

12 TRAINING ACADEMY ON CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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TORRES VEDRAS, PORTUGAL, 11-13 JUNE 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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1. TORRES VEDRAS

Torres Vedras is a municipality in the Portuguese district of Lisbon, located approximately 50 kilometers north of the capital, Lisbon. With a population of approximately 83,000 people, this charming town holds significant historical, cultural, and agricultural importance. In this unique city, you can climb to the top of the mountains, visit the castle and historic sites that tell the story of the past, listen to the bells that mark the passage of time, inhale the intense and warm aroma of the countryside, and bathe in the cool waters of the blue sea, which crashes on the long sandy beach.

Torres Vedras is embraced by the Atlantic Ocean, stretching over 20 kilometers, where tranquility is enhanced by breathtaking beauty. The streets of the historic center reflect centuries of tradition while shaping the city's unique character. Surrounded by vineyards and the Atlantic, the region produces exceptional wines that pair perfectly with Pastel de Feijão, a delicious flavor of Torres Vedras. The Carnival of Torres Vedras, the most Portuguese of Portugal's carnivals, attracts revelers from all over the world, blending tradition and modernity to offer unique experiences that will surprise you!

2. VENUES

Day 1: Setting the Stage for Collaboration and Sustainability

Venue: Paços do Concelho Auditorium,
Torres Vedras

The Paços do Concelho Auditorium is a historic building's construction date is unknown, first mentioned in 1337, restored several times, and historically used as a prison, court, school, and fire station. Since its renovation in 2003, the building houses the Paços – Galeria Municipal de Torres Vedras, a cultural space for art exhibitions, cultural events, and community engagement. Auditorium on the upper floor, also used for Municipal Assembly sessions, lectures, and other public activities. The building today serves as a central hub for local government and cultural life in the city.



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Day 2: Capacity Building and Practical Solutions

Venue: Arruda dos Vinhos

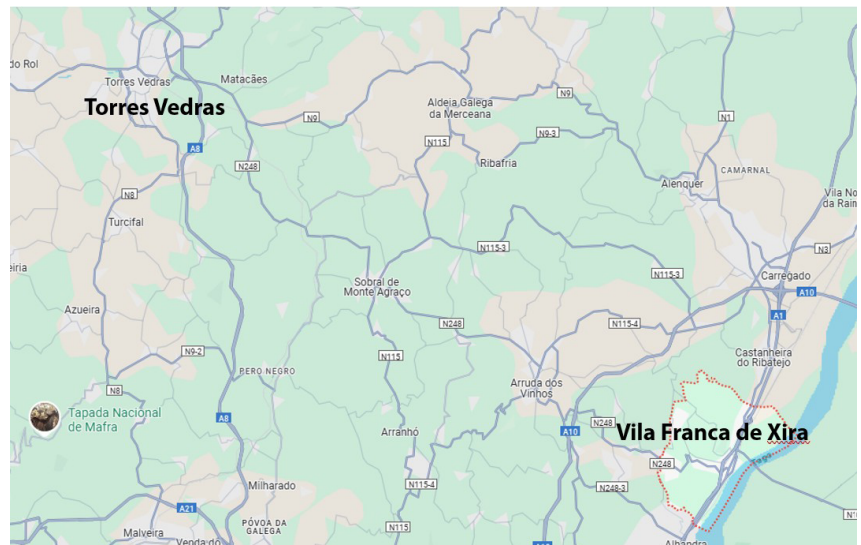
The second day of the Training Academy will be held in Arruda dos Vinhos, a municipality located in the Lisbon District of Portugal. Transportation will be provided by bus from Torres Vedras, with an approximate travel time of 35 minutes.



Day 3: Finalizing Strategies and Defining Next Steps

Venue: Vila Franca de Xira

The third day of the Training Academy will take place in Vila Franca de Xira, a municipality located in the Lisbon District of Portugal. Transportation will be provided by bus from Torres Vedras, with an approximate travel time of 50 minutes.



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3. TRANSPORT

The closest airport is in Lisbon, Portugal.

Transportation from Lisbon Airport:

OPTION 1 (duration: 1 hour 15 minutes):

- Once you arrive at the airport
- Take the "Linha Vermelha – Red Line of the Subway", in the direction of "São Sebastião" station
- Get off the subway at the "Oriente" station
- From "Oriente" station go to the bus station to take a Flixbus to Torres Vedras. (<https://global.flixbus.com/bus/lisbon-airport>).

OPTION 2 (duration: 1 hour 30 minutes):

- Once you arrive at the airport
- Take the "Linha Vermelha – Red Line" of the Subway, in the direction of "São Sebastião" station
- Change the subway at the "Alameda" station
- Take the "Linha Verde - Green Line" of the Subway in the direction of "Telheiras" station
- Get off the subway at the "Campo Grande" station
- From "Campo Grande" station go to the bus station to take a "Barraqueiro Oeste" bus, number 700 to Torres Vedras. (<https://www.barraqueiro-oeste.pt/barraqueirooeste/Barraqueiro-Oeste>)

OPTION 3 (duration: 1 hour 30 minutes):

- Once you arrive at the airport
- Take the "Linha Vermelha – Red Line" of the Subway, in the direction of "São Sebastião" station
- Change the subway at the "Saldanha" station
- Take the "Linha Amarela - Yellow line" of the Subway in the direction of "Odivelas" station
- Get off the subway at the "Campo Grande" station
- From "Campo Grande" station go to the bus station to take a "Barraqueiro Oeste" bus, number 700 to Torres Vedras. (<https://www.barraqueiro-oeste.pt/barraqueirooeste/Barraqueiro-Oeste>)

- **For the Lisbon Subway map**, please visit: [Lisbon Subway Map](#).
- **For more information on transportation**, please visit: [Visit Torres Vedras - Locate Us](#).
- **For directions by car from Aeroporto Humberto Delgado (Lisbon) to Torres Vedras**, please check: [Google Maps](#).

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4. ACCOMMODATION

Please note, due to the number of accommodations within the city itself, it is strongly recommended to book your accommodation in advance.

Below is the list of recommended accommodation options. **While booking, please inform the hotel that you attend the Training Academy to receive preferential rates.**



Graça Garden - Bed & Breakfast (6 Rooms)

R. António Batalha Reis N°4
2560-312 Torres Vedras, Portugal
+351 925 358 657
geral@gracagarden.pt; <https://www.gracagarden.pt/>

* The hotel offers airport transfers to and from the airport for an additional fee of €55.



Stay Hotel Torres Vedras Centro (47 Rooms)

Praça 25 de Abril 17
2560-285 Torres Vedras, Portugal
+351 261 314 232
<https://www.stayhotels.pt/torres-vedras-centro/>

COMPANY RESERVATION

"GREATCORP" – 10% discount

If you wish to issue an invoice in the name of the company (tax number and name), we suggest the STAY CORPORATE campaign: <https://www.stayhotels.pt/stay-corporate>

OTHER PROMOTIONS:

"APP Stay" – 10% discount

Make your reservation through hotels APP (Stay Hotels):
<https://www.stayhotels.pt/tarifa-app-stay>

"STAY YOUNG" – 30% discount

For reservation holders aged up to 30: <https://www.stayhotels.pt/stay-young>

"NON REFUNDABLE" – 5% discount

Non - refundable : <https://www.stayhotels.pt/just-non-refundable>

"JUST EARLY BOOKING" – 15% discount

For advance reservations (minimum 30 days): <https://www.stayhotels.pt/just-early-booking>

"STAY PARTNERS"

Exclusive benefits for a vast network of partners at: <https://www.stayhotels.pt/partners>

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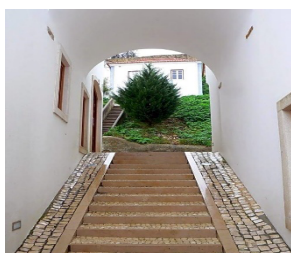
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Arcos Hotel (28 Rooms)

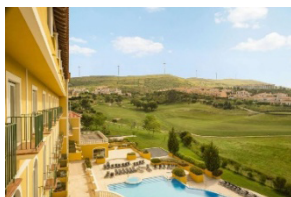
Praceta José Gouveia 1, Bairro Arenas
2560-648 Torres Vedras, Portugal
+351 261 312 489
reservas@arcoshotel.pt; geral@arcoshotel.pt
<https://www.arcoshotel.pt/>



Quebra Costas Rooms Torres Vedras (1 Flat and 2 Rooms)

Travessa do Quebra-Costas
2560-637 Torres Vedras, Portugal
+351 962 646 042
<https://quebracostasroomstorresvedras.beshotel.top/>

* The hotel offers airport transfers to and from the airport for an additional fee of €55.



Dolce Campo Real Lisbon Hotel (151 Rooms)

Rua do Campo – Turcifal, 2565-770 Torres Vedras, Portugal
+351 261 960 900
camporeal.guestservices@dolce.com
<https://www.dolcecamporeal.com/pt>

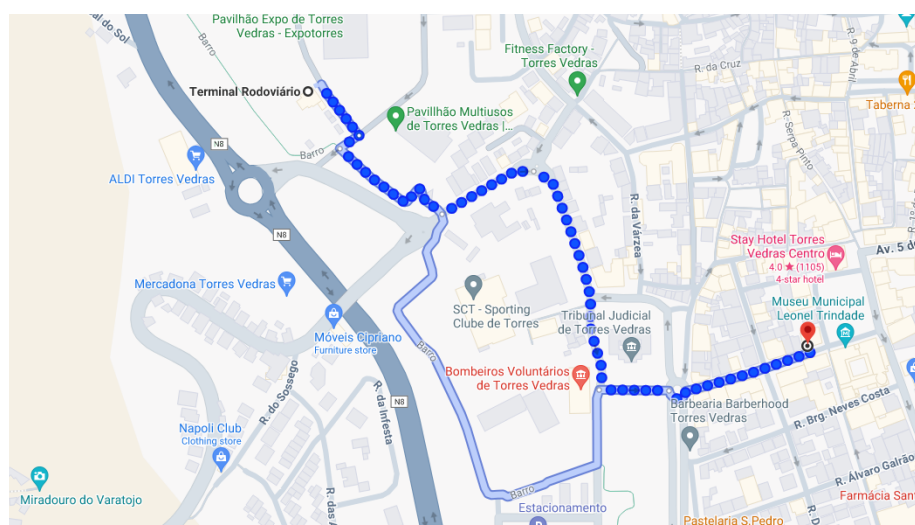
Between the bus station of Torres Vedras and the Hotel. The name of the bus station of Torres Vedras is “Terminal Rodoviário”.

Graça Garden - Bed & Breakfast

Travel : by walk

Distance : 850 m

Duration : 00:12



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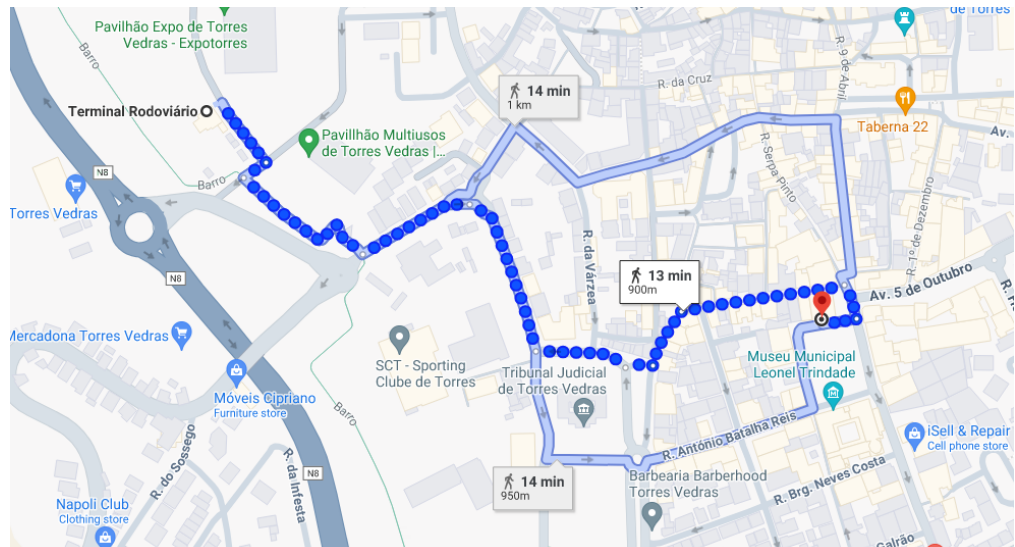
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Stay Hotel Torres Vedras Centro

Travel : by walk

Distance : 900 m

Duration : 00:13

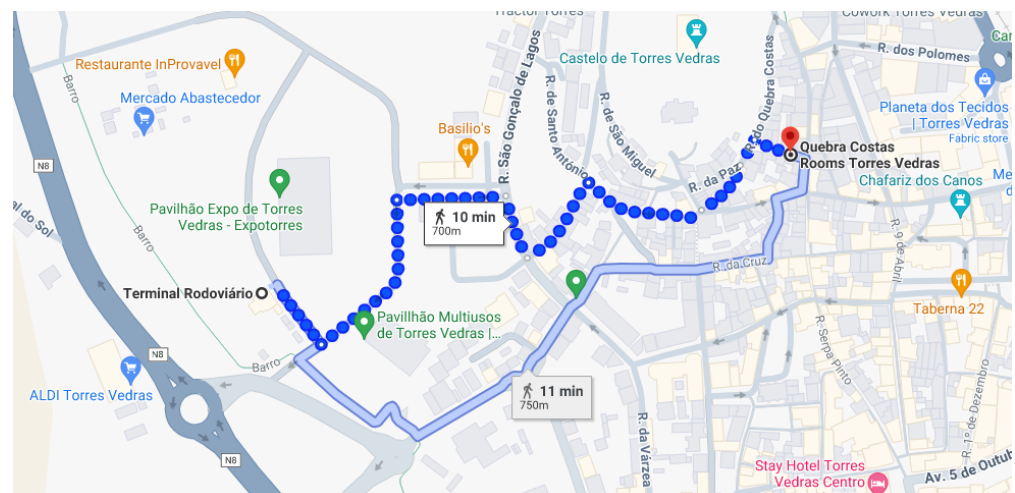


Quebra Costas Rooms Torres Vedras

Travel : by walk

Distance : 700 m

Duration : 00:10



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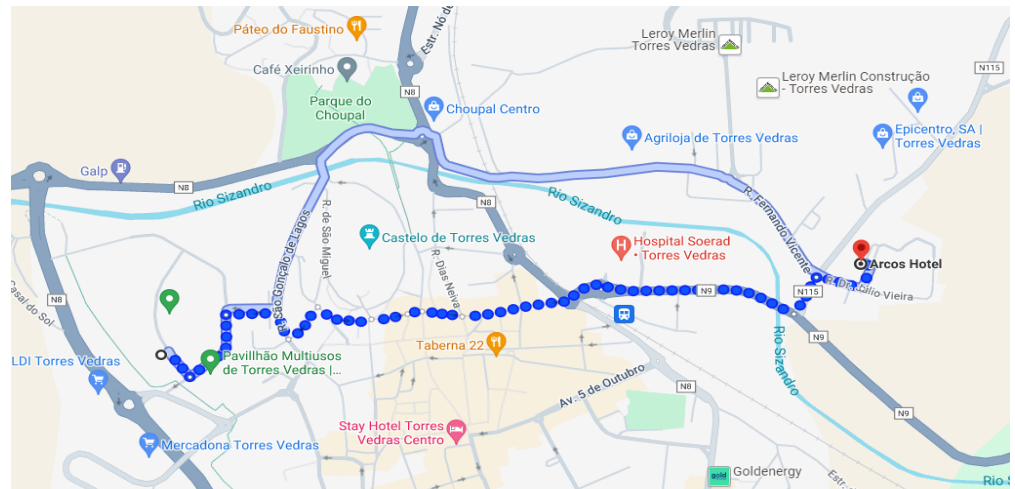
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Arcos Hotel

Travel : by walk

Distance : 2,6 km

Duration : 00:25

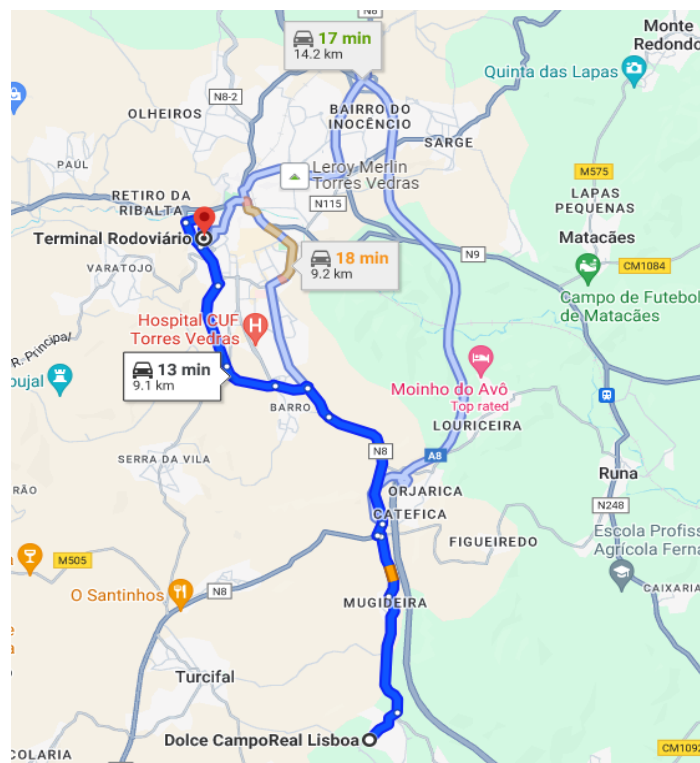


Dolce Campo Real Lisbon Hotel

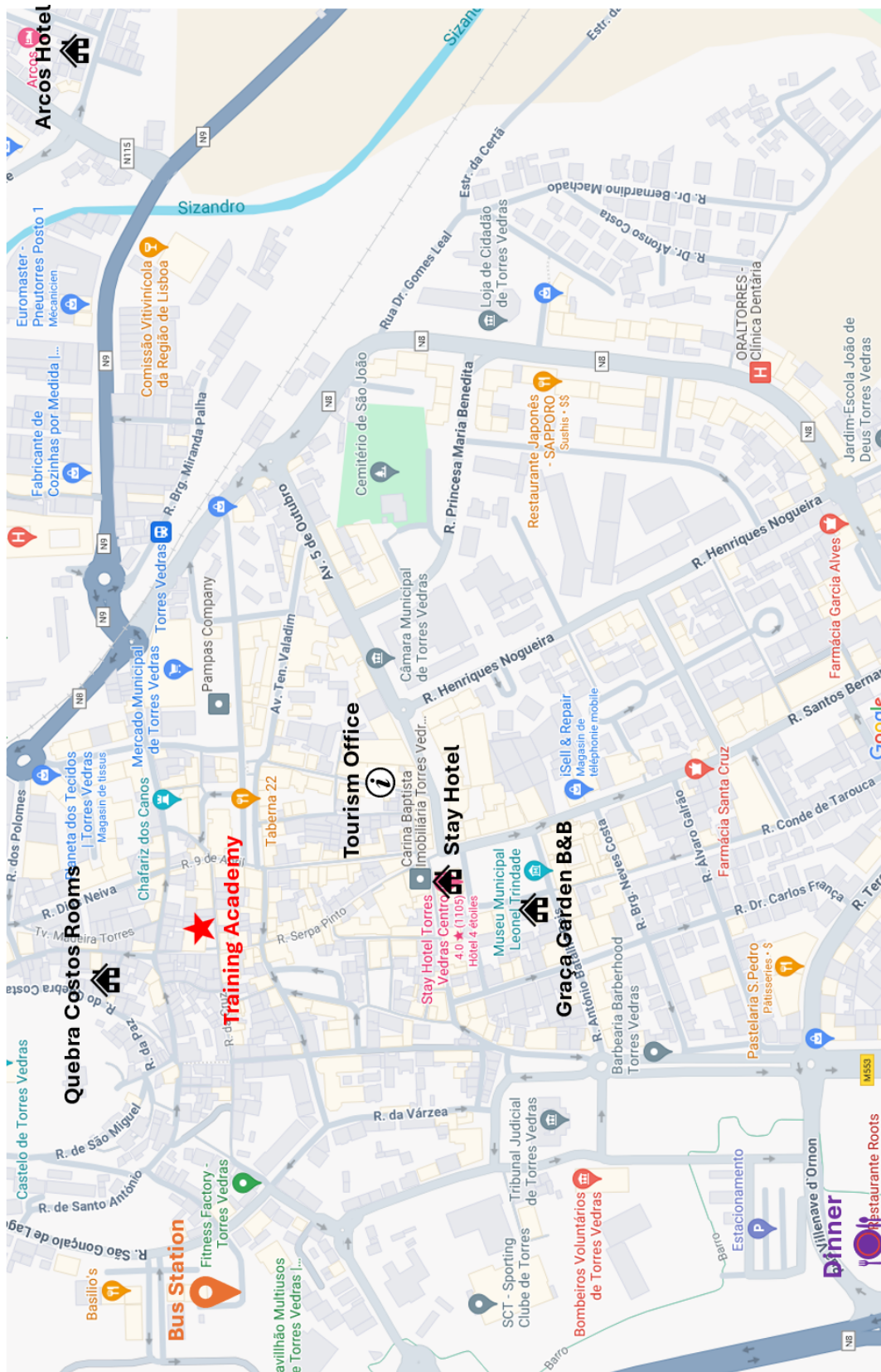
Travel : by car

Distance : 9,1 km

Duration : 00:15



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6. DISCOVER TORRES VEDRAS AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

If you wish, you can take advantage of your stay in Torres Vedras to explore the surrounding area. Below are a few suggestions:

Lines of Torres Vedras [National Monument]

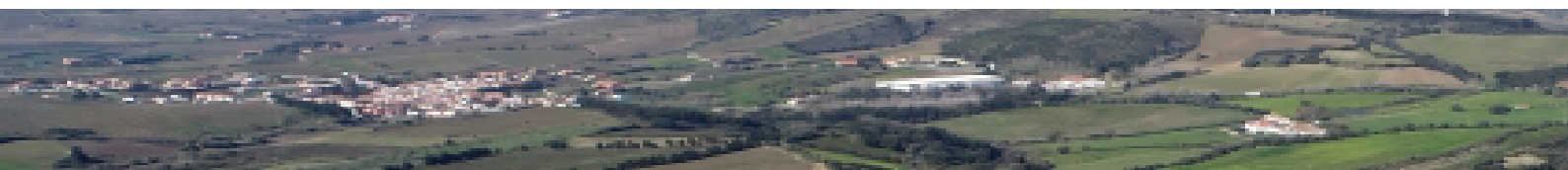


Enjoy a full and memorable day in the fortifications of the municipality that gave the Lines their name. The route begins at the Fort of São Vicente, where the Lines of Torres Vedras Interpretation Centre is located, passing by the Fort of Olheiros and the old medieval castle, adapted to fortify the impregnable defensive system. In the Serra da Archeira, where you can see the towns of Runa and Dois Portos, the scene of two important battles between opposing armies, you'll find the Feiteira Fort. Towards the sea, following the gentle course of the River Sizandro, visit the Grilo and Passo forts, culminating the experience with a view of the Atlantic.

Interpretation Centre of the Lines of Torres Vedras [Chapel Of The Fort Of S. Vicente]



The Interpretation Centre for the Lines of Torres Vedras offers educational experiences that allow visitors to enjoy the heritage more fully through new approaches to the subject, as well as promoting knowledge of the historical importance of the Lines of Torres Vedras.



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Forte de São vicente [National monument]



Built in 1809 and considered to be one of the most important and largest military works in the entire defence system, the Fort of São Vicente was equipped with 26 pieces of artillery and a military contingent of 2,000 to 2,200 men, which could accommodate around 4,000 soldiers. It had an optical telegraph inside, which allowed rapid communication with the Grilo Fort and the signal post erected in the Serra do Socorro, the closest command post to Wellington's headquarters.

Torres Vedras Castle [Building of public interest]



All that remains of the medieval castle are the Romanesque remains of the church of Santa Maria and the oval fence, reinforced by King Manuel I, which defended a keep, which was demolished to make way for the new Palácio dos Alcaides, built around 1519 by the mayor João Soares de Alarcão. Today, the Castle's Interpretation Centre, made up of four exhibition areas, welcomes and provides information to visitors, placing them in the context of the property's history and allowing them to explore, interpret and enjoy the monument independently.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION:

<https://www.rhlt.pt/en/>

https://www.invademag.pt/index_EN.html

<https://www.visitertorresvedras.pt/>



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**The Training Academy programme is also
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www.coe.int/routes

