



## MURALHAS COM HISTÓRIA 2022

In the lovely town of Sortelha we will take you back to the medieval period when Sortelha was founded, with the main focus on the reign of King D. Sancho II, who, in 1228, granted Sortelha its charter (foundation of the town and construction of the wall).

Towards the end of the 12th century, King Alfonso IX of León decided to disassociate a large area from the border of Ciudad Rodrigo and created a new municipality with its seat in Sabugal.

On the Portuguese side, the crown and the municipalities of Guarda and Covilhã, also sought to extend territories to the south, taking back land from the Moors, repopulating more isolated lands and occupying territories of undefined domain. D. Sancho I (reigned 1185 - 1211) promoted the settlement of the new place of Sortelha (removed from the territory of Covilhã). Later, D. Sancho II, his grandson, being in Vila do Touro, grants it its charter (1228-1229). Sortelha becomes the Portuguese municipality bordering the Leonese Sabugal (integrating the Portuguese border defence line, constituting an outpost to control possible Leonese and Castilian attacks from the east).

The selection of this location was fundamentally due to strategic reasons, in order to establish a military presence in a place of potential conflict and to guarantee the minimum conditions for the defence of the scattered populations. With the creation of Sortelha, the border force line was completed and stabilized in this area during the following decades. Until then, the Sortelha hill was uninhabited, so the monarch had to force the population living nearby to move to this elevated location far from the main economic areas, which made it extremely difficult for the crown to attract people.

The charter of D. Sancho II was very extensive and detailed, and intended to promote economic life, giving several benefits to the population and encouraging them to come to Sortelha - such as the privilege of the village knights being considered equal to rich men and infants, granting them the degree of nobility, at a time when some cohesion and efficiency in the settlement and fortification of the borderland was necessary.

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

## EXPOSITORY AREAS

### ♦ Military camp

Consisting of displays of spears, axes, hammers, halberds, helmets, shields, chain mail. Medieval-style cooking and tents, including Tudor, Windsor and Baldaquina tent.

### ♦ Camp with medieval experiences

Consisting of a campaign kitchen, armoury and production of chain mail, scriptorium of calligraphy, weaving, lucet and embroidery, giving an insight into the way people used to live.

### ♦ Medieval crafts

In the Street of Trades some of the arts and crafts that existed in the Middle Ages are recreated, such as blacksmithing, cabinet-making, net-making and leather tanning.

### ♦ Falconry

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

### ♦ Medieval Games/Children's entertainment

Space where adults and youngsters can try out children's games inspired by medieval culture with medieval workshops and carousel.

### ♦ Farm Animals

Exhibition of farm animals that, in ancient times, roamed freely in the streets of the old town.



FOR THE EVENT, WE PROVIDE FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM SABUGAL AND THE CAR PARKING IN SORTELHA, WHICH WILL TAKE YOU COMFORTABLY TO THE WALLS.

## PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS ANIMATION... with medieval rhythms, HISTORICAL REENACTMENT... Jugglers, Circus Arts... Unique performances... WEAPONS TOURNAMENT, fights and skirmishes... MEDIEVAL MARKET with TAVERNS and MERCHANTS, MEDIEVAL CLOTHING, showcase of TRADES and exhibition areas, MILITARY CAMPING, MEDIEVAL GAMES, FALCONRY and FARM ANIMALS...

### SEPTEMBER 16 | FRIDAY

**06:00pm - 12:00am** - Market, taverns, exhibitions, recreation of crafts and experiences and itinerant entertainment para cá e para lá - acrobats, jugglers, musicians, historical and medieval characters will surprise you in the streets of the village.

**06:00pm** - Official Opening of the Market with a Parade in honour of El Rey D. Sancho II  
• **Porta da Vila - Porta Nova - Largo do Pelourinho**  
**08:00pm** - Flavours of another era in the taverns of the Borough  
**09:30pm** - Dances and Festivity  
• **Largo do Corro**  
**11:00pm** - Juggling show with fire  
• **Largo do Pelourinho**  
**12:00am** - Closing of the Market

### SEPTEMBER 17 | SATURDAY

**12:00pm - 12:00am** - Market, taverns, exhibitions, recreation of crafts and experiences and itinerant entertainment para cá e para lá - acrobats, jugglers, musicians, historical and medieval characters will surprise you in the streets of the village.

**12:30pm** - Flavours of another era in the taverns of the Borough  
**05h30pm** - Parade of Knights and other people through the streets of the Borough towards Liça  
• **Porta da Vila - Liça**  
**06:00pm** - Weapons Tournament on foot and on horseback • **Liça (Outside the Walls)**  
**07:00pm** - Dances and Festivity  
• **Largo do Boas Vindas**  
**08:00pm** - Flavours of another era in the taverns of the Borough  
**09:30pm** - Medieval Sounds around the Castle - Concert • **Stage - Largo do Pelourinho**  
**11:30pm** - Moonlight fire performance  
• **Largo do Corro**  
**12:00am** - Closing of the Market

### SEPTEMBER 18 | SUNDAY

**12:00pm - 09:30pm** - Market, taverns, exhibitions, recreation of crafts and experiences and itinerant entertainment para cá e para lá - acrobats, jugglers, musicians, historical and medieval characters will surprise you in the streets of the village.

**12:30pm** - Flavours of another era in the taverns of the Borough  
**03:00pm** - Dances and Festivity  
• **Largo do Pelourinho**  
**05:00pm** - Parade of Knights and other people through the streets of the Borough towards Liça • **Porta da Vila - Liça**  
**05:30pm** - Weapons Tournament on foot and on horseback • **Liça (Outside the Walls)**  
**08:00pm** - Flavours of another era in the taverns of the Borough  
**09:00pm** - Closing parade of the Market and presentation of all animation and recreation groups • **Porta da Vila - Porta Nova - Largo do Pelourinho**  
**09:30pm** - Official Closing of the Market

\* The agenda may be subject to change

