

12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

Start in Linhares da Beira and finish wherever you like. You have 600 km to explore.



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LINHARES DA BEIRA
N40°32'25.23",
W7°27'48.17"



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_LINHARES DA BEIRA_MARIALVA_MONSANTO_PIODÃO_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, river beaches, culture and landscapes - everything you need for enjoyable days.

Life here is excitement. And the rest is history.

Start by exploring the two villages closest to Linhares da Beira, then go on to the rest.

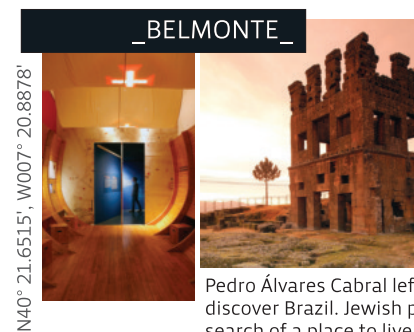
TRANCOSO
40 km

BELMONTE
65 km

You can visit to see the monuments and architecture, or traces of Jewish culture, or perhaps because this was the venue for the wedding of the Queen, Saint Isabel. There are plenty of reasons for visiting Trancoso. **You'll find the peace and quiet of inland towns plus everything you're used to in the big cities.**



N40° 46.8498', W007° 20.982'



N40° 21.6515', W007° 20.8878'

Pedro Álvares Cabral left from here to discover Brazil. Jewish people came here in search of a place to live in peace. **The Jewish Museum is a must to learn the history of the new Christians.**

Where to eat



Where to stay



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LINHARES DA BEIRA BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Linhares da Beira is a 12th century medieval village boasting unequalled architectural and artistic diversity, as a legacy from different ages.

It received its first charter from King Afonso Henriques in 1169. It was only later in the reign of King Dinis that its imposing castle was built, the village's masterpiece and main attraction today.

Wandering round the streets of this museum village is travelling back in time to its history and feeling the breeze from the Mondego Valley brushing your face.



Key

1. Misericórdia Church

2. Casa da Fortaleza

3. Barbosa Fountain

4. Manueline windows in Largo Da Misericórdia square

5. Corte Real Manor /Inatel Hostel
6. Manueline windows in Beco das Escadinhas

7. Manueline windows in R. da Procissão

8. Pillory

9. Forum and Mergulho Fountain

10. Former Town Hall and Prison

11. Old inn

12. Brandão de Melo Manor /Inatel Hostel

13. Nossa Senhora da Conceição Chapel

14. Manueline window on R. da Procissão street

15. Manueline window on Tv. de S. Pedro street

16. Manueline window on Tv. de S. Pedro street

17. Manueline window on R. do Passadiço street
18. Houses with Manueline doorways

19. Manueline arches and doorways

20. Manueline window on R. da Igreja street

21. Pina Aragão Manor

22. House in Lg. da Igreja square

23. Manueline door on R. de São Pedro street

24. Nossa Senhora da Assunção Church

25. S. Caetano Fountain

26. Castle

27. Roman paved path

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Inscriptions
Discover the many mysterious inscriptions all around the village.



Panoramic view of Linhares and an endless horizon



VISIT TO CASTLE

Inside one of the two towers of the castle we find a 17th century mechanical clock mechanism. Its stone pendulums still mark the tempo of life that has not frozen in time.

But it is undoubtedly the magnificent landscape from the tower terrace that dazzles visitors most.



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Casa do Judeu
This may have been the location of the Jewish quarter. The building has the finest Manueline windows in the village.

In winter, the hearths heat the granite houses, giving off smoke that gives the village an even more genuine feeling.

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N^a S^a da Assunção Parish Church
It was originally built in Romanesque style in the 12th century but was remodelled in the 17th. Inside are paintings said to be by Grão Vasco.



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The pillory, a symbol of the charter awarded to Linhares.

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The table in the Roman forum, where administrative and judicial decisions were made before the town hall was built.

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The façade of this former town hall and current parish council building bears the royal coat of arms from the 18th century and there are iron bars on the ground floor from the old prison.

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Manueline-style house
16th century art at its purest

