



SORTELHA ♦ SABUGAL

MURALHAS COM HISTÓRIA

SEPTEMBER ♦ 20 ♦ 21 ♦ 22 ♦ 2024

MEDIEVAL MARKET, TAVERNS AND ENTERTAINMENT, HISTORICAL REENACTMENT.

WALK THROUGH THE GATES OF THE WALL, STROLL ALONG THE STREETS OF THE BOROUGH AND TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH US TO THE REIGN OF D. DINIS, THE FARMER, KING OF PORTUGAL AND THE ALGARVE



MAPA DO MERCADO



MAIS INFORMAÇÕES E PROGRAMA



We provide FREE transport that will take you comfortably to the Walls, departing from Sabugal (Largo da Fonte) and parking lots in Sortelha.

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RESERVE YOUR WRISTBAND ONLINE

- €2 [Valid for the entire event]
- Free entry for children up to 12 years old (inclusive), as long as accompanied by an adult
- Online tickets must be exchanged for wristbands at the local box office
- You can also purchase your wristband at the local box office

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In the most beautiful Sortelha, we go back to the experiences of the reign of D. Dinis.

The monarch, son of D. Afonso III, ascended to the throne of Portugal in 1279, following the death of his father, in a somewhat contentious manner. His brother, Infante D. Afonso, contested his legitimacy to the throne, arguing that D. Dinis was born before the Pope had recognized the marriage of their parents (D. Afonso III and D. Beatriz), making D. Dinis an illegitimate son.

D. Dinis is one of the key figures in the creation of our national identity and the rise of Portugal's self-awareness as a nation-state. During his reign, he sought to reorganize the internal administration, drafting laws based on the country's political, economic, and social realities, leaving an undeniable and permanent mark on this borderland territory.

A highlight for the region where Sortelha is located was the Treaty of Alcanizes, signed on September 12th, 1297, with King Fernando IV of Castile and León, after a period of tension and multiple military incursions on both sides. This treaty determined the national borders and resolved numerous points of conflict between the two countries.

The Treaty of Alcanizes enumerated a series of towns and fortified positions, some of which were permanently transferred to Castilian control, while others fell under Portuguese rule, with both parties agreeing to accept the division and renounce any future claims.

This border delimitation was part of D. Dinis' broader diplomatic and defensive strategy aimed at securing a solid and lasting peace with the neighbouring kingdom.

This political alliance was sealed by the marriage of Infanta D. Constança of Portugal to King Fernando IV of Castile, and in return, the marriage of Infante D. Afonso of Portugal — the future King D. Afonso IV — to D. Beatriz of Castile, sister of King Fernando IV of Castile.

During his reign, D. Dinis took steps to stimulate agriculture, which earned him the nickname 'The Farmer'. He granted land for cultivation to those who did not own property, promoted the clearing of uncultivated land, and provided tax exemptions for certain crops, such as vines.

Sortelha is the ideal setting to travel back in time... there is no other place where you will feel so transported to the Middle Ages as in our **'Muralhas com História'**.

EXHIBITION AREAS

♦ **Military and Knight's Camp**

Composed of displays of weapons, helmets, shields, medieval-style cooking, and medieval tents. Here, combat techniques are trained, military tactics are defined, and military drills are conducted, as the alert is permanent. Visitors can also interact with horses and learn about the lives of knights and their squires.

♦ **Tournament Field**

Space for recreation of medieval tournaments on horseback and foot, as well as demonstrations with birds of prey.

♦ **Camping with Medieval Experiences**

It consisted of a campaign kitchen, armoury and production of chain mail, scriptorium of calligraphy, weaving, braiding and embroidery, giving an insight into the people's way of life back then.

♦ **Medieval Crafts**

In Rua dos Ofícios, some of the arts and crafts that existed in the Middle Ages are recreated, such as blacksmithing, woodworking, net-making, and leather tanning.

♦ **Falconry**

Falconry is the art of raising, training, and caring for falcons and other birds of prey for hunting. Some documents on falconry show that it was an aristocratic sport, in which kings and other powerful members of the courts participated.

♦ **Children's Camp 'TRAQUINAS' and Medieval Games**

A space where adults and children can experience skill, balance, and concentration games, as well as educational workshops inspired by medieval culture and the carousel.

♦ **Farm Animals**

Exhibition of farm animals that once roamed freely in the streets of the old village.

PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 20th | FRIDAY

- **THE PRESENCE OF D. DINIS IN SORTELHA AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS**

09:30 am - Opening of the Market

09:30 am > 05:00 pm - Children's Camp 'TRAQUINAS' (Activities specifically designed for Children - School Community)

09:30 am > 05:00 pm - Street music, Comic theatre, Weapons training, Dances, and Revelries...

12:00 pm - Flavours of yesteryear in the Taverns of the Borough

06:00 pm - Inaugural Event with Parade - 'Announcement of the Signing of the Treaty of Alcanizes and the End of the Wars with León and Castile' - *Reenactment*

• *Village Gate* • *New Gate* • *Stage* - *Pillory Square*

08:00 pm - Flavours and wines in the Taverns of the Borough

08:00 pm > 11:30 pm - Kingdom Musicians, Street Performers, Jugglers, Acrobats, Falconry, Dances and Revelries...

09:30 pm - Fire Juggling Show • *Pillory Square*

11:30 pm - Show 'Moonlight Fire' • *Corro Square*

00:00 am - Closing of the Market

SEPTEMBER 21st | SATURDAY

- **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TREATY OF ALCANIZES**

12:00 pm - Flavours of yesteryear in the Taverns of the Borough

02:00 pm > 08:00 pm - Court Musicians, Weapons training, Dances and Revelries, Falconry Training for High Flying Hunts, Drum Beats and Juggling...

05:30 pm - Procession of King D. Dinis arriving from Alcanizes, Knights, and other people through the streets of the borough to the Tournament Field

• *Village Gate* - *Tournament Field*

06:00 pm - Arms Tournament on foot and horseback - a homage to King D. Dinis

• *Tournament Field (Outside Walls)*

08:00 pm - Flavours and wines in the Taverns of the Borough

08:00 pm > 11:30 pm - Troubadours and Minstrels of the King, Jugglers and Acrobats, Comic Theatre, and Dances and Revelries...

09:30 pm - 'Commemoration of the Treaty of Alcanizes' - *Reenactment* • *Stage* - *Pillory Square*

10:00 pm - 'Medieval Sounds by the Castle' -

Concert • *Palco* - *Largo do Pelourinho*

11:30 pm - Show 'Moonlight Fire' • *Corro Square*

00:00 am - Closing of the Market

SEPTEMBER 22nd | SUNDAY

- **THE CELEBRATION**

12:00 pm - Flavours of yesteryear in the Taverns of the Borough

01:00 pm > 08:00 pm - Street music, Jugglers and Acrobats, Sounds of pipes and tambourines, Falconry, Weapons training, Dances and Revelries, and Comic Theatre...

04:30 pm - Procession of King D. Dinis, Knights, and other people through the streets of the borough to the Tournament Field

• *Village Gate* - *Tournament Field (Outside Walls)*

05:00 pm - Arms Tournament on foot and horseback in honour of King D. Dinis

• *Tournament Field (Outside Walls)*

08:00 pm - Flavours and wines in the Taverns of the Borough

09:00 pm - Closing Event with Acrobat Fools, Dances and Revelries of the Christian people to the sound of the King's Minstrels and Troubadours, Pipes, Drums and Juggling by Firelight

• *Village Gate* • *New Gate* • *Pillory Square*

09:30 pm - Closing of the Market

**The program may be subject to changes

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| MARKET | TAVERNS | EXHIBITIONS |
| HISTORICAL REENACTMENT | CRAFTS |
LIVING EXPERIENCES | ITINERANT
ENTERTAINMENT | DANCES AND REVELRIES |
ACROBATS | JUGGLERS | COURT MUSICIANS |
TROUBADOURS | HISTORICAL AND
MEDIAEVAL CHARACTERS | MEN AT ARMS |
KNIGHTS | COMIC ACTS (WITH THEATRE
GROUP 'ANEL DE PEDRA') |
... 'FROM HERE TO THERE' ◆ ◆ ◆