



BY APPOINTMENT  
TO THE PORTUGUESE  
ROYAL HOUSE

# IN & OUT



**PESTANA**  
**POUSADA CONVENTO**  
**VILA VIÇOSA**  
HISTORIC HOTEL  
PORTUGAL





The attractions of the Pousada are the Cloister, the 16th and 17th century furniture and the marvelous recipes.

# IN


Take a dip in the heart of Alentejo and the village that witnessed the birth of the great mentor of afternoon tea in England, Queen Catherine of Bragança, Princess of Portugal and Queen Consort of England by marriage to the King. King Carlos II of England.

Staying at the Pousada do Convento das Chagas de Cristo is a unique, dreamy and historical experience. Lose yourself between rooms and corridors, stairways and round arches: one of the most noble and opulent convents of Portugal awaits you.

The first thing you need to know about this extraordinary place is that you are in the religious home built over 500 years to serve as a Pantheon to the ladies of the House of Bragança, the second most powerful noble house of the country, immediately after the Royal House. Inserted into the Ducal Palace, the convent, the church and the palace bear witness to a rich historical period, and thanks to Dom João IV, the Restorer, bearing a beauty and wealth that are difficult to match.

You will sleep in the Clare nuns convent that became the destiny of many second daughters (or illegitimate daughters) of the noble families and, thanks to successive donations and gifts, one of the most opulent prayer spaces for Portugal.





Feel the emotion of travelling  
through time, simultaneously  
enjoying the comfort, rest  
and luxury you deserve.

IN



The Pousada benefits from  
an incomparable  
atmosphere; the today's 10  
theme rooms used to be  
oratories and retreats.

IN







## FACILITIES

Historical Surroundings  
Facilities for the Disabled  
Outdoor Swimming Pool  
Games Room  
Parking  
Restaurant  
Groups Room  
Bar  
Minibar  
Gardens  
WiFi Access  
Safe  
Cable TV  
Voltage 220 Volts  
34 Rooms  
5 Suites  
Dam 55 km  
River Beach 55 km

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## GPS

**N: 38 46.899**

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# RESTAURANT OF THE POUSADA

## ROYAL APPROVAL

Thanks to its privileged connection to the House of Bragança, the Pousada Vila Viçosa is the venue of an annual lunch of the Portuguese royal house. But here, any title-less guest receives the same attention as the most illustrious royal heir. The restaurant Antigo Refeitório, located in the convent's old dining hall, has fully recovered ceiling frescos and tables placed to receive you with all the grandeur that this region, known as the regional embassy of local gastronomy, has to offer.

The D. Carlos restaurant is open for private events or on days when the inn is more occupied. This room overlooks the patio where you can dine or take part in a Summer barbecue. We are sure that in winter you'll dispense with such an option; it is better to stay by the fire and warm up with the fabulous tomato soup from the menu.

## IN





# RESTAURANT OF THE POUSADA

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## SPECIALITIES

Tomato soup with sausages and poached  
egg, golden cod, recipe from 1942

Crispy Serpa Cheese with Elvas Plums

Pousada de Elvas' Golden  
Cod (1942 recipe)

Roasted Lamb Alentejo Style

Manjar das Chagas

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Number of seats: 50  
The dishes are subject to change without prior notice.



King Dinis ordered the construction of the castle and the wall surrounding the town, which helped to stop the Spanish army in the 17th century.

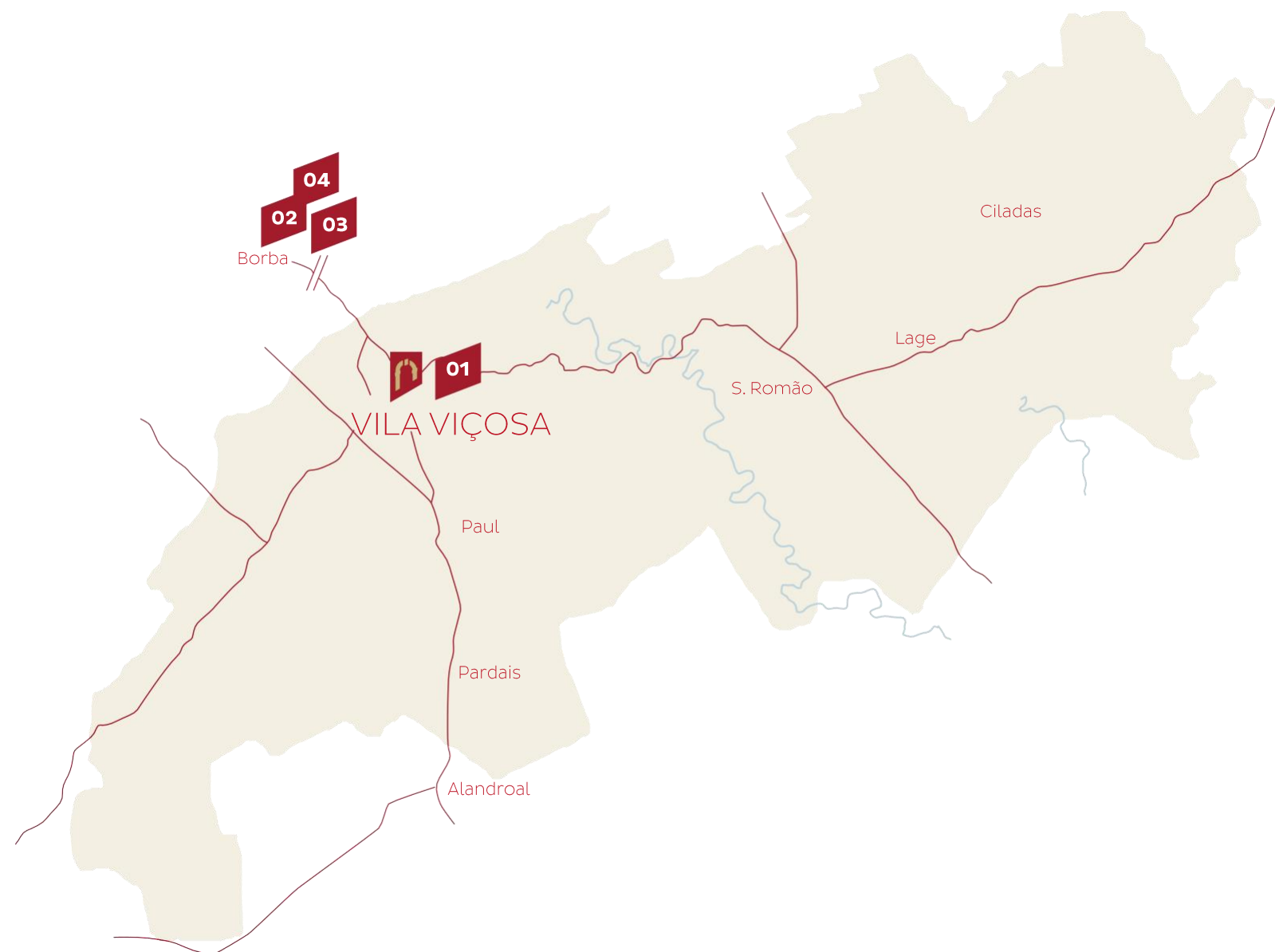
# OUT

Located in the Alto Alentejo, between Elvas, Borba and Redondo, Vila Viçosa is a quiet village full of history and attractive activities.

It is the hometown of the famous and passionate poetess Florbela Espanca and a land of churches, monasteries, chapels, hermitages and convents. It is also internationally known for the abundant marble quarries in the region. In 1461, it became part of the Dukedom of Bragança, and in 1502, begun the construction of the “Paço Ducal” (Ducal Palace), the most emblematic monument of Vila Viçosa.

From visits to innumerable museums and monuments to balloon rides, discover the secrets and the legends of this region known as the “Princess of Alentejo”.





01 FLORBELA ESPANCA MOVIE-  
THEATRE  
02 AZENHAS DA SEDA

03 MORA RIVER AQUARIUM  
04 WADNATURE



## TO DO

Take advantage of the tranquillity and the peace of the Alentejo to rest, but do not miss the region's small great wonders. From varied pedestrian walks to exciting hot-air balloon flights, you can appreciate the fabulous landscape of plains. One of the most interesting activities in Vila Viçosa municipality is birdwatching; some of the most endangered species live here, like the Bonelli's Eagle, the Black Stork and the Spoonbill. Set aside an afternoon to get to know the wine cellars and have a walk in the country. As an alternative, you can also drive to the nearby city of Évora, a few kilometres away. "Romarias" (pilgrimages) are the right occasion for festivities, tradition, gastronomy and guaranteed entertainment. If you have the chance, see the "Romaria do Santuário de Nossa Senhora da Boa Nova", where you will find all the customs and the true essence of Alentejo Culture.

## OUT





# TO DO

## ACTIVITIES

**FLORBELA ESPANCA MOVIE-  
THEATRE** Avenida Bento de Jesus Caraça  
Vila Viçosa  
Tel.: +351 268 980 431

**AZENHAS DA SEDA**  
Moinho do Arieira – Mora  
Tel.: +351 933 613 172  
www.azenhasdaseda.com

**MORA RIVER AQUARIUM**  
Parque Ecológico do Gameiro  
Cabeção – Mora  
Tel.: +351 266 448 130  
www.fluviariomora.pt

**WADNATURE**  
Kayaking and astronomy classes in  
Juromenha Castle

**BIRDWATCHING**

## PATHWAYS

**HIKING**

**BALLOON RIDES**

## WINE ROUTES

**JOÃO PORTUGAL RAMOS CELLAR**  
Vila Santa – Estremoz  
Tel.: +351 268 339 910  
www.jportugalramos.com

**BORBA CELLAR**  
Largo Gago Coutinho e Sacadura Cabral, 25  
Borba  
Tel.: + 351 268 891 660

## EVENTS

**“NOSSA SENHORA DA BOA NOVA  
SANTUARY” PILGRIMAGE TERENA**  
April – May

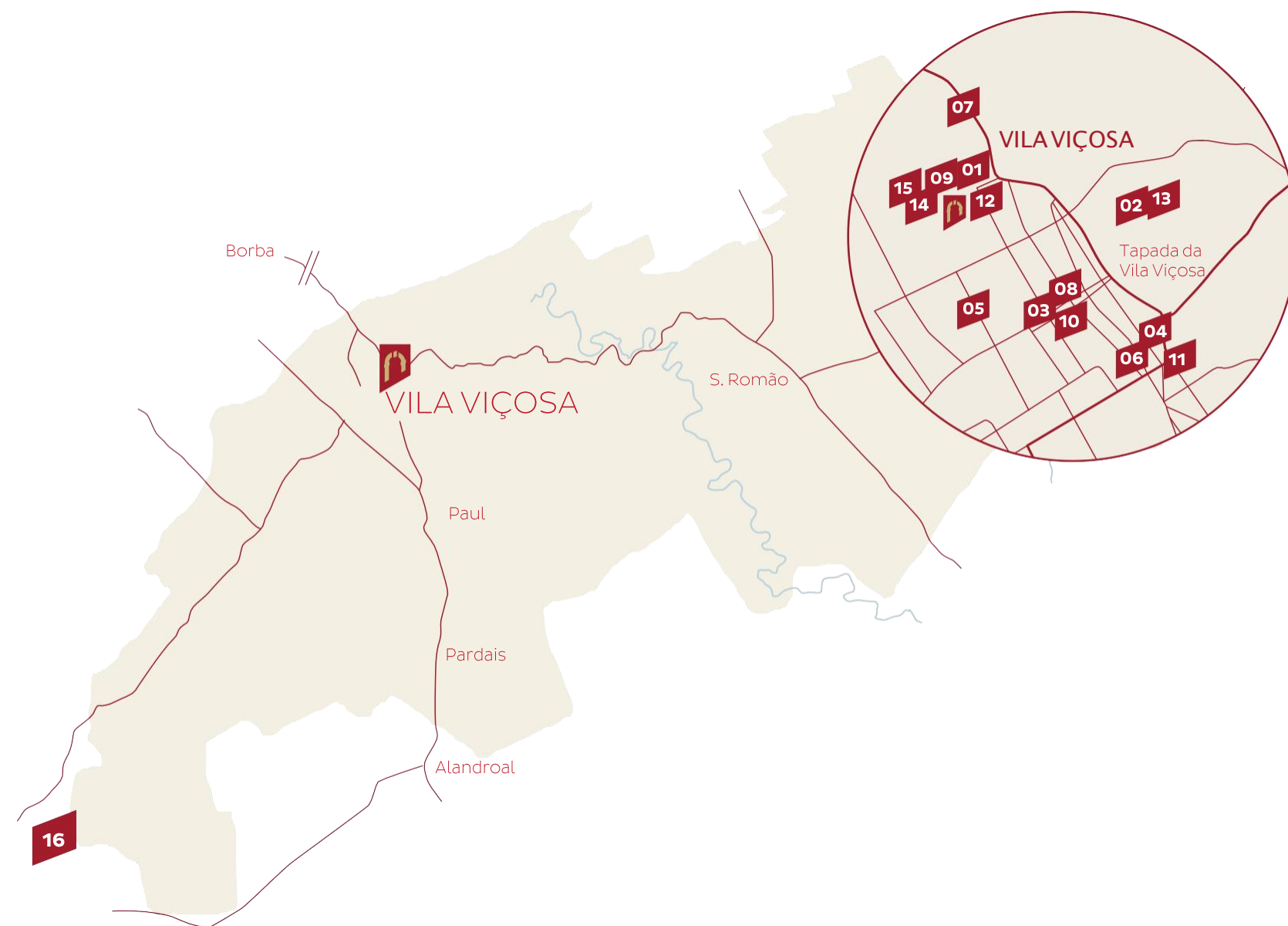
**VILA VIÇOSA FAIR**  
January and August

**CAPUCHOS FESTIVAL**  
September

**IMACULADA CONCEIÇÃO DE  
MARIA SANTÍSSIMA FESTIVITY**  
8th of December

# OUT





- 01 DUCAL PALACE
- 02 VILA VIÇOSA CASTLE
- 03 SÃO JOÃO EVANGELISTA CHURCH
- 04 NOSSA SENHORA DA CONCEIÇÃO SANCTUARY
- 05 LAPA CHURCH
- 06 ESPERANÇA CONVENT

- 07 NÓS PORTAL
- 08 MUNICIPAL HISTORICAL ARCHIVE
- 09 CASA DE BRAGANÇA HISTORICAL ARCHIVE
- 10 MARBLE MUSEUM
- 11 ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM
- 12 ARMORY MUSEUM

- 13 HUNTING MUSEUM
- 14 MUSEUM OF COACHES
- 15 VILA VIÇOSA AGRICULTURAL AND ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM
- 16 GUIDED TOURS
- 17 MENDES & MURTEIRA

## TO SEE

Vila Viçosa has always been regarded as the jewel of the Alentejo considering the royal endowments and donations. The museums and monuments in the city centre, the Historic Municipal Archive and the Marble Quarries Natural Reserve are a charming cultural route no guest should miss. The “Chagas de Cristo” Convent is a jewel of history, beliefs and legends. The Medieval Castle was erected when the Christians were fighting against the Muslims on the Peninsula, but the Ducal Palace is the most emblematic monument of Vila Viçosa. Similarly to the “Terreiro do Paço” in Lisbon, its façade is totally covered with marble and inspired by the Italian Renaissance style. In its interior, precious art collections once belonging to King D. Manuel II are exhibited.

## OUT





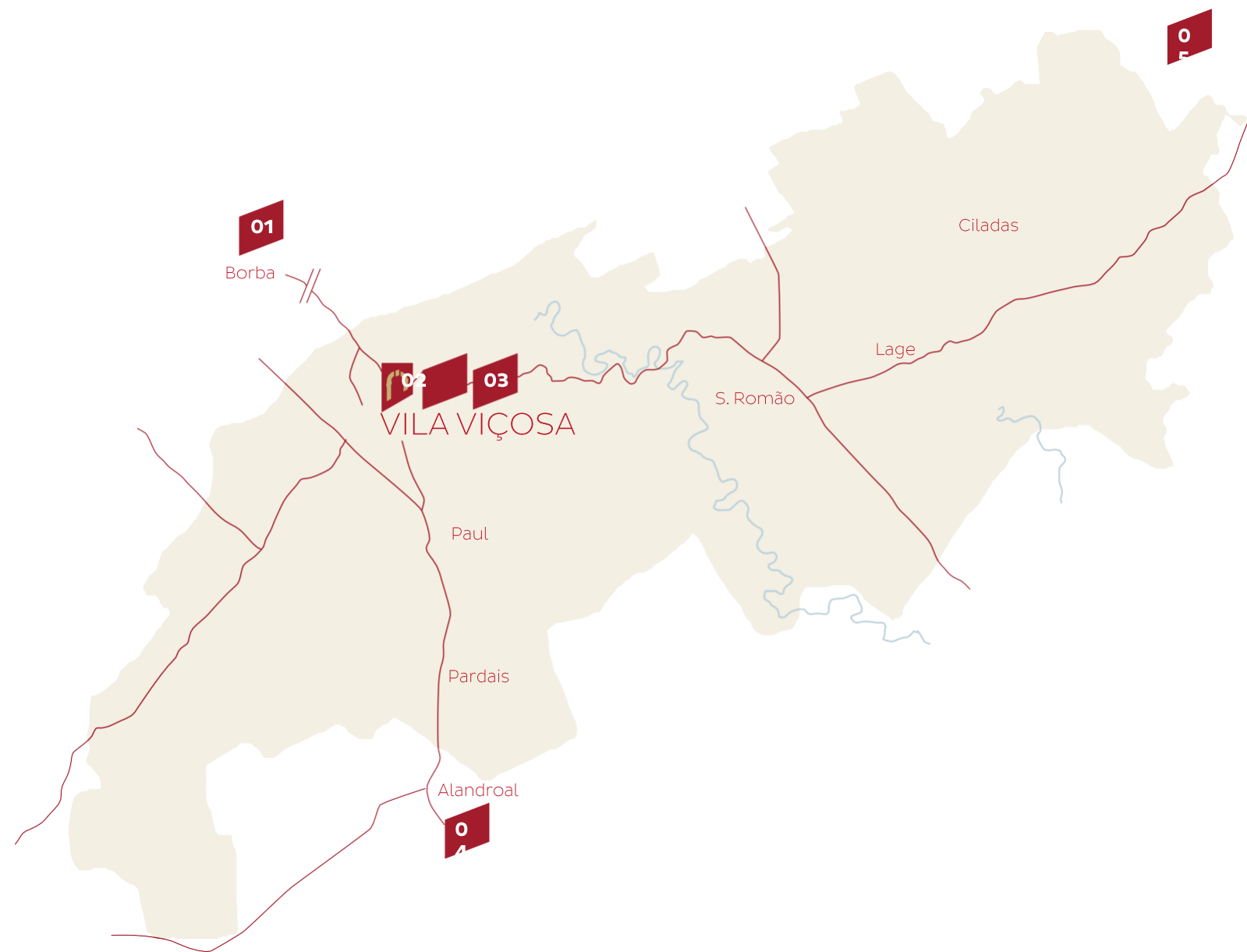
# TO SEE

- DUCAL PALACE**  
Terreiro do Paço – Vila Viçosa  
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- VILA VIÇOSA CASTLE**  
Avenida Duques de Bragança  
Vila Viçosa  
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- SÃO JOÃO EVANGELISTA CHURCH**  
Praça da República – Vila Viçosa
- NOSSA SENHORA DA CONCEIÇÃO  
SANCTUARY**  
Vila Viçosa
- LAPA CHURCH**  
Campo da Restauração – Vila Viçosa
- ESPERANÇA CONVENT**  
Largo Mouzinho de Albuquerque  
Vila Viçosa
- NÓS PORTAL**  
Vila Viçosa
- MUNICIPAL HISTORICAL ARCHIVE**  
Praça da República – Vila Viçosa
- CASA DE BRAGANÇA HISTORICAL  
ARCHIVE**  
Terreiro do Paço Palácio Ducal de Vila Viçosa  
Tel.: +351 268 980 659

- MARBLE MUSEUM**  
Olival da Gradinha, Av. Duque D. Jaime – Vila Viçosa  
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- ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM**  
Avenida Duques de Bragança Vila Viçosa  
Tel.: +351 268 980 128
- ARMORY MUSEUM**  
Terreiro do Paço – Vila Viçosa  
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- HUNTING MUSEUM**  
Castelo de Vila Viçosa  
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- MUSEUM OF COACHES**  
Terreiro do Paço – Vila Viçosa
- MUSEU AGRÍCOLA E ETNOGRÁFICO DE  
VILA VIÇOSA**  
Antiga estação da CP – Vila Viçosa  
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- GUIDED TOURS**
- MENDES & MURTEIRA**  
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# OUT





- 01 POUSADA RAINHA SANTA ISABEL
- 02 OS CUCOS
- 03 TAVERNA DOS CONJURADOS

- 04 A MARIA
- 05 A BOLOTA



## TO EAT

Flavour, calm and abundance are the basis of Alentejo cuisine; the results are extremely well elaborated dishes, always with a special touch making the difference.

From cheeses to wines, including the fabulous smoked sausages and the bread — innumerable dishes will entice you, offering a gastronomic experience you will enjoy again and again.

## OUT





# TO EAT



## POUSADA RAINHA SANTA ISABEL

Largo de D. Diniz – Estremoz  
Tel.: +351 268 332 075

## OS CUCOS

Mata Municipal – Vila Viçosa  
Tel.: +351 268 980 806

## TAVERNA DOS CONJURADOS

Largo 25 de Abril – Vila Viçosa  
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## A MARIA

Rua João de Deus 12 – Alandroal  
Tel.: +351 268 431 143

## A BOLOTA

Rua Madre Teresa – Terrugem  
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## TYPICAL DISHES

Alentejo Tomato Soup, Cação de Coentrada (Coriander Soup with Dogfish), Alentejo Roasted Lamb.

## DESSERTS

Sericaia with Plums from Elvas.

## BEVERAGES

Montes Claros Red Wine and Quinta do Carmo White Wine.



# OUT





**Pousada Amares** – Mosteiro de Amares  
**Pousada Crato** – Mosteiro do Crato  
**Pousada Faro** – Palácio de Estoi  
**Pousada Guimarães** – Mosteiro de Guimarães  
**Pousada Lisboa** – Praça do Comércio



**Pousada Alcácer do Sal** – Castelo de Alcácer  
**Pousada Alvito** – Castelo de Alvito  
**Pousada Angra do Heroísmo**  
**Pousada Arraiolos** – Convento de Arraiolos  
**Pousada Beja** – Convento de Beja  
**Pousada Belmonte** – Convento de Belmonte  
**Pousada Évora** – Convento de Évora  
**Pousada Estremoz** – Castelo de Estremoz  
**Pousada Horta** – Castelo da Horta  
**Pousada Óbidos** – Castelo de Óbidos  
**Pousada Palmela** – Castelo de Palmela  
**Pousada Queluz** – Palácio de Queluz  
**Pousada Serra da Estrela**  
**Pousada Tavira** – Convento de Tavira  
**Pousada Viana do Castelo**  
**Pousada Vila Viçosa** – Convento de Vila Viçosa  
**Pousada Viseu**



**Pousada Gerês** – Caniçada  
**Pousada Marvão**  
**Pousada Vila Óbidos**  
**Pousada Sagres**  
**Pousada Valença**  
**Pousada Ourém**  
**Pousada Ria**  
**Pousada Alijó**  
**Pousada Condeixa** – Coimbra  
**Pousada Bragança**

