

12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

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



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MARIALVA
N40° 54.5881',
W007° 13.9422'



ALMEIDA _BELMONTE_ _CASTELO MENDO_ _CASTELO NOVO_ _CASTELO RODRIGO_ _IDANHA-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, 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 Marialva, then go on to the rest.

TRANCOSO

23 km

CASTELO RODRIGO

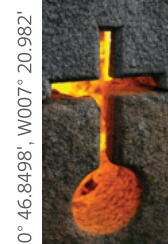
42 km

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You can go there to see the monuments and architecture, or traces of Jewish culture, or perhaps because this was the venue of 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.**

CASTELO RODRIGO



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The warm, yellow colours of the houses create an ambiance that invites you to explore every street. High up above, the castle guards stories that are worth knowing. **The Serra da Marofa hills are a few minutes away, with a forest rich in diversity and a famous replica of the Cristo Rei statue.**

Where to eat



Where to stay



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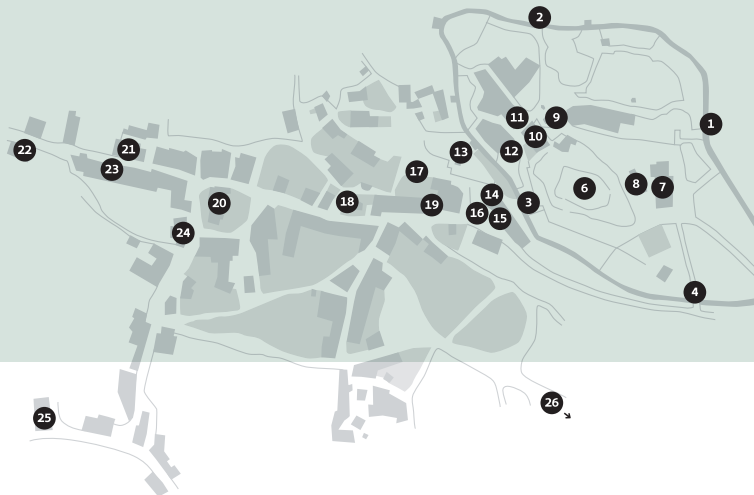
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STILL AROUND YOU.
YOU'LL BE MISSING IT
BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE.

Marialva is a few minutes from the town of Mêda. This village takes you to the deepest roots of the country's history in a scenario that reveals one of the living relics of Portuguese ancestry. The streets are lined with buildings that have stood the test of time and lead to the citadel surrounded by walls in whose ruins it is easy to lose track of time.

Settled by the Aravi, a Lusitanian people, it was later conquered by the Romans, then the Arabs until the final victory of King Fernando the Great in his historic conquest of the Beiras in 1063.



The houses and streets reflect to a certain extent the local people's way of life, closely linked to the rural milieu.



Key

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| 1 - Santa Maria Gate | 16 - Cross |
| 2 - Monte Gate | 17 - Drama |
| 3 - Anjo da Guarda Gate | 18 - Old granary |
| 4 - Traitors' Gate | 19 - Casa do Leão |
| 5 - Santa Bárbara or Curvaceira Chapel | 20 - S. Pedro Church |
| 6 - Donjon | 21 - Manor of Marquis of Marialva |
| 7 - Santiago Church | 22 - Mergulho Fountain |
| 8 - Senhor dos Passos Chapel | 23 - Houses with balconies |
| 9 - Pillory | 24 - Houses with pillars |
| 10 - Former Municipal Council | 25 - Senhora da Guia Chapel |
| 11 - Former prison and Casa dos Magistrados | 26 - Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Chapel |
| 12 - Casa da Judia | |
| 13 - Nossa Senhora de Lourdes Chapel | |
| 14 - Cistern | |
| 15 - Tourist Office | |

Welcoming gaze of Beira people with the authenticity of their wrinkles



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Donjon, Santiago Church and Senhor dos Passos Chapel



Marialva, a plateau of legends with centuries of history



ONE VILLAGE, THREE ENVIRONMENTS, COUNTLESS REASONS FOR GOING THERE

This unique Portuguese medieval military structure located on the border before the Treaty of Alcanices (1297) has remained practically intact.

The domineering castle at the top of a steep outcrop with an oval layout of the walls surrounding the town is the most important feature and even today still dominates the landscape.



Inside the walls, people have kept the olive trees that they inherited to make sure they have olive oil for their everyday needs.

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Santiago Church

The church was designed in Manueline and baroque style and boasts unpainted mannerist and King João-style retables.



S. Pedro Church, 17th century
Murals and magnificent baroque altars in gilded wood

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