

12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL WORTH A VISIT

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



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CASTELO RODRIGO
N40° 52.5515',
W006° 57.8094'



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 Castelo Rodrigo, then go on to the rest.

ALMEIDA
21 km

MARIALVA
42 km



ALMEIDA
Protected by an imposing star-shaped layout of the wall, over the centuries Almeida was strategic in defending the border. And its memories of these times have been preserved. **Explore Almeida on horseback, a unique experience.**

N40° 43.4791', W006° 54.3354'

Where to eat



Where to stay



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CASTELO RODRIGO HISTORICAL VILLAGE OF CASTELO RODRIGO

The historical village of Castelo Rodrigo as a whole is a genuine location of monuments preserving important medieval references. The most valuable features of its historical heritage are the old walls, the ruins of Cristóvão de Moura Palace, the 16th-century pillory, the medieval church, the parish church, the medieval cistern and inscriptions attesting to the existence of a substantial new-Christian community.

For more than 600 years, Castelo Rodrigo was a town and municipal seat. More than once in the country's history, its inhabitants showed their courage and loyalty to the crown.

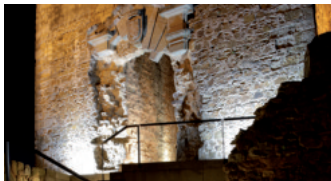


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Sol Gate
One of the three gates to the town along the walls, all strategically placed.



- Key**
- 1 - Sol Gate
 - 2 - Pillory
 - 3 - Casa da Câmara
 - 4 - Casa da Misericórdia
 - 5 - Rocamador Parish Church
 - 6 - Traitors' Gate (Alvacar)
 - 7 - Cistern with 63 steps (tunnel)
 - 8 - Cristóvão de Moura Palace
 - 9 - Cross-shaped firing holes
 - 10 - Monumental palace gate
 - 11 - Donjon (ruins)
 - 12 - Clock Tower
 - 13 - Tourist Office
 - 14 - Toilets
 - 15 - Monument to the Restoration
 - 16 - São João Gate
 - 17 - Medieval Cistern
 - 18 - Prison
 - 19 - Portal with Hebrew inscription
 - 20 - Albarrã Tower (ruins)
 - 21 - Semicircular turrets
 - 22 - Quadrangular turret
 - 23 - Turret ruins

10
Monumental Palace Gate
This is the entry gate to the Cristóvão de Moura Palace, which was built in 1590.



19
Portal with Hebrew inscription
Lintel of a residence with an inscription dated 1508, attesting to the presence of a community of new Christians in Castelo Rodrigo.



CRISTÓVÃO DE MOURA PALACE

The castle was reconstructed by order of King Dinis and the gate to the keep boasts two quadrangular towers and a balcony with machicolations. During the Filipes dynasty, Cristóvão de Moura commissioned his residence in mannerist style. During the restoration and independence (1640) it was burned and destroyed.

In spite of the neglect to which it was condemned, it still has some of its main defensive structures, such as some of its 13 turrets and three gates, including the Traitors' Gate. The semi-circular turrets, palace ruins, donjon and Albarrã Tower are well worth seeing.



9
Cross-shaped embrasures
These T-shaped embrasures were used as lookout and defence posts for the fortress.

17
Medieval cistern
The old, irregular rectangular cistern has two entrances, one of which is an ogival arch and the other a horseshoe arch. It is 13 metres deep.

16
Gate in Largo de S. João square
This gate with a barrel vault and full arch is referred to as "enclosed" in the 1758 Parish Memoirs. The square still maintains the vestiges of S. João Baptista Church, which can be seen in the 1508 picture by Duarte D'Armas. Today, we can see a monument to the Restoration of Independence.



5 **Rocamador Parish Church**

6 **Traitors' Gate**

8 **Cristóvão de Moura Palace**
Cristóvão de Moura Palace was built on the site of the old fortress. Although it is now in ruins, the old palace still bears traces of its grandeur.

2
Manueline-style pillory
It is around eight metres tall and stands on a pedestal with five steps. It is topped by an octagonal cage containing eight small twisted columns.

