

DESTINATION ÉVORA, PORTUGAL

Évora is the inevitable reference point for anyone coming to Portugal inspired by the theme of Heritage. Classified by UNESCO as A World Heritage Site, Évora justly occupies an important place in any Cultural Tourism itinerary.

Its architectural and artistic heritage is so omnipresent and impressive that this alone guides the steps of anyone who loves strolling around with no fixed direction: from the Roman to the Neoclassical, by way of the Gothic and various expressions of the Manueline, the Renaissance and the Baroque, all the epochs of history are documented with works that fully satisfy the eye and the soul. Referring only to what is essential, you need several hours to visit the Roman Temple, the Cathedral of Santa Maria, the São Francisco Church and the Chapel of Bones, the Palace of King D. Manuel, the São Brás Chapel (St Blaize), the Mirador-Terrace of the Cordovil House, the Manueline Window of the e Garcia da Resende House, the Espírito Santo College, now part of Évora University, the Misericórdia Church, Praça do Giraldo (the main square) and the Garcia de Resende Theatre.

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As you will quickly understand, Évora is not a museum of disconnected pieces. What is unique about it is that it is an exceptional collection of streets and buildings with a thousand and one details to discover, it is inhabited, it has a living present, where you can feel the pulse of a contemporary city that is culturally active and that naturally integrates and reflects a heritage it has known how to preserve. Stay a few more days, experience all of this and, when your intuition tells you it is time to leave, begin the adventure of discovering the many delights that are beyond its walls and contribute so much to making sense of it: other cities, towns and villages, so many other places of distinction.

(...) 'none of our cities, apart from Évora, was able to say to me, with purity and beauty, "I am Latin", "I am Arab", "I am Christian", "I am Iberian", "I am Portuguese" (...)'

- Miguel Torga, 1942, Diary II.



**15 WATER ROCK
INTERACTION
2016**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**ÉVORA – PORTUGAL
16 TO 21 OCTOBER 2016**

DEAR COLLEAGUES



It is with great pleasure that, in my role as Chair of the Local Organising Committee, I announce that the Water-Rock Interaction General Assembly has chosen Portugal to host the WRI-15 in Évora in 2016.

The proposed destination and the facilities currently available and those to be developed prior to the starting date of WRI-15 will provide one of the richest environments that Water-Rock Interaction Scientific Community will ever have experienced – people-friendly “water and rock places” that the WRI-15 participants and their guests will never forget.

The focus on new developments and new perspectives on this R&D field, as well as the invitation of the major scientific experts as keynotes will be the main highlights of this event.

The Event will be held in Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage City in Southern Portugal.

The opportunity to host this prestigious Symposium will be our very great honour. We look forward to welcoming the “Water-Rock Interaction World” to Évora in 2016.

Sincerely yours,

Lisbon, September 2014

José Manuel Marques

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Chair of the Local Organising Committee.



SCOPE AND TOPICS

The WRI-15 Symposia will represent an exceptional opportunity to update knowledge about each WRI core research activity, with Earth Scientists from National and International Institutions who have already been involved in R&D Projects focused on related WRI research.

The three Main Scientific Topics of the Symposium will be:

- A. Essentials of water-rock interaction**
- B. Particular environments**
- C. Case studies and applications**

KEY DATES

Abstract Submission Open:	14 September 2015
Abstract Submission Closes:	29 January 2016
Abstract Revision:	30 January 2016 until 31 March 2016
Abstract Author's Notification:	1 April 2016 until 8 April 2016
Early Registration Deadline:	31 May 2016
Regular Registration Deadline:	11 October 2016

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Further information will be available on the website: <http://www.wri15portugal.org/>

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