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55 hotels have been recognized by the MICHELIN Guide for its first Key selection in Portugal.

- It is now possible to book a stay at these outstanding hotels, selected by The MICHELIN Guide inspectors, directly on The MICHELIN Guide digital platforms.
- The ambition of The MICHELIN Guide is to become the world's leading independent booking platform for exceptional restaurants and hotels.

Michelin is pleased to unveil **the first MICHELIN Key selection for Portugal**. Fifty-five **properties offering the country's most remarkable stays have been awarded one or more MICHELIN Keys in this inaugural list**. Among them, **2 hotels received Three MICHELIN Keys, 13 Two MICHELIN Keys and 40 One MICHELIN Key**.

Offering an increasingly comprehensive service, The MICHELIN Guide's hotel selection provides users with recommendations and booking services for a complete travel experience. Awarded by The MICHELIN Guide selection team on the basis of anonymous stays or visits, and independently of any existing labels, tourism stars or quotas, the MICHELIN Keys have established themselves as a new international benchmark to guide travelers to accommodations that stand out for their singular concept, strong personality and extremely high level of service.

55 hotels in Portugal have been awarded one or more MICHELIN Keys

After unveiling MICHELIN Key selections in several top tourist destinations in 2024 and early 2025 — among them France, Greece, the United States, Canada, Mexico, and more — Portugal becomes the latest European country in the hotel spotlight. After the completion of several anonymous stays or visits, assessed according to five international criteria¹, the inspection team decided to award one or more MICHELIN Keys to 55 of the 160+ recommended hotels in Portugal. From international luxury hotels to designer urban boutique hotels, intimate retreats, renowned palaces and architectural gems, this first list brings together a wide variety of concepts and proposals.

Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the MICHELIN Guides, stated: "We are absolutely thrilled to present to world travelers our very first MICHELIN Key selection for Portugal. Featuring no fewer than 55 outstanding hotels, this selection is an invitation to explore Portugal, immerse within its authentic culture,

¹ 1. The hotel is a gateway to the destination; 2. Excellence in interior design and architecture; 3. Quality and consistency in service, comfort and maintenance; 4. Consistency between the level of experience and the price paid; 5. Uniqueness, personality and authenticity.



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explore its exceptional natural wonders and enjoy properties which are actively defining a new approach to high-end hospitality. From boutique and historic grand hotels located in charming Lisbon, to country lodges nestled in stunning scenery; from vine-focused properties to design accommodations: every hotel awarded One, Two or Three MICHELIN Keys is a gem sculpted by talented professionals. Using the MICHELIN Guide's digital platforms, travelers can now filter their search and book hotels for stays that we hope will be unforgettable."

One, Two and Three MICHELIN Keys

Just as the famous MICHELIN Stars indicate the best culinary experiences, the Keys now indicate the hotels in The MICHELIN Guide selection that offer the most remarkable stays. . A new benchmark for travelers, the Key highlights the overall experience and individuality of the stay, rather than just the hotel facilities and amenities.

One MICHELIN Key: a very special stay

This is a true gem with its own character and personality. It may break the mould, offer something different or simply be one of the best of its type. Service always goes the extra mile and provides significantly more than similarly priced establishments.

Two MICHELIN Keys: an exceptional stay

Somewhere truly unique and exceptional in every way, where a memorable experience is always guaranteed. A hotel of character, personality and charm that's operated with obvious pride and considerable care. Eye-catching design or architecture, and a real sense of the locale make this an exceptional place to stay.

Three MICHELIN Keys: an extraordinary stay

It's all about astonishment and indulgence here – this is the ultimate in comfort and service, style and elegance. It is one of the world's most remarkable and extraordinary hotels and a destination in itself for that trip of a lifetime. All the elements of truly great hospitality are here to ensure any stay will live long in the memory and hearts of travelers.

2 hotels are awarded Three MICHELIN Keys



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Three MICHELIN Keys indicate an extraordinary stay, worthy of a trip in itself. This year, two hotels received this distinction, the highest awarded by the MICHELIN Guide.

Since its opening in 1992, **Vila Vita Parc** has been one of the Algarve's most luxurious getaways. With its sumptuous Sisley spa, golf course, beach club, six elegant bars and ten excellent restaurants, including the two-MICHELIN-Star Ocean, Vila Vita Parc is a unique destination. The rooms, suites and villas, nestled behind whitewashed walls, are authentic and elegant. The choice of materials, refined hues and artisanal details - such as the hand-painted pottery from the nearby village of Porches - lend a unique charm to each space. All rooms have a private terrace offering a privileged view of the ocean or the flower-filled gardens. Villas perched atop the cliffs offer an exclusive experience, with infinity pools and living and entertaining spaces spread over several levels. Vila Vita Parc represents the very best in hotel luxury, while guaranteeing calm and privacy.

Just a few kilometers from the capital, in the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park, lies **Penha Longa Resort**, part of the Ritz-Carlton collection. This elegant, 204-room resort boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and world-renowned golf course. The Penha Longa Resort is home to seven restaurants, two of which have One MICHELIN Star: LAB by Sergi Arola offers innovative cuisine with tasting menus and a cellar of over 550 references while Midori combines Japanese cuisine with Portuguese flavors. Once home to the Portuguese royal family, the estate includes an ancient 14th-century monastery and chapel, testifying to its rich heritage. The hotel also offers a spa and a variety of activities, providing the ideal setting to relax and enjoy the natural beauty and rich historical heritage of the surrounding area.

Two MICHELIN Keys awarded to 13 exceptional hotels

The MICHELIN Guide Portugal hotel selection also includes 13 hotels that are awarded Two MICHELIN Keys, where elegance and refinement combine for exceptional experiences.

The hotel **Vila Joya** comprises magnificent homes tucked away in a quiet neighborhood of Albufeira, on a divine stretch of coastline, only a short distance from the shore. An almost wild length of beach, lovely gardens, and a lovely spa make for a memorable experience. Under the direction of Austrian chef Dieter Koschina, a true enthusiast of Portuguese cuisine, the restaurant of the same name, with two-MICHELIN-Stars, serves vibrant, fresh food.

Les Suites at The Cliff Bay-Portobay is an exclusive hotel located on Madeira Island. It offers 23 modern, elegant suites divided between two century-old houses and a modern wing, surrounded by gardens with stunning views of the sea



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and the Bay of Funchal. Guests enjoy an infinity pool, spa and direct access to the sea, as well as two-MICHELIN-Star and Green Star dining at Il Gallo d'Oro, offering innovative, inspiring cuisine with a focus on local traditions.

Nearby, and since 1891, is **Reid's Palace, A Belmond Hotel** and its 158 rooms perched on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic. The establishment houses two outdoor pools, a spa, tennis courts and restaurants, including the William, which has been awarded a MICHELIN Star for its cuisine that skillfully incorporates local products. Completely renovated since Winston Churchill's last visit, the hotel still offers visitors the most splendid views of Funchal Bay. Located close to the city center, this palace offers easy access to the island's cultural attractions and activities.

Also on Madeira Island, **The Reserve Hotel** is an exclusive boutique hotel occupying the top 6 floors of the oceanfront Savoy Palace in Funchal. Guests benefit from dedicated services, such as a personal assistant throughout their stay, and can enjoy the Jacarandá Club, a lounge area with an infinity pool and solarium. Located near the waterfront, the hotel is ideal for exploring Funchal by foot. Rooms and suites are furnished like luxury apartments, in shades of pure white and ivory.

Nestled in the heart of the Douro Valley, **Six Senses Douro Valley** is housed in a carefully restored 19th-century manor house. Surrounded by terraced vineyards listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Douro River. Its rooms, suites and villas blend contemporary elegance with historic charm. The experience is completed by a refined spa, indoor and outdoor pools, and discoveries that reveal all the richness of the region.

In the heart of Lisbon, the **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz** combines the charm of a past era with contemporary elegance. Since its inauguration in 1959, this iconic establishment, designed by modernist architect Porfírio Pardal Monteiro, has been the embodiment of sophistication. Its rooms and suites open onto spectacular views of the Eduardo VII Park and the city's hills. The hotel is also a tribute to Portuguese art, with a collection of works punctuating its spaces. Just a few steps from Lisbon's cultural treasures, the hotel promises an authentic immersion in the Portuguese capital.

Quinta do Paral is a minimalist, elegant hotel located near Vidigueira on a 100-hectare wine estate. Guests can take part in tastings of wines produced on site and explore the winery facilities. The hotel also features an outdoor swimming pool, a wellness center and green spaces offering a peaceful setting for a relaxing retreat.

Vermelho Melides is located in the peaceful village of Melides, on the Alentejo coast, around 130 km south of Lisbon. Designed by Christian Louboutin, the hotel stands out for its unique design, blending local and artistic references. The thirteen



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individually decorated rooms reflect a palette of bright colors and a warm atmosphere. The proximity of the Melides lagoon makes for a peaceful retreat, combining luxury, design, and immersion in the Portuguese countryside.

The **Torre de Palma Wine Hotel**, located in Monforte on the remains of a villa dating back to 1338, the hotel harmoniously blends history and modernity. Its 19 rooms and suites offer breathtaking views of the peaceful countryside surrounding the hotel. Guests can explore the historic vineyards and take part in wine tastings from vintages produced on site. The hotel's spa offers treatments inspired by the region, using local grape seeds, honey, black sugar and essential oils.

The **Bela Vista Hotel & Spa** is located on the beach of Praia da Rocha in Portimão on the Algarve coast. It is located in a magnificent 19th-century edifice and offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Each room is created with carefully selected materials and marine tones, and each has its own balcony. The hotel features a L'Occitane spa and direct beach access. The one MICHELIN Star Vista provides a chic, modern, and local dining experience.

The **Vidago Palace** is a historic hotel located in Vidago, in the Vila Real district, close to the country's northern border. Surrounded by gardens, the palace has offered panoramic views over Vidago Park since 1910. After a complete renovation, it reopened in 2010 with modernized facilities, including a thermal spa and golf course. The hotel offers rooms that honor the glorious past of the location, while at the same time embracing its new, more contemporary style.

The Lince Santa Clara is a luxury hotel located in Vila do Conde, near Porto. Housed in a former 14th century monastery, it elegantly combines history and modernity, combining ancient stone foundations with Art Deco details. Spacious rooms offer views of the Ave River or the sea. The hotel features indoor and outdoor pools, as well as a Sisley spa, offering a unique relaxation experience in the heart of downtown Porto.

Closer to Porto, the **Vinha Boutique Hotel** in Vila Nova de Gaia stands on the left bank of the Douro River. Housed in a 16th-century manor house, the establishment has been extended by a wing of modern design, offering a marked contrast to the original manor house. Individually decorated rooms pay homage to major European fashion houses with eye-catching fabrics and patterns.

40 hotels received One MICHELIN Key

The first MICHELIN Key selection in Portugal represents a variety of accommodation concepts and styles across several regions of the country. Among the 40 establishments newly receiving One MICHELIN Key, we're delighted to note certain emerging trends.



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Some establishments offer a return to nature through wine tourism, such as **The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca**, located on a vineyard estate, where wine tourism and the promotion of agricultural traditions are at the forefront. It's even possible to stay in old barrels renovated into rooms right in the middle of the vineyards. Located in Vila Nova de Gaia, **The Yeatman** offers panoramic views over Porto and the Douro. Located close to the region's famous wine cellars, it reflects the history of local viticulture right down to its rooms and suites, with features such as a canopied bed in the shape of an oak barrel and a swimming pool evoking the curves of a glass of wine. The property is also home to an eponymous two-MICHELIN-Star restaurant, where the cuisine of chef Ricardo Costa shines with the most notable flavors and products of Portugal. The **Palácio Ludovice Wine Experience Hotel**, in a former 18th-century palace, has retained its magnificent painted ceilings and period architecture while promoting a wine concept, as does the **Quinta São Jose do Barrilario Douro Wine Hotel e Spa**, which illustrates the wonderful trend of hotels with their own wine experiences. Set in the green hills of the Douro Valley, this hotel is framed by terraced vineyards that slope down to the Douro River below, and has a gently curving shape, following the lines drawn by the hills.

Illustrating the genuine commitment to preserving national historical heritage, the selection showcases many places located in thoroughly renovated buildings which blend history, modernity and charm. This concern is particularly evident in Lisbon and Porto, where many hotels incorporate historic relics while offering modern, comfortable spaces. For example, in Lisbon, frescoes and other original features can still be admired at **The One Palácio da Anunciada**, testifying to its aristocratic past. **Santiago de Alfama - Boutique Hotel**, located in a 15th-century palace in the historic Alfama district, was renovated in the 21st century and comprises 19 elegant rooms offering incomparable views of the capital's urban landscape—an ideal hotel for exploring the colorful alleyways just a stone's throw from the city's emblematic sites. In Porto, **Torel 1884** and **Torel Palace Porto** have retained the spirit of their original buildings while adding a touch of modern style, while **PortoBay Flores** has preserved centuries-old stone foundations and walls in its design, while adding a modern touch to the extensions and decoration of the original building. **Quinta da Casa Branca** in Funchal on Madeira Island, meanwhile, is a historic quinta surrounded by botanical gardens and boasting a variety of styles combining the modern with the traditional.

A growing number of hotels are also committed to offering accommodations that undertake more eco-friendly efforts and initiatives, such as using local materials, limiting their carbon footprint or offering experiences centered on natural resources. These properties combine comfort and care for the environment while promoting local identity. For example, **São Lourenço do Barrocal**, a renovated farm, promotes organic agriculture and slow travel. **Herdade da Malhadinha Nova** incorporates a winery into its experience, and **Spatia Comporta** is



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altogether a tribute to nature. **Areias do Seixo Charm Hotel & Residences**, meanwhile, is a hotel with a strong philosophy. Renowned for its modern architecture and rustic decorative elements, antique chandeliers, fireplaces and traditional tapestries counterbalance its almost futuristic look of concrete and glass.

This selection also includes small hotels where the limited number of rooms offer quiet, exclusive stays. With only five rooms, **Villa Extramuros** is a minimalist getaway surrounded by olive groves and oak forests located in the Alentejo region. Founded in 1912, **Quinta de São Bernardo Winery & Farmhouse** is a family-run estate located in the Douro region on the riverbank and surrounded by vineyards. It offers a unique wine tourism experience. The seven river view rooms are complemented by an infinity pool with panoramic views of the Douro, a restaurant, spa and gym.

While Lisbon and Porto remain must-sees, Portugal also offers unspoiled and less touristy areas where the Inspectors found outstanding properties offering off-the-beaten-track experiences. Seventy-five kilometers from the capital, **Salvaterra Country House & SPA** offers a nature-centered experience in greenhouse rooms and bungalows surrounded by exotic vegetation, inspired by the aesthetics of Bali. The establishment, which is a peaceful alternative to the urban hustle and bustle of Lisbon, also offers select amenities such as an outdoor pool, a wood-heated jacuzzi, and a spa with sauna. **Casa das Penhas Douradas** and **Casa de São Lourenço** also embody this trend, welcoming travelers to little-explored regions near the protected lands of the Serra da Estrela Natural Park and the town of Manteigas.

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