takes us back to the essentials: remembering other times and other realities, living the present with joy and designing new memories for the future, in the company of those who are dearest to us. An event of happy moments with happy people.

Return to the hotel accommodation.



## December 20th

Breakfast at the accommodation and meeting with your host for the transfer to the Oceanário de Lisboa, the second largest aquarium in Europe. More than 15,000 living beings of more than 450 different species live in their habitat.

The children will be fascinated with the different species and we're sure they will absolutely love the penguins and otters!

This visit takes its time so we suggest having lunch in the area.

We leave the afternoon free to rest or, even if you are feeling a little adventurous, we suggest to spend time in an indoor trampoline space. Surrounded by different jumping activities, it is the perfect space to enjoy time with children!





## December 21st

Breakfast at the accommodation and check-out. Our final destination of the day is Coimbra, located in the center of the country but we will stop a few times along the way.

Our first stop is Alcobaça. Previously inhabited by the Romans and Arabs, the city was reconquered by D. Afonso Henriques, first king of Portugal. In 1153, D. Afonso Henriques donated the city to the monks who began the construction of the Mosteiro de Alcobaça, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a beautiful work of art associated with a tragic love story as it contains the tombs of D. Pedro I and D. Inês de Castro.

The day continues towards Batalha, which also has a monastery classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site since 2007 and is one of the magnificent Portuguese architectural works, and one of the most significant symbols of the Avis Dynasty.

The final stop is Fátima, a city in central Portugal where we can find the center of Catholic faith and pilgrimage from around the world.

You will be able to explore these three destinations as your own leisure and pace, but you will always have the support of our host.

Continue towards Coimbra and check-in.



## December 22nd

Breakfast at the accommodation. Our host will meet you at the hotel's lobby.

Today we will see Portugal in a miniature version. We will visit a special museum, a park-garden representative of the Architectural Heritage of Portugal, not only with regard to the different architectural styles, but also to the different types of construction.

The schedule will be adjusted according to your pace and we can do our visit in the morning or afternoon but, if we are in this region, we need to enjoy lunch in Mealhada. We will try the famous dish of this region, the suckling pig!

Return to the hotel.



## December 23rd

Breakfast at the accommodation and check-out. Today we will have a cultural day!

Arrive at Aveiro. Situated on the edge of an extensive coastal lagoon system, Aveiro is a prosperous town with a good-looking centre and a youthful, energetic buzz. It's occasionally dubbed the Venice of Portugal thanks to its small network of picturesque canals. But where the Italian city has gondolas, Aveiro has moliceiros – colorful boats traditionally used for seaweed-harvesting but now used for canal cruises. We will do a boat tour, and try the famous sweets made in Aveiro.

We will have our lunch at Costa Nova, a fisherman village, full of beautiful houses. Costa Nova is the closest beaches, Costa Nova is very pretty with its beach side strip of cafes, kitsch gift shops and picturesque candy-striped cottages.

Continue towards Porto and check-in at the accommodation.



## December 24th and 25th

Breakfast is included on both days.

The Christmas holidays are dedicated to our families and loved ones. It all starts on Christmas Eve with a 'Consoada' aka Christmas Dinner, where all the family gathers around a carefully dressed Christmas table. We will have this experience at our hotel.

These two days will be free for any leisure activity or explore the city on your own. We suggest resting and enjoy the services the hotel has to offer.





## December 26th

Breakfast at the accommodation.

Today we will discover the city of Porto, its charms and special places around the city that will make you fall in love with it.

Porto is the northern capital of Portugal. With a magnificent location next to the Douro and an architectural complex of exceptional value, the historic center of the city of Porto has been World Heritage Site since 1996. Gilded with tradition and great monuments, Porto is the city that everyone wants to visit. In the Ribeira area, the visitors will find many restaurants near the Douro river and from the other side, in Vila Nova de Gaia, the main center of production of Port wine, where we will have a stunning view of the city.

We believe the best way to get to know this city is by walking and tasting the local food. Our host will take you to local places where we try different small portions of food while learning about the history of the city.

Final stop is in Vila Nova de Gaia in a wine cellar for a tasting of Port wine and for the children, nature juice.



## December 27th

Breakfast at the accommodation. The morning is free of activities but in the afternoon you will meet with your host and drive towards Mindelo where we will spend a special afternoon and evening.

You will be welcomed at Wild Douro's house and have a cooking class with the family. You will learn more about Portuguese cuisine while preparing your meal yourself! There will be music, good food and we are certain this will be one of the best moments of this tour!

Return to the hotel.



## December 28th

Breakfast at the accommodation and check-out.

Meeting with the Wild Douro host and departure towards the region of Douro. Our first stop will be in Amarante, a beautiful city that has been occupied by man since prehistoric times. Amarante offered fertile soils, a fresh river and verdant landscapes of great beauty from an early age.

The host will tell you all the inspiring stories about this region and we will have a small coffee break with a tasting of traditional sweets.

Continuing on the sweets theme, we continue to Vila Real where we will meet a local bakery owner that will open its doors for a conventual sweets workshop. From the secret filling, to the history of production of these sweets, we will know it all!

At the end, there will be a tasting of the sweets we just made with a glass of Port wine and juice for the children.

Continue to Sabrosa, known for being the birthplace of the 15th century navigator, Fernão de Magalhães.

With ancient human occupation, the region dazzles with its natural beauty, housing archaeological remains dating from the Neolithic period, such as Antas and Dólmenes, or Castros inhabited since the Iron Age, later Romanized, such as Castro da Sancha. You will have time to explore on your own before it's time to departure.

Continue towards the hotel and check-in.



## December 29th

Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting our host for an adventure in Douro.

We will drive direction Pinhão, in order to start your first experience in to the heart of the Douro, in the Douro River.

Our first contact with this region will be a boat tour at the Douro River in a private boat, that will sail through the heart of the Douro for about 2 hours, ideal to enjoy the silence of the Douro, enjoy the landscapes, but also drink a glass of good Douro wine. Of course that we can also make a party in our boat!! When the sailor man says is time we will return back to the departure point.

The adventure continues towards the nature and mountains, where our buggys will be waiting for you!



Adrenaline, adventure and breathtaking landscapes. This is the best way to describe our Buggy Tours. So, let's take a buggy ride, explore the mountains, where peace and quiet reign. Magnificent landscape with excellent viewpoints over the mountains Wild animals like horses, partridge among others. Final spot, the restaurant where we are going to have our lunch.

Getting to the restaurant is not easy, only the bravest can discover it, arriving by buggy will be even more inhospitable, but that's how we'll get here, and what's waiting for us, food from a wood-fired oven and a warm fireplace for us Warm. The owners are like family, the homemade food and Douro wine. We just hope it doesn't rain so we can have our coffee on the stone tables outside.

Return to the hotel and rest time.



## December 30th

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free morning at the hotel. Our suggestion would be to enjoy the services of the accommodation and have lunch here.

In the afternoon, you will meet your host at the reception of the hotel and you will follow to visit a very special person. We will meet one of the most emblematic farmers and wine producer in the Douro. Winemaker at a famous winery and he will welcome us to his home, walk with us through its vineyards and tell us a little about the essence of the Douro and why this region is so special. This is a visit that can last at least 2 hours and we will also have some traditional food. This visit will be full of surprises!

We will go to our next activity, just 5 minutes walking, in a Family house. This house has a great historical heritage, the children and the adults can learn a lot about the formation of the planet Earth as it is today, through the observation of the rocks. They will also be able to play a little with clay, making their own pieces and then we will have an early dinner.



## **December 31st and January 1st**

Breakfast at the hotel.

These two days will be free for any leisure activity. We suggest resting and enjoy the services the hotel has to offer.

On December 31st, you will have a New Year's Eve dinner at the hotel. This is a delicious meal, specially prepared for the occasion.

## **January 2nd**

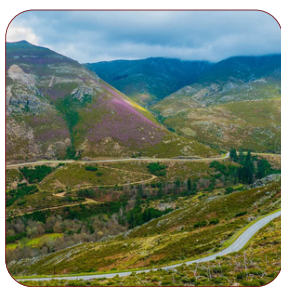
Breakfast at the hotel. Today will be a day full of Nature, contacting with the Alvão Park, for a walking tour.

Walking tour at the "Fisgas De Ermelo" will take us to discover the Alvão Natural Park and the imposing waterfalls of Ermelo, it is a high difficult route with great differences in terms of height and so we will be accompanied by one guide. The Cascade of Fisgas do Ermelo is a Portuguese waterfall located next to the Ermelo village and is the largest waterfalls in Portugal and one of the largest in Europe.

It will take us more or less 3h00, and after we will have a traditional lunch at a very special local restaurant.

Lunch at a traditional restaurant. We will have the Maronesa meat, from an animal raised in these peaceful pastures.

Return to the accommodation.



## January 3rd

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meeting our off road team, along with your host, we will have a adventure day. After checking out get along in our first excursion and adventure. Our drivers will take us on a journey off-road. More or less active but always unexpected and breath taken we will go from the hotel, to the top of the hill and end at the beach where we will have an amazing sunset. At the end we will call our drivers, friends!

Along the tour, we will have a stop at the top of the hill, where our drivers will prepare some traditional Portuguese sandwiches. Our sandwiches will be filled with different combinations of sardines, sausages, meats and cheese. Of course, wine and "portonics" will be on hand!

Our lunch will be in the nature, and believe the food is amazing, and it is also here that we will have eat our lunch. We will give this space the necessary fun for a time well spent with family and friends.

Due to weather conditions, we might need to change the spot.

Return to the accommodation.



## January 4th

Breakfast at the accommodation and check-out.  
Our host will take the family to Porto, for the departure.

Depending on the time of the flight, we will add lunch or activity on this day.

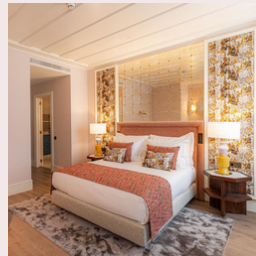
Our journey comes to an end.

The Wild Douro staff wishes a safe flight back home and hope to see you very soon in Portugal.

End of our services.



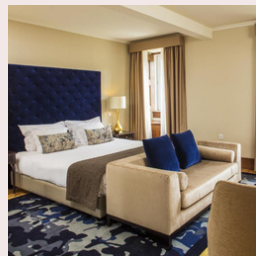
## Accommodation



### Palácio Ludovice Wine Experience Hotel

The accommodation features concierge services, non-smoking rooms, a restaurant, free WiFi and a bar. This 5-star hotel offers room service and a 24-hour reception. Rooms at the hotel are equipped with a coffee machine. All rooms at Palácio Ludovice Wine Experience Hotel include a private bathroom with a shower, and some rooms also offer city views.

Guests at the accommodation can enjoy a buffet breakfast.

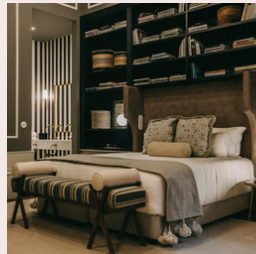


### Hotel Quinta das Lagrimas

This recently renovated 5-star hotel is housed in a historic medieval palace. Guests can enjoy botanical gardens and a state-of-the-art spa overlooking Coimbra.

The accommodation offer private bathrooms, air conditioning and different locations depending on the room type with different views.

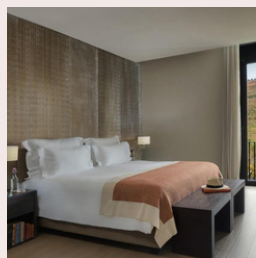
It has 2 restaurants serve seasonal dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients grown on the property's grounds.



### Torel 1884 Suites & Apartments

Torel 1884 Suites & Apartments is set in Porto, and features a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers and free WiFi. All rooms in the guest house are equipped with a coffee machine. Rooms at Torel 1884 Suites & Apartments are equipped with a private bathroom.

An à la carte, continental or American breakfast is available daily at the property. This guest house has a restaurant serving French, Mediterranean and Portuguese cuisine.



### Six Senses Douro Valley - Spa Hotel

The European debut of the Asia-centric Six Senses group caused a sensation when it opened in northern Portugal in 2015, its particular brand of wellness cleverly seen through the prism of this world-class wine region. It's set in a 19th century manor house among vines that roll down to the wide Douro River. Indoors, Irish-American designer Clodagh created a more contemporary minimalist vibe, and now a new wing has rooftop and vineyard rooms, each with private hot tubs.

## Tour includes

- 6 nights accommodation in Lisboa
- 2 nights accommodation in Coimbra
- 5 nights accommodation in Porto
- 7 nights accommodation in Douro

Wild Douro host, that will be the driver, that will accompany the family according to the program described.

Transport according to the program described.

Local guide in Lisboa according to the program described.

### Visits, other activities and tastings:

- Tutkuk tour in Lisboa
- Pasteis de Belém tasting
- Blue tile workshop
- Pena Palace
- Queluz Palace
- Dinosaur park
- Óbidos Christmas villa
- Oceanário Lisboa
- Mini museum in Coimbra
- Moliceito boat
- Traditional sweets tasting in Aveiro
- Wine cellar in Porto
- Conventual sweets workshop
- Private boat tour in Douro River
- Buggy tour
- Private winery in Douro
- Pottery workshop
- Walking tour in Alvão Park
- Off road jeeps tour

### Meals:

- 8 lunches (one of them in food tour)
- 2 dinners