National Palace of Pena opening at night to celebrate Saint Valentine’s

- Monument to open its doors on the night of 14 February
- Event includes guided tours, enriched with musical interludes
- St. Valentine’s Day ends with dinner in the Palace restaurant
- Prior reservation is necessary

Sintra, 23 January 2018 - The National Palace of Pena is to throw open its doors on the night of 14th February to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day. For couples opting to commemorate this occasion in these idyllic settings, there is a very special program that includes a guided tour of the monument, enlivened with a musical interlude in the Great Hall before dining in the restaurant.

Following sunset, participants are taken through the main areas of the Palace, the very pinnacle of 19th century Romanticism in Portugal, in a nocturnal incursion taking you in discovery of both the history and the leading figures of this monument that emerged out of the creative genius of Ferdinand II.

In the Great Hall, the most representative venue within the Palace, couples get the chance to enjoy a musical moment, performed by the São Carlos National Theatre piano maestro, Nuno Margarido Lopes, the soprano, Ana Cosme, and the tenor João Rodrigues, themselves members of the São Carlos National Theatre Choir. Seeking to establish a relationship with the surrounding location, the program essentially draws upon works by composers from the Romantic period such as Giuseppe Verdi, Gaetano Donizetti, or Vianna da Mota, thus evoking the times when the Portuguese pianist and composer would play four-handed works with the Countess of Edla (second wife of Ferdinand) for the king’s enjoyment in the Palace of Pena.
The voyage through the imaginary of this monument comes to a close with dinner in the Palace restaurant, which is not only especially decorated but also serving a special menu for Saint Valentine’s Day.

Participation in this event costs €95 per person with reservations made either by telephone (+351 21 923 73 00) or by email (info@parquesdesintra.pt).

**Program**

- **7pm | 7.15pm | 7.45pm | 8pm**
  Guided tour of the Palace of Pena, with a musical performance in the Great Hall lasting about 10 minutes/per visit group
  Performers:
  - Soprano – Ana Cosme
  - Tenor - João Rodrigues
  - Pianist - Nuno Margarido Lopes

- **From 8.30**
  Dinner in the Restaurant
  **Menu**:  
  Welcome drink
  Cream of pumpkin soup with aromatic olive oil and toasted almonds
  Salmon steak in a lemon and caper sauce, pureed carrot and spinach
  Turkey breast stuffed with dried fruits and Arabic rice
  "Saint Valentine’s Cake"
  White and red wine
  Medium-dry sparkling wine
  Café
  * Vegetarian menu also available

- **From 7pm to 11pm**
  Welcoming participants
  Opening of the Palace store

- **Price**: €95/ per person (payable on reservation)
- **Prior reservation required**: info@parquesdesintra.pt; +351 21 923 73 00
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