

## AIR

### BALLOONING UP, UP AND AWAY

Without doubt the most amazing views of the Alentejo are from the sky. Floating silently in the blue sky, suspended in the barely moving air as you drift across the endless plains is a very special experience.

With very low rainfall, the Alentejo skies are generally cloud-free, ensuring clear blue skies and endless horizons. This is one of the few places in Europe where it is possible to fly all year round. So what are you waiting! [Find ballooning](#)

### DARK SKY ALQUEVA MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE

Near Monsaraz you can find [Dark Sky Alqueva®](#), the first place in the world to be certified by UNESCO as a Starlight Tourism Destination, in 2011. Few places in the world have such spectacular, unpolluted night skies and here they stretch over 10,000 square kilometres around the vast lake. With so little cloud cover, low industrialisation and a sparse population (so no light pollution and low traffic emissions), it's no surprise that the skies should be so clear. [Find stargazing](#)

