12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL-SPENT MOMENTS

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BIOSPHERE certified destination

CASTELO RODRIGO
N40° 52.5515',
W006° 57.8094'

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_LINHARES DA BEIRA_MARIALVA_MONSANTO_PIÓDÃO_SORTELHA_TRANCOSO_

OUR HISTORY, YOUR TIME.

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12 THE VILLAGES, WHERE A WEB OF HISTORIES IS WAITING FOR YOU

Do you enjoy getting lost in the alleyways of a walled village, feeling the challenge of ancient battles, or just enjoying the beauty of a sweeping landscape? The Historical Villages of Portugal in Beira Interior are a unique historical and tourist destination because they are the guardians of centuries of history.
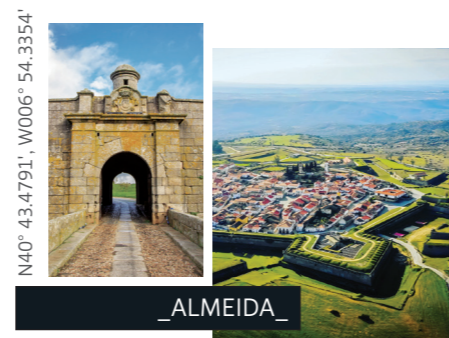
The journeys go far beyond contemplation, they represent less hurried times and genuine experiences. The days are filled with emotions: radical sports, hikes, gastronomy, river beaches, culture, landscapes, and everything needed for fulfilling days.

Here, life is emotion and the rest… is history.

Start your discovery at the two Historical Villages closest to Castelo Rodrigo and continue on to the rest.

ALMEIDA
21km

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42km

N40° 43.4791', W006° 54.3354'

ALMEIDA

Protected by an imposing wall, in the shape of a star, this square was fundamental in defending and maintaining our independence and border. The beauty of its construction, admired from the saddle of a horse, is the best tribute to the valiant people of Almeida.

N40° 54.5881', W007° 13.9422'

MARIALVA

This castle has a fascinating history which began in the mists of time, when in nearby Côa, schist canvas was already being made. It is so noble that a Roman city fell asleep at its foot, whose name is known. But it is at its very summit, between the roofless walls and centuries-old olive trees that we feel like we are inside. There is no excuse for putting off this visit.

Where to eat

Where to sleep

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Experiences

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WALKING & CYCLING

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CASTELO RODRIGO
VILLAGE WITH THE GOLDEN WALLS

A monument of our history, the Historical Village of Castelo Rodrigo bears witness in stone to all the events which built a border between two kingdoms. Already occupied during the Muslim era, it walls were built by King Alfonso IX of León. When the kingdom of Portugal was reinstated in 1297 by the Treaty of Alcanices, King Dinis made it a symbol by reconstructing the castle.

Since the times of the reign of León, its Rocamadour church has been a stopping point for pilgrims from Santiago. Moors and Jews lived here, some of whom were famous, such as the doctor, Efraim Bueno.
It is really worth visiting and listening to Castelo Rodrigo.

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Accessible route
Slope (%)

| 0-2 | 2-5 | 5-8 | 8-10 | >10 |

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The Color Alphabet

Colour identification system for colour-blind people

Key

i - Tourism Office
1 - Sun Gates
2 - Pillory
3 - House of Mercy
4 - Main Parish Church of Rocamadour
5 - Betrayal Gate
6 - Cistern
7 - Cristóvão de Moura Palace
8 - Keep (ruins)
9 - Clock Tower
10 - Standard of the Restoration
11 - São João Gate
12 - Medieval Cistern
13 - Prison House
14 - Door frame with inscription in Hebrew
15 - Albarrana Tower (ruins)
16 - Patrol path with towers

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Main Palace Gate
Main entrance to the castle, which was later adapted, in 1590, for the palace and residence of Cristóvão de Moura.

14
Door frame with inscription in Hebrew
Door frame with an inscription in Hebrew which reads "1508", bearing witness to the presence of an important Jewish community.

CRISTÓVÃO DE MOURA PALACE

In 1590, where the old citadel was located, the palatial residence of Count Cristóvão de Moura e Távora, future Marquis of Castelo Rodrigo, was built. After the Restoration of Independence, in 1640, the population set fire and looted the palace, although the Marquis had already died, far away from here, in 1613.

Crosslet Loopholes
Openings in the shape of a "T" which served to support artillery and provide a protected view of the besieger.

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Medieval Cistern
Cistern with two doors from different periods, the one with an overpassed arch being the oldest, dating back to the end of the 10th century. It is 13 metres deep.

4
Main Parish Church of Rocamadour
First mentioned in 1209, it preserves important sacred works inside.

2
Manueline Pillory
Eight metres high and on a pedestal with five steps, it is topped by an octagonal cage with the eight original ribbed pillars.