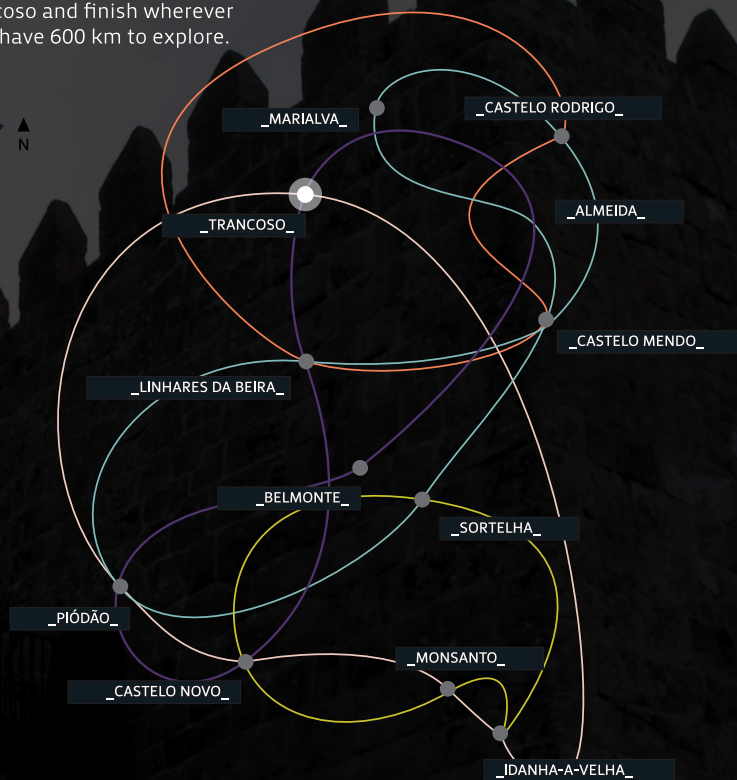


12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

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



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TRANCOSO
N40° 46.8498',
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ALMEIDA _BELMONTE_ _CASTELO MENDO_ _CASTELO NOVO_ _CASTELO RODRIGO_ _IDANHA-A-VELHA_
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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 Trancoso, then go on to the rest.

MARIALVA
23 km

LINHARES DA BEIRA
36 km

N40° 54.5881', W007° 13.9422'



MARIALVA

A castle that guards legends and stories. Churches that amaze us with their subtle details. Very friendly people. Undeniable reasons for a stay. **The nearby Vale do Côa Archaeological Park, a World Heritage Site, with its Palaeolithic figures, is a must on any tourist route.**

Where to eat



Where to stay



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TRANCOSO ROOTS OF OUR HISTORY

Visiting Trancoso is reliving Portugal's history. Today's peace and quiet in its centuries-old castle contrast with the alarms and fears experienced by people of other times. It was a border town, the stage for fights and battles that were decisive to the formation and independence of the kingdom. Cherished by kings, it received important privileges. King Afonso Henriques granted it a municipal charter and King Afonso III a fair charter. King Dinis commissioned the construction of the walls that still protect a town where Christians and Jews lived side by side.

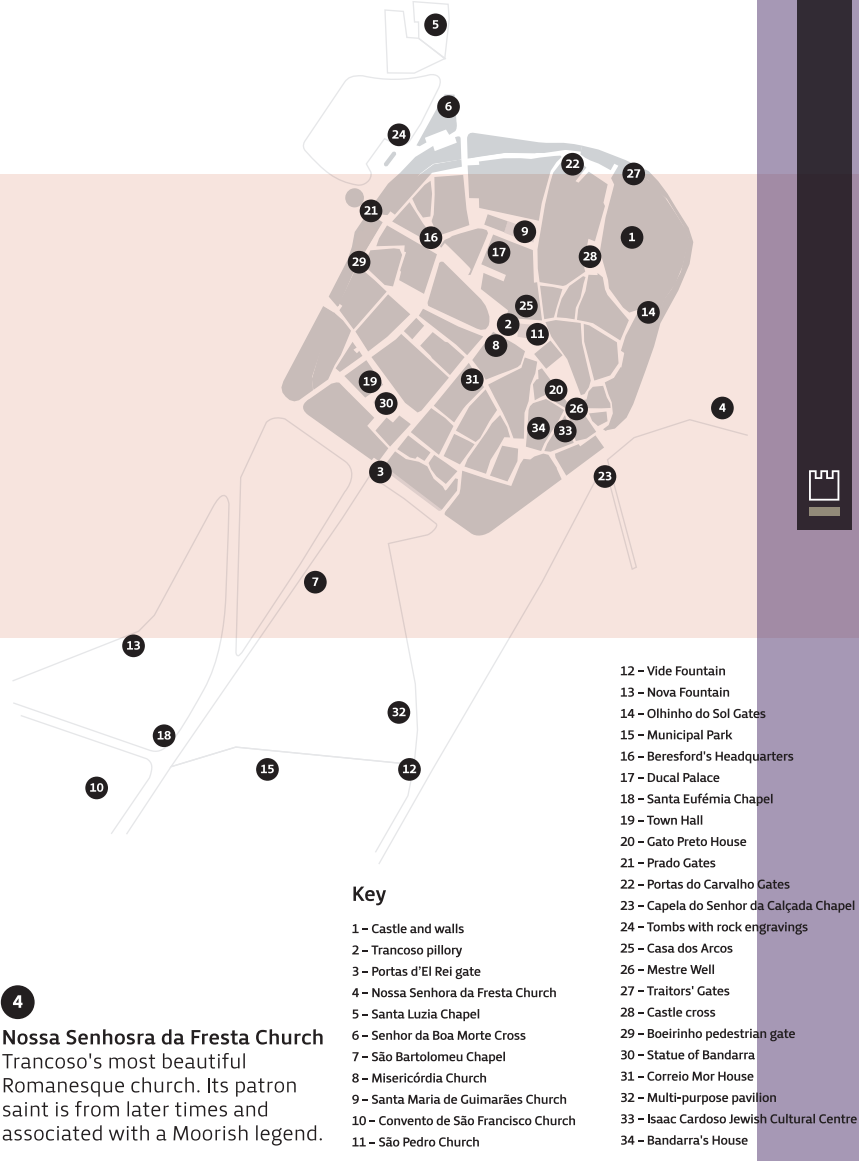


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Praça D. Dinis square
It has always been the town's nerve centre, and boasts a pillory and the S. Pedro and Misericórdia Churches.

4
Nossa Senhosra da Fresta Church
Trancoso's most beautiful Romanesque church. Its patron saint is from later times and associated with a Moorish legend.



Donjon
Rare 10th century feature that was later integrated into the castle



1
Trancoso Castle
From here you have a stunning view of Riba-Côa.



TRADITION AND MODERNITY IN THE HISTORICAL CENTRE

The walls that still run round the old medieval town and the vast civil and religious architectural heritage give the historical centre a unique environment. The old trading traditions are also kept alive with traces of modernity, such as the famous weekly fair, the age-old S. Bartolomeu Fair, the annual Sta Luzia fair and the more recent smoked foods fair.

- _ Famous legendary figures: Bandarra, Magriço and João Tição.
- _ Signs of the presence of a Jewish community
- _ Convent sweetmeats, such as sugared sardines
- _ Recreation of the royal wedding at the History Festival
- _ A vast natural landscape that captivates the senses and surprises you with the vastness of its horizon
- _ The warm welcome from the local people. The cold majesty of icicles
- _ Emotions and sensations that you will only experience if you go there



3
Portas d’El Rei gates
The main gates of the walls King Dinis chose Trancoso for his wedding to Queen Isabel in 1282.



20
Lion of Judah
This was one of the motifs of the decoration of the synagogue. It is in the main façade of Gato Preto House.



30
Gonçalo Anes Bandarra
This 16th century cobbler was famous for his ballads in which he foresaw Portugal's future.