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A DAY IN SINTRA

HOW TO NAVIGATE A DAY TRIP
TO THIS EVER-POPULAR,
PALATIAL KINGDOM

SINTRA



Sintra National Palace



Queluz



Sintra

You may want to spend one day in Sintra, a little, lushly-forested, mountainside village, known for the palaces and gardens that dazzle visitors from near and far, just to the west of Lisbon. Pena Palace is undoubtedly Sintra's most popular spot - known for the technicolor facades perched on top of the mountain - perhaps best seen from a drone. But, we don't recommend visiting it. It's so popular that lines of 2+ hours form outside – and while “skip the line” tickets are available, unless you grab one at the first spot in the morning, you'll still be waiting in line. Plus, parking is so limited, you'll need someone to drop you off and pick you up. There are better options to see, and you can buy tickets at the door!

Getting there:

Accessible via metro (Lisbon's Rossio Station) or 40 minutes by car (Uber or Bolt). Note that parking is very limited, and it is not recommended to try to drive yourself. A fully-guided tour of Sintra is the most expensive, but most comfortable option. But, it can be one solo too. Transportation can be tricky between the palaces, and ride share services don't always work. There are ample tuk-tuks available at the exit of most palaces, and drivers will take you in between (often charging 5-10 eur per person, cash).

Quinta da Regaleira ✦

An alternative to the often overcrowded Pena Palace is Quinta da Regaleira, walkable from Sintra village, and a rustic, Manueline style of architecture that extends to the many follies across the hillside gardens.

Palace of Monserrate ✦

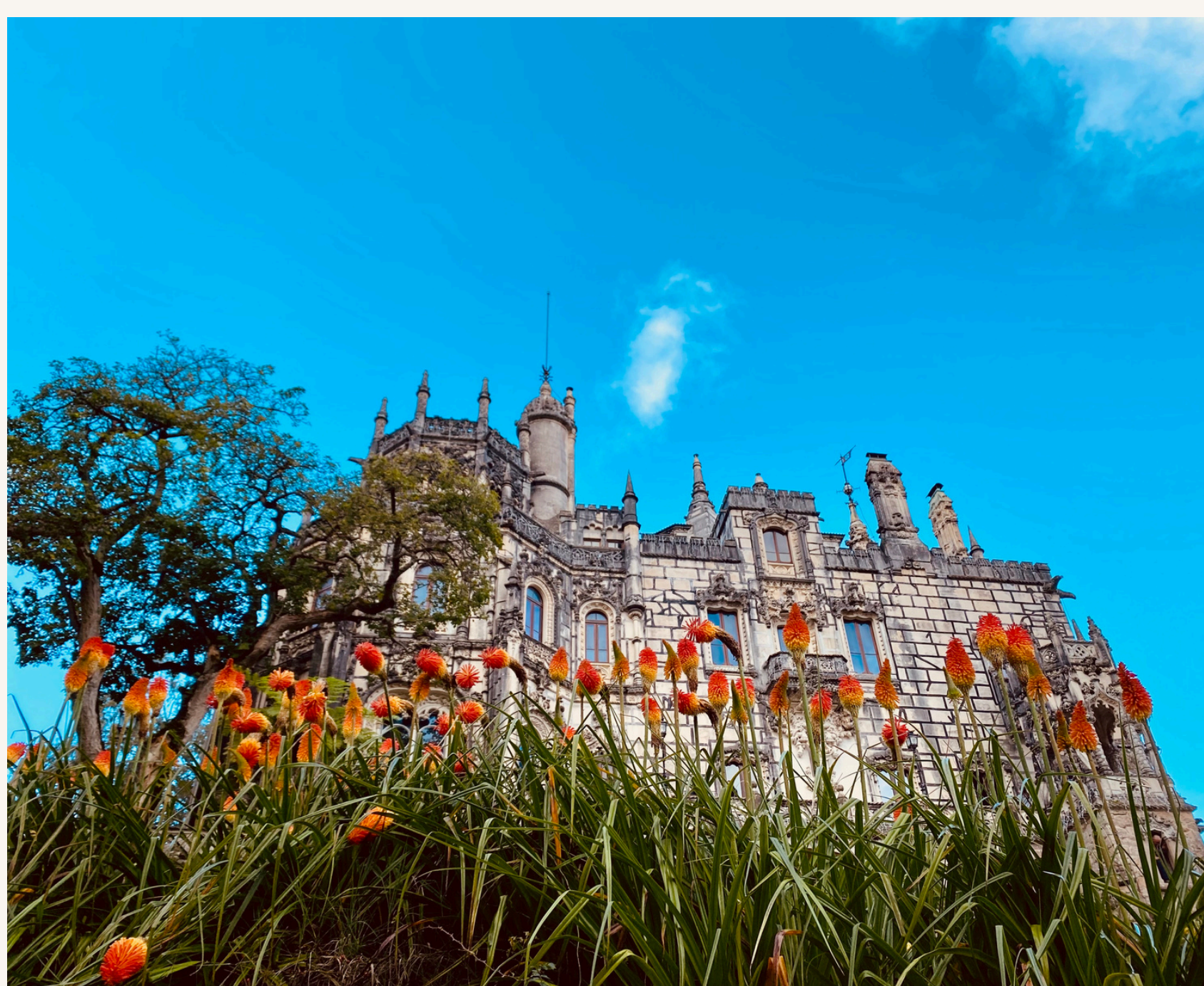
A sublime 19th century gem of Moorish architecture, this small house is surrounded by lush gardens in the English landscape style.

Queluz National Palace ✦

The "Versailles" of Portugal, and a gem that is often under visited, and frankly, just as beautiful as the more crowded areas of Sintra. If you prefer something quieter, skip central Sintra altogether, and visit Queluz which is only about 20 minutes outside of Lisbon. Self parking here is easier.



Monserrate



Regaleira



Pena Palace

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