

# PORTO DE MÓS VILLAGE

At the banks of river Lena and hugged to the castle's hill, Porto de Mós village has a unique heritage. The natural and cultural wealth of the region is an attraction for nature tourism and speleology. The village, structured from its historical centre, houses urban functions. The 'Vila Forte', as Luis de Camões designates it in 'Os Lusíadas', is associated with the figure of D. Fuas Roupinho, the alcaide-mor of the castle, which, according to the fabulous narratives, in 1180, reconquered the fortress from the Moors. In 1385, Porto de Mós is the stage of the preparations for Aljubarrota Battle.

## LEGEND


**Porto de Mós Castle**  
Military construction of the first kings, in the 15th century the castle benefited from works influenced by a unique Italianism in Portugal. The pyramidal crowning of the towers turns the set in one of the most important pieces of the architectural scenography of the 15th century in Portugal.

**Castle Fountain**

**PMS Parish Council**  
Old "Casa de D. Fuas"

**S. João Church**  
S. João Baptista Church features a robust bell tower. On the facade there's a Romanesque portico. The temple, of cradle vault, reveals a gilded carving altar.

**Gorjões Building**

**Courthouse**

**Republic Square**

**City Hall**

**Municipal Museum**

**City Library**

**S.º António Chapel**

**Santa Casa da Misericórdia**

**Funeral House**

**City Market**

**CISAC - Serras de Aire e Candeeiros Interpretation Centre**

**Cine Theatre**

**Youth Area/ FABLAB of Porto de Mós**

**High School**

**The Old Gallow**

At the rear of the new cemetery, a symbol of the death penalty, the ancient Gallow, in ruins, was once one of the most feared places in Porto de Mós. The triangular construction has, in each of its corners, a rounded pillar.

**S. Pedro Church**  
The church, of Late Baroque, made part of the old Augustine Convent, between 1676 and 1834. The temple features a set of images and tiles. The church tower is bordered by stonework wedges and has four bell towers.

**Event venue and Tasquinhas**

**Municipal swimming pools and sports area**

**Arts Center**  
Power station's old building

**Green Park**  
Almirante Victor Trigueiros Crespo Park

**Municipal Garden**

## HOW TO GET TO PORTO DE MÓS



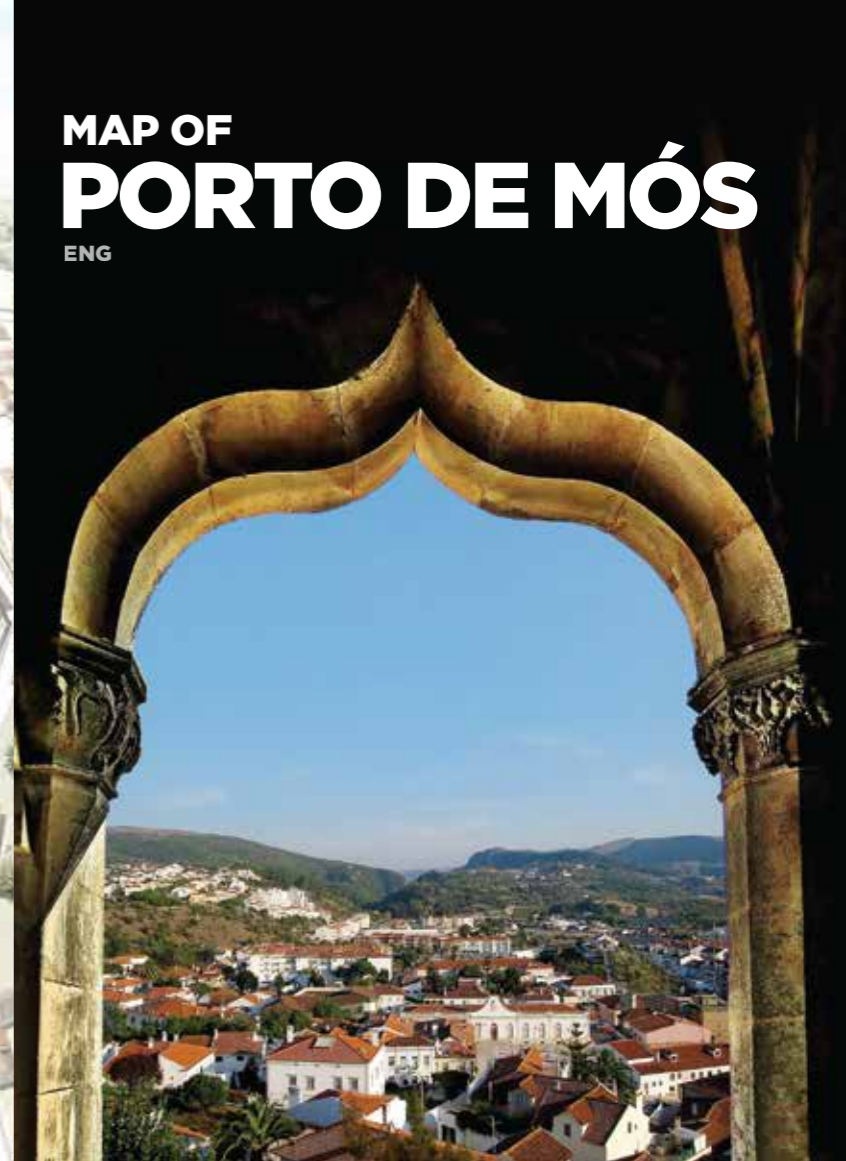
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# PORTO DE MÓS COUNTY

Part of Serra de Aire e Candeeiros Natural Park, Porto de Mós Municipality offers unique natural settings that invite to discovery. Its natural side is allied to the historical context of affirmation of Portugal as an independent nation, in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century. The region of Porto de Mós has been occupied for millennia and its name reminds the importance of the milling industry and the exploitation of stone for mills, for centuries. Today, limestone is of excellence for Portuguese sidewalks and ornamental stone.



## 1 Porto de Mós Castle

Over the centuries, the military fortress accumulated Gothic and Renaissance artistic influences. The two turrets that compose the main facade are decorated with pyramidal domes with ceramics finishing. The castle's importance was evident during the Christian conquest period and became a palace in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

39° 36' 12" N 08° 49' 08" W



## 2 Mira de Aire Caves

At the largest tourist caves of Portugal, visitors can tour along 600 meters of the 11 km of a network of galleries. The chambers, of great natural beauty, have also geological and ecological importance, associated with a polje (a flooded depression). Ladders and stairs lead the visitor to the entrance to the Sifão das Areias.

39° 32' 24.5" N 8° 42' 14.4" W



## 3 CIBA

Batalha de Aljubarrota Interpretation Centre shows the narrative of the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1385 historical battle between the Portuguese troops and the Castilian army. In the surroundings, there's the military camp with a park of medieval devices and São Jorge Chapel.

39° 38' 22.6" N 8° 50' 40.3" W



## 4 Fórnea Cova da Velha

A natural amphitheater with vegetation, cliffs and waterfalls featuring different habitats. Inside Fórnea is located Cova da Velha, a cavity with a spring that feeds Ribeira da Fórnea.

39° 33' 38.7" N 8° 48' 06.2" W



## 5 Serras de Aire e Candeeiros Natural Park

Natural jewel with the sea in the horizon, the park is the natural habitat of hundreds of species, some rare in the Portuguese territory. It also counts with the Dinosaurs Footprints Natural Monument, interpretation centres and walking routes, these last two, in the municipality of Porto de Mós.

CISAC - Centro de Interpretação das Serras de Aire e Candeeiros - 39° 35'56"N -8° 49'12"W



## 6 Ceramics and Traditional Pottery

The richness in red clay allows the production of ceramic tiles, bricks, regional and decorative porcelain, and the existence of several handmade pottery factories. The tile panel of Cruz da Légua depicts the region's distinctive crafts.

39° 36' 09" N 08° 52' 27" W



## 7 Porto de Mós Eco-track

The old railroad, the main form of transporting the coal from Bezerra mines to the Thermolectric Power Station, has been transformed into a modern eco-track for walking or cycling. Along the way, it is possible to observe nature in its fullness.

39° 35'48,91"N 8° 50'14,34"W



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