

12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

Start in Castelo Novo and finish wherever you like. You have 600 km to explore.



Living history

CASTELO NOVO
N40° 4.6939',
W007° 29.6082'



_ALMEIDA_BELMONTE_CASTELO MENDO_CASTELO NOVO_CASTELO RODRIGO_IDANHHA-A-VELHA_
_LINHARES DA BEIRA_MARIALVA_MONSANTO_PIÓDÃO_SORTELHA_TRANCOSO_

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12 VILLAGES, ENDLESS ENJOYMENT

Wander the narrow streets of a centuries-old village. Take up position where soldiers once faced each other in battle. Or just enjoy the beauty of a wild landscape. Portugal's Historical Villages in Beira Interior are a unique destination for tourists and history lovers and are guardians of testimony that dates back centuries.

The guides do much more than contemplate slower times or genuine experiences. There are days full of excitement, extreme sports, hikes, good food, culture, river beaches and landscapes - everything you need for enjoyable days.

Life here is excitement. And the rest is history.

Where to eat



Where to stay



Travel Agencies
Tourist Animation



Start by exploring the two villages closest to Castelo Novo then go on to the rest.

IDANHHA-A-VELHA
46 km

MONSANTO
47 km

N39° 59.8805', W007° 8.6676'



IDANHHA-A-VELHA

In the historical village that was once powerful Egitania, there is a unique collection of monuments and traces of ancestral times.
A visit to neighbouring Penha Garcia is a must for anyone interested in fossils.

N40° 2.3953', W007° 6.777'



MONSANTO

It is Portugal's most Portuguese village. This status springs from its natural beauty, unique architecture and, above all, its people's hospitality.
There are few places offering such pleasant landscapes for nature tourism.

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GET OUT THERE AND EXPLORE!

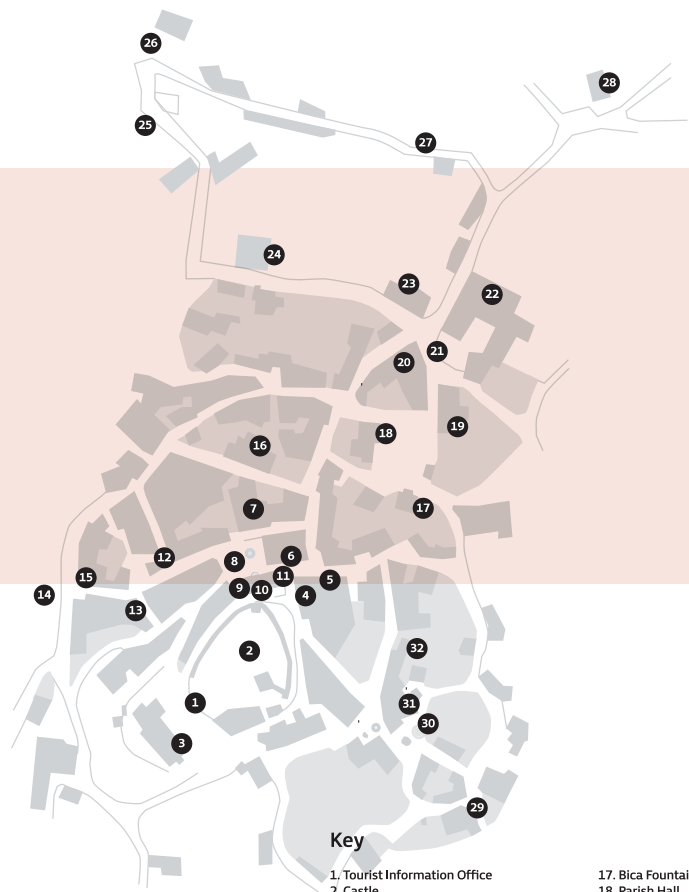
GO UP, GO DOWN, GO ROUND, FEEL, DISCOVER, LOVE CASTELO NOVO

In a natural amphitheatre in the heart of Serra da Gardunha in shades of green and grey, we find Castelo Novo, one of Portugal's historical villages, enveloped in an aura of mystery.

Here we feel something fascinating that surrounds and balances us. Everything inspires us ... captivates us, from the sound of water gushing from the springs to the timeless granite that sustains the village and carves its dwellings, the temples, paving, squares ...all a matchless architectural heritage.

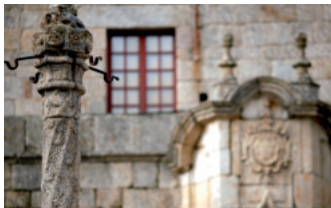


Known archaeological traces suggest the area has probably seen human occupation since the Copper Age (2500 to 1800 BC).



Praça dos Antigos Paços do Concelho square

Consisting of the 16th century former town hall and pillory and the D. João V Fountain



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Castle

Built in 1202, in the reign of King Sancho I.



- Key
- 1. Tourist Information Office
 - 2. Castle
 - 3. Castelo Novo Parish Church
 - 4. Santo António Chapel
 - 5. Petrus Guterrri's House (TH)
 - 6. House displaying Beira architecture
 - 7. Gamboa Family Manor
 - 8. Pillory
 - 9. Former Town Hall
 - 10. D. João V Fountain
 - 11. Museum
 - 12. Villa Veteris – Country House (TER)
 - 13. Manuela Justino Art Gallery / Atelier 'Histórias Criativas'
 - 14. Paio Pires Fountain
 - 15. Manuline-style window
 - 16. Sr. da Misericórdia Chapel
 - 17. Bica Fountain
 - 18. Parish Hall
 - 19. D. José Correia's House
 - 20. D. Silvestre Manor (TH)
 - 21. D'El Rei Fountain
 - 22. Quinta do Ouriço estate (TH)
 - 23. Sampaio Roquete's House
 - 24. O Lagarto Restaurant
 - 25. Cross
 - 26. 'Cabeço da Força'
 - 27. Roman Path
 - 28. Santa Ana Chapel
 - 29. Casa da Comenda
 - 30. Small community wine press
 - 31. Casa da Lagariça (handicraft shop)
 - 32. Casa de Castelo Novo (TER)



WALKING ROUND CASTELO NOVO

We drink in contrasting colours, tastes and textures, but the real discoveries are made within walls that encase over 800 years of history. Each stone reveals a memory and every corner has some ancient know-how, all marked by the wind that whispers legends, tales and songs in our ears.

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D. João V Fountain

It was built in the 18th century and is set into one of the arcades of the former Town Hall.

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Small, community wine press

This example of agricultural architecture was possibly built in the 7th or 8th century and consists of two tanks, the larger for treading grapes and the smaller for collecting the must.

PR5 FND - Penha - 14.3 km (circuit)

PR10 FND - Alpreade - 16.5 km (circuit)

PR11 FND - Castelo Novo Historical Route - 2.7 km (circuit)



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Casa da Lagariça
Handicraft and local
produce shop