



PRESS RELEASE

X INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM postponed to June 2022

ACISO – Associação Empresarial Ourém-Fátima, organizer of the International Workshops of Religious Tourism (IWRT), in collaboration with the Municipality of Ourém, Municipality of Guarda and the Shrine of Fatima, announces the postponement of the 10th edition of IWRT to **June 23 and 24, 2022**.

Considering the recent increase of cases of COVID-19 around the world, ACISO considered it prudent to postpone the date of the event, ensuring the best conditions of hygiene and safety in this global meeting of professionals, which includes thousands of business meetings. This postponement aims to enable the coming of several registrants, so that the IWRT has the expected return to all businessmen present, since this event has special importance for the Religious Tourism sector, through the promotion of Portugal as a privileged destination for Religious Tourism and the strengthening of the position of the Faith in the context of the world tourism sector.

The event in June will maintain its initial structure. It will consist of: Official Opening Session, which will include the Conference and will be attended by the representation of a Guest Country; and Contact Exchange, strictly aimed at the participation of specialized companies, and which will take place in Fátima, on June 23rd and 24th. The program will also include Pre-Tours and Post-Tours organized by the Municipality of Ourém and the Regional Agencies for Tourism Promotion (ARPT), with the aim of promoting products, services and/or experiences of touristic interest that the region has to offer, and the Workshop on Tourism of Jewish Heritage, in the city of Guarda, on June 25th and 26th.

The X IWRT is particularly important because we are celebrating the tenth edition of the event and because it is being held after a long period in which Religious Tourism was greatly affected by the pandemic, making it necessary to contribute to the recovery of Religious Tourism, providing the necessary support to entrepreneurs in the sector.

Originally scheduled for March 2022, the tenth edition of the IWRT has registrations running since November 2021. To date, the event has approximately 250 registrations, which will carry over as valid for the new event date, with the registration period remaining open.

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