



2026 - New Year, New Journeys



This morning, before dawn, I climbed a hill to admire the starry sky and said to my soul:

“When we embrace these worlds and the knowledge and pleasure they contain, will we finally feel fulfilled and satisfied?”

And my soul replied:

“No, when we reach these worlds, we will continue on our way.”

Walt Whitman

In this unique refuge and meeting point for travelers, each day brings new experiences and sensations, a time for introspection and rejuvenation for the next journey.

We hope you enter 2026 with a desire to continue your journey!

Tuesday, December **30** - **Welcome to our travelers**

Arrive at Montimerso (check-in from 4:00 p.m.) with time to enjoy our cozy spaces warmed by our fireplaces. We have hot, comforting beverages for you, accompanied by sweet delicacies prepared by our kitchen.

Settle into your suite and begin your journey with us.

At 6:30 p.m., we suggest you join us and our astrophysicist for a journey through the firmament.



Our natural satellite is in its first quarter and clearly visible and bright at the beginning of the night. Discover the seas and craters of the Moon through a telescope and take the opportunity to make a record of your observations with photographs.

Through the telescope, you will be able to observe Saturn, its rings, and its largest moons. The formation, life, and death of stars will be described, revealing examples through the telescope such as the double cluster of Perseus and the colorful double star Almach. Next, you can observe the globular cluster of Perseus and the galaxy closest to the Milky Way, Andromeda.

For dinner, visit our SkyScape Restaurant for a light meal or a menu of appetizers to begin your gastronomic journey through the region (not included, subject to reservation 24 hours before your arrival).

If you feel like going out and exploring beyond the hotel, we have several restaurant suggestions to share with you.

We wish you a restful night.

Wednesday, December 31 - **We embrace these worlds**

We suggest you start the last day of 2025 with a walk around the estate: an opportunity to be in close contact with nature and enjoy the sunrise in the Alentejo countryside.

Then join us at 8:30 a.m. at the SkyScape Restaurant for breakfast overlooking Lake Alqueva. And don't forget to try our honey, produced on the estate!

This day can be one of experimentation, reflection, and rejuvenation. Pamper your traveler's soul with whatever it asks for!

So, take advantage of this day to get to know Monsaraz. Entering through the walls, you will have the opportunity to walk through these narrow streets of lime and stone, listening to the stories of kings and queens. Passing by the House of the Inquisition and the Fresco Museum and, of course, Monsaraz Castle, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a panoramic view of this region.

Once in Monsaraz, we recommend that you have lunch at one of the typical restaurants in this region. The reception team is available to recommend and book a restaurant for you! (activities and lunch not included).

Alternatively, we suggest that this be a day of rest and reflection: choose one of the books from our library and a comfortable spot in your suite or by our fireplaces and travel to faraway places or plan your next journey.

To make 2026 a year of renewed hope, we will leave cards in your suite for you to write down everything you want to discover in 2026. Keep them to burn in the Fogo de Chão on New Year's Eve.



The evening begins at 7 p.m. in our common rooms, by the fireplaces, where we will serve appetizers to create a relaxed atmosphere and encourage sharing experiences among travelers.

At 8:30 p.m., we will begin serving dinner: a local menu of comfort food that represents the traditional cuisine of this region of Alentejo.

And because music is part of the ritual of seeing out the old year, we will have an intimate concert with young musicians from our region.

Midnight will be spent around the Lume de Chão, in our central courtyard, where we will toast the arrival of the new year and new journeys together!

Thursday, January 1 - **New Journeys**

*Keep your face always toward the sun—
and the shadows will fall behind you.*

Walt Whitman



On this first day of the year, we have prepared a brunch for you to be served at the SkyScape Restaurant, and we have adjusted the schedule so that you can enjoy it until late, at your leisure: the hours have been extended, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m., with an enhanced breakfast menu.

And now, ready to discover other worlds, we bid you farewell with a souvenir to remind you of this rediscovered world.

See you next time!