

FEELING JAMES BOND IN THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

Secret mission in Cascais. This Portuguese town, with its more than 650 years of history, combines glamour and tradition in equal parts. It's a destination for the European bourgeoisie since the 19th century, but also for the English and German spies during World War II. In fact, it was the perfect scenario for the creation of the most popular character in the film industry: James Bond.

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Following the course of history of the country and the world, and of Portugal as a neutral country, Cascais has become, beyond a safe haven in a Europe in turmoil, a place of vital importance during World War II, where diplomacy and espionage coexisted.

The region hosted many European personalities, several royal families, and charismatic artists, running away from an Europe at war in search of a safe place. The concentration of such important people forced the belligerent countries to send their secret agents here.

Portuguese hospitality has soon seduced many of these early visitors to stay here until the end of their days.

As Josef von Habsburg of the Austrian Royal House said "We feel at home here."

The necessary ingredients of magic and mystery were created, giving the Portuguese Riviera a unique atmosphere that still prevails.

It was not by chance that Ian Fleming created his famous character - the secret agent 007 James Bond - in 1941, shortly after his last stay in this region.

James Bond is quite possibly the most charismatic character of the seventh art. Up to a total of six actors have played Agent 007, who wraps himself in an atmosphere of glamor and luxury.

It is important to understand the environment where Ian Fleming portrayed the double agent Dusan Popov, who liked to relate with the bourgeoisie of the time and who lived an endless number of hilarious adventures in the village of Estoril during the World War II.

Palácio Estoril Hotel



It's also known as the 'whispering hotel', due to the English and German accommodation during World War II. Built in 1930, the Palácio is one of the most sophisticated and luxurious complexes in Estoril, with elegant and classic decoration and personalized attention. In addition, its wonderful garden – combined with a fantastic spa – is a haven of relaxation.

In addition, since its foundation the Hotel Palácio has been not only the second residence of the Spanish, Italian, French, Bulgarian and Romanian royal families (is still the place chosen by their descendants), but also a choice for the millionaire Charles Guggenheim, the French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the British writer and spy Ian Fleming, the future Prime Minister of India Indira Nehru or the economist John Keynes, among many others.

In February 2011, the hotel created the Royal Gallery, where one can appreciate countless photographs and letters from the kings and the European nobles who have stayed there. Today, several artists, film directors, athletes, heads of state and governments choose this hotel, which was once the stage for the filming of the movie '007: On Her Majesty's Secret Service'.

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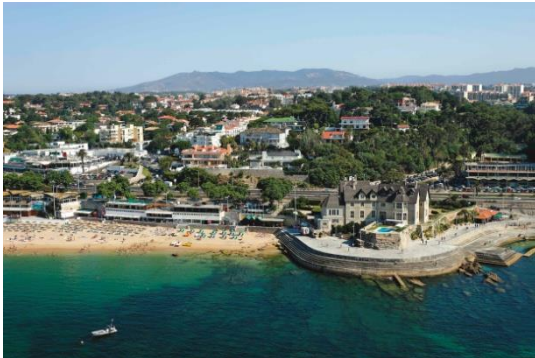
English Bar – Restaurant Cimas



It's the place where English spies used to meet and that Dusan Popov and Ian Fleming used to frequent. Its location is reminiscent of Agent 007's 1950s films: narrow, with a cobbled street and a poster from the era that reads 'English Bar'. Currently, it is the Cimas Restaurant, one of the most renowned in Portugal and Cascais, whose dining room offers some fantastic views of the sea. The interior is dominated by a low light, an english-style decoration, and it keeps the charm of the decoration of the time, when it was frequented by spies. It was also a place frequented by the Counts of Barcelona, as well as nobles and kings of Europe. Among its specialties are smoked swordfish, satay, roast partridge, hog in canoe, baked cod fish or snails in Bourguignonne.

Website: <http://www.cimas.com.pt/home.html>

Cascais Promenade



The Promenade of Cascais is also one of the key points, where the encounters and disagreements between the spies of both sides happened. The oldest people of the place tell that the fights were continuous. Now it has become a calm and relaxing enclave, embraced by the sea breeze, which allows to discover the beauty of Cascais beaches.

On the same promenade stood the Hotel Atlântico – the operations center for the German spies and to which Dusan Popov had access as Agent 'Ivan'. The place has several underground secret galleries that lead to the sea in case people had to evacuate. However, the hotel was demolished and became both a 5 stars hotel and luxury apartments.

Estoril Casino



This casino inspired agent 007's first novel and film 'Casino Royale'. It is the largest casino in Europe and the largest gaming and leisure complex in Portugal. It was also one of the scenarios in the filming of the movie '007: On Her Majesty's Secret Service', which starred Australian actor George Lazenby after the seasonal departure of Sean Connery.

In this casino, agent Dusan Popov used to play Black Jack and it is rumored that one day he ruined the German spies. Ian Fleming himself, eager to repeat the feat, asked the English intelligence service for money to emulate Popov at the table. It's a place where dreams can come true.

Website: <http://www.casino-estoril.pt/>

Casa de Santa Maria



Casa de Santa Maria, one of the most iconic works of the portuguese architect Raul Lino, is one of the city council museums of Cascais. During the period of WW II, this house was owned by the portuguese Espírito Santo family, who there received the Grand Duchess Carlota of Luxembourg and her family, the Counts

of Barcelona, King Umberto II of Italy and the Dukes of Windsor.

Guincho Beach



This is one of the longest beaches in the region. It has some of the best restaurants in the country, such as Fortaleza do Guincho – awarded with a Michelin star – and the Porto de Santa Maria, which has attracted celebrities as the USA president Bill Clinton.

Guincho beach and the Hotel Palácio were two of the scenarios that appear in the James Bond movie '007: On Her Majesty's Secret Service' (1969), in which the secret agent is played by the Australian actor George Lazenby.

'On Her Majesty's Secret Service', James Bond is overcome by a woman in a Mercury Cougar car. At the Guincho beach, the agent prevents this same woman from committing suicide.



The sunset of Europe



At the westernmost tip of the European continent is Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Continental Europe. At the viewpoint you can read the famous inscription "Where the land ends and the sea begins", from the Portuguese poet Luís de Camões, that describes this cape, also known as 'Promontorio da Lua' (Moon Promontory). It's one of the most iconic places in the region. Do not leave without the certificate that ensures your passage through the westernmost point

of Continental Europe.

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