

12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

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



Living history

PIÓDÃO
N 40° 13.7551',
W 07° 49.4928'



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 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 Piodão, then go on to the rest.

LINHARES DA BEIRA
80 km

BELMONTE
113 km



N40° 32.3927', W007° 27.7332'

LINHARES DA BEIRA

The architecture, legends and traditions reveal the village's rich history. The unusually shaped castle is another attraction. **Linhares da Beira is world famous as a hang-gliding location.**

Where to eat



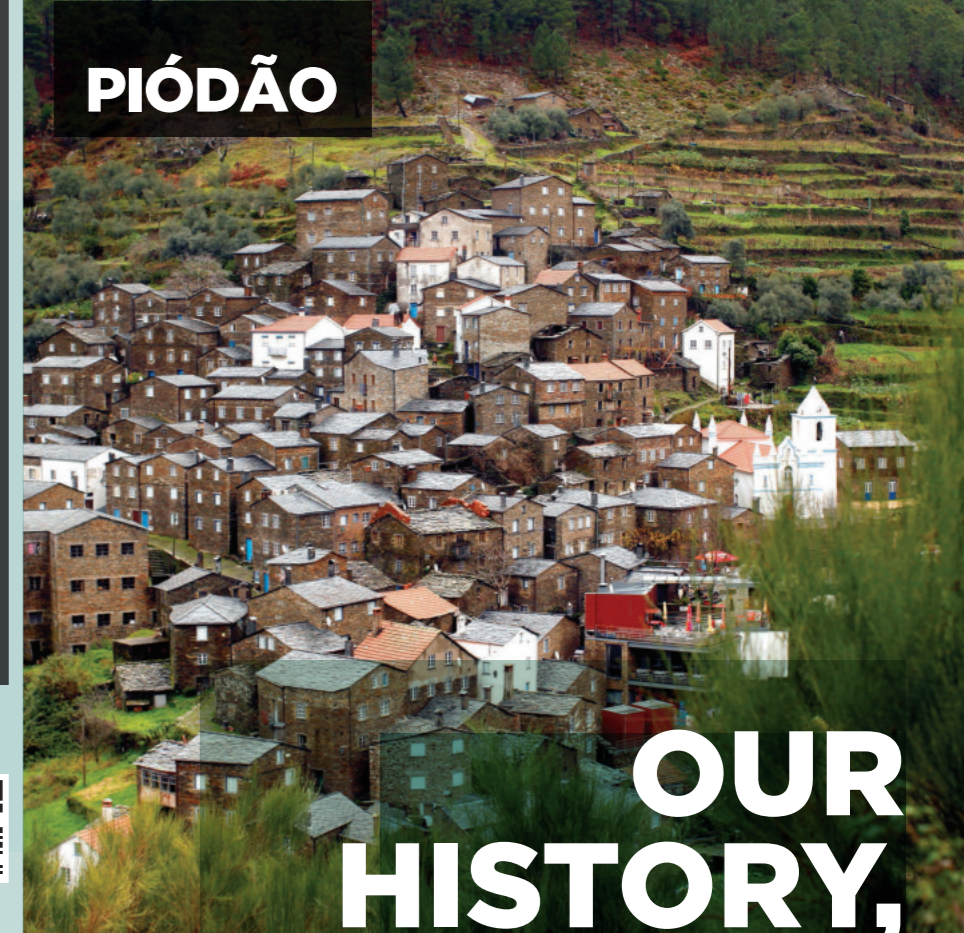
Where to stay



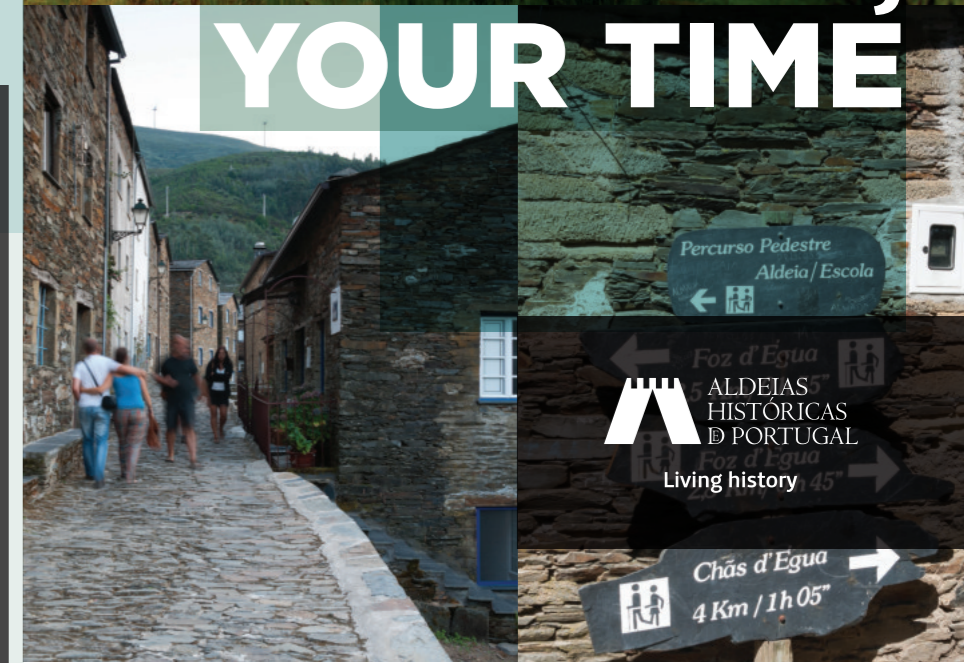
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N40° 21.6515', W007° 20.8878'

BELMONTE

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.**

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While wandering around the Serra do Açor hills, we are not only charmed by the majesty and purity of the landscape, but we are also overcome with curiosity and impatience. Piódão stubbornly remains hidden so that it can then astound us with its architecture, which is such a good example of Man's ability to adapt harmoniously to the most inhospitable but sublime places.

Like a crib, the houses stand along the terraces of the slopes, which show blue and schist between narrow winding streets. At each corner they hide the history of the village of Piódão.



In contrast with the colour of the schist that gives Piódão a certain aura of mystery, we have the bright blue of the doors and windows.



Key

- 1 – Bust of Canon Manuel Fernandes Nogueira
- Start of two historical trails (PR)
- 2 – Parish Church
- 3 – Tourist Office/ Museum
- 4 – São Pedro Chapel
- 5 – Threshing floor
- 6 – Algares Fountain
- 7 – Almas Chapel
- 8 – Panoramic view
- 9 – Water channel
- 10 – River beach
- 11 – Nossa Senhora do Bom Parto Chapel

The perseverance of the inhabitants of Piódão and the versatility of the schist resulted in unique architecture, which was a decisive factor in 1978 when it was classified as a location of national interest.



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The Parish Church is in an excellent location and is the feature that stands out most from the schist all over the village.



In spite of the medieval characteristics that Piódão still has today, the first reference to it dates back to 1527, year of the first national census. “Casall do Piódão” is mentioned as having only two inhabitants.

According to a story that further enhances the charm of Piódão, the village served as a refuge for Diogo Lopes Pacheco, the only one of Inês de Castro's murderers that managed to escape King Pedro I's revenge.



Interesting detail of Piódão Parish Church tower

Piódão river beach, Ribeira do Piódão.

Wherever we may be, it is impossible to remain indifferent to the bubbling of the refreshing, pristine water that runs in the nearby watercourses.



For walkers, Piódão offers trails that will take them to explore the surrounding rich natural heritage and landscape.

