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#### Porto de Mós

##### **Grutas de Santo António - Alvados**

**Address:** 2480 Alvados

**Timetable:**

October to March - 9.30am to 5.30pm April and May - 9.30am to 6.00pm June and September - 9.30am to 7.00pm July and August - 9.30am to 8.30pm;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Altitude: 530; Depth: 40; Length: 400; Restaurant; Shops; Guided Tours; Outdoor parking; Bar; Temperature: 17;

In 1955 two men working at a place called Pedra do Altar went through a large opening as they were trying to catch a bird. The Santo António caves were discovered more than 150 million years after their formation in the Middle Jurassic age, when the dinosaurs populated this region. Their footprints can be seen here today.

The entrance is at an altitude of 530m, and the depth inside reaches 40m. The caves occupy a huge area of 6,000 square metres, comprising various rooms adorned with stalagmites and stalactites. In the Room of the Bats, you can observe these charming creatures of the night, which sleep while the sun is shining outside and go out at night in search of food. In the Fátima Room, your guide will show you a stalagmite that looks like the image of Our Lady of Fátima with the Child in her arms.

Appropriate lighting, steps, stepping-stones, background music and the pleasant temperature of 17 degrees Celsius invite you to enter this wonder that Nature took millions of years to form.