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# Almond-Trees in Blossom

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## **ABOUT**

At the end of winter, especially in the months of February and March, the soft white colour of the almond-trees in blossom mixes with the greens and browns of the surrounding landscape.

This is an excellent time for visiting this particular region of Trás-os-Montes and also provides the ideal pretext for Torre de Moncorvo Municipal Council to promote the "Festa das Amendoeiras em Flor" (Festival of the Almond-Trees in Blossom). In addition to a full programme of cultural and recreational activities, there is always a Handicraft Fair, where it is also possible to appreciate the delicious tastes of the regional cuisine.

Don't miss this opportunity to taste the special "amêndoas cobertas" (coated almonds), one of the regional specialities, especially if you have the chance to observe the unusual ritual involved in their making. The almonds are toasted over a gentle heat, in a large copper basin, into which the confectioners, their fingers protected with thimbles, patiently pour sugar whilst they roll the dry fruits round and round between their fingers for hours on end. There are three types of coated almonds: those coated with white sugar ("amêndoa bicuda"), those coated with chocolate and cinnamon ("amêndoa morena") or those coated with a very thin layer of sugar ("amêndoa peladinha").

## **Other information**

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