



Geotourism, culture and sustainability

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Geotourism represents a recent evolution of the ecotourism concept. Fostering the nature and cultural sustainability, geotourists seek geological wonders framed in a natural and cultural authenticity. The International Summer School “**Geotourism, culture and sustainability**” is specially addressed to PhD and Master students working on (geo)tourism and geoconservation topics and also to geoparks and protected areas’ staff and tourism professionals. The Summer School is organized in three main parts: lessons by experts, a workshop, and fieldtrips in the Naturtejo Geopark. The official language during the event is English.

Aims:

- ▶ To raise awareness on geotourism concepts and methodologies;
- ▶ To discuss geotourism, a new trend under the nature tourism market;
- ▶ To share best practices on the interpretation of geosites for the general public;
- ▶ To promote the exchange of experiences based on the presentation of examples of geotouristic activities.

Workshop

Participants are invited to present their ongoing or concluded researches in the workshop included in the event. Each participant is requested to present a 10 minutes communication about his/her experience on geotourism (master or PhD thesis concluded or in progress, present work or project, etc.). A computer (with Powerpoint) and a multimedia projector will be available. Each participant should send an abstract of his/her presentation with “Title”, “Abstract” (250-300 words) and “Keywords” (3-5), no latter than **1st May 2011**.



Venue

The Summer School will be held at Idanha-a-Nova (Central Portugal), home of the Naturtejo Geopark headquarters. Naturtejo Geopark is a member of the European and Global Geoparks Networks (assisted by UNESCO) since 2006. The event is a joint organisation of the Earth Sciences Centre of the University of Minho (Portugal), the Business School of the Polytechnic Institute of Castelo Branco (Portugal), the University of California (Berkeley, USA) and the Naturtejo Geopark (Portugal). Highest exponent of nature tourism in Portugal, the Naturtejo Geopark offers the discovery of geosites, mythical places, templar castles, churches and shrines, millenarian borders, vultures, eagles and black storks and a vast and rich natural, historical and cultural heritage (www.naturtejo.com).

Registration

Participants are invited to send by e-mail a short CV, together with the abstract for the workshop, no latter than **1st May 2011**. The registration fee (300 €) includes lessons by international staff, didactic material, fieldtrips, food and housing during the course, travels during the course, but not the travel to Portugal and to Idanha-a-Nova.

The payment fee should be done by bank transfer, no latter than **1st May 2011**, accordingly with the instructions available at the website (www.dct.uminho.pt/cct/summerschool).



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