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Torres Novas originated on a hilltop overlooking the Almonda River, where a castle was built, the symbol of its soul. The meanders of the river, which encircle the historical centre of the old town, give it a unique character.

The surrounding natural conditions, most significantly the Almonda River which originates from a spring in the Serra d' Aire mountain range near the villages of Casais Martanes and Almonda, together with the mountain itself, an area of solid limestone, and the Mediterranean climate, all contribute to an array of sport activities and nature tourism.

The collection of monuments and museums one can visit is proof of the wealth and diversity of the historical and cultural torrejano heritage.

Across the territory of the municipality of Torres Novas, as it is today, there are signs of prehistoric human occupation, as proven by the innumerable archeological finds which confirm the existence of lithic industries in the region.

The Romans also left their mark on the torrejano territory and the name of the city derives from the castle which was originally the remains of a primitive Roman construction. The Arabs, who were here for centuries, left their mark in toponymy and in hydraulics relating to agriculture. It was not until 1190 that the castle, having been conquered various times, was finally taken by Dom Sancho I who then reconstructed the castle and granted the town its charter, thus creating the municipality.

In 1273, D. Afonso III created the Torres Novas fair as it was then an important medieval village. As one of the country's oldest fairs, it was also one of the most important fairs in the kingdom for centuries. On three occasions the ancient town was venue to the Royal Courts, entertaining future prominent figures in the field of medicine, cosmography and literature.

During the French invasions, General Massena installed his headquarters in the town, leaving a trail of destruction and looting.

The town flourished again during the industrialization period (end of the 18th century to the second third of the 19th century), becoming an economic and industrial centre for the extensive region.

In 1985, Torres Novas was upgraded and classified as a city. Now, at the beginning of the 21st century, it presents itself as a modern city, embracing the future whilst maintaining an important role in the region.

The municipality of Torres Novas, situated in the northern part of the Ribatejo district in the centre of the country, benefits from its strategic location and communication network which permit rapid connections with the country's main cities as well as Spain.

In an endeavour to create regional cohesion, innumerable projects and initiatives have been carried out throughout the torrejano municipality. The quality of life of its population has been enriched by a programme of social and cultural developments, notably the construction of the new library and the Palácio dos Desportos (sports complex) as well as the restoration work on the castle, the surrounding area and the city's historical centre.

Today, Torres Novas is seen as a prominent centre in the Santarém region. Modern, dynamic and innovative, leading the way in urban culture and with evident potential for tourism, the torrejano municipality reveals a promising future.



And here is Torres Novas, so near to . . .

So near to the North, so near to the South, the "Gateway to the North" from Lisbon and the "0 Km" starting position to Europe!

Surrounded by natural beauty and rich in historical heritage, there is evidence that once it was home to the "Neanderthal Man", as witnessed in the Almonda Caves.

Yes . . . we are in the centre of the country, with excellent access routes to and from all major motorways.

Surprise yourselves by visiting us.

You will be surprised by the difference, which we are proud of and have always stood by: our history, culture, fairs and events; our gastronomy, cultural and artistic outlook, the nights filled with entertainment for the young and, last but not least, our hospitality.

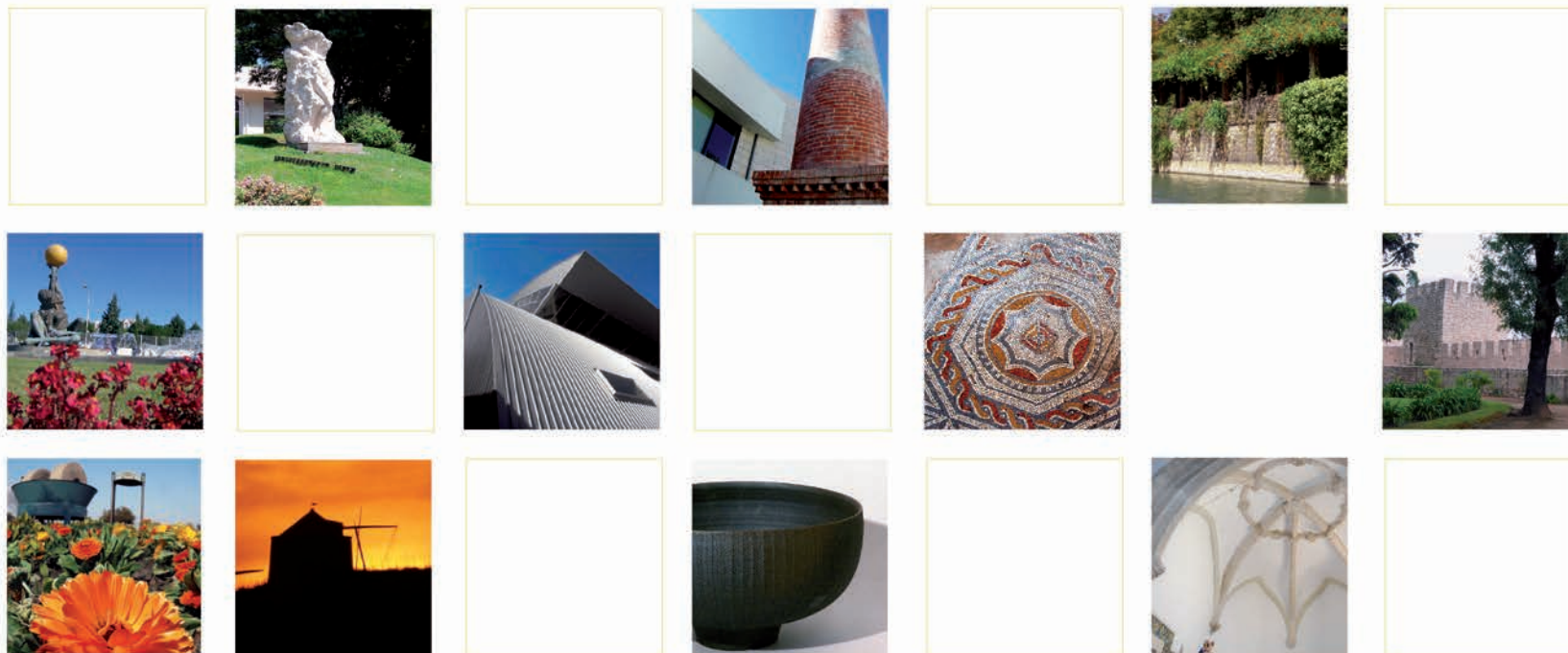
Participate in the magic and get a taste of life in this part of the Ribatejo, which will be enriched by your presence.

President of the Town Hall



Pedro Paulo Ramos Ferreira

Torres Novas an inspiration to discover



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1 Torres Novas Castle [National Monument]



Fortress of medieval military architecture, it was rebuilt by the order of Dom Sancho I following the final conquest (1190) of the municipal territory from the Moors.

Enclosed within the castle's walls with its eleven towers and the mayor's residence (14th century), is a pleasant and well kept garden.

It has undergone restoration work on several occasions, most importantly during the period of D. Sancho I, D. Fernando and more recently, in 1940, to commemorate the centenary of Independence and Restoration.

The city's ex-libris was classified as a National Monument on 16th June 1910 and a restoration project introducing new pedestrian and recreation areas has enhanced both the monument and its surroundings, ensuring that the history of Torres Novas' most impressive monument be kept alive and providing means for the local people and visitors to enjoy the wonderful views of the city.

Address: Rua General António César de Vasconcelos Correia, 2350-421 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.8"N 8°32'25.4"W

Tel: (+351) 249 813 019 Email: turismo@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt Opening Hours: Open every day 9:00 - 17:00

Castle Shop Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:30 Location: Historical Centre Free entrance to the Castle / Gardens

The Town Hall of Torres Novas does not have a programme of guided tours around the Castle. Therefore all group visits are the responsibility of the accompanying tour guides.





2 Villa Cardílio Roman Ruins [National Monument]



Located 5 kms from the city, this archaeological site of Roman ruins is the most prominent evidence of the Roman presence in our municipality. Excavation work on the site was first carried out in 1963, revealing a series of foundations, pillar bases and decorative pavements with a variety of "tesserae" patterns belonging to an old Roman villa and consisting of three main elements: entrance, peristyle and exedra.

Many relics were discovered during excavation, including coins from the 2nd to 4th century D.C., items in bronze and iron, ceramics and a statue of Eros in Carrara marble.

Villa Cardílio was classified as a National Monument on 24th January, 1967.

Address: Estrada Municipal de Santo António da Caveira, 2350-482 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°27'10.61"N 8°31'43.98"W
Tel: (+351) 249 812 535 | (+351) 936 669 046 Email: museu.municipal@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt
<http://museu.cm-torresnovas.pt> Facebook: www.facebook.com/MMCarlosReis Opening Hours: Every day 10:00 - 12:30 / 13:30 - 17:00 Closed: Bank Holidays Visits: Guided tours available - previous booking required Location: 5 km (approx.) from city
Free entrance



3 Lapas Caves

Just 2 km from the city can be found a labyrinth of galleries excavated from the rock underneath the typical houses and streets of the village of Lapas. The caves, which gave the village its name, are a group of underground tunnels, classified as a Site of Public Interest since 1943. The galleries accessible to the public are only part of a network covering most of the area beneath the mound on which the village stands. The geological nature of the ground - soft limestone known as “tufo” - explains how relatively easy it was for man to sculpture this unique archeological gem all those years ago.

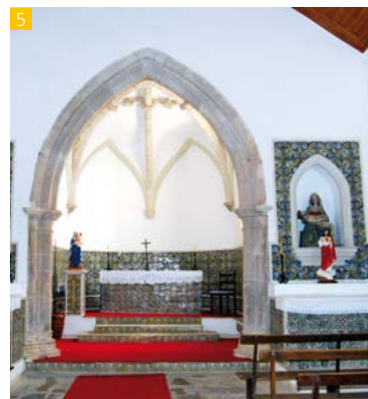
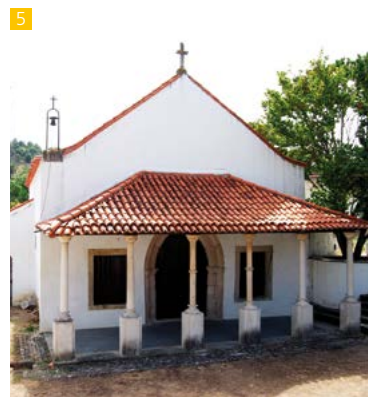
Address: Rua José Mota e Silva (Largo das Catacumbas), 2350-124 Lapas GPS Coordinates: 39°29'34.58"N 8°33'14.40"W
Visits: Please enquire beforehand on either of the following numbers: (+351) 249 813 939 União das Freguesias de Torres Novas - São Pedro, Lapas e Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 - 16:30 (+351) 249 836 709 Lapas Parish Headquarters Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00 Email: fregspedrolapasribbranca@gmail.com
Location: 2 km (approx.) from the city | Free entrance

4 Pena Windmills

Located in the area of Pena and Charruada, a group of twelve windmills collectively form a prominent feature on the landscape. These mills were once the livelihood of those who depended on artisanal milling at a time when it was an economical activity. In 1965 the windmills ceased operating and in 1992 the local community took the initiative to restore seven of the mills for the purposes of tourism.

Address: Rua dos Moinhos da Pena 2350-011, Assentis GPS Coordinates: 39°35'33.0"N 8°32'00.2"W
Mobile: (+351) 968 464 788 | (+351) 963 166 290 Email: mexudas@iol.pt
Opening Hours: Bar open day every day 14:00 - 24:00 (meals available with previous booking) Location: 16 km (approx.) from city





5 Vale Chapel

Initially built between the years 660 and 715, this is thought to be the oldest temple in the municipality. Throughout the centuries it has been subjected to various restorations. Of significant interest is its entrance porch and the simplicity of its Romanic style from the Visigothic period. In its interior, the most outstanding features are the sculptures made from polychrome stone and the 17th century tiles brought from the Monseratte Chapel in Meia Via. The chapel was classified as a Site of Public Interest on 19th February 2002.

Address: Rua Nossa Senhora do Vale, 2350-815 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°29'07.1"N 8°32'07.8"W

Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt

Closed to the public Location: City

Free entrance

6 Church of Santiago

According to the legend, Dom Afonso Henriques had the chapel built and consecrated to Santiago in 1148, with the further construction of a church in 1203 by order of Dom Sancho I. The altar and altarpiece are exquisite with gilded and intricately embellished wood carvings from the 18th century. Consisting of four lateral chapels, the one that most stands out is that of Senhor Jesus dos Lavradores, decorated with symbols depicting passion and where Antão Mogo de Melo Carrilho and Ângela Sigêa de Velasco, illustrious torrejanos, lay to rest.

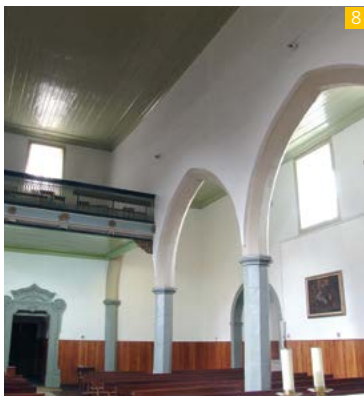
Address: Adro de Santiago, n.º 6, 2350-547 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'41.0"N 8°32'25.8"W

Tel: (+351) 249 823 042 Parish Rectory

Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688

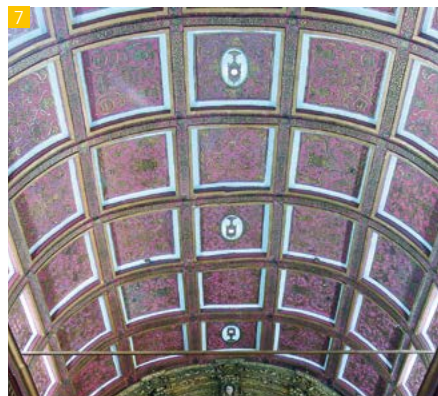
Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt Opening Hours: Every day from 9:00 to 18:00 Location: Historical centre | Free entrance



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7 Church of Salvador

It is thought that the church dates back to the 13th century, having subsequently undergone intensive restoration work during the 17th and 18th centuries. Of notable importance are the 17th century tiles lining the interior walls and the exquisite gilded wood carvings which adorn the main and side altars.

Address: Largo do Salvador, 2350-415 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'46.44"N 8°32'16.95"W

Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688

Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt

Opening Hours: Wednesday at 9:30 for Worship Service

Location: Historical Centre | Free Entrance

8 Church of São Pedro

Built in the third quarter of the 14th century, it is thought to have been the work of Diogo Gonçalves Pimentel. Destroyed by the earthquake in 1755, it was subsequently rebuilt and yet again in the 19th century as a result of damage caused by the French invasion. Consisting of three naves, it has a triumphal arch in ashlar masonry with the insignia of São Pedro and the main chapel has a semicircular vault lined with 17th century polychrome tiles.

Address: Largo de S. Pedro, 2350-755 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.5"N 8°32'32.6"W

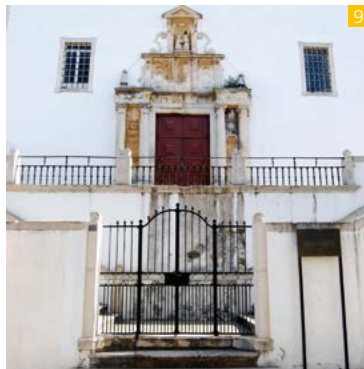
Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688

Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt Opening Hours: Saturday at 18:00 for Worship Service, Sunday and religious holidays at 12:00

Location: Historical Centre | Free Entrance



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9 Church of Misericórdia

A symbolic monument of the city's heritage, it is thought that the construction of the Igreja da Misericórdia began in the middle of the 16th century, taking two centuries to complete all the adornments and decorations. Its most distinguishing features are the Renaissance entrance porch and ceiling, the rostrum, the altarpieces of gilded woodcarving and the crib made in Machado de Castro's workshop. It is also worth mentioning the Manueline style door situated outside the building. The church was classified as a Site of Public Interest on 3rd January 1986.

Address: Praça 5 de Outubro, 2350-418 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.1"N 8°32'25.9"W

Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand

on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday for Worship Service at 18:00

(Doors open at 17:00) Location: Historical Centre

Free Entrance

10 Church of Nossa Senhora da Graça

Situated in the centre of the village of Lapas, the church was built in 1550, partially rebuilt in 1883 and extended in 1963. It features blue and yellow tiles, typical of the 17th century, forming an ashlar in the nave and chancel. The triumphal arch of the chancel is flanked by two altars with magnificent altarpieces of gilded woodcarvings from the 17th century. Featuring in the altarpiece of the righthand altar is the beautiful wooden statue of Nossa Senhora da Vitória com o Menino (Our Lady of Victory with Son), believed to have been discovered in the caves in Lapas. Beneath the throne, one can see a low relief in stone from the 15th century, portraying the Crucifixion of Christ amidst two angels.

Address: Largo da Igreja, 2350-111 Lapas

GPS Coordinates: 39°29'33.8"N 8°33'12.8"W

Visits: Contact the Parish Rectory beforehand on (+351) 249

823 041 or União das Freguesias de Torres Novas – São Pedro,

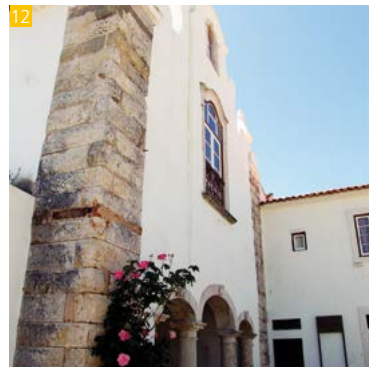
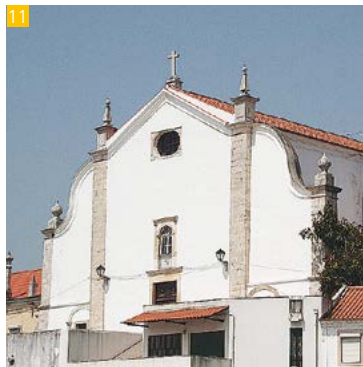
Lapas and Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) on (+351) 249

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 18:30 / Sunday for

Worship Service at 12:15 Location: 2 km (approx.) from the city

Free Entrance



11 Church of Nossa Senhora do Carmo

Built in 1558, the Nossa Senhora do Carmo Church was part of the old S. Gregório Magno Convent. The church, considered to be the biggest in the city of Torres Novas, features a semicircular vault with 91 ceiling panels and four lateral chapels. Of significant interest is the triumphal round arch in the chancel bearing a coat of arms of the Almeidas and the Novais on its vertex, together with the 17th century tiles. In 1866 under the reign of King D. Luís I, the convent was handed over to the Misericórdia (a charity institution) for a hospital to be installed on its premises, where it functioned from the end of 1882 until September, 2000. The church is classified as a Site of Public Interest.

Address: Largo das Forças Armadas, 2350-773 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'53.27"N 8°32'09.02"W

Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand

(+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Sunday & religious holidays at 10:30 for Worship

Service Location: City

Free Entrance

12 Chapel of the Convent of Santo António

The chapel of the now extinct St. António Convent, built in 1593, plays an important role in Torres Novas' historic and architectonic heritage. In addition to its distinctive porch, its interior walls are lined with murals of figurines representing the lives of St. Francisco and St. António and made of tiles from the Fábrica do Juncal, a ceramic factory no longer in existence. Another example of its artistic assets can be found in the Carlos Reis Municipal Museum - a wooden altarpiece, carved by António Campelo and named *Adoração dos Pastores* (Shepherds' Worship).

Address: Rua da Capela de Santo António, 2350-558 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'26.74"N 8°32'49.05"W

Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand

on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt

Closed to the public Location: City

Free Entrance





13 Church of Nossa Senhora da Conceição

Situated in Ribeira Branca and built in the 17th century, the interior of this church features panels of blue and yellow tiles painted with simple designs of various saints, a style typical of that period. Its two lateral chapels have altars and altarpieces in 18th century woodcarving whereas the altarpiece of the high altar is of gilded woodcarving from the 18th century.

Address: Largo de N.ª Sr.ª da Conceição, 2350-395 Ribeira Branca

GPS Coordinates: 39°29'27.1"N 8°34'34.1"W

Visits: Contact Ribeira Branca Parish Headquarter beforehand on (+351) 249 831 869, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00 or União das Freguesias de Torres Novas - São Pedro, Lapas and Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) on (+351) 249 813 939, Monday to Friday 8:30 - 16:30

Email: fregspedrolapasribbranca@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Sunday for Worship Service at 16:00

Location: 4 km (approx.) from the city

Free Entrance



14 Chapel of São Sebastião

Situated in Zibreira, the church was built in the 17th century and consecrated to São Sebastião. It has a wealth of 17th century tiles, boasting five polychromatic panels and the altarpiece of the high altar is of intricately decorated gilded wood carving. Of notable importance is its artistic and precious silver communion ostensorium, with stand and uppermost part from the 18th century, its central part from the 16th century and wafer-box set in a double colonnade.

Address: Largo de S. Sebastião de Zibreira, 2350-840 Zibreira

GPS Coordinates: 39°29'05.0"N 8°36'13"W

Tel: (+351) 249 831 143 (Parish Rectory)

Visits: Contact the Parish António Frango beforehand on (+351) 967 903 792

Opening Hours: Sunday for Worship Service at 10:00

Location: 7 km (approx.) from the city

Free Entrance



15 Vargos Chapel | Santa Ana Chapel

The chapel is part of the Vargos manor house, a distinguished rural residence of the 18th century which has been converted into tourism in a manor house. It is rectangular in design with a semicircular vault and the chancel decorated with an altarpiece in gilded wood, carved in a "national style". In the upper part of the chapel, tiles portray scenes of the life of Santa Ana, contrasting with the profane scenes depicted in the tiles of the lower part.

Address: Largo de Sant'Ana, Vargos 2350-202 Vila do Paço

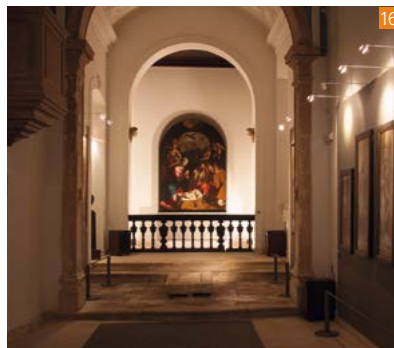
GPS Coordinates: 39°32'43.0"N 8°30'29.1"W

Visits: Contact Casa dos Vargos beforehand on (+351) 249 791 159 or

(+351) 936 272 822 Email: geral@casadosvargos.pt Site: www.casadosvargos.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday 9:30 - 19:00 (May - Sept.) | 9:30 - 17:00

(October to April) Worship Service: May, July & August - 4th Saturday of the month at 19:00 Location: 10 km (approx.) from the city | Free Entrance



16 Carlos Reis Municipal Museum

It was in 1937 that Gustavo Pinto Lopes opened the museum, which is now installed in the Casa Mogo de Melo, a building classified as Municipal Public Interest.

In addition to a permanent collection, its programme includes temporary exhibitions and the retrieving and restoring of materials, investigating their history and local heritage. Not only does the museum boast an important collection of paintings of the Mestre Carlos Reis, a prominent artist in Portuguese naturalism, it also exhibits innumerable artistic and archaeological items of patrimonial wealth, on display in the permanent exhibitions dedicated to prehistory, sacred art and the Romanization within the municipality of Torres Novas, combined with a presentation of local history.

Within the museum, there is an area dedicated to temporary exhibitions where diverse activities are also organized as well as themed exhibitions from its archives.

Address: Rua do Salvador, 10, 2350- 416 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.5"N 8°32'19.3"W

Tel: (+351) 249 812 535 Email: museu.municipal@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt | <http://museu.cm-torresnovas.pt>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MMCarlosReis

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:30 Saturday & Sunday 14:00 - 17:30 (Closed on Monday and Bank Holidays)

Visits: Guided tours, subject to previous booking Location: Historical Centre

Free Entrance

17 Humberto Delgado Memorial House

The Casa Memorial (Memorial House) is located in the main square in Boquilobo and is the birthplace of Humberto Delgado, the "Fearless General". This museological nucleus is dedicated to his political actions in defence of democracy and liberty in Portugal.

Address: Largo General Humberto Delgado, Boquilobo, 2350-051 Brogueira GPS Coordinates: 39°25'40.47"N 8°33'5.61"W

Visits: Contact the Agricultural Museum in Riachos beforehand on (+351) 249 820 499 | (+351) 934 133 079 | (+351) 962 636 580

Email: museuagricoladeriachos@gmail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/CasaMemorialHumbertoDelgado

Location: 8 km (approx.) from the city

Free Entrance (donations welcome)

18 Riachos Agricultural Museum

The Agricultural Museum is situated in Riachos, 6 km from the city. Inaugurated in 1989, it reunites a collection of items representing the traditional way of life of the Riachenses (the local inhabitants) as well as various rural geographical-cultural aspects featuring their transition from a higher ground to the rich agricultural Ribatejo plains. This ethnographic collection highlights such themes as the olive-oil mill and threshing floor, the traditional houses and agricultural machinery, costumes and arts and traditional trades.

Address: Rua Dr. José Marques, 14, 2350-362 Riachos GPS Coordinates: 39°26'34.7"N 8°30'45.0"W

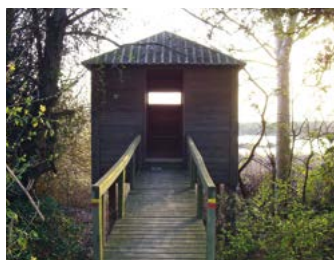
Tel: (+351) 249 820 499 | (+351) 934 133 079 | (+351) 962 636 580 Email: museuagricoladeriachos@gmail.com

Web: www.museuagricoladeriachos.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/.../Museu-Agricola-de-Riachos

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:00 Sunday & Bank Holidays 15:00 - 17:00

Closed: Saturday (except for group visits with previous booking) Location: 6 km (approx.) from the city

Free Entrance (donations welcome)



19 Nature Reserve of Paul do Boquilobo

The Paul do Boquilobo Nature Reserve is located near the confluence of the rivers Almonda and Tagus, approximately 7 km from the city. It is a very humid area, rich in bird wildlife and flora, highlighting the herons and anatídeos, its willows, reeds and aquatic plants. Classified as a Nature Reserve in 1980, this natural 'sanctuary' has been part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO) since 1981 and listed in the Ramsar Convention (the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance) since 1996.

Address: Quinta do Paul do Boquilobo, 2350-334 Brogueira GPS Coordinates: 39°24'29.0"N 8°32'28.1"W

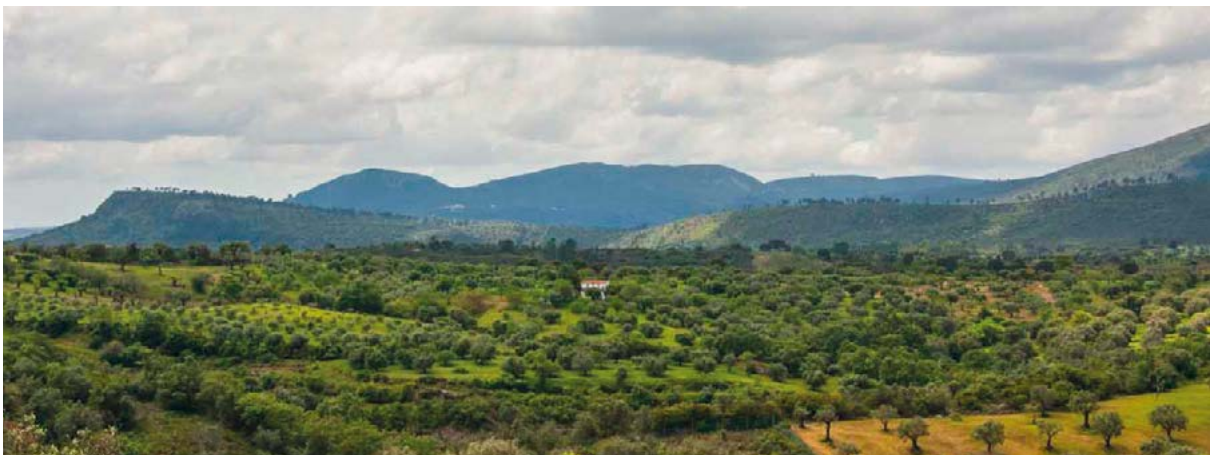
Tel: (+351) 249 820 378 Visits: Contact Department of Nature Conservation and Forest of Lisboa e Vale do Tejo, Nature Reserve of Paul do Boquilobo, CNEMA – Quinta das Cegonhas, Apartado 59, 2001-901 Santarém Tel: (+351) 243 306 530

Email: dcnflvt@icnf.pt | rnpb@icnf.pt Site: www.icnf.pt | www.pauldoboquilobo.pt Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 18:00

Marked pedestrian trail

Location: 12 km (approx.) from the city

Entrance fee applicable



20 Serra d'Aire and Candeeiros Natural Park (PNSAC)

The Natural Park of the Aire and Candeeiro mountain range covers only a small area of terrain within the municipality. It is predominantly known for its wealth, variety and abundance of karstic structures, namely its caves, ravines, dolines and open fields of eroded limestone. Its unique landscape has also been shaped by its inhabitants, using the stone for houses, windmills and dry stone walls.

Serra d'Aire and Candeeiros Natural Park (PNSAC)

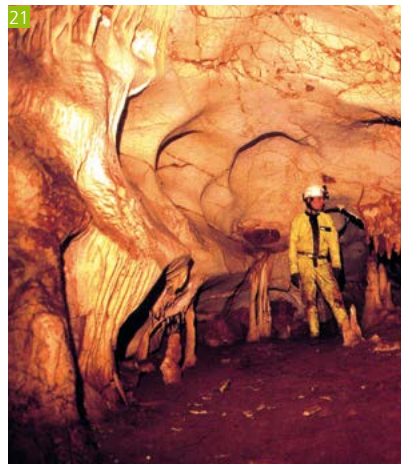
Address: Rua Dr. Augusto César Silva Ferreira, 2040-215 Rio Maior GPS Coordinates: 39°20'12"N 8°56'31"W Tel: (+351) 243 999 480
Email: pnsac@icnf.pt Web: www.icnf.pt Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00
Location: 40 km (approx.) from the city

Ecoteca das Serras d'Aire e Candeeiros (Learning Centre)

Address: Alameda D. Afonso Henriques, n.º 1, 2480-300 Porto de Mós GPS Coordinates: 39°35'54.6"N 8°49'10.3"W Tel: (+351) 244 491 904
Email: ecoteca@gmail.com Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 18:30 Closed: Sunday, Monday, Bank Holidays (and 1st Saturday of each month) Location: 35 km (approx.) from the city

Centre for the Underground Study of the Algar do Pena (CISGAP)

Address: Vale do Mar GPS Coordinates: 39°27'54.8"N 8°48'25.2"W Tel: (+351) 243 400 630 Visits: Contact CISGAP beforehand
Email: maria.martins@icnf.pt | pnsacvisitas@gmail.com Web: www.icnf.pt | www.natural.pt Location: 30 km (approx.) from the city
Entrance fees applicable



21 Almonda Caves

In these caves, we can find the most extensive karstic network known in Portugal, stretching over 10 km and an authentic sanctuary for the nation's speleologists. Its underground streams form the source of the river Almonda.

As regards to cultural heritage, archaeological remains have been discovered dating from the Lower Paleolithic to Roman times. In recognition of their historical and archeological importance, the caves were classified as a Site of Public Interest on 30th November 1993.

GPS Coordinates: 39°30'16.8"N 8°36'52.7"W

Visits: Contact the local speleology and archeology group beforehand

Email: stea.tn@gmail.com



22 Dinosaur Footprints Monument [Natural Monument]

Discovered on 4th July 1994 in a location which was formerly a quarry, this Palaeolithic site covering an area of 60,000 m² is situated on the eastern side of the Aire mountain, about 16 km from the city of Torres Novas.

With extensive dinosaur trails made up of several hundred footprints imprinted in the limestone since the Jurassic Period 175 million years ago, this natural monument is considered to be the most extensive and oldest record of sauropod trails.

Address: Estrada de Fátima, Bairro, 2490-216 Ourém GPS Coordinates: 39°34'21.94"N 8°35'19.30"W

Tel: (+351) 249 530 160 Email: dinossaurios@hotmail.com Web: www.pegadasdedinossaurios.org

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 18:00 (all year) | 21st March to 22nd September, weekends

& Bank Holidays: 10:00-12:30 / 14:00-20:00 Closed: Monday (except on a bank holiday or during August), Christmas

Day and New Year's Day Visits: Guided tours by appointment | marked pedestrian trail

Location: 16 km (approx.) from the city

Entrance fees applicable





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rosas garden



rosas garden



avenida garden



rosas garden

Gardens and parks

Along the left bank of the River Almonda in the centre of Torres Novas, we come across the Avenida Garden. Its leafy trees, climbing plants, esplanades and playgrounds make this a very popular area for both locals and visitors alike. Apart from its romantic appeal, this is a precious place for relaxing, strolling, playing with the children or simply observing the river, which plays an important role in the city's culture.

The Rosas Garden situated on the opposite bank is another excellent recreational area. Inaugurated in 2003, it hosts the city's annual festivities as well as various cultural and sporting events.

23 Avenida Garden

Address: Av. Dr. João Martins de Azevedo, 2350 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'53.5"N 8°32'23.9"W Location: City

24 Rosas Garden

Address: Jardim das Rosas, 2350 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'50.94"N 8°32'16.43"W Location: City



avenida garden



rosas garden



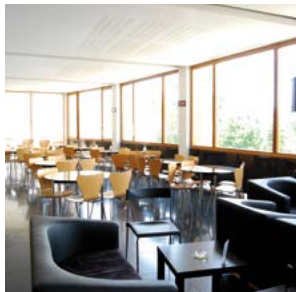
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Maria Lamas garden



avenida garden



25 Virgínia Theatre

The Virginia Theatre is an important element of the city, playing a dynamic role in cultural entertainment and excelling in quality and diversity, aimed not only at the public throughout the municipality of Torres Novas, but also throughout the region.

The theatre reopened its doors in 2005, having been submitted to a restoration project designed by the architect Gonalo Louro. The original building dates back to the 50's and was designed by Fernando Schiapa de Campos. Its name was attributed in 1895, when the theatre was in a different part of town, in honour of the late torrejana actress, Virgínia Dias da Silva (1850-1922).

With the constant goal of reaching out to the public, the Virginia Theatre has everything from dance to music, theatre to alternative cinema, as well as providing educational programmes. Already many national and international consecrated names in the world of dance, theatre and music have performed on its stage.

There is a café on the top floor of the building, Café Concerto, which occasionally hosts small concerts and other artistic activities.

The Virginia Theatre aims to promote its space by means of a regular and diversified programme based on quality and contemporaneity, thus making itself known in the field of arts and bringing the performing arts and communities together.

Address: Largo José Lopes dos Santos, 2350-686 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'47.1"N 8°32'08.4"W

Tel: (+351) 249 839 309 | (+351) 249 839 300 Email: bilheteira@teatrovirginia.com

Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt | www.teatrovirginia.com | www.bilheteiraonline.pt

Facebook: www.facebook.com/teatrovirginiatorresnovas

Ticket Office: Tuesday to Friday 11:30 - 13:30 / 14:30 - 19:00 Saturday 15:00 - 19:00 (ticket office closes 30 minutes after the commencement of a show). For shows outside this timetable, the ticket office opens one hour before the show and closes 30 minutes after its commencement.

Location: City



26 Maria Noémia Theatre

The Maria Noémia Theatre is a small theatre with capacity to seat 80 to 100 people, providing an alternative option to the Virginia Theatre for smaller shows as well as serving its local resident artists, amongst others. Its hall, which was reopened in 2006, is suitable for multiple cultural initiatives and the theatre aims to become more dynamic by extending its programme within the municipality.

Address: Rua da Tuna, 20, 2350-636 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'29.5"N 8°29'57.1"W

Resident Company: Teatro Meia Via – Associação Cultural de Torres Novas

Mobile: (+351) 960 135 328 Email: tmv@sapo.pt

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TeatroMeiaVia

Location: 5 km (approx.) from the city





27 Gustavo Pinto Lopes Municipal Library

The municipal library, founded by Gustavo Pinto Lopes, was originally opened in 1937.

Integrated in the project of the National Network of Public Libraries, it now occupies a much more ample space of contemporary architecture and sufficient size to house the municipal archives and its workshop for conservation and restoration. With its pleasant cultural atmosphere, the library attracts and welcomes its visitors, not only those who use its services, but also those who are visiting the surrounding area with its gardens and river.

Address: Jardim das Rosas, Torres Novas GPS coordinates: 39°28'51.3"N 8°32'23.0"W

Tel: (+351) 249 810 310 Email: biblioteca@cm-torresnovas.pt

Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt | www.biblioteca.cm-torresnovas.pt | www.bmtn.torresnovas.pt

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BibliotecaMunicipalGustavoPintoLopes

Opening Hours: Monday & Saturday 10:00 - 13:00 / 14:30 - 18:30 | Tuesday to Friday 9:30 - 18:30

Closed: Sunday & Bank Holidays | July & August - closed on Saturday

Location: City

28 Manuel Simões Seródio Library

Address: Avenida 16 de Maio, 22, 2350-0321 Riachos GPS Coordinates: 39°26'21.9"N 8°30'53.8"W

Tel: (+351) 249 820 561 Email: biblioteca.riachos@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 - 12:00 / 13:00 - 18:00 Closed: Saturday and Sunday

Location: 7 km (approx.) from the city

29 Praça do Peixe

[Old Fish Market]

The old fish market, with its structure of iron railings, was built in 1884 and is situated in an area which was once the Jewish quarters of the town. After undergoing extensive restoration, the new Fish Market was reopened on 25th April 2015 as an area designated for social and cultural activities.



Address: Rua Actriz Virgínia, 46, 2350 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'41.1"N 8°32'23.6"W

Tel: (+351) 249 839 430 Fax: (+351) 249 811 780

Email: geral@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Location: Historical centre



30 Praça dos Claras [Old Bus Station]

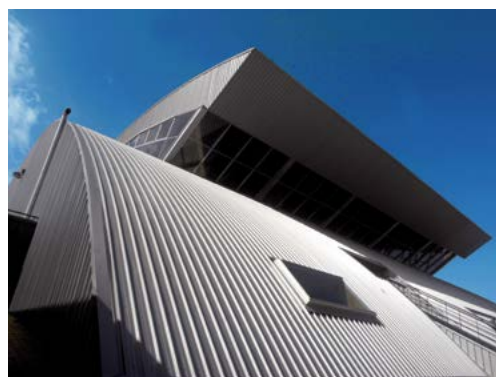
Originally built in 1854, this was the old garage of the Claras transport company. In 1974, this torrejan company, Claras Transportes SARL, was the biggest in the country in terms of number of routes and concessionary network, with a fleet of half a thousand vehicles. In 1975, the company became part of the national public transport company, Rodoviária Nacional, transforming into Rodoviária do Tejo in 1991. Today, it is used as a public square, with the benefit of a roof covering. Inaugurated on 25th April 2016, it is venue to diverse initiatives linked to entertainment and local associations.

Address: Largo General Baracho, 2350 - 757 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'44.8"N 8°32'28.1"W

Tel: (+351) 249 839 430 Fax: (+351) 249 811 780

Email: geral@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Location: Historical centre



31 Palácio dos Desportos

[Sports Complex]

Inaugurated in 2005, this multifunctionality complex is host to important sporting competitions, concerts, fairs, exhibitions and conferences. The building, of an oval structure, has a telescopic seating layout, changing rooms, a restaurant, conference rooms, offices and halls with acoustic insulation for special events.

Address: Av. Andrade de Corvo, 2350-463 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'17"N 8°32'11"W

Tel: (+351) 249 839 190

Email: desporto@cm-torresnovas.pt

Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 - 23:00

Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays: public use in accordance with any previous bookings for sporting events / show

Location: Southern part of city

32 Municipal Swimming Pools

Of a modern and impressive architecture, the building is designed for training, competition, health and leisure. Inaugurated in 2005, it has two pools: one for learning and the other for competition, as well as saunas, turkish baths and a massage service.

Address: Jardim das Rosas, Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°28'52.5"N 8°32'20.9"W

Tel: (+351) 249 839 170

Email: piscinas.municipais@cm-torresnovas.pt
desporto@cm-torresnovas.pt

Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 - 21:30 |

Saturday 9:00 - 13:00 / 15:00 - 18:00

Closed: Sunday and Bank Holidays

Location: City



33 Municipal Stadium Dr. António Alves Vieira

The stadium is part of a sports complex with a seating capacity of 16,000 and comprised of a football pitch (grass surface), athletics track with four lanes (dirt surface), a section for throwing discus and javelins and a jumping box for long jump and triple jump.

Address: Rua do Estádio Municipal, 2350 Torres Novas

GPS Coordinates: 39°29'15.6"N 8°32'43.7"W

Tel: (+351) 249 812 908 Email: desporto@cm-torresnovas.pt

Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 - 22:00

Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays: public use in accordance with any existing sporting events

Location: Northern part of city





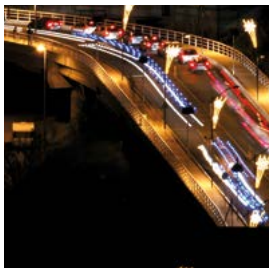
Fairs and festivities

- _ Gastronomy festival specializing in roast kid (every Easter in restaurants throughout the municipality)
- _ Medieval Fair (annual - 1st two weeks of June/historical centre)
- _ Almonda Festivities (annual - 1st two weeks of July / gardens in city centre)
- _ Almonda Trail (annual - 1st two weeks July)
- _ Benção do Gado Feast (every four years - end of July / in Riachos)
- _ Feast of the Divine Holy Spirit (annual - Pentecost Sunday / Meia Via)
- _ Antiques Fair / Flea Market (every 4th Sunday of the month / by the river & gardens or town square)
- _ National Dried Fruits Fair (annual - 1st two weeks of October / historical centre)
- _ São Gregório Fair (annual - 2nd two weeks of March)
- _ São Silvestre Race (annual - end of December / running the streets in the city)
- _ Traditional & Religious Festivities (throughout the year / across the municipality)

In addition to the cultural programmes, there are plenty of fun activities in this annual agenda of festivities and fairs.

With such a diversity of recreational and cultural activities, Torres Novas has something to offer its visitors all year round: theatre, art exhibitions, concerts, workshops, sporting events in the sports complexes or in the swimming pool and trails for walking and biking in the Aire Mountain.

Find out more on www.cm-torresnovas.pt



Nightlife

The historical centre of Torres Novas comes alive at night. Revived, alternative or simply the in place to go, the city offers something for all tastes in a friendly atmosphere with good music and a variety of entertainment, especially at the weekend.

Those who are lovers of the nightlife will be pleased to hear that in Torres Novas it goes on until the early hours of the morning, where you can start with the bars and esplanades in the main square, Praça 5 de Outubro, and then on to a disco to dance the night away.

For those of a more tranquil nature, there are charming, discreet bars where you can enjoy a different kind of evening, dining to the sound of music.



Arts & Crafts

Amongst the cultural attractions, handicraft is one of the traditional elements of the torrejano culture, with special reference to the pottery in the village of Árgea which is of great historical and cultural importance. Also of significant interest are the wood carvings, artistic and decorative ceramics, patchwork, lace and embroidery.





Flavours from the past...

Torres Novas also demonstrates its identity and tradition in its gastronomy, an important factor for local tourism. Amongst a variety of typical dishes, it is well known for certain specialties such as *requeijado com bacalhau assado ou petinga frita* (bean and cabbage stew with grilled cod or small fried sardines), *migas à Pescador* (cornbread with cod), *enguia do Boquilobo* (eels Boquilobo style), *fataça grelhada* (grilled mullet) and *cabrito assado no forno com batatas e grelos* (oven roasted kid with potatoes and greens). Local gastronomy also offers *queijo de ovelha* (sheep's cheese), *morcela de arroz* (a spicy black pudding made with pig's blood and rice), *couve com feijão* (cabbage with beans) and *sopa de fressura* (pluck soup). Traditional cakes and sweets include *bolo de cabeça* & *broas* (dry cakes) *pastéis de feijão* (fritters with sweet bean purée), *doce de amêndoa* (almond dessert) and figs from Torres Novas. Today's gastronomy is complemented by a series of new products, combining the traditional with the innovative, namely the local *Figo Preto* (Black Fig), the dried fruits, the top quality wine produced within the municipality, the artisanal liquors, figs in syrup, jams, honey, fresh fruit, olive oil and aromatic herbs.

By means of promoting local gastronomy and maintaining local traditions, the municipality organizes the Festival Gastronómico do Cabrito (Roast Kid Gastronomic Festival) which takes place every year thus preserving the flavours from the past and promoting the quality of local produce.

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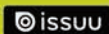
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