



'MURALHAS COM HISTÓRIA' 2025

**Medieval Market, Taverns and Continuous Entertainment.
Historical Reenactment.**

***WALK THROUGH THE GATES OF THE WALL, STROLL ALONG THE
STREETS OF THE BOROUGH AND, WITH US, TRAVEL BACK TO
THE REIGN OF D. AFONSO IV, THE BRAVE, AND THE DRAMATIC
EPISODE OF PEDRO AND INÊS DE CASTRO.***

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In the *stunningly* beautiful village of Sortelha, we relive the experiences of the reign of King Afonso IV (1325-1357) - The Brave.

Known as 'The Brave', he was the seventh King of Portugal, reigning from 1325 to 1357. Son of D. Dinis and D. Isabel de Aragão, he was born in Lisbon on February 8, 1291, married in 1309 to D. Beatriz, daughter of Sancho IV of Castile and Queen D. Maria. He died, also in Lisbon, on May 28, 1357.

The King Afonso IV ruled in a period of great affirmation of royal power, consolidating control over the nobility and reinforcing the administration of the kingdom. During his reign, he sought to stabilize the territory, strengthen the border defenses, and maintain the authority of the crown over the feudal lords. He was a pragmatic and ruthless king, known for his participation in the Battle of Salado (1340), where he supported the Iberian Christian kingdoms against the Moorish invaders.

However, his governance was also marked by internal conflicts, including his rivalry with his own son, the future King Pedro I, and his decision to have Inês de Castro assassinated, one of the most dramatic episodes in Portuguese history.

For Sortelha, the reign of D. Afonso IV represented an era of military and disciplinary reinforcement, where fortresses were valued as essential elements of the defense of the kingdom and the application of royal law. The role of the monarch in Sortelha would have been more indirect and distant, and would not have generated any major changes in the military reinforcement of the fortified village, as far as is known...

Sortelha is the perfect setting to travel back in time... nowhere else will you feel so transported to the Middle Ages as within our 'Muralhas com História'...

THEMATIC AREAS

Medieval Market

In medieval reality, the Market wasn't just a trading space, it was the beating heart of the village, where news spread, deals were sealed, disagreements arose, and friendships strengthened.

Taverns

The Taverns played a vital role in medieval daily life, serving as a refuge for rest, food, and storytelling. They were places where, between a sip of wine and a piece of bread, agreements were sealed, friendships forged, and disagreements started.

Military and Knight Camp

Featuring displays of weapons, helmets, shields, medieval-style cooking setups, and tents. Here, combat techniques are practiced, military tactics are devised, and training sessions are held. Visitors can also interact with the horses and experience the daily life of knights and their squires.

Tournament Grounds

An area dedicated to the reenactment of medieval tournaments, both on horseback and on foot, as well as live demonstrations with birds of prey.

Medieval Lifestyle Camp

Featuring a field kitchen, an armorer with chainmail crafting, a calligraphy scriptorium, weaving and embroidery workshops, all offering insight into the daily life of common folk in medieval times.

Feudal Lords' Kitchen

An immersive setting where the scents and tastes of bygone eras awaken memories and reveal the culinary heritage of medieval life. 'The Feudal Lords' Kitchen' stands as a testament to the ingenuity of master cooks who knew how to transform the bounty of the land into nourishing and flavorful meals.

Medieval Crafts

On 'Artisan's Lane', several medieval trades are brought back to life, including woodworking, blacksmithing, carpentry, shoemaking, leather tanning, among others, allowing visitors to closely observe the techniques and tools used by master artisans of the time.

Cetrary

Falconry or cetrary, is the ancient practice of breeding, training, and handling birds of prey, such as falcons, for the noble art of hunting. Historical records and archaeological evidence show that falconry was an aristocratic sport, practiced by kings and other powerful members of royal courts.

‘TRAQUINAS’ Children's Camp and Medieval Games

A space where adults and children can experience games of skill, balance, dexterity, and focus, alongside educational workshops inspired by medieval culture — and enjoy the carousel.

Farm Animals

An exhibition of farm animals that once roamed freely through the streets of the old village, including chickens, ducks, rabbits, pigs, sheep, donkeys, cattle, along with traditional tools of rural life.

The Nook of Opportunities

An immersive space that brings to life the historical recruitment calls of Feudal Lords, Master Artisans, and Merchants, used to enlist workers.

Medieval Wardrobe

At the costume rental area, visitors can find a wide range of medieval garments, allowing them to become part of the event's enchanting atmosphere.

Royal Merch Booth

Here, the most exquisite goods gleam like jewels, waiting to be discovered at the center of the medieval celebration. Come forth, for our merchants shall receive you with courtesy and courtly jest...

EVENT PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 19 | FRIDAY

- ARRIVAL OF ROYAL EMISSARIES

09h30

Opening up of the Medieval Market

09h30 > 17h00

Portal to the Medieval Era - ‘TRAQUINAS’ Children's Camp
(Activities specially aimed at Youngsters – School Community)

09h30 > 17h00

Street Music, Comic Theatre, Combat Training, Dances & Revelry...

12h00

Flavours of Yesteryear in the Burgh's Tavern

18h00

Inaugural Pageant through the Burgh to the Sound of Trumpets... There is Blessing and Devout Prayer

· ‘Porta da Vila’ · ‘Porta nova’ · Stage – ‘Largo do Pelourinho’ (Pillory Square)

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

20h00 > 23h30

Royal Musicians, Itinerant Performers, Jugglers and Acrobats, Falconry, Dances and Revelry...

21h30

'Bearers of the Order – Arrival of the Royal Emissaries in Sortelha' –

Reenactment

23h30

'Moonlight Fire' Show

· *'Largo do Corro' ('Corro' Square)*

00h00

Market Closure

SEPTEMBER 20 | SATURDAY

- D. LOURENÇO - THE GUARDIAN OF SORTELHA

12h00

Opening of the Market with Flavours of Yesteryear in the Burgh's Taverns

14h00 > 20h00

Court Musicians, Weapons Training, Dances and Revelry, Falconry Training for High Flight Hunting, Drum Rolls and Juggling...

17h30

Pageant of D. Lourenço's Arrival in Sortelha, with Knights and Townsfolk through the Village Streets toward the Tournament Grounds

· *'Porta da Vila' – Tournament Grounds (Outside the Walls)*

18h00

Combat Display on foot and on horseback in honor of D. Lourenço

· *Tournament Grounds (Outside Walls)*

19h00

"Royal Nuptials and Courtly Dances" – Reenactment by 'Anel de Pedra' Theatre Ensemble

· *'Largo do Corro' ('Corro' Square)*

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

20h00 > 23h30

Court Troubadours, Jugglers and Acrobats, Comic Theatre and Dances and Revelry...

21h30

'D. Lourenço – The Guardian of Sortelha' – Reenactment

· *Stage – 'Largo do Pelourinho' (Pillory Square)*

22h00

Concert - 'Galandum Galundaina'

· *Stage – 'Largo do Pelourinho' (Pillory Square)*

23h30

'Moonlight Fire' Show

· *'Largo do Corro' ('Corro' Square)*

00h00

Market Closure

SEPTEMBER 21 | SUNDAY
- THE CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE

12h00

Opening of the Market with Flavours of Yesteryear in the Burgh's Taverns

13h00 > 20h00

Music in the Streets, Jugglers and Acrobats, Sounds of Bagpipes and Tambourines, Falconry, Weapons Training, Dances and Revelry, and Comic Theatre...

15h00

“Princess School with Dances” – *Reenactment by the Theatre Ensemble ‘Anel de Pedra’*

· *‘Largo do Corro’ (‘Corro’ Square)*

16h30

Parade of King Afonso IV, Knights and Common Folk through the Streets of the Borough to the Tournament Grounds

· *‘Porta da Vila’ – Tournament Grounds (Outside the Walls)*

17h00

Combat Display on foot and on horseback in honor of the King Afonso IV

· *Tournament Grounds (Outside the Walls)*

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

21h00

Closing Act with Jesters and Acrobats, Dances and Revelry of the Christian Folk to the Sound of the King’s Minstrels and Troubadours, Bagpipes, Drums, and Juggling by Firelight

· *‘Porta da Vila’ · ‘Porta Nova’ · Stage - Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)*

Market Closure

*Program subject to change

MARKET	TAVERNS	EXHIBITIONS	
HISTORICAL REENACTMENT	CRAFTS	EXPERIENCES	
ITINERANT ANIMATION	DANCES AND REVELRY	ACROBATS	JUGGLERS
COURT MUSICIANS	TROUBADOURS		
HISTORICAL AND MEDIEVAL IMAGINARY CHARACTERS	MEN OF ARMS		
KNIGHTS |

...HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

FREE TRANSPORT TO THE VILLAGE WALLS

- From Sabugal (Largo da Fonte)
- Parking Areas (Sortelha)