



## Detailed information about Palmela and the venue

Palmela is a hilltop town built around a castle that was constructed by the Moors after their reconquest in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The town is located on the peninsula of Setúbal, some 43 km southeast of Lisbon. The city of Setúbal, just south of Palmela, is surrounded by one of Portugal's most beautiful coastlines, the Costa Azul, with beautiful beaches that attract tourists, nature lovers and surfers alike.

Average daily temperatures in Palmela in September are between 16° C (61° F) and 26° (79°).

#### The Venue

The Pousada Castelo De Palmela used to be a convent of the Order of Santiago. Located 230 meters above sea level on the top of a hill in Palmela and next to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Castelo De Palmela, the hotel is in easy reach of central Lisbon and Lisbon Airport. The town of Palmela is in walking distance.

All rooms have an ensuite bathroom, air conditioning/ heating, minibar, hairdryer, safe, telephone, cable TV and internet access.

All lectures and sessions will be held at the Pousada Castelo De Palmela.

The hotel rooms are accessible by elevator. However, because of the historic building structure, not all meeting rooms are barrier-free.

Address: Castelo de Palmela, 2950-997 Palmela, Portugal

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Internet: http://www.pousadas.pt

# **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

Your accommodation includes a breakfast and lunch buffet, coffee and snacks and a three-course dinner.

Vegetarian options will be available. Drinks at dinner (except water) must be paid separately by all participants.

To wrap up the day, participants can meet at the bar or on the terrace.



## **Leisure Activities**

From the Pousada you can take walks through the surrounding hillside park, the surrounding fields, and into the town of Palmela. Participants interested in exploring the surrounding area can rent an Uber car. The port city of Setúbal, which has a historic center with an old fortress offering panoramic views, is in easy reach. There are also numerous wineries nearby and beautiful beaches to relax and enjoy the time off.

#### **How to Get There**

The closest airport is Lisbon Airport, which is about 45 km away from the Pousada.



## **Shuttle Service:**

CIMT will make arrangements for a shuttle bus that will take participants from a location in downtown Lisbon to the Pousada Center and back. The trip from Lisbon to the venue will take about 40 minutes . On September 15, the bus will leave Lisbon at around 3:00 pm and arrive at the Pousada at approximately 4:00 pm. Please plan your arrival time in Lisbon accordingly, with enough time for transfers. On September 18, a bus shuttle will leave at around 11:00 am to take all participants back to Lisbon (arrival at around 12:00 pm).

Detailed information about the shuttle service will be announced closer to the event.