

# Geodiversity

The Naturtejo Geopark presents a landscape that tells the story of the last 600 million years, through large plain areas where granite (Monsanto, Moreirinha, Alegrios, S. Gens), sedimentary (Murracha, Murrachinha, Pedras Ninhas, Sarzedas, Fratel), tectonic alignment (Ponsul, Sobreira Formosa, Pomar-Grade fault scarps) and quartzite ridge (Penha Garcia, Talhadas, Moradal, Monforte da Beira) residual reliefs rise up. Meseta Meridional is still cut by deep incision of the Lower Tagus river system. This geological history can be told through the visit by seventeen Geomonuments.



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## How to get to Naturtejo Geopark



- Sites of mining heritage interest:**
  - Ancient mining for iron:** Vieiros of Salvador, Mourish Cave of Barbaído, Faiopa Cave (legendary "caves"), Monforte da Beira Mines (geomonument)
  - Ancient mining for gold:** Conhal do Arneiro (geomonument), Conheira de Sobral, Fernando - Foz do Cobrão, Ponsul, Chameca, Monfortinho, Roman Mining Complex of Presa
  - Mining for tin:** Segura Mines (geomonument)
  - Mining of lead and baryum:** Segura Mines (geomonument), Currais d'Arvela, Palão Mines
  - Mining for antimony:** Gatas Mines (geomonument)
  - Mining for tungsten:** Fragas do Cavalo, Mines of Mata da Rainha
  - Mining for copper:** Ingadanais Mines
  - Mining for semi-precious gems:** Poço da Lança
  - Non-formal mining:** There is gold at Foz (Proença-a-Nova, Vila Velha de Ródão); tin (Medelim, Idanha-a-Nova)
- Protected Areas**
  - National Network of Protected Areas:
    - Tejo Internacional Natural Park
    - Portas de Ródão Natural Monument
    - Gardunha Mountain Regional Protected Landscape
  - Natura 2000:
    - Special Protection Area of Internat. Tagus
    - Erges and Ponsul
    - Habitat Site Gardunha
    - Habitat Site Nisa/Lage de Prata
    - Habitat Site S. Mamede
    - Habitat Site Serra da Malcata
  - Important Bird Areas (IBAs):
    - Serra de Penha Garcia
    - Campina de Toulões, International Tagus
    - Portas de Ródão and Vale Mourão

### Museums, Cultural Centres and Music Halls

- 1 Tavares Proença Júnior Museum Castelo Branco
- 2 Cargaleiro Museum Castelo Branco
- 3 Stonemason Museum Alcains, C. Branco
- 4 Sacred Art Museum Castelo Branco
- 5 "Cine Teatro Avenida" Theatre C. Branco
- 6 Ethnographic Museum of Louisa Castelo Branco
- 7 Palaeozoic Interpretative Centre of Penha Garcia Idanha-a-Nova
- 8 Gastronomy Centre Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova
- 9 Olive Oil Press Idanha-a-Velha
- 10 Olive oil milling Museum of Proença-a-Velha Idanha-a-Nova
- 11 "Raiano" Cultural Centre Idanha-a-Nova
- 12 Clay and Embroidery Museum Nisa
- 13 Alpalhão Museum Nisa
- 14 Theatre of Nisa Nisa
- 15 Centre for Environmental Interpretation Castelo Branco
- 16 Culture House Oleiros
- 17 Medelim House Idanha-a-Nova
- 18 Arts and Crafts Centre Sobreira Formosa, Proença-a-Nova
- 19 Olive Oil Museum Sarnadas, Vila Velha de Ródão
- 20 Rock Art Interpretative Centre of Tejo Vila Velha de Ródão
- 21 "Centa" - Centre for the Study of Arts Vila Velha de Ródão
- 22 House of Arts and Culture of Tejo Vila Velha de Ródão
- 23 Living Science Centre of Forest Proença-a-Nova
- 24 Cultural Forum Idanha-a-Nova
- 25 Museum "The Smuggling" Perais, Vila Velha de Ródão
- 26 Museum of linen and weaving Foz do Cobrão, V. V. de Ródão
- 27 Museum "History of a rural community" Fratel, V. V. de Ródão
- 28 Olive Oil Press Vila Velha de Ródão
- 29 Interpretation Centre of Biodiversity "Lands of Idanha" Segura, Idanha-a-Nova
- 30 Centre of Contemporary Culture of Castelo Branco Castelo Branco
- 31 Municipal Museum of Penamacor
- 32 Aldeia de João Pires Museum Penamacor
- 33 Museum of Bemposta Penamacor
- 34 Dr. Mário Bento Museum Meimoa, Penamacor

### Sacred Sites

- 1 Cathedral of Castelo Branco
- 2 Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mercúles Castelo Branco
- 3 Romanic Chapel of S. Peter of Vir-a-Corça Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova
- 4 Cathedral of Idanha-a-Velha Idanha-a-Velha, Idanha-a-Nova
- 5 Parish Church of Proença-a-Velha Idanha-a-Nova
- 6 Church of Mercy of Proença-a-Velha Idanha-a-Nova
- 7 Parish Church of Salvaterra do Extremo Idanha-a-Nova
- 8 Mother Church Idanha-a-Nova
- 9 Chapel of Our Lady of Grace Nisa
- 10 Chapel of Our Lady of the Pleasuries Nisa
- 11 Chapel of Calvary Amieira do Tejo, Nisa
- 12 Chapel of Our Lady of the Rounded Alpalhão, Nisa
- 13 Chapel of Our Lady of the Flooded Vila Velha de Ródão
- 14 Chapel of Our Lady of the Castle Vila Velha de Ródão
- 15 Parish Church of Monforte da Beira Castelo Branco
- 16 Mother Church of S. Vicente da Beira Castelo Branco
- 17 Parish Church of Lourical do Campo Castelo Branco
- 18 Parish Church of S. Miguel d'Acha Idanha-a-Nova
- 19 Romanic Chapel of Saint Michael Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova
- 20 Mother Church of Nisa
- 21 Chapel of Mercy of Álvaro Oleiros
- 22 Mother Church of Oleiros
- 23 Old Parish Church of Saint John Baptist Cambas
- 24 Parish Church of Our Lady of the High Skies Louisa, Castelo Branco
- 25 Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Pray S. Vicente - Castelo Branco
- 26 Sanctuary of Our Lady of Almortão Idanha-a-Nova
- 27 Sanctuary of Our Lady of Health Rabaça - Oleiros
- 28 Chapel of Saint Daisy Oleiros
- 29 Chapel of Our Lady of the Medicine V. Velha de Ródão
- 30 Church of Mercy Penamacor
- 31 Parish Church of São Tiago Penamacor
- 32 Sanctuary of Sra da Póvoa Penamacor







# Information

**The Geopark Naturtejo da Meseta Meridional is a UNESCO Global Geopark**  
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 Idanha-a-Velha  
 Monsanto  
 Penha Garcia  
 Proença-a-Velha  
 Monfortinho  
 Nisa  
 Oleiros  
 Proença-a-Nova  
 Vila Velha de Ródão  
 Penamacor  
 Portuguese International Code: 00351

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  - Thermal spa
  - Station
  - Theatre and cinema
  - Bathing area
  - Quay/ Boat drive
  - Fishing
  - Canoeing
  - Climbing
  - Horseback Riding
  - Bike Centre



**Holy Week** See annual calendar in the tourism offices and Naturtejo, EIM

**Lord's funeral** Idanha-a-Nova e Penamacor  
**Alleluia Saturday** Idanha-a-Nova  
**Foot-washing ceremony and procession of meeting** Segura, Idanha-a-Nova  
**Procession of Men** Ladoeiro, Idanha-a-Nova  
**Procession of lord's funeral**  
**Celebration of the Last Supper** Idanha-a-Nova, Oleiros e Proença-a-Nova

**Laudes in the Church of the Holy Spirit Nisa**  
**Procession of Resurrection for the church of the Holy Spirit** Nisa  
**Procession of Bonfires** Oleiros  
**Procession of Easter Oleiros**  
**Procession of Praetorian** Proença-a-Nova  
**Procession of Meeting** Proença-a-Nova  
**Procession of Litanies** Penamacor Penamacor

**Festivities and Fairs:**

**Pinewood Fair** Oleiros  
**Madeiro** Penamacor  
**Oil Biennial** Castelo Branco  
**Festivities of the municipality** Proença-a-Nova  
**River Flavors Fair** Vila Velha de Ródão

**Tolosa Cheese Fair** Nisa  
**Divina Santa Cruz Fair** Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova  
**Boom Festival** Idanha-a-Nova

**Pilgrimages**  
**Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Mércules** C. Branco

**Pilg. of Our Lady of High Skies** Lousa - C. Branco  
**Pilgrimage of Senhora do Incenso** Penamacor  
**Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Almortão** Idanha-a-Nova  
**Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Grace** Nisa  
**"Adufe" musical instrument** Idanha-a-Nova e Penamacor  
**Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Health** Rabaca - Oleiros  
**Pilgrimage of Saint Daisy** Oleiros  
**Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Medicine** V. Velha de Ródão  
**Pilgrimage of Sra da Póvoa** Penamacor

**Handcrafting**

**Castelo Branco embroidery**  
**"Rodilhas" and Ourelos type spreads** Idanha-a-Nova and Vila Velha de Ródão  
**"Marafonas" dolls** Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova  
**"Adufe" musical instrument** Idanha-a-Nova e Penamacor  
**Embroidery and lace** Idanha-a-Nova e Vila Velha de Ródão  
**"Alinhavados", "frieiras" and "bitros" lace** Nisa

**Handmade broomsticks** Penamacor  
**Linen** Oleiros  
**Wrought iron art work** Idanha-a-Nova and Vila Velha de Ródão  
**Cork art work** Penamacor, Oleiros e Nisa  
**Clay art work** Idanha-a-Nova  
**Alembics and Pitcher made of copper** Oleiros  
**Weaver looms of Estreito** Oleiros  
**Linen weaving** Proença-a-Nova

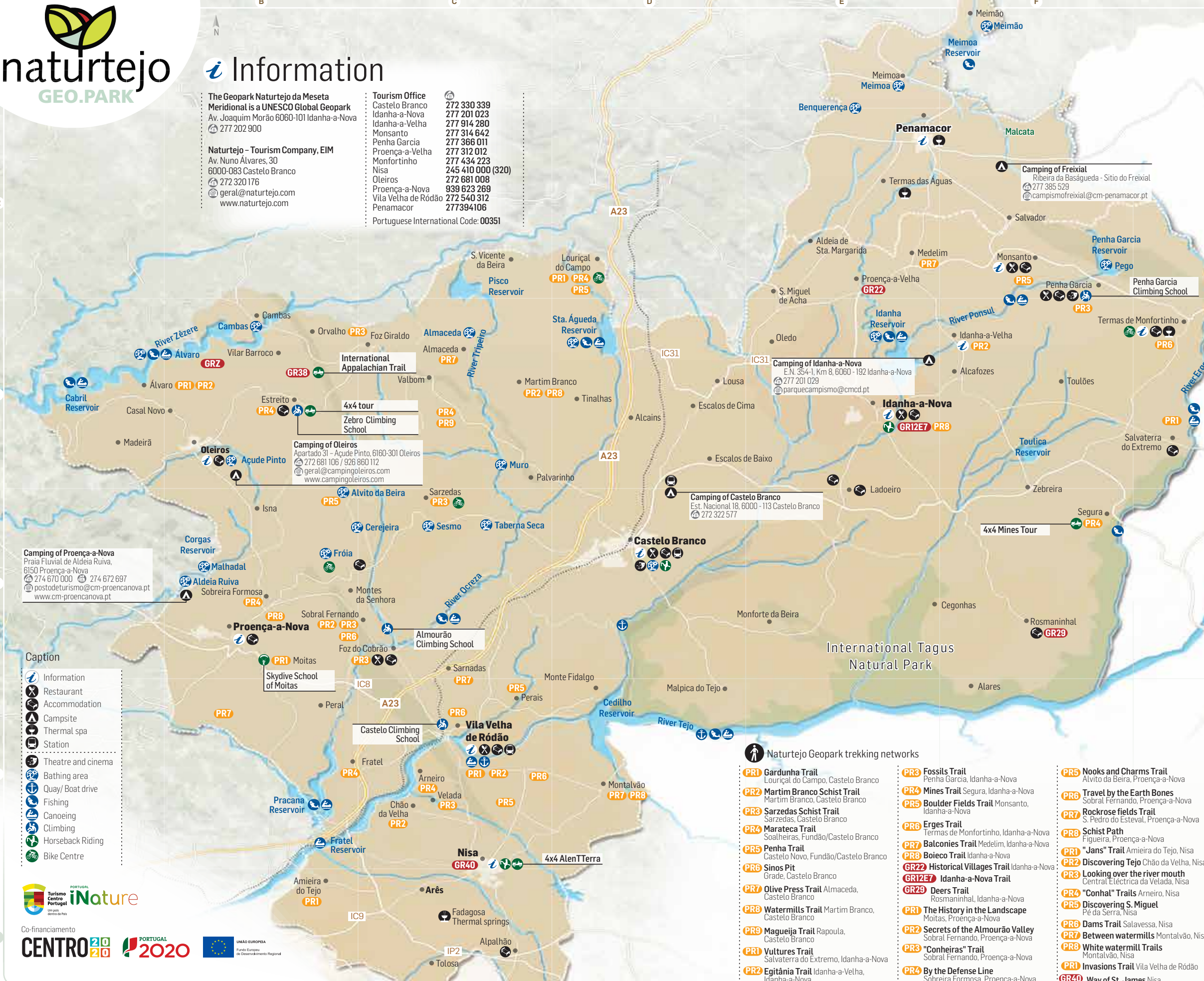
**Tourist Outdoor Companies**

**Vila Fraga - Expl. Turística, Desporto e Lazer, Lda**  
 Ed. Incubadora de Empresas  
 Zona Industrial 6060 Idanha-a-Nova  
 ☎ 962 943 193 / 964 812 873 ☎ 272 321 971  
 vilafraga@gmail.com / www.vilafraga.pt

**Trilobite - Aventura, Lazer e Turismo, Lda**  
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 ☎ 963 869 892 / 963 869 882  
 geral@trilobite.pt / www.trilobite.pt

**Incentivos Outdoor - Eventos Desportivos, Lda**  
 Rua de Santana, 842, 6030-230 Vila Velha de Ródão  
 ☎ 272 541 196 / 966 504 149  
 grupos@incentivosoutdoor.com  
 www.incentivosoutdoor.com

**Pirotecnica Oleirense, Lda**  
 Pinheiros Novos, Apartado 26, 6160-428 Oleiros  
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 pirotecnica@mail.telepac.pt  
 www.pirotecnica-oleirense.pt



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 6000-137 Castelo Branco  
 ☎ 272 325 067 / 966 050 831  
 geral@quintadadanca.pt  
 www.quintadadanca.pt

**Rest. "O Lagar" na Herdade do Regato**  
 R. Batista nº 9, 6000-610 Póvoa de Rio Moinhos  
 ☎ 272 431 207 / 272 348 809  
 geral@herdadedoregato.com  
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**Restaurant Helana**  
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 6060 - 133 Idanha-a-Nova  
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**Geo-Restaurant Petiscos & Granitos**  
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**Rest. Clube de Pesca e Tiro de Monfortinho**  
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 http://valmourao.blogspot.com

**Restaurant Ponte Velha Restaurant Santo Amaro**  
 Alameda da Carvalha, 6100 - 730 Sertã  
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**Gastronomy**

**Meat:**  
 lamb, roasted kid, pork and typical pork pudding

**Fish:**  
 barbell, carp, black bass, trout, lamprey, eels, grilled trout of Ribeira, fish soups, rice of lamprey, big bass, stew of eels, fish "migas"

**Simple cakes:**  
 "broas", "cavacas", "borrachões", "biscoitos", "bicas", "coscuréis", "nógados", "pantufas"

**Sliced cakes**  
 sponge-cakes, honey cakes, Easter cakes

**Fried Pastry**  
 "filhos", "sonhos", "argolas doces" and "azevias"

**Puddings**  
 rice pudding, "papas de carolo" corn pudding, "tigelada", curd cheese with pumpkin jam

**Convent sweets**  
 Candies - Handmade Egg and "barquinhos"

**Sheep's milk cheese, goats' milk cheese and mixed cheeses**  
 Idanha-a-Nova, Castelo Branco, Nisa, Proença-a-Nova, Vila Velha de Ródão e Oleiros e Penamacor

**Accommodation**

**Hotel Tryp Colina do Castelo** ★★★★★  
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 ☎ 272 349 280 ☎ 272 329 759  
 tryp.colina.castelo@solmeliaportugal.com  
 www.trypcolinacastelo.com  
 Restaurant Cozinha do Castelo

**Hotel Rainha D. Amélia Arts & Leisure** ★★★★★  
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 geral@hotelinrainhadamelia.pt  
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 Restaurant Varanda Real

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 hotelastoria@ohotelsandresorts.com  
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 Restaurant Hotel Astória

**Hotel Fonte Santa** ★★★★★  
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 6060 - 072 Termas de Monfortinho  
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 hotelfontesanta@Ohotelsandresorts.com  
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 Restaurant Papa Figos

**Hotel Estrela da Idanha** ★★★★★  
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**Hotel Idanha Natura** ★★★★★  
 Lugar do Ladoeiro, EN 240, 6060-261 Ladoeiro  
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 www.idanhahotel.com  
 Restaurant Penha Garcia

**Hotel Rural Herdade da Poupá** ★★★★★  
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 herdade.poupa@gmail.com  
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 Restaurant Amoras

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 estalagemrodao@gmail.com  
 estalagemrodao.wix.com/estalagemportasrodao  
 Restaurant Porto do Tejo

**Casa de Meia Encosta**  
 Aldeia de Xisto Foz do Cobrão,  
 6030 Vila Velha de Ródão  
 ☎ 272 540 312  
 turismo@cm-vvrodao.pt

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 E.N. 395, 6050-048 Alpalhão  
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 reservas@montefilipehotel.com  
 www.montefilipehotel.com  
 Restaurant "O Chaparro"

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