

Summer with open air cinema and a packed agenda at the parks and monuments of Sintra

- Parque de Monserrate hosts a cinema cycle
- “There’s Donkeys Here!” every Saturday in July next to the Convent of Capuchos
- “Voyage to the Court of the 18th century” in the National Palace of Queluz
- “Certainly a Most Rustic Farmyard!” in the Farmyard of Monserrate

Sintra, 5 June 2017 – The month of July arrives at the parks and monuments of Sintra with a packed agenda and an unmissable proposal: a cinema cycle in the Park and Palace of Monserrate.

On the **first four weekends in July**, the **Park of Monserrate** receives the cinema cycle “**Splendour in the Grass**”, with programming by the cineaste João Mário Grilo. This features twelve masterpieces from the history of cinema that are mostly being shown at night, out on the lawn of Monserrate, a unique and natural scenario that merges with the atmosphere of the films selected for exhibition. The program, which also includes the projection of films during the day in the Palace of Monserrate Auditorium in addition to the evening showings, includes works such as “**Splendour in the Grass**”, “**Singing in the Rain**”, “**Fantasia**” and “**Vertigo**”.

Held on Saturdays throughout July is the activity “**There’s Donkeys Here!**” in the **D. Fernando II Hunting Grounds**, alongside the Convent of Capuchos. Patient, affable and very calm, the donkeys prove highly complicit with both children and adults in this adventure that tells the tales of history down through centuries. There are three sessions, at **10am**, **midday** and **3pm**, which each ending with a tour through the forest.

On Saturday, **8 July**, the invitation takes you upon a “**Voyage to the Court of the 18th Century**” which takes you on a discovery of the interiors and the history of the **National Palace of Queluz**. This activity, and coupled with many other surprises, has participants listening, singing and dancing to the music of this period.

In turn, on Sunday, **23 July**, as from 2.30pm, the **Farmyard of Monserrate** welcomes the activity **“Certainly a Most Rustic Farmyard!”** This initiative, recommended for families with children over the age of four, provides the chance to delve into the way life used to be in the rural environments of this country region in the company of monitors wearing the dress typical of 19th century peasant folk.

PROGRAMMING

Equestrian Art Presentations

Training: regular sessions (schedule available at www.arteequestre.pt/bilheteira)

Gala: 28 July

The Henrique Calado Riding Ring regularly hosts training sessions and gala performances by the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art and that are open to the public.

- **Target audience:** all age groups over six
- **Price:** Galas - €25 // Training – €8 // Presentations – €15
- **Further information available at:** www.arteequestre.pt / info@parquesdesintra.pt / +351 21 923 73 00

Splendour in the Grass – 12 Masterpieces of Cinema in Monserrate

1 to 22 July, Park and Palace of Monserrate

Significant panoramic sweep over the diverse identity of cinema including much of the best that it knew and knows how to convey about the feelings and the understanding of modern life.

A set of cinematographic masterpieces that technology now enables the viewing of on an extraordinarily large scale and within a unique environment: a natural and open air amphitheatre, bordered by an operatic architectonic framework able to add its own dimensions to this splendid experience of cinema.

- **Further information and program soon to be available at:** www.parquesdesintra.pt

There's Donkeys Here!

Every Saturday in July, 10am, midday and 3pm, Ferdinand II Hunting Grounds (next to the Convent of Capuchos)

Patient, affable and very calm, donkeys are great companions for children and adults on this adventure, which tells the path of history over the course of centuries, explaining the gentleness of these animals that neither kick nor bite (whenever treated with respect), are not nervous (when frightened, they stop still rather than fleeing), are strong and smart. There then follows a walk through the forest: the children get to ride while the parents lead with the reins.

- **Target audience:** recommended for families with children aged between 3 and 12
- **Duration:** 90mins
- **Price:** €10/participant
- **Pre-booking recommended:** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00
- **Note:** the donkey walks are subject to cancellation in case of adverse meteorological conditions. Activity available every day of the week following prior reservation.
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Art of Medieval War - "From al-Ândalus to the Re-conquest"

Saturday, 1 July, from 10am to 6 pm, Moorish Castle

The 12th century, a very active period of events in the history of Sintra (the aforementioned conquest and Viking/Norman destruction in 1109, the surrender of the Moors to Afonso Henriques in 1147), serves as the framework for this historical re-enactment entitled "From al-Ândalus to the Reconquest", and that includes a demonstration of the weapons used in hand-to-hand fighting and in siege operations. At the end of each demonstration, the public has the chance to handle the weapons used in the demonstration under duly qualified supervision.

The weapons and siege machines demonstration takes place at 11am, 3pm and 5pm.

- **Target Audience:** everybody
- **Duration:** from 10am to 6pm
- **Ticket price:** access included in the Moorish Castle entrance ticket
- **Note:** this activity is subject to cancellation in the case of adverse weather conditions.

Sundays at the Piano

Sundays, 2 July, 3pm, Palace of Monserrate

On the first Sunday of each month, in the Music Room of the Palace of Monserrate, Raúl Pinto takes to the piano from 3pm to 5pm. Performed in a relaxed environment, this event seeks to combine the aesthetic enjoyment of this Palace with a listened to component.

According to the pianist, he plans to present "a recreation of the historical and aesthetic ambience of visits to Monserrate" through the performance of works from the Romantic period featuring composers including Chopin, Schubert, Brahms, Beethoven and Mozart.

- **Target audience:** everybody
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Price:** included in the Park of Monserrate entrance ticket.

Voyage to the 18th Century Court

Saturday, 8 July, 3pm, National Palace of Queluz

Step after step, participants are invited to discover all the hidden charms of the National Palace of Queluz, listen to its stories and meet people from another era. There is the chance to hear singing, playing and dancing to the music of the 18th century. Learn about how they staged the grand parties and festivities, what dresses and accessories they wore in this space of such enormous beauty and refinement. Find out how the princes and princesses did not go to school but still had a lot of material to learn among the many other surprises awaiting your discovery.

- **Target Audience:** recommended for families with children aged over 5
- **Duration:** 2h
- **Ticket price:** €9/participant
- **Prior registration necessary:** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00 (weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm)
- **Note:** The running of this activity depends upon a minimum number of participants.

The World of Bees and Other Pollinating Insects – The Pedagogical Beehive of the Farmyard of Monserrate

Saturday, 15 July, 10am, Pedagogical Farmyard of Monserrate

Be amazed at the example of bees and of apiculture and the incredible world of pollinating insects. Discover the crucial role they play in the reproduction of plants and the sustainability of not only forests and planet earth but also consequently all human life. Wonder at the social organisation

of bees, the products they produce and their various different applications. At the end, enjoy the delights of a honey tasting session.

- **Target Audience:** Recommended for families with children aged over 8
- **Duration:** 3h
- **Ticket price per session:** €10/participant
- **Requires prior registration and payments:** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00 (weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm)
- **Note:** The running of this activity depends upon a minimum number of participants and may be subject to cancellation in the case of adverse weather conditions.

From the Park to the Hunting Grounds: Nature in Sintra and in Mafra

Saturday, 15 July, 10am, Hunting Grounds of Monserrate, and 3.30pm, Hunting Grounds of Mafra

Joint visit program to Sintra and Mafra that conveys the diversity of the ecosystems of the Natural Park of Sintra – Cascais – a protected area that spans the Hunting Grounds of Monserrate – and the magnificent, ancient and indigenous forest that proves so characteristic of the National Hunting Grounds of Mafra. In the Hunting Grounds of Monserrate, visitors explore the natural history of the Sintra Hills, the particular microclimate that characterises this area and renders it so mystically special, concepts such as forest food, the ecological succession, invasive species, among others. Over the course of their tour, visitors shall certainly be surprised by the presence of wooden sculptures depicting the medium and large mammals that no longer exist in the Sintra Hills but that in a recent past did inhabit this landscape. In Mafra, along a less explored path, visitors get to view a mature forest and that, due to its protection by a surrounding wall, is able to guarantee excellent conditions to the more vulnerable species, with some at risk of extinction, that feed, breed and find shelter here.

- **Target audience:** all age groups
- **Duration:** 90mins in Monserrate, 2h in Mafra
- **Price:** adults €13/participant | Young persons and seniors: €11/participant | Family (2 adults + 2 children): €45
- **Requires pre-booking (weekdays):** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00
- **Note:** The running of this activity depends on a minimum number of participants. Visits may be subject to cancellation should adverse meteorological conditions prevail.

Concert for Babies – One Day in the Forest

Sunday, 16 July, 10.30am, Palace of Monserrate

One Day in the Forest recreates the ambience of festivity experienced in Nature. Excerpts from classical music, especially arranged for babies with simple words, contagious rhythms and rhyming word plays combine to provide a moment of magic involvement for the youngest audiences members. Through the singing of stories, the Concert invites everybody along on an imaginary adventure of One Day in the Forest through its respective characters: the day that is arriving, the flowers that sing, the cuckoo that whistles, the running ant, the snail that stretches itself out in the sun, the painted lizard, the disappeared fairy and the moon that arrives when the sun goes down...

- **Target Audience:** Recommended for families with children aged over 3 months
- **Duration:** 45 min
- **Ticket price:** Adult + 1 child aged up to 48 months: €20.00 | Adults and children aged over 48 months: €15.00
- **Requires prior registration and payment** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00 (weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm)
- **Nota:** The running of this activity depends upon a minimum number of participants.

Feel the Heritage – Discover the Park of Monserrate through the Senses

Saturday, 22 July, 10am, Park of Monserrate

In amongst the romantic ruins and waterfalls, the visitor gets to discover the Gardens of Monserrate through feeling, hearing and smelling. This makes it possible to touch the water in the waterfalls, to perceive variations in temperature and to learn about various botanical species through feeling textures and sensing exotic odours. In the surroundings of the Palace of Monserrate, this is the opportunity to discover all of the materials making up its facades.

- **Target audience:** focused on blind and visually challenged visitors but also open to everybody interested.

- **Duration:** 90mins.

- **Disabled persons price:** €8.25 (entrance ticket €3.25 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Regular price:** €11.5 (entrance ticket €6.5 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Requires pre-booking (weekdays):** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00

- **Note:** this activity counts upon the support of ACAPO – the Association of the Blind Amblyopia Sufferers of Portugal. We would recommend wearing comfortable shoes and clothing appropriate to the meteorological conditions prevailing. The visit may be subject to cancellation should adverse meteorological conditions prevail or adapted to the interiors of the Palace of Monserrate.

The Gardens of Monserrate without Barriers

Saturday, 22 July, 10.30am, Park of Monserrate

Visit targeting persons with mobility restrictions who are here able to explore the gardens with autonomy through recourse to equipment that overcomes the barrier posed by the slopes and facilitates the mobility of manual wheelchairs. This correspondingly enables exploration of the Fern Valley, the Mexican Garden, the Rose Garden, the Lawns and Lakes interspersed throughout the Park of Monserrate.

- **Target audience:** focusing upon visitors with mobility restrictions

- **Duration:** 90mins.

- **Disabled persons price:** €8.25 (entrance ticket €3.25 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Regular price:** €11.5 (entrance ticket €6.5 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Requires pre-booking (weekdays):** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00

- **Note:** visitors may either bring their own wheelchairs or make use of a wheelchair provided by Parques de Sintra (without any added cost). Open to those accompanying. The traction equipment adapts to the overwhelming majority of wheelchair makes. The visit may be subject to cancellation should adverse meteorological conditions prevail.

Sign Language Heritage

Saturday, 22 July, 2.30pm, Park of Monserrate

Visit to the gardens and Palace of Monserrate with a Portuguese sign language accompanied tour. The visit to the gardens, one of the most beautiful landscape creations of Romanticism in Portugal, which hosts over 3,000 species of plants from the four corners of the world and extending through the Fern Valley, the Mexican Garden, the Rose Garden and the Lawns before ending in the Palace of Monserrate.

- **Target audience:** focusing upon deaf visitors but open to everybody interested

- **Duration:** 90mins.

- **Disabled persons price:** €8.25 (entrance ticket €3.25 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Regular price:** €11.5 (entrance ticket €6.5 + guided tour supplement €5)

- **Requires pre-booking (weekdays):** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00

- **Note:** this activity counts upon the support and participation of APS – the Portuguese Deaf Association. We would recommend wearing comfortable shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather prevailing. The visit may be subject to cancellation should adverse meteorological conditions prevail or adapted to the interiors of the Palace of Monserrate.



Certainly a Most Rustic Farmyard!

Sunday, 23 July, 2.30pm, Farmyard of Monserrate

Discover in family how this small farm located in the midst of the Sintra Hills may unfurl the past ways of living rural life in the country.

In the company of monitors dressed in the rural styles of the 19th century, this is the chance to learn how to make bread in the traditional fashion and, while the bread bakes in the wood-fired stove, you get to help your hosts with their daily tasks. Collecting eggs from the henhouse and giving carrots to animals in field, wandering the orchards and gardens to learn about the fruits and vegetables of this period and, in the herb garden, recognise the plants for making infusions and those for seasoning food with the help of your nose, represent some of the tasks on the to-do list.

In case of adverse weather, the time spent outdoors is switched to inside the four walls with the holding of an aroma workshop and using the aromatic plants to produce perfumed bags that each participant gets to take away. There is also a story telling session in which each participant gets invited to participate through deploying some of the accessories associated with the traditions of this region. At the end, there's the chance to savour the just-baked bread.

- **Audience:** recommended for families with children aged from 4 to 10
- **Duration:** 2h
- **Price:** €8/participant
- **Requires prior registration (weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm):** info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00
- **Note:** The running of this activity depends on a minimum number of participants

Cart Rides

Park of Pena

The cart rides through the Park of Pena provide a true period means of travel between the Valley of Lakes and the Chalet of the Countess of Edla, passing through the Farm of Pena and the Garden of the Countess of Edla. This tour may be done on your own or accompanied by a specialist guide. This takes visitors on a tour of discovery of the history of this Park and its creators, the botanical species and animals that appear along the route in addition to the historical buildings and garden architecture encountered along the way.

Regular cart rides

From Thursday to Sunday and public holidays, 20-minute rides at the following times:

- Lakes-Chalet route: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
- Chalet-Lakes route: 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm

Ticket price:

- Adults (> 18 years) – €3.5 + Park of Pena entrance ticket
- Young persons (aged from 4 to 17) – €2 + Park of Pena entrance ticket
- Children under 3 – free

Important information:

- No reservations policy
- Tickets sold at the entrance ticket office
- We would recommend arriving around 15 to 20 minutes before the desired departure time

Exclusive cart rides

From Monday to Wednesday, 1 hour tours:

- Routes: Lakes => Chalet => Lakes or Chalet => Lakes => Chalet

Ticket price:

- €75 + Park of Pena entrance ticket

Important information:

- Prior reservation and payment necessary



- Find out more at: www.parquesdesintra.pt/experiencias-e-lazer/passeios-de-charrete/
- For further information and reservations (weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm): info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00
- **Notes:** these rides may include up to 6 adults or 4 adults and 4 children. This activity is subject to cancellation in the case of adverse weather conditions.

International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY)

From 6 April to 8 October, Park of Monserrate

The International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY) is the leading world photography competition and exhibition specialising in gardens, plants, flowers and botanical species and open to both professional and amateur photographers. Annually, the exhibition of winning works gets inaugurated in Kew Gardens (United Kingdom) before then going on tour to various different locations worldwide and including the Park of Monserrate. This year, the exhibition is once again outdoors and integrated into the surrounding nature.

- **Price:** included in the Park of Monserrate entrance ticket.

“Stained Glass and Glass Objects: Ferdinand II Passion” Exhibition

Open daily, National Palace of Pena

The exhibition of an impressive set of stained glasses dating to between the 14th and 19th centuries, which includes the oldest stained glass work known in Portugal. There are also examples of the glass objects of the Palace of Pena, one of the most representative collections of the history of European glass existing in Portugal. Recently, this expanded to also include some of the pieces that formerly belonged to the glass collection of King Ferdinand II and that are held in the National Museum of Ancient Art reserve collection.

- **Price:** Entrance ticket to the National Palace of Pena

- Find out more at: www.parquesdesintra.pt/evento/exposicao-vitrais-e-vidros-um-gosto-de-d-fernando-ii/

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