

About Beja City



Beja, the capital of Baixo Alentejo, is the town where the Polytechnic Institute of Beja is located. It is a small town of about 25 thousand inhabitants and its history, as that of the whole region, reaches back to roman times, when it became a regional capital under Julius Caesar.

The Pax Julia of Caesar still maintains a peaceful atmosphere and a tranquility which hard to find elsewhere.

In fact, the streets of this town, in its historical centre, are a silent testimony to times past.

Many are the focal points of interest in the city of Beja in terms of its history and heritage

The Convento da Conceição, an early example of the Manueline style in Portugal (where Sister Mariana Alcoforado is supposed to have written the famous «Cartas Portuguesas», the passionate letters of the Portuguese nun to her French officer lover); the Igreja de Santa Maria, a former mosque, and further the Hospital Velho (Old Hospital), contemporary to king D.

Manuel, o Venturoso, the King of the Age of Discoveries. Not far from it, Praça da República, beautifully framed by the renaissance loggia of Misericórdia and a fine row of Manueline style buildings.

Much more could be said about Beja's splendid past, but Beja also has modernity. It is well equipped with all the requirements of a modern town – new green leisure areas and parks where its inhabitants can enjoy their leisure time, good sports and cultural facilities, as well as new shopping areas, nice restaurants and esplanades, a lively nightlife, thus offering its residents and visitors all the amenities of a contemporary society.

About IPBeja

The Polytechnic Institute of Beja (IPBeja) is a professional and research oriented public higher education institution located in the region of Alentejo.

The Polytechnic of Beja has more than 3.100 students, enrolled in a number of degrees and programmes, namely technological specialization programmes (short cycle, level IV, 60 ECTS), undergraduate programmes – Licenciatura (1st cycle) postgraduate programmes – Mestrado, Masters (2nd cycle) and other vocationally oriented post-graduate programmes.

The IPBeja is primarily oriented towards engineering/technological, agricultural sciences, teacher training education, but in order to respond to the expectations and needs of society, the institution has expanded its area of activity to other scientific and technological fields, offering high quality programmes also in management, tourism, social sciences, arts and multimedia, sports and health.



About International Summer School

IPBeja has a close relationship with the region, and looks to make use of its influences and the authentic countenance of the Alentejo, of its landscape, its people and its traditions. Accordingly, the values and characteristics of the Alentejo region are the basis for the three courses that IPBeja – summer school is proposing for this year:

“Alentejo Time”, Intangible Heritage: 21st to 25th July

“Inside the Bronze Age” – Archaeology: 27th July to 1st August

“Message in a Bottle”, Enotourism, “more than wine”: 15th to 19th September

The resources of IPBeja, modern and contained in a single campus will be the setting for theoretical course workshops, in the afternoon, whilst mornings will be set aside for field trips, to a variety of locations, where the practical and experimental features can be explored.

Eligibility

All persons interested in the themes of the available courses will be able to participate. The working language is English, and the participants are expected to have the sufficient skills to follow the program.

Certificate of Completion

The Certificate of Completion will be given to participants who complete the entire syllabus and the requested work.

Application Documents

Application Form with photo Attached (pasted);
Curriculum Vitae;
Certificate of Enrolment at your home higher education establishment (if applicable);
Copy of Passport or ID Card

Fee

“Inside the Bronze Age”: Archaeology: 450€

“Alentejo Time”: Intangible Heritage”: 450€

“Message in a Bottle”: Enotourism, more than wine”: 450€

Two courses: 800€

Three courses: 1100€

The fee includes:

Registration and Tuition fee
Pick-up service – Lisbon airport
Welcome Dinner;
Accommodation in IPBeja Students Residence;
Lecture materials;
Field trips and excursions

Accommodation (2 possibilities):

In the IPBeja Students Residence (included in the fee);
In a local hotel (extra- fee) and booked directly by the participant

Application documents and more information:
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"Alentejo Time" - Intangible Heritage: 21th to 25th July

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In July the intangible heritage will be explored, producing a pattern in which the alentejo people made use of time as a means of creating customs and habits that are very characteristic of the region. The gastronomy of the Alentejo, the oral traditions and other cultural icons show the Alentejo as the "Land of the Artisans of Time".

Duration: 5 days
Graduation: 2 ECTS credits

Topics:
"Time to Nature" – The aromatic herbs;
"Time to Cook" – The Gastronomy of the Alentejo;
"Time to Sing" – The "Cante Alentejano" (traditional folk singing);
"Time to Play" – The "Viola Campaniça" (traditional guitar);
"Time to be Happy" – Heritage and Tourism in the Alentejo



Course Coordination:

Ana Piedade: Professor of the Polytechnic Institute of Beja, graduated and Master in Anthropology, and Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Anthropology. She is also a research fellow of the research centre for the network in Anthropology resources and head of the Laboratory for Territorial Animation (LabAt -IPBeja)

José A. Orta: Professor of the Polytechnic Institute of Beja. Ph.D. in Social Anthropology – Specializing in Economic Anthropology (ISCTE – IUL)/ Sociology (Louvain University – Belgium). He has works published in African Anthropology, the History of Science and Identity and Songcraft.

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Application Dead Line: 27th June 2014

"Inside the Bronze Age"- Archaeology: 28th July to 1st August

At the end of July, we go back 3000 years in time to participate in an archaeological adventure, recovering, from the past, objects that will acquire a new life and reveal ancient histories which will enable to participants to go deeper and directly to Inside the Bronze Age.

Duration: 5 days
Graduation: 2 ECTS credits

Topics:
"Inside the History" – The fortified settlement of Outeiro do Circo;
"Inside the Research" – Techniques and methods;
"Inside the Excavation" – Tools and Stratigraphic Interpretation;
"Inside the Documents" – Filed an Graphic Documentation;
"Inside the Artifacts" – Recording, Illustration and Storage



Course Coordination:

Sofia Soares: Professor of the Polytechnic Institute of Beja, graduate in Geology, Master in Georesources – Geotechnical field (IST) and Ph.D. in Geological Engineering (FCT UNL). She is also a researcher of the Research Centre for Geobiotech Investigation of University of Aveiro and responsible for the Soils Laboratory at IPBeja.

Miguel Serra: Archeologist, graduate in Archeological History (Coimbra University) and managing director of Palimpsesto Ltd, and a researcher at the Centre of Archeological Studies of the Universities of Coimbra and Oporto. He is also the coordinator for the Archeological excavations at Outeiro do Circo (Circus Hill) and the author of about 20 scientific articles about the Bronze Age.

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Application Dead Line: 4th July 2014

Message in a Bottle – Enotourism: 15th to 19th September

In September, "Message in a Bottle", will show the Enotourism, like something "More than Wine". The Enotourism is a technical process, but also with a historical and social mean, and with a great cultural and touristic potential. "Message in a bottle" will remind us that each bottle of wine tells a unique story, in particular in alentejo.

Duration: 5 days

Topics:
"Message in a Tradition" – Vineyards and Wine of Portugal;
"Message in a Region" – The Enotourism of the Alentejo
"Message in a Landscape" – The vineyards of the Alentejo
"Message in a Grape" – Wines, Traditions and Experiences
"Message in a Bottle" – Enotourism



Course Coordination:

Luis Peres de Sousa: Professor of the Polytechnic Institute of Beja, graduate by Institute of Agronomy, with public evidences in the ESA in the scientific area of Viticulture. President of the technical and scientific council of the National Commission of OIV (International Organization of Vineyards and Wine). He's also the coordinator of the national experts for Viticulture and Vice President of the sub commission of the table grape and raisins of the OIV.

Vitor Figueira: Professor of the Polytechnic Institute of Beja for the Tourism, Environment and sustainable growth discipline. He holds a Ph.D. in Tourism from the University of Évora. He is connected to entities and projects, both national and international, of a social, cultural and turistic nature and of regional growth, such as the Tourism Observatory for the Alentejo and the center for Natural, Environmental and Socialistic Resources.

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Application Dead Line: 8th August 2014