

# Travel Portugal

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## 1. Introduction

The website is a travel booking site for Portugal. Its features include:

- A carousel that cycles through the three regions of Portugal you can explore through Travel Portugal.
- Each region has its own separate page with an accordion of tabs of options to choose from for dining, hotels, and attractions.
- A “Book Now” button that activates a booking form.

## 2. Design and Implementation

- The images of Portugal, overall color scheme, and font types provide a very aesthetically appealing site that attempt to make the user think of being on vacation.
- The images in the carousel that cycle through the different regions also contain links to each region’s page. Between the carousel, the nav bar, and the footer, there are multiple ways for the user to easily jump between regions as they decide which one they want to visit.
- The accordion offers three tabs on each region’s page: Events and attractions, dining, and hotels. Each tab has a card body with multiple options for each category, as well as links to websites.

- Each region has two “Book Now” buttons that activate a booking form modal. The form asks the user for basic information such as first and last name, email address, arrival and departure dates, etc.

### 3. Conclusions

- This was the first project I’ve ever built using coding. I definitely learned that you really can’t grasp the information until you use it. Even when we were working on the Nucampsite project, so many of the steps were given to us and we really didn’t have to do too much problem solving. This project made me really dive into the code and learn how to use it and problem solve in my own. Though I did end up recycling some code from the Nucampsite project, I had to customize it to fit the design layout of my website and I also coded some things completely on my own.
- The best feature of this site is the carousel, which kind of acts as an icon on the first page that cycles through beautiful images and offers links to each region’s page. The color scheme, font, and easily navigated pages are also strong points of this site.
- A big downside to this site is the placement of the Book Now buttons. Originally I wanted it to go right in the center of the page underneath the accordion. The goal was to have the Book Now buttons placed so that the website flowed naturally: From the overview and picture at the top that introduces the region, the accordion of options below that, and finally the booking button once everything on the page had been explored. However, I could not get the alignment right and ended up looking really bad.

Though the placement of the two buttons isn't the best, they align more nicely where they are than the one I had originally placed below the accordion. I also think the accordion itself could be stronger. I chose a tan background-color for the website because a blank white background was boring, and I wanted the tan and aquamarine color scheme to make the user think of the beach. However, the three white tabs of the accordions against the tan background really stand out. Also when the book now button was in the original spot underneath the accordion, the accordion seemed to kind of float in the middle of the page, which really did not look good.

- The one thing I would do differently with this page is I would take more risks. I feel like I played it very safe using a lot of the same functions we did with our Nucampsite page. I know the goal of the assignment was to use what we learned, and I do think overall the project turned out good, but I wish I had tried a few new things and gotten a little more out of my comfort zone.