
Museums, Monuments and Sites

Alentejo

Vidigueira

Villa Romana de São Cucufate**Address:** São Cucufate - Vila de Frades**Telephone:** .**E-mail:** dgpc@dgpc.pt **Website:**<http://www.patrimoniocultural.pt>**Timetable:**

Summer (1 May - 15 September) 3pm - 6pm (Tuesday) 9.30am - 1pm / 3pm - 6pm (Wednesday to Sunday) Winter (16 September - 30 April) 2pm - 5pm (Tuesday) 9am - 12.30pm / 2pm - 5pm (Wednesday to Sunday) Closed: Monday and Public Holidays (1 January), Easter Sunday, 1 May, 25 December);

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Guided Tours; Restaurant;

Accessibility:

Disabled access;

Roman Villa of São Cucufate

Roman villa from the 1st century, that was altered in the first half of the 2nd century and destroyed in the 4th century in order to be replaced by the building that is still visible today. During the Middle Ages, the building served as a Convent (Military Order of Santiago) and was abandoned during the 16th century. The central portion of the villa is framed by 2 symmetrical towers that confer an aura of great monumentality. Also known as the ruins of Santiago.

Algarve

Faro

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9.00am-1pm / 2pm-5.30pm

Closed: Monday, 1 January, 1 May and 25 December

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Other informations:

Guided tours are available by appointment.

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Opulent villa of the Roman Empire whose occupation lasted during late antiquity and the early centuries of islamic domain. It is still possible to perceive the architectural aspect of the villa from the early 4th century, with the luxurious residence manor, thermal baths, oil and wine mills, and agricultural installations, which reveals the type of dily life of a family of high social and political status.

Integrates this set a temple from the early 4th century, christianized in the 6th century and used as a cemetery in Islamic period up to the 10th century, still preserved until the start of the vaults and with mosaics of the mural coating of the podium.

In the ruins were made important archaeological finds: predominantly marine thematic mosaics, marbles and diverse pottery, painted stucco and sculptures that decorated the interiors and the gardens.

Porto and the North

Marco de Canaveses

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Characteristics and Services:

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Archaeological Site of Freixo - Tongobriga

The ruins of the **Roman city of Tongobriga** lie under the village of **Santa Maria do Freixo**, in the municipality of Marco de Canaveses. They are dispersed around 15 hectares of area classified as a **National Monument**, and fall under the management of the Regional Directorate for Culture for the North.

Some of these ruins have already been surveyed by archaeologists and can be visited:

- Walled perimeter of about 13 hectares, covering the entire village of Freixo, within which are housed residential settlements of pre-Roman and Roman dwellings, built between the first and fifth centuries AD;

- The bathing area of the (pre-Roman) fortified village, the forum and the Roman baths, these latter dating from the first and second centuries AD, are located outside the walled perimeter at the base of the hill where the village of Freixo is located.

The Roman Forum and Baths, which constitute the ex-libris of this archaeological site, stand out due to their monumental nature.

The Archaeological Site of Freixo has several amenities for the use of visitors: an Interpretive Centre (which houses the reception for visitors), with a permanent exhibition dedicated to the change of life of the inhabitants of Tongobriga when it became part of the Roman Empire; a Restaurant/Cafeteria; an Auditorium (where a documentary about the site can be viewed), four visitable archaeological ruins and a number of temporary exhibitions.

The village of Freixo itself is a pleasant and historical place to visit, and forms part of the "Historical Villages of Portugal". In it of note is the parish church of Santa Maria (under which lie ruins of Roman houses with mosaics); the buildings related to one of

the biggest fairs in the North of Portugal, which ceased to function at the beginning of the 20th century (the so-called “Lent Fair”); and the Manor House which the Captain-Major of Canaveses, António de Serpa Pinto, ordered built at the time of the French Invasions.