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### [Lisbon's New Organic Market](#)

Sunday, October 18th, 2009

Miosótis is the new organic store on the R. Marquês Sá da Bandeira in Lisbon, with Portugal's first 100% organic butcher shop. But, here you get it all from organic wine to organic pasties. In fact, you can get flowers, mushrooms, pretty much anything that Portugal grows, all 100% organic. All the meat is from the certified Herdade do Freixo do Meio, in Montemor-o-Novo. There is presunto, sausages and ham. Rua Marquês Sá da Bandeira, 16 A (S. Sebastião). Tel. 21 314 7841

### [Pope Benedict to Return to Fatima](#)

Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

Pope Benedict XVI plans to visit the shrine of [Our Lady of Fatima](#) next May, Portuguese bishops announced. The pope will preside over ceremonies May 13, 2010 the date of the first apparition of St. Mary to three shepherd children in 1917. No other details of the papal program were immediately available, according to Vatican Radio. As a cardinal, Pope Benedict led an international pilgrimage to Fatima in 1996. Pope John Paul II visited Portugal three times.

### [Fado: UNESCO World Heritage](#)

Thursday, October 8th, 2009

Portugal will apply to the United Nations to have the Fado declared World Heritable next year, according to Portugal's U.N. ambassador, Manuel Maria Carrilho. The application is anticipated as being approved by the end of 2010. Carrilho credits the work of the City of Lisbon and professor Rui Vieira Nery for six years of preparation for the application. He spoke at the opening of Amália, Coração Independente at Lisbon's Belem Cultural Center. Fado an ancient song that often expresses deep-seated feelings, disappointment in love, the sense of sadness and longing for someone who has gone away, everyday events, the ups and downs of life - inspiration for Fado can come from almost any source. Fado is a symbol of Portugal, a celebrated form of world music that has retained its traditional qualities but evolved with the times. Amália Rodriques brought Fado to the great concert halls of Europe and the attention of international audiences in the 1950s and 1960s. Today, Fadista Mariza, who continues to tour overseas, taking the Fado to an even wider audience. The more popular forms of Fado are found in the cities near the sea, such as Lisbon or Porto, and in the Alentejo and Ribatejo too. Coimbra has given the music its own unique feel, making it popular among students.

### [Hotel Vivamarinha is World Best](#)

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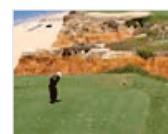
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The travel website [Expedia](#) has named Vivamarinha Hotel & Suites, in the Quinta da Marinha in Cascais, the second best hotel in the world according to the Expedia Insiders Select 2009 on Expedia.com. A high honor, with some 80 thousand hotels and resorts worldwide open for the voting. Conveniently located in the Sintra/Cascais Natural Park near the picturesque fishing town of Cascais, just 30 minutes west of Lisbon, the five-star Vivamarinha Hotel & Suites is a stylish, informal place with 75 one- and 21 two-bedroom apartments and 44 studios. <http://www.vivamarinha.pt/>

**[Portugal hosts Golf, Surf, Motorsports and Adventure Race events this October and November](#)**

Thursday, October 8th, 2009

Portugal will host four major sporting events this October. The Portugal Masters, one of the key tournaments of the European PGA Tour, as well as the Superbike Portugal GP, the World Enduro Championship, the Rip Curl Pro Search Surfing Championship and the ARWC World Championship will all take place with the support of Turismo de Portugal, the Portuguese National Tourist Office. The [Portugal Masters](#) is shaping up to be the best in the tournament’s history, with a host of European Tour stars heading to the Oceânico Victoria Golf Course in the Algarve from 15 – 18 October, 2009. Three-time champion Pádraig Harrington, as well as Rory McIlroy, Lee Westwood and Ross Fisher have all confirmed their participation in the event, which will be held in the Oceânico Victoria Golf Course - an 18-hole 72-par course designed by golfing legend Arnold Palmer. The tournament promises to be an exciting fixture in the European golfing calendar, with some of the best players in the world aiming for the €3 million prize. Two major motorbike events will also be held in Portugal this year – the World Enduro Championship and the Superbike Portugal GP, which will take place respectively from 12-17 October in Figueira da Foz (Centro) and from 24-25 October in the Algarve. The [Superbike Portugal GP](#) will be hosted in the new Portimão Racetrack for the second time. The World Enduro Championship will see some of the major motocross riders from across the world come to Portugal for an adrenaline filled race. The [Rip Curl Pro Search Surfing Championship](#) will be held for the first time in Europe this year – and the organisers have chosen Portugal as one of the European countries offering surfers the best conditions to practice the sport. Top surfers such as Kelly Slater and Mick Fanning will be participating in the event, which will take place in Peniche (Lisbon) - chosen for its “European Pipeline” - with waves as high as 4-5 metres. The longest ever adventure race - the Adventure Race World Championship (ARWC) - will take place from 8-13 November across various Portuguese regions, culminating in the Centro region of Portugal. The ARWC is an exciting race where teams from across the world compete in hiking, swimming, and mountain biking in extremely challenging conditions.

**[1. Do you know that you can now do your shopping as soon as you land at Lisbon Airport?](#)**

Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

Just arriving and need a last minute present? Promised to get the kids some chocolate? Your favourite perfume just happens to be on special offer? Want to pick up the shopping you did before you boarded? The new Just for Travellers shop welcomes new arrivals to the Portuguese capital, offering a range of cosmetics, beverages, tobacco products, toys and technology while you wait for your luggage. And you can also pick up purchases you made before departure with the new Pick-Up on return service. The perfect end to our journey at Lisbon Airport baggage reclaims. <http://www.justfortravellers.pt/eng/index.html>



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