



Starting off from the AirBNB in Lisbon

Dominick's first year in college kept him off the bike, so he captained the tandem, with Susan as stoker and me on a single Bike Friday folding bike. He was a great captain, easily handling rush-hour city traffic and gravel/sand side roads. We started with a week of cool rain followed by two 100 degree days, then beautiful days for the rest of the trip. The roads and camping were good, but not spectacular. Our May start was early, so several campgrounds were still closed.

We started in Lisbon, rode north thru Sintra, along the coast to Ericeira, inland to Mafra, then further north to Peniche. We left the coast going east to Alcobaca, north to Batalha, started south-east to Alcanena, then to Evora. We find the coast again at Gale-Fountainhas, then north to catch the ferry at Troia across to Setubal, then east along the coast back to Lisbon.



Walking along the Praca Do Comercio in Lisbon



View of Lisbon from the Castelo St. Jorge



Underground cistern at Castelo Mouros



A cool and wet start to the tour



Planning walking tour of Castelo Mouros



View from ramparts of Castelo Mouros



View along ramparts of Castelo Mouros



Main entry to the Palacio Nacional de Mafra



Library at the Palacio Nacional De Mafra



Ornate sarcophagus at Monastery of Alcobaca



Raptors at the Palacio Nacional De Mafra



Dominick and Susan made a great tandem team



The Monastery of Alcobaca



Courtyard garden at Monastery of Alcobaca



Abandoned windmill near Peniche



Courtyard garden at Monastery of Alcobaca



Fit thru this door or you don't get dinner at the Monastery of Alcobaca



Grand entrance to the dining hall at the Monastery of Alcobaca



A rare outside photo without sunglasses



Example of before and after stained glass restoration



View of the monastery from above the rooftops of Batalha



Fountain detail



Monastery entry in Batalha



The Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitoria in Batalha



Arch in monastery courtyard



Susan stretching



Chair + quiet + book = happy Susan



Hundreds of miles, and still smiling



A nice lunch spot between Batalha and Alcanena



Some roads were simply too steep to ride up



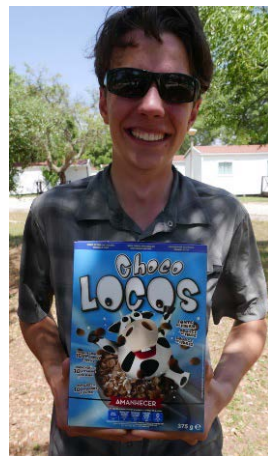
Olhos d Agua of Alviela water spring



Clear water of the Olhos d Agua of Alviela spring



A day off in campground near Montargil



Breakfast of Champions



Storks!



100 degrees and almost no shade at B&B Camping – totally off-grid





Incredible tilework in the Church of Loios in Evora



The Ecopista (rail-to-trail) made hot & sunny ride into Evora much easier



Outdoor sculpture in Evora



What's under there?



18th century gilded altarpiece in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Church of Loios



Riding the Ecopista into Evora



Overlooking Arraiolos



Waiting for a museum to open in Evora



The Temple de Diana Roman ruin in Evora



14th century castle rampart in Arraiolos



The Museu Relogio for clocks and watches in Evora



Campground at the Praia Fluvial de Odivelas



Along the way to disappointing dino tracks



View from dam at the Praia Fluvial de Odivelas



Riding along the Reserva Natural do Estuario do Sado



Hike to Pedra du Mua dinosaur tracks near Sesimbra



The ferry between Troia and Setubal



Checking out the tidal mill at the Sado Nature Preserve



Detail of stone grinding wheel



Miles of sand + gravel on shortcut to Costa da Caparica



The 44 gun frigate D Fernando II e Gloria



Entry to the fabulous Museu Calouste Gulbenkian



Drawing and completed hair ornament



Temporary exhibit Vanguards in Portuguese Art



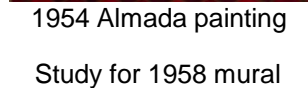
Multitalented artist Jose de Almada Negreiros



1954 Almada painting



Dragonfly pin



Study for 1958 mural



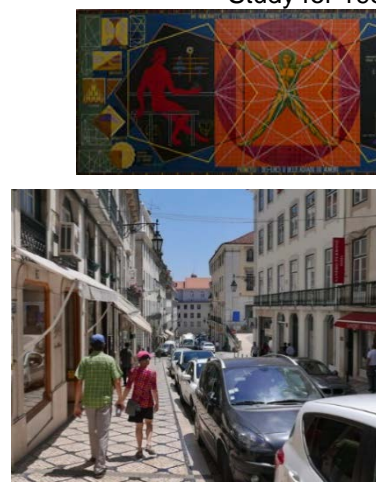
Silver salt & pepper service



Santa Justa elevator



Rua Augusta Triumphal Arch



Walking Lisbon's narrow streets



Working antique clocks with chimes