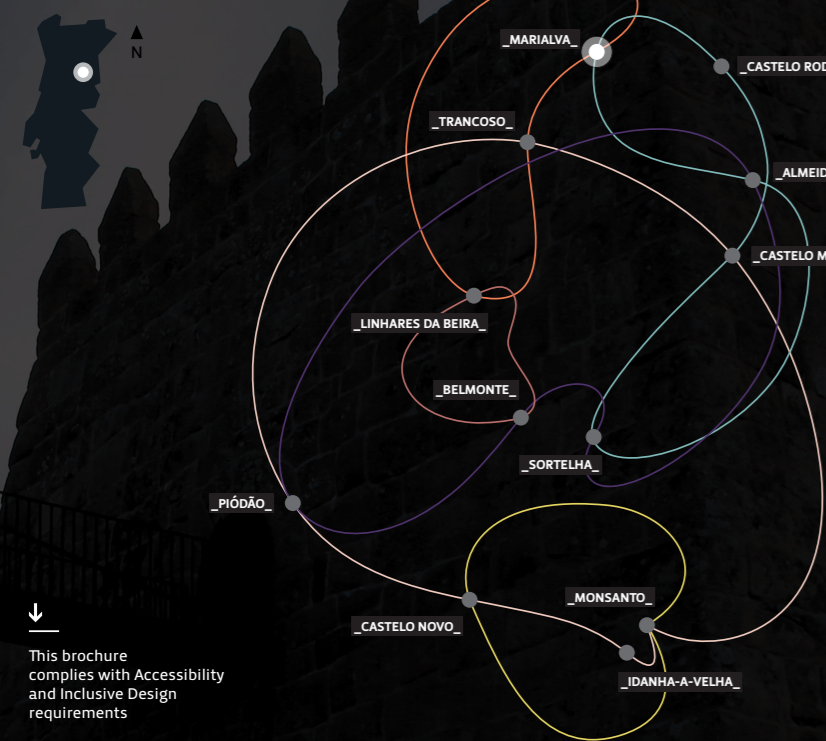


12 HISTORICAL VILLAGES, WELL-SPENT MOMENTS



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CASTELO RODRIGO
N40° 52.5515',
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OUR HISTORY, YOUR TIME.



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 Marialva and continue on to the rest.

TRANCOSO
23km

CASTELO RODRIGO
42km

CASTELO RODRIGO
N40° 46.8498', W007° 20.982'



The beauty of its streets lined with hydrangeas, the monuments, the architecture, but also the testimonies of Jewish culture, are more than enough reasons to visit Trancoso. Add to that the festivities commemorating the wedding of the Holy Queen and the stories of its charming characters and the reasons to visit Trancoso become endless.

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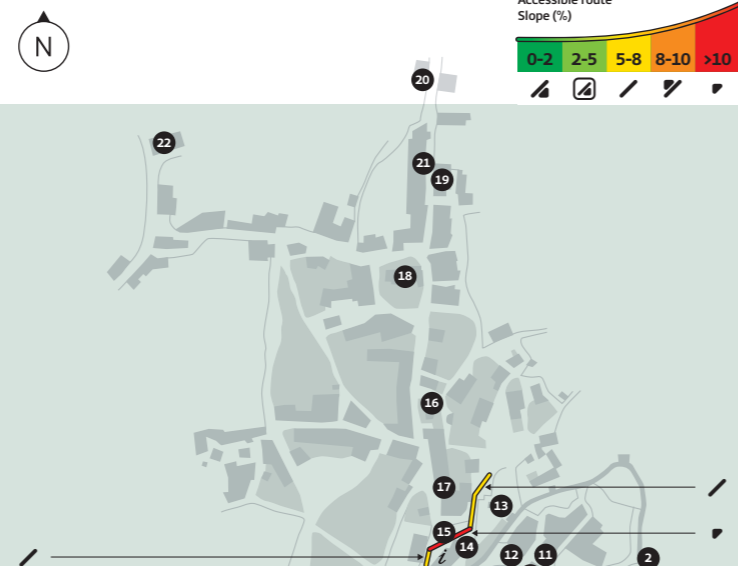
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MARIALVA

THE CASTLE WHICH TRAVELS WITH THE TRAVELLER

In the distance, Marialva announces its presence without much fuss. Among houses and streets, very quiet about their millennial past, someone greets us and we head towards the medieval castle. We see animals in stone, still waiting for their owners, and as in the past, we enter through the same gate of the old neighbourhood, protected by Archangel Michael. The walls, still intact, protect the village which time has forgotten, where the cobblestone streets still lead to doors and yards of centenary olive trees. At the centre, the people's power is still represented in a pillory square, symbolically veiled by the high Keep and under the watchful eyes of the Church of Santiago. From there, the view gradually becomes more reduced and we must imagine the abrupt river valleys. Whoever we may be, we will always be grateful for this visit, because from it we will keep the complexity of our history and the beauty of time standing still.



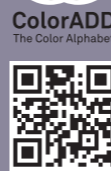
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- 1 - Santa Maria Gate
- 2 - The Mount Gate
- 3 - Guardian Angel Gate
- 4 - Betrayal Gate
- 5 - Santa Bárbara or Curvaceira Chapel
- 6 - The Keep
- 7 - Church of Santiago
- 8 - Chapel of Senhor dos Passos
- 9 - Pillory
- 10 - Old Town Hall
- 11 - Old Prison and Magistrates' House
- 12 - Jewish House
- 13 - Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
- 14 - Cistern
- 15 - Wayside Cross
- 16 - Old Granary
- 17 - The Lion House
- 18 - St. Peter's Church
- 19 - Marquis' Manor House
- 20 - Diving Fountain
- 21 - Balcão Houses
- 22 - Our Lady of Guidance Chapel

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Pillory

16th century, with an octagonal cage. The plinth, also octagonal, has retained its four steps.



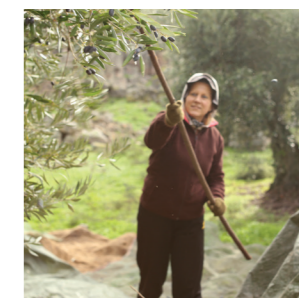
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THREE WORLDS IN ONE ANCIENT VILLAGE.

It was this unique land inhabited by the Aravos, the Lusitanian people, later conquered by the Romans who built a city on it, where monumental remains have been preserved. It was later conquered by the Arabs, who remained there until 1063 when D. Fernando the Great, recovered it in his relentless reconquest of the Beirãs. The medieval castle and fortress located on the border, from before the Treaty of Alcanices (1297), has kept its medieval appearance practically intact. The dominant castle, at the top of a steep cliff, protects the oval-shaped walls which protected the old town, a vital monument of the urban complex, presiding over the vast landscape. It preserves three distinct nuclei: the "citadel", in ruins, within the walls; the "town", outside the walls, and the "Devesa", at the foot of the hill, and where the Roman city of *Aravorum* once stood.

Marialva, plateau of legends and stories, citadel of ancient history.



Inside the walls there are still those who preserve the olive trees they inherited, thus guaranteeing olive oil for their daily lives.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, behind which the bell tower of the former parish of São João Baptista and some tombs from the rock necropolis have been preserved.

