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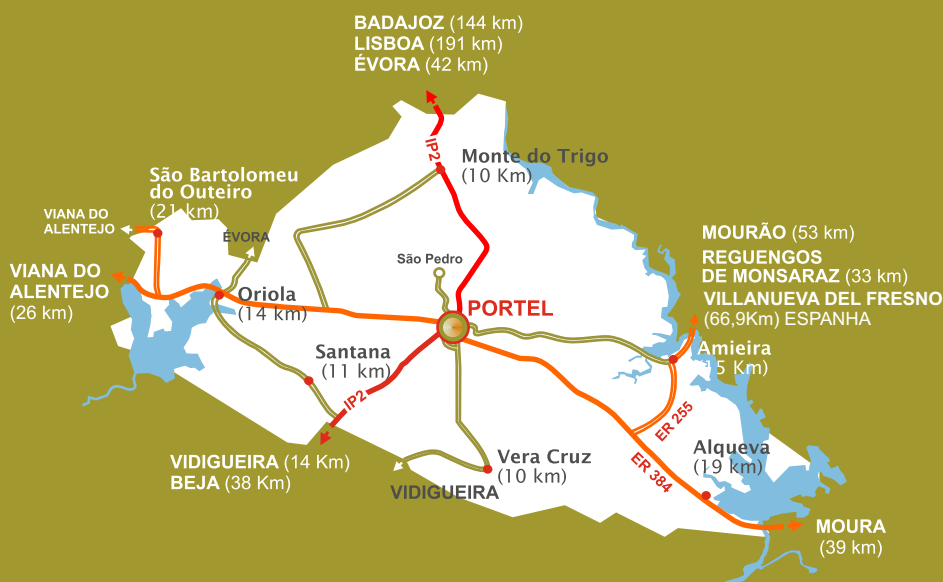


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PORTEL

The county of Portel is located in the south of the District of Évora, almost equal distance between the cities of Évora and Beja (at 40 and 35 kms respectively) to which it is linked by the main road IP2. In administrative terms, the county is divided into eight parishes: Alqueva, Amieira, Monte do Trigo, Oriola, Portel, Santana, S. Bartolomeu do Outeiro and Vera Cruz.

Situated at the border between the Alto and Baixo (North and south) Alentejo, the county gains most of its physical characteristics from the Portel mountains, a geological feature shaped like an elongated horseshoe with its tips pointing westward. Between the two lines of mountains there is a zone of lowlands irrigated by numerous waterways.

As regards woodland, the county is characterized by a predominance of oak groves (both cork oaks and holm oaks). The mountainsides are covered with Mediterranean-style vegetation (the species found there are largely responsible for the particular quality of the local honey) and there are also large stretches of olive groves, the basis of one of the county's most significant sources of wealth, namely its high quality olive oil.

The mark of man can be seen in two important reservoirs, Alvito and Alqueva, which mark the western and easternmost limits of the county respectively.

Historically, the county of Portel dates from the middle of the 13th century, when in 1257, D. João Peres de Aboim, later known as D. João de Portel, came into possession of an extensive area, detached from the county of Évora. This became the county of Portel when the town was granted its charter in 1262. Considerably later, in the middle of the 19th century, its boundaries were extended to include a new area from the former county of Oriola.

The town of Portel practically came into existence with D. João de Portel, and developed in the shade of the castle, founded or remodeled by him. It was taken over by the Crown in 1301 during the reign of Dinis, but later, in 1385, fell into the possession of D. Nuno Álvares Pereira, who in turn passed it on, in 1422, to his grandson D. Fernando. From that moment, Portel belonged to the House of Bragança.

Built on a high hill, the fortifications contain two rows of walls. An outer wall made of loam, surrounds the Old Town and the castle, which was transformed in the 16th century into a fortified palace.

With time, however, the Old Town within the walls was gradually abandoned. A new settlement developed, first just outside the outer walls on the slopes of the hill and then spreading downwards in a northeasterly direction, because of the highways leading to Évora. Later, in the modern age, a new urban area developed to the south of the historical centre, regular in shape.

The most significant monument in Portel town is certainly the fortifications on the hill, dominated by its eight-sided castle and the impressive keep, supposedly erected during the reign of D. Dinis. As for the great loam wall surrounding the hill, this is believed by some to be Arab in origin, while others argue that it was built by D. João de Portel.

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As for Portel's religious buildings, the most significant are: the Church of the Misericórdia (17th century); the Chapel of Santo António (16th – 17th centuries), whose interior is decorated with 17th century tiles; the Church of the Espírito Santo (16th century), the Mother Church (18th century) and the convent/ church of Nossa Senhora do Socorro (beginning of 17th century), amongst others. Other important buildings include several houses dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries and, especially, stately homes from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Throughout the county, there are many places in the Portel mountains (such as the Hermitage of São Pedro or the heights of São Bartolomeu do Outeiro) which offer magnificent views of the surrounding areas, and there are also a number of isolated chapels. Of the village churches, some (such as the parish churches of Amieira, Oriola, Santana and São Bartolomeu do Outeiro) date back to medieval times but were restored in the Manueline era.

However, the most significant church in the whole county, in historical, architectural and religious terms, is certainly the church of Vera Cruz, which began as a Visigoth temple in the 6th-7th centuries. The monastery of Vera Cruz de Marmelar was one of the most important medieval sanctuaries in the country, famous because of its relic of the Santo Lenho (Holy Cross), which it still holds today.

Finally, on a different level, we should not overlook the importance for the county, both economically and as a tourist attraction, of the reservoir of Alqueva.

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ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE ORGANIZED TOURS

THE FRESCO ROUTE

“Discovering Alentejo paintings”

The Fresco Route is a cultural initiative for tourists in the Alentejo region, it offers different tours and workshops in which you can view architectural heritage patrimony, cultural traditions, taste the regional gastronomy and appreciate the natural landscape of this region. And always sharing the mural painting – a “fresco”: an unknown treasure in the Alentejo. Discover the Fresco Route of the Central Alentejo, in the municipalities of Alvito, Cuba, Portel, Viana do Alentejo and Vidigueira.

Information and bookings:

Spira/Rota do Fresco

Phone: + 351 284 475 413

E-mail: info@spira.pt

Site: www.spira.pt

GUIDED TOURS TO THE TOWN OF PORTEL

Portel - its history, its layout, its monuments. Go for a walk on the streets of the town, with visits to its main monuments: the Castle (12th – 16th centuries), the Chapel of Santo António (16th-17th centuries), the Mother Church (18th – 20th centuries), the Church of the Espírito Santo (16th-18th centuries) and the Hermitage of São Brás (16th – 17th centuries), amongst others.

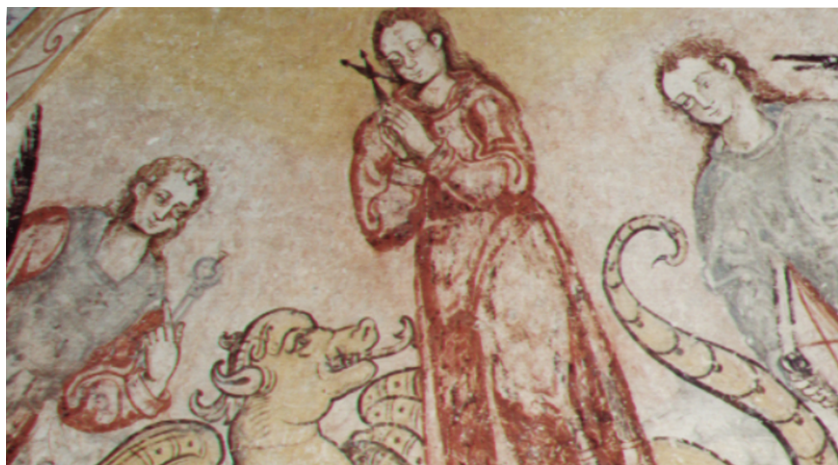
Information and bookings:

Tourism Department

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Site: www.portel.pt





NATURE / ORGANISED TOURS

Boat trips on the Great Lake of Alqueva

Come and sail on the reservoir of Alqueva with your family or in a group. These boat trips allow you to discover the lands around the great lake from a different perspective. Sail through the county of Portel and neighbouring counties, discovering the natural heritage. Different routes available in boats with 22 to 120 places.

At Amieira Marina you can also enjoy a range of nautical services, from renting boats of excellent quality to parking, catering services and convenience and nautical articles stores.

Information and booking:

Amieira Marina
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Phone: +351 266 611 173 / 4
GPS: 38.227206,-7.532894
Site: www.amieiramarina.com





LANDSCAPE

There are viewing points in the hills throughout the county of Portel where the visitor can enjoy magnificent views across much of the region. These are places with hermitages, or villages that are authentic belvederes, places where you can appreciate the great diversity of landscape. Some of these viewing spots are situated in the mountains, with their wealth of different plant species; some in the yards of the modest hermitages perched on the hills (São Pedro, São Lourenço), and there is one on top of the keep of Portel's castle. There are views that stretch over the crests of the mountains, across the lowlands and gentle slopes framed by the sheets of water of the reservoirs of Alvito (São Bartolomeu do Outeiro) and Alqueva (Santo António de Alqueva and Mira Lagos), and across the town of Portel itself (Santa Catarina).

The Tower of Portel's Castle

GPS: 38.309313,-7.702275



Church and Hermitage of São Pedro

(4 km from Portel)

GPS: 38.332468,-7.716121

Hermitage of Santa Catarina (Portel)

GPS: 38.313817,-7.702925

Hermitage of São Lourenço

(4 km from Portel)

GPS: 38.275974,-7.716198



Village of São Bartolomeu do Outeiro

GPS: 38.352641,-7.908552

Hermitage of Santo António de Alqueva

GPS: 38.3218404,-7.539661

Reservoir of Alqueva

GPS: 38.197660,-7.496405

(view over the Great Lake)





ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE HISTORICAL SITES

Castle and Old Town

13th -16th centuries

National Monument

GPS: 38.309313,-7.702275

April to September

9.30 am – 1 pm / 3 pm – 6.30 pm

October to March

9 am – 12.30 pm / 2 pm – 5.30 pm

Santo António Chapel

16th – 17th centuries

Praça D. Nuno Álvares Pereira (Square)

GPS: 38.310173,-7.702868

April to September

9.30 am – 1 pm / 3 pm – 6.30 pm

October to March

9 am – 12.30 pm / 2 pm – 5.30 pm

Mother Church*

18th – 20th centuries

Largo da Matriz

Open for worship

GPS: 38.308728,-7.704689

Church of Espírito Santo *

16th – 18th centuries

Rua do Espírito Santo

GPS: 38.310744,-7.704407

Church of the Misericórdia*

17th – 18th centuries

Praça D. Nuno Álvares Pereira

GPS: 38.309863,-7.702629

Church of Nossa Senhora do

Socorro / Former Convent of São Paulo*

17th – 18th centuries

Rua de S. Paulo

GPS: 38.310065,-7.707186

Hermitage of São Brás*

16th – 17th centuries

Estrada do Cemitério

Included on Fresco Route

GPS: 38.306650,-7.696039

Hermitage and Church of São Pedro

16th – 18th centuries

GPS: 38.332468,-7.716121

Parish Church of São Lourenço de Alqueva*

13th (?) to 20th centuries

Largo da Igreja

GPS: 38.216118,-7.538194

Parish Church of Nossa Senhora das Neves de Amieira*

13th – 19th centuries

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On the Fresco Route

GPS: 38.295697,-7.580633

* Booking required





ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE HISTORICAL SITES ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

Chapel of São Romão*

17th century

Rua de S. Romão

GPS: 38.287333,-7.558065

Parish Church of São Julião in Monte do Trigo*

20th century

Largo da Igreja

GPS: 38.396155,-7.713560

Mother Church of Nossa Senhora da Assunção in Oriola

21th century

Rua da Cabrita

GPS: 38.319432,-7.864049

Mother Church in Santana*

14th (?) – 18th centuries

Largo da Igreja

GPS: 38.267113,-7.800779

Parish Church of São Bartolomeu do Outeiro*

14th (?) – 18th centuries

Largo da Igreja

GPS: 38.353738,-7.908743

Parish Church of São Pedro in Vera Cruz*

7th (?) – 19th centuries

Largo da Igreja

Monument of Public Interest

GPS: 38.229219,-7.680867

* Booking required



ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

AMIEIRA

Dolmen of Torrejona

Right bank of the Degebe/ near the Alqueva reservoir

GPS: 38.267769,-7.517181

S. BARTOLOMEU DO OUTEIRO

Site of Mosteiros

6th (?) – 8th centuries

Right bank of the River Oriola/ near the Alvito reservoir

GPS: 38.309298,-7.885228





LEISURE FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The county of Portel has the infrastructures to offer excellent conditions for sports and leisure activities. The reservoirs of Alqueva and Alvito are perfect for water sports, such as canoeing or windsurfing; and there are also river beaches, municipal swimming pools (open air and indoor), a fitness circuit and minigolf – just some of the facilities on offer for the visitor.

There are also pleasant parks and green spaces, compulsory in the summer for anyone seeking the coolness of the shade.

When it is less hot, you might like to go for a walk or bicycle ride, or you can simply let time go by exploring corners of the mountains and appreciating the beauty of the landscape.

Fishing in the reservoirs and hunting in the game reserves are also alternatives for those who appreciate such sports.

Visitors may also appreciate the traditional food of the region, prepared in the various restaurants in the county. If you are staying overnight, there are many hotels that will put you up in comfort.

River Beach of Amieira

Bathing season - June to September

GPS: 38.291079,-7.559371

Municipal Indoor Swimming Pools

Rua de S. Paulo – Portel

GPS: 38.310600,-7.708295

Closed: sunday, monday and public holidays

October to June - tuesday to friday:

8pm – 1pm / 2pm - 10pm

Saturdays: 9am – 1pm / 3pm – 6pm

Closed from July to September

*Timetable subject to changing

Municipal Open Air Swimming Pools

Rua das Piscinas Municipais - Portel

GPS: 38.311076,-7.707299

Closed: Monday

July to September: 10am – 8pm

Cerca de S. Paulo - Park

Rua das Piscinas Municipais - Portel

GPS: 38.311076,-7.707299

October to June: 8am – 7pm

July to September: 8am – 12pm

Matriz Park

Rua dos Bombeiros Voluntários de Portel

GPS: 38.308404,-7.706005

Dr. França Park

Rua do Parque Dr. França - Portel

GPS: 38.304444,-7.701967

Rossio Park

Fitness Circuit and picnic park - Portel

GPS: 38.299993,-7.697073

Minigolf Course

Rossio Park - Portel

ADA (Social support association) – Portel's Community Center

Rua da Vidigueira

Phone.: +351 266 619 177

GPS: 38.301683,-7.697137

Closed: sundays and public holidays

monday and thursday:

10am – 2pm / 4pm – 10pm

tuesday, wednesday and friday:

4pm – 10pm

saturday:

10am – 1pm / 4pm – 8pm



CULTURAL SPACES

Municipal Auditorium

Rua dos Bombeiros Voluntários de Portel

Phone: +351 266 611 106

Site: www.facebook.com/auditorio.portel

GPS: 38.309466,-7.707828

Monday to Sunday: please check our monthly events calendar

Portel Municipal Library

Cerca de S. Paulo - Portel

Phone: +351 266 612 078

E-mail: biblioteca@portel.pt

GPS: 38.310574,-7.707351

Closed on Sundays

Winter

mondays: 2 pm – 7 pm

tuesday to friday: 10 am – 7 pm

Saturdays: 10 am – 3 pm

Summer

mondays: 3 pm – 8 pm

tuesday to friday: 10 am – 8 pm

Saturdays: 10 am – 3 pm

Chapel of Santo António – Exhibition Space

Praça D. Nuno Álvares Pereira

Phone: +351 266 619 032

GPS: 38.310173,-7.702868

Open every day

April to September 9.30 am – 1 pm

3 pm – 6.30 pm

October to March 9 am – 12.30 pm

2 pm – 5.30 pm

BOLOTA – Thematic Pavilion

Rua 1º de Maio – Portel

Phone: +351 266 611 298

GPS: 38.304294,-7.697724

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday to Sunday: 10 am – 1 pm

2.30 pm – 6 pm

Information and booking:

Câmara Municipal de Portel – Tourism Department

Phone: +351 266 619 030/35

E-mail: turismo@portel.pt

Castle's House

Cultural Space

Rua de S. Tiago, 21 – Portel

GPS: 38.310309,-7.702854

Interpretation Center of Nature and the Oak Forest – S. Pedro

E-mail: turismo@portel.pt

GPS: 38.332468,-7.716121

Medronho Museum

Herdade do Monte de Santos

Phone: +351 266 637 044

E-mail: geral@museudomedronho.pt

Site: www.museudomedronho.pt

GPS: 38.21566,-7.544759

Parish Museum

Rua do Espírito Santo – Portel

Phone: +351 266 612 253

GPS: 38.310481,-7.703373

monday to friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

2 pm – 5.30 pm

Visits on weekends on request

Portel Artistic Association

Rua do Álamo

Phone: +351 266 087 683

GPS: 38.309691,-7.704092

tuesday to thursday: 8.30 pm – 1 am

friday and saturday: 8.30 pm – 3 am





TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS

When the summer comes, the county is flooded with people from outside, such as the many local people that have immigrated, but return each year for the traditional festivals, usually dedicated to the patron saint of each village. Then, there are processions to the music of the Philharmonic Band and fireworks that light up the sky; bulls are set free through the streets of the villages; and there is folklore. These are festive days, with something for all tastes. There is also bullfighting, for fans of the festa brava, during the traditional festivals of Amieira.

A very special ritual, and one which is deeply engrained in the hearts of the people, is the devotion to the Santo Lenho (Holy Cross), which takes place in the ancient church of Vera Cruz for the duration of the festivities there.

ALQUEVA

Festivals in honour of the Santíssimo Sacramento, São Lourenço and Santo António
Date: October

AMIEIRA

Festivals in honour of São Romão, São Sebastião and Nossa Senhora das Neves
Date: 3rd Weekend in September

MONTE DO TRIGO

Festivals in honour of São Julião
Date: August/September

ORIOLA

Anniversary Party of Sports Group
Date: July/August

SANTANA

Festival in honour of Santa Ana
Date: August

S. BARTOLOMEU DO OUTEIRO

Festival in honour of São Bartolomeu
Date: August

VERA CRUZ

Festival in honour of the Santo Lenho (Holy Cross)
Date: 13th to 14th September





CULTURAL EVENTS

Many cultural events take place in Portel throughout the year. In March or April is time to taste a “thousand and one varieties of açorda” in the Gastronomy Congress - Açordas. There are festivities during the month of August, when the town is filled with colour, dancing and singing from the groups taking part in the International Folk Festival; at the same time, the town also hosts Portelaves, one of the biggest bird shows in the country. The approach of the end of the year is marked by a very special event, the Feira do Montado (Oak Fair), which is when Portel completely devotes itself to its role as “Capital of the Oak Groves”.

Congresso das Açordas

Gastronomy congress

March / April

Venue: Municipal Auditorium /
Bus Terminal of Portel

Festa com Livros

March / April

Venue: Municipal Auditorium

Portel + Jovem

July

Site: Rossio Park

International Music Festival of Portel

July

Venue: Municipal Auditorium

International Folk Festival

1st fortnight in August

Site: Parque Dr. França

Mostra de Actividades Económicas

Trade and Craft Fair

2nd fortnight in August

Site: Cerca de S. Paulo

Portelaves - Bird Show

2nd fortnight of August

Site: Cerca de S. Paulo

Medieval Fair (biennial)

September / October

Site: Parque da Matriz

Feira do Montado

The Oak Fair

End of November

Site: Tapada dos Arcos





FEIRA DO MONTADO THE OAK FAIR

The mountains of Portel contain some of the most interesting oak groves in the region, occupying more than half of the county's woodlands.

The great range of resources offered by the oak groves is reflected in the variety of products produced. Some, such as cork, are very valuable; but there is also timber, firewood and coal, and food products like honey and mushrooms. There are also many activities associated with this environment, such as animal rearing, hunting and nature tourism.

Given the potential that the oak grove represents for the development of the region, the year 2000 saw the start of the Feira do Montado (Oak Fair), an event which has become an important way of valuing these resources, economically, environmentally, culturally and scientifically.

It includes a display of local handicrafts and regional products; there are stands devoted to animal rearing activities and the chance to sample local cuisine. Cork, of course, occupies the position of honor.

There are also colloquies, lectures, and presentations of projects on the subject, all of which contribute to the growing internationalization of the event.

Alongside these initiatives, there are various forms of entertainment, such as theatre, activities for children, folk music, traditional Alentejo folk music, and concerts by important names from the national music scene. These activities fill the days and the evenings of the Feira do Montado (Oak Fair), attracting a wide variety of people.

At the end of November, all roads lead to Portel, the "Capital of the Oak Groves".





CONGRESSO DAS AÇORDAS GASTRONOMY CONGRESS

The Gastronomy Congress - Açordas is an event that intends to call attention to one of the most emblematic and original dishes of Alentejo's gastronomy – the Açorda (a kind of bread-based stew). It is a forum, a space of sharing and debating a wide range of issues related to our gastronomic heritage.

Happening at the same time, there's a Gastronomic and Regional Products Fair, where you can taste all of the "thousand and one varieties of Açorda" that Portel has to offer.

Exhibitions, contests, fado and Alentejo's traditional folk music will fill your days and nights during the Açordas Congress, in the end of March.

Every year, this event attracts thousands of visitors.





GASTRONOMY

The range of cuisine on offer in the county of Portel is rich and varied. There are a thousand and one varieties of açorda (a kind of bread-based stew) and soup, as many as the imagination will allow - açordas and soups made with dogfish, garlic; others of purslane, tomatoes, broad beans, and still others with fried meat, depending on the season of the year. All of them of course make use of the magnificent olive oil from Portel, an essential ingredient.

In winter, pork is an important component of the migas (or bread soups), boiled stews with chickpeas or rechina (pig-blood soups). After a pig killing, pork offal prepared with blood is the compulsory dish, as are the various kinds of high-quality sausages and blood sausages. As this is a region of game, you should not miss the chance to try out the many dishes based upon venison, wild boar, rabbit, hare and partridge.

The local people also retain some traditional habits, such as, in February and March, collecting cilarcas, a variety of mushroom that is a compulsory ingredient in the calducho (kind of migas with cod and pennyroyal), and in the lamb stews. Herbs like pennyroyal or river mint are precious condiments for dishes prepared with river fish.

Cheeses made of goats' and sheep's milk, and honey, are other specialties of the county. There are also regional sweets, such as the famous puff pastry cakes filled with chila (a kind of gourd); the bolo podre (literally 'rotten cake') of Portel, honey cake, pupias (cakes made of flour, eggs and lard) and biscuits. There are also fried sweets, like filhoses, pastéis de grão (corn pastries), borrachos or bêbados – prepared for Christmas and at Carnival, alongside sweet rice, which completes a vast range of irresistible specialties.





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MONTE DO TRIGO

O Oásis

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GPS: 38.396825,-7.716161

ORIOLA

O Camponês

Bairro da Cabrita – Rua do Camponês

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GPS: 38.307878,-7.704236

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Site: www.cozinhadaboim.com

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Casa da Açorda

Parque da Matriz

Cell.: +351 934 839 078

GPS: 38.308829,-7.705359





OLIVE OIL

Olive oil is an essential ingredient in Alentejo cuisine and has been present in the habits and customs of the south since time immemorial. The production of this "sacred oil" is therefore very important for the local economy of Portel county.

Portel olive oil is of unrivalled quality. It is made from the Galician variety of olive, which predominates in the olive groves around the Portel Mountains, and which give it its special taste and aroma.

The oil is extracted by the Portel Agricultural Cooperative. The modern system of extraction, with careful control of temperature and hygiene, not to mention the high quality of the olives, ensure that the final product is of excellent quality and extremely pure, with a low acidity level.

S. Pedro olive oil is a certified product, which has been distinguished at a number of competitions, both in Portugal and abroad. It was awarded 1st and 2nd Prize at the National Virgin Olive Oil Fair (Olivomoura) in 1999; the Certificate of Quality at the International Medal for Quality (Swiss Gold Medal for Quality) in 1987, and 1st Prize at the 1st Fair of Agricultural Municipalities in 2001. S. Pedro olive oil is marketed as Denomination of Origin, Extra Virgin 0.5° and Extra Virgin 0.7°.



Portel Agricultural Cooperative

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Guided tours to the olive press,
subject to prior booking
GPS: 38.182407,-7.423320

With the Lake of Alqueva, a new reality arises in the region with the new irrigated olive groves. Olivais do Sul is a new brand of olive oil, it's located in the parish of Monte do Trigo.

It is through modern techniques of cultivation and methods of integrated production in the field that the olives are collected at optimum time of maturation with the highest quality. In the modern press, equipped with modern technology, the olive oil is extracted in the "cold", guaranteeing the preservation of its aromas and its antioxidant properties, resulting in an olive oil of superior quality and unique aromas.



Olivais do Sul

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HONEY

Thanks to the wealth and diversity of the flora in the Portel mountains and the very favourable weather conditions, Portel honey, that “golden thread”, has very special characteristics and is of excellent quality.

It is French lavender (*Lavandula stoechas*), an aromatic plant that predominates throughout the mountain region, that gives this honey its characteristic flavour. It is light yellow in colour, clear and shiny, with a slightly mentholated aroma and a smooth sweet taste, characteristics which make it much appreciated. This honey enters the Honey Contest held in August. Come and taste this precious nectar from Portel.

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José Francisco Gonçalves Dourado

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GPS: 38.266478,-7.705803

Joaquim José Aires Pinto

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Monte Cruz

The excellent Monte Cruz wines are produced at the Monte do Outeiro winery, near Portel village.

The following wines are currently on the market: Passos Reais Branco (white); Tem Avondo Tinto (red); Monte Cruz Branco e Tinto (white and red).

Guided tours to cellars and wine tasting sessions are also available, subject to prior booking.

Herdade do Outeiro, Apartado 12 – Portel

Phone: +351 266 677 151

Fax: +351 266 677 237

Cell.: +351 917 283 554/ 965 722 440

E-mail: montecruz@sapo.pt

GPS: 38.308472,-7.805916

Joaquim José de Aires Pinto

The excellent Fonte dos Velhos wines are produced at the Vale de João Nunes winery. The following reds are currently on the market: Fonte dos Velhos Selected Vintage; Fonte dos Velhos Aragonês; Alentejo regional wine; Vale João Nunes.

Awards: Fonte dos Velhos Regional Wine 2002 – Runner-up at the World Wine Contest (Estoril 2004); Fonte dos Velhos Aragonês 2003 – 3rd Prize in the Alentejo contest of bottled wines in 2005.

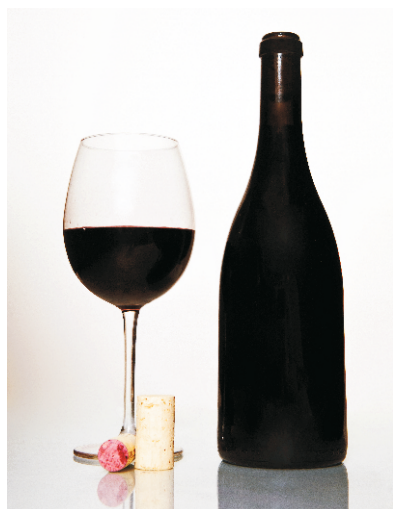
Guided tours to the cellars and wine tasting sessions are also available, subject to prior booking.

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HANDICRAFT

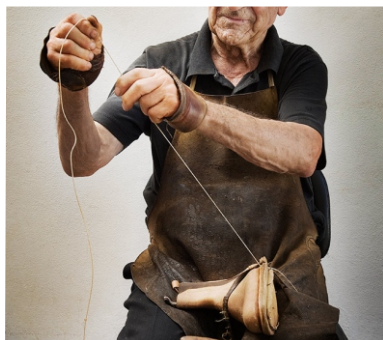
Handicrafts are the testimony to the habits and customs of a people, as seen in the preparation of objects for daily life. Cork utensils, such as the cochos for drinking fresh water from the drinking fountains and tarros, for carrying food to work; wooden spoons and forks, hand-carved by shepherds with a pocket knife - these are just some examples of the handicrafts that are still produced in the municipality, namely in the parish of Santana. Wrought iron is produced in Portel. In the village of Alqueva, which has given its name to the great dam, we can also find boots (botas caneleiras) in goatskin or cowhide, made in the traditional fashion.

Cork is of course the prize material, used in a great majority of the objects produced in the county - scarcely surprising, since this is a region of oak groves, where the cork oak predominates.

Other crafts on offer in the county include hand painted tiles; pewter work, painting on pottery and glass, and lacework.

LEATHER AND SKINS

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E-mail: jpgaudencio@gmail.com
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HANDICRAFT

CORK

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Travessa do Moinho, 2 – Santana
Phone: +351 266 687 257
GPS: 38.268882,-7.803394



WOOD AND WICKERWORK

Joaquim António Delfino
Rua do Forno, 4 – Oriola
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OTHER DECORATIVE ARTS

Lembra-te de Mim - Maria José Oliveira
(Tile and pottery painting)
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ACCOMMODATION

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ALQUEVA

Alqueva Hostel - AL*

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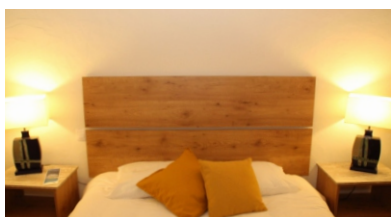
Herdade Monte da Tapada - AL*

Courela da Tapada

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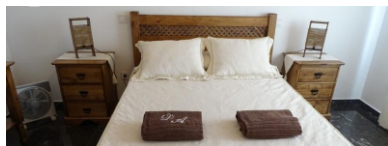
Rua 25 de Abril, 11

Phone: + 351 266 637 035

+ 351 961 316 965

E-mail: mmadagarcia@gmail.com

GPS: 38.216655,-7.538570



AMIEIRA

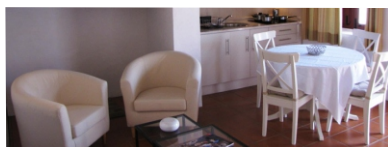
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Aldeia do Lago - TER*

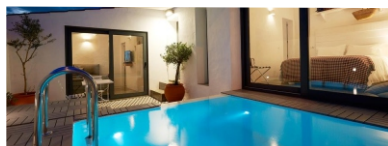
Reception – Rua de S. Romão, 22

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E-mail: reservas@aldeiadolago.pt

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C'Alma - AL* / TER*

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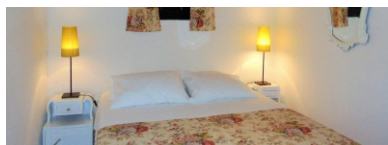
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Cell.: + 351 910 385 676

E-mail: geral@calma.pt

Site: www.calma.pt

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GPS: 38.285357,-7.555167



ACCOMMODATION



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GPS: 38.309393,-7.708868



Casas do Montado - TER*

Rua de Évora, 25

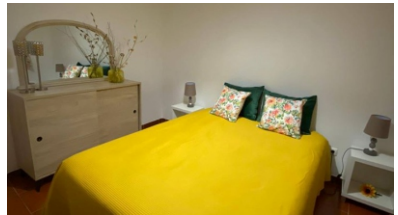
Phone / Fax: 266 087 165

Cell.: + 351 917 629 261 / 937 114 930

E-mail: casasdomontado@hotmail.com

Site: www.casasdomontado.com

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A Casa d'Avó Chica - AL*

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Encosta do Castelo - AL*

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E-mail: geral.encosta@gmail.com

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Matriz Guest House - AL*

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Cell.: + 351 919 318 528 / 961 31 4283

E-mail: geral@casamatriz.com.pt

Site: www.casamatriz.com.pt

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 GPS: 38.225509,-7.679833



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 E-mail: sofia.mbm@gmail.com
 GPS: 38.229596,-7.680554

CARAVANS SERVICE AREAS

PORTEL

Loteamento Horta da Cruz
 Cross street Dr. António Galhordas
 (between the Firefight Department and the
 GNR -National Guard)
 7 places/ leisure área with picnic park
 gray water dump/ chemical WC - Open 24h
 GPS: 38.306015,-7.707898



Herdade de Vale de Cabras - TER*
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 Phone: + 351 266 098 294
 Cell.: + 351912 489 592
 E-mail: reservas@herdadevaledecabras.pt
 Site: www.herdadevaledecabras.pt
 GPS: 38.324160,-7.681965

ALQUEVA

Rua da Moura
 (next to the Community center of Alqueva)
 gray water dump/ chemical WC - Open 24h
 GPS: 38.214409 - 7.538824

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Timetable

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2 pm – 5.30 pm

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October to March

9 am – 12.30pm / 2pm – 5.30pm

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Rua dos Combatentes da Grande Guerra, 42
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