



'MURALHAS COM HISTÓRIA' 2026

THE HAND THAT CHANGED HISTORY.

**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. FERNANDO I (1367-1383) - THE HANDSOME -
LAST MONARCH OF THE BURGUNDY DYNASTY.***

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In the *stunningly* beautiful village of Sortelha, we revisit the experiences of the reign of Fernando I (1367–1383) – “The Handsome” – last monarch of the Burgundy Dynasty.

Known as ‘The Handsome’, Fernando I was the last monarch of the Burgundy Dynasty and presided over one of the most turbulent reigns in Portuguese medieval history. Although he ruled for only 16 years, his reign was marked by military conflicts, diplomatic crises and economic difficulties that threatened the stability of the kingdom. After his death, the succession problem would lead to the Crisis of 1383–1385.

Although relatively brief, the reign of King Fernando constituted a decisive period in the History of Portugal, serving as a bridge between the end of the Burgundy Dynasty and the birth of a new political era that would ensure the preservation of the kingdom’s independence.

Among the main events of his reign are the Fernandine Wars and the Riba-Côa Frontier (1369–1382), and the Law of the Sesmarias (1375).

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

THEMATIC AREAS

Medieval Market

The beating heart of the medieval village, where merchants, flavours and news crossed paths, disputes arose and friendships were strengthened.

Taverns

Spaces for fellowship, flavours and stories, inspired by medieval taverns — between a sip of wine and a piece of bread.

Military and Knight Camp

Arena for demonstrations and reenactments of tournaments with horses, weapons and skill challenges.

Medieval Lifestyle Camp

A journey through medieval daily life: cooking, armoury, writing and calligraphy, weaving and other crafts.

Medieval Crafts

On 'Artisan's Lane', masters and artisans recreate ancient trades, techniques and tools (woodworker, blacksmith, carpenter, shoemaker, leather tanner, among others).

Cetrary

Discover the art of raising, training and caring for birds of prey.

‘TRAQUINAS’ Children's Camp and Medieval Games

A space with games of skill, balance, challenges, workshops and fun for children and adults, inspired by the medieval universe.

Farm Animals

An exhibition of farm animals that once roamed freely through the streets of the old village, (hens, ducks, rabbits, pigs, sheep, donkeys, cows...) alongside a display of traditional tools.

Medieval Wardrobe

A wide range of medieval garments for rent, allowing visitors to become part of the event's enchanting atmosphere.

The Sesmarias Corner

Inspired by the Law of the Sesmarias (1375), this corner announces vacant lands, deadlines and royal orders. Throughout the day, the town crier walks through the village proclaiming the King's new decrees.

Kingdom's Threshing Floor

A space of traditions, flavours and memories of our land. Reenactment of the cereal cycle, from fieldwork to bread: sowing, harvesting, threshing, milling and baking in a wood-fired oven.

Royal Works Workshop

A medieval workshop where stone, wood and tools evoke the construction of Sortelha's walls. Discover the work and challenges through an interactive experience with the medieval master builder, accessible via QR Code. Discover the sword embedded in the stone, symbol of the oath to defend the village: will you be able to pull it out?

Royal Merch Booth

Here shine the finest goods and souvenirs of Sortelha, like jewels at the heart of the Fair... Come forth, for our merchants shall receive you with courtesy and courtly jest...

EVENT PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 18| FRIDAY

- THE ORDER

09h30

Opening up of the Medieval Market

09h30 > 00h00

Hustle and Bustle - Music in street parades, Comedy theatre, Weapons training, Tumblers, Jugglers and Acrobats, Falconry, Dances & Revelry ...

09h30 > 17h00

Gateway to the Medieval Era – “TRAQUINAS” – Children's Camp

12h00

Flavours of Yesteryear in the Burgh's Tavern

16h00

‘Sesmarias Proclamation – Posting of the First Edicts’— Reenactment

· Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

18h00

‘The Letter to the King’ Opening Pageant through the streets of the burg under the echo of trumpets... · Porta da Vila · Porta Nova · Stage – Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

19h30

Opening of the “Royal Works Workshop” and laying of the first stone · Reenactment · Royal Works Workshop (outside the walls)

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

21h30

‘Sortelha – Between Earth and Stone’

· Reenactment · Stage – Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

23h30

‘Moonlight Fire’ Show

· ‘Largo do Corro’ (‘Corro’ Square)

00h00

Market Closure

SEPTEMBER 19 | SATURDAY
THE WORK

12h00

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

12h00 > 00h00

Hustle and Bustle - Court Musicians, Weapons Training, Dances and Revelry, Falconry Training for High Flight Hunting, Comedy Theatre, Drum Rolls and Juggling...

12h30

'Threshing and Milling – The Cereal Cycle' · Continuous Animation · Eira do Reino (The Royal Threshing Floor)

15h30

"The Sesmarias Court"

· Reenactment · Stage – Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

17h30

Procession of D. Fernando I, Knights and other folk through the streets of the burgh towards the Lists

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

18h00

Combat Display on foot and on horseback in honor of D. Fernando I

· Tournament Grounds (Outside Walls)

19h00

'Bread Baking and Distribution'

· Continuous Animation · 'Eira do Reino' (The Royal Threshing Floor)

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

21h00

'Sortelha – Between Earth and Stone'

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

22h00

Concert - 'ALBALUNA'

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

23h30

'Moonlight Fire' Show

· 'Largo do Corro' ('Corro' Square)

00h00

Market Closure

SEPTEMBER 20 | SUNDAY
- THE 'ALARDO' - MUSTER OF MEN AND ARMS

12h00

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

13h00 > 20h00

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

12h30

Bread for the Folk of the Burgh!

· Reenactment · Streets of the Burgh

14h30

‘The Sesmarias Court’

· Reenactment · Stage – Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

16h30

Parade of King Fernando I, Knights and Common Folk through the Streets of the Burgh towards the Tournament Grounds

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

17h00

Combat Display on foot and on horseback in honor of the King Fernando I

· *Tournament Grounds (Outside the Walls)*

20h00

Flavours and Wines in the Burgh's Taverns

21h00

‘The last Stone’ - 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’ · Largo do Pelourinho (Pillory Square)

*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)