

TASIS Portugal Explores follows our school's mission to challenge and nurture students to pursue academic and personal excellence to enable them to become engaged global citizens and innovative, selfless leaders.

## The First Half-Day - Orientation and Instructions

Students begin the week with a half-day grade level meeting to get to know their new classmates and teachers. Teachers will provide an overview of the week of outings and what to expect for the different excursions.



### Culture: **Museu Nacional dos Coches - The National Coach Museum**

The National Coach Museum houses one of the most important collections of horse-drawn carriages in the world. These coaches date back to the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.



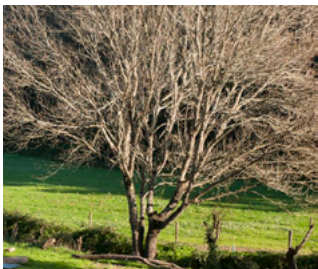
### Culture: **Monserrate Park and Palace**

The Park and Palace of Monserrate is a beautiful example of 19th century architectural and landscape Romanticism in Portugal. Students will be able to see Gothic, Indian, and Moorish influences. The gardens are home to species from all over the world organized by geographic areas, making it one of the most extensive Portuguese botanical gardens.



### Leadership with Headmaster Keith Chicquen

Grade 6 and 7 students get their first opportunity to meet with Headmaster Keith Chicquen. This initial leadership meeting will set the stage for student leadership at TASIS Portugal. Students will have a voice in decision making and help to shape school culture. Choosing the school's mascot is one of the first big decisions these groups will tackle.



### Mindfulness, Nature, and Forest School: **Quinta do Pisão - Nature Park**

Forest School is nature-based programming that focuses on the child's holistic development and helps to inspire learning, including environmental stewardship. It provides an opportunity for children to excel in areas such as practical and physical skills, emotional and social skills, creativity, and communication. Forest School also offers an opportunity for children to reflect, giving them time to think about themselves and adopt a healthy self-image. We believe that being in nature, surrounded by beauty, helps children develop perspective and helps them handle challenges with resilience.



Dedicated to agro-silvo-pastoral activity, Quinta do Pisão is the perfect setting for Forest School. The Quinta represents an important heritage in the structural organization of the landscape, its compartmentalization and rational use, and in the presence of ruins of cultural and architectural value. At Quinta do Pisão, students will see animals, pick and eat vegetables from the organic garden, and experience Forest School activities.



### Nature and History: **Tapada de Mafra** –

#### National Hunting Grounds of Mafra

Established in 1747 by King João V “the Magnanimous” as a recreational hunting ground for the royal court, today this 833-hectare expanse allows students to see the biodiversity of indigenous flora, fauna, geology, and animals in the Enchanted Forest.



### Portuguese History: **Knights Templar at Quinta da Regaleira**

After spending a morning with our Portuguese teacher and resident Knights Templar expert Sérgio Franclim, they will be guided by him on a tour of Quinta da Regaleira, which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. This incredible site in the Sintra area houses a chapel, park, grottoes, fountains and incredible “initiation” wells or “inverted towers.”



### **Rhetoric**

TASIS Portugal values the art of public speaking and aims to instill public speaking competence and confidence in our graduates. We will begin teaching this skill during our TASIS Portugal explores week, with students using age-appropriate rhetoric activities, paired with drama, art, and reflection. Students will benefit from a growing understanding of the physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social and emotional skills that enable successful discussion, inspiring speech, and effective communication.



### Science: **Oceanário de Lisboa - Oceanarium**

The Oceanarium is one of the world’s largest aquariums and is an award-winning educational site. Students will get to see and learn about different ocean environments, conservation, and habitats of the Atlantic Ocean, tropical Indian Ocean reefs, the Pacific Ocean, and the Antarctic.



### Science and Technology: **Pavilhão de Conhecimento - Science and Technology Museum**

The Science and Technology Museum is an amazing place to learn about current technologies and the science behind them. The exhibits are interactive, with resources just for schools. Their current exhibit is focused on sustainable energy, the wonder of natural phenomena, and design thinking.



### **Sports and Team Building**

Physical education teachers Ines Vilas and Alfredo Silva lead sports and team building activities with our students to get them moving, having fun, and building confidence with their new teammates. Yoga, dance, rock climbing and surfing are just a few of the fun physical activities that our students will explore during this week of adventures.