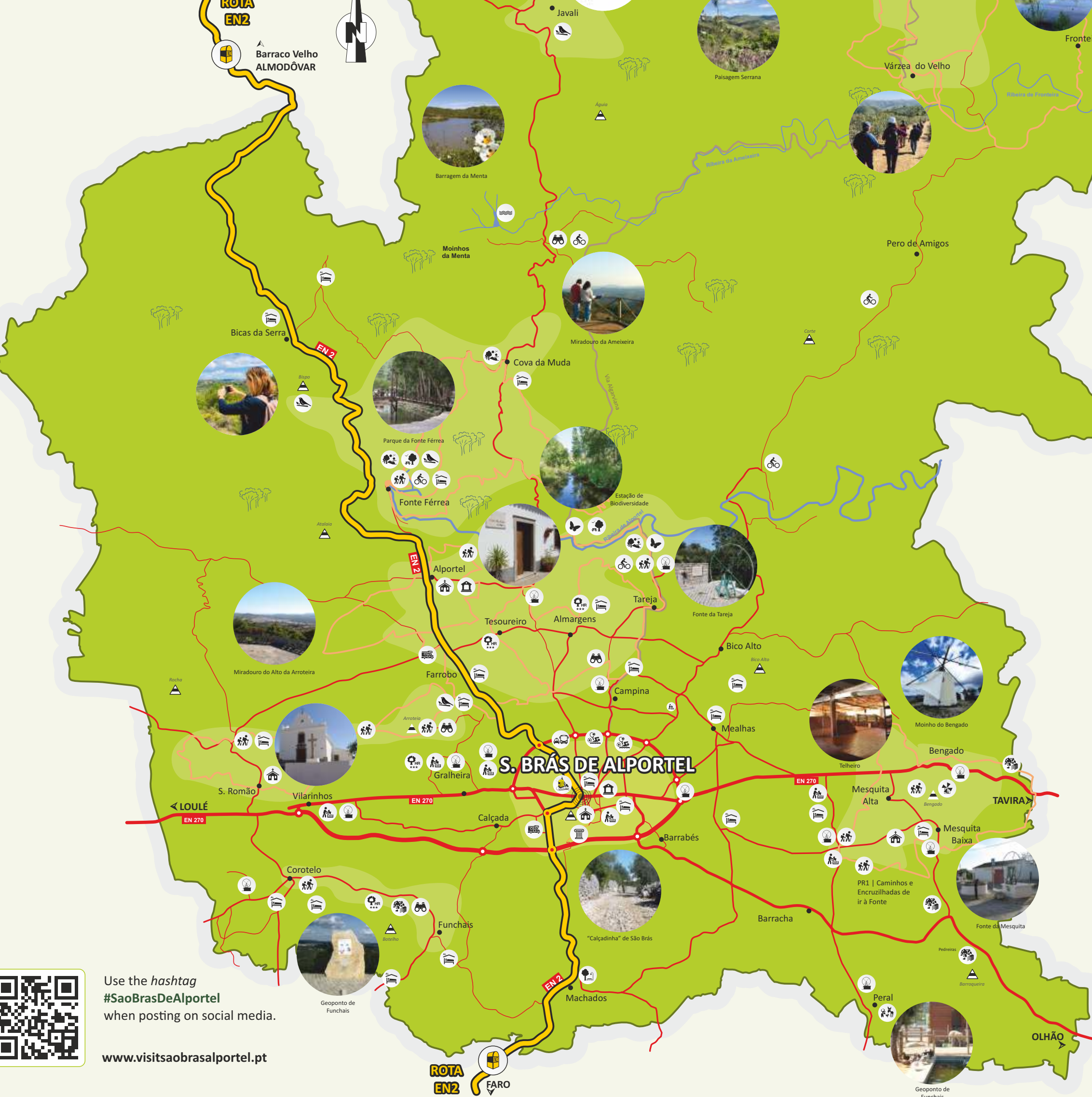


São Brás de Alportel

A Door Open to the Hills * A Window Over the Ocean

Located in the very heart of the Eastern Algarve, the Municipality of São Brás de Alportel is a door open to the hills and a window over the ocean, peeking out curiously between mounds... A joyful land that awaits visitors with a smile, it provides the charm of serene afternoons, the healthy, clean air of the hills, and the scent of wildflowers blooming in the valleys.



EN2 Memory House	Church / Chapel	Public wash-house	Quinta do Peral	Mountain Biking Trails	Café / Bakery	Triangulation stations
EN2 - National Road 2	Theatre / Cinema	Viewpoint	Birdwatching	Walking Trails	Bar / Snack bar	Traditional Geological Exploration
Landmarks	Gallery	Nature	Picnic Area	Transport	Traditional Shop / Local Produce	Road network
Heritage	Bengado Mill	Dam	Garden	Motorhome Service Area	Local Accommodation	National Road 2 (EN2)
Museum	Spring / Well / Water fountain	Biodiversity Station	Sports Centre	Restaurant	Rural Hotel	

MEMORY ROUTE

In São Brás de Alportel, places tell their history! Listen to them as you discover the Route of Memory!

CASA DA SERRA - PARISES



Right in the heart of Serra, in the beautiful village of Parises, there is a tiny house where it's up to Saw inside... More than half a century later, as if by magic, the old lady Sale of TI Joaquina d'Horta reopened the its doors... and now makes it known to all who visit it, the beautiful Serra, the traditions, uses and customs of its people, but also your tasty products!

EN2 MEMORY HOUSE



... on the edge of the EN2, at KM 722, lies the beating heart of São Brás de Alportel: the EN2 MEMORY HOUSE, located in the building that, for decades, housed the "8th Section of the Faro District Road Maintenance Division".

After a 30-year slumber, its doors have re-opened, and, almost like magic, we're given a glimpse of the past!

In this small building bursting at the seams with history, the municipality pays tribute to the EN2 National Road, its lands and people. The museum evokes memories of old stoneworkers.

Prepare to delve into the history of the EN2, a road that runs the whole length of Portugal, from north to south, lingering in every nostalgic corner along Memory Route. You will discover stories and tales, tools, secrets, and fun facts about the crafts and trades that left their marks on the lives of so many.

MOUNTAIN BIKING/DOWNHILL TRAILS



Mountain biking trails in São Brás provide adventure-seekers with a deep dive into nature along uphill and downhill stretches sure to get their hearts racing!

Set off along trails through the Caldeirão hills, where you're sure to be astounded by breathtaking landscapes, the local fauna and flora providing surprises aplenty.

These trails combine fun, adventure, and the adrenaline brought by the most extreme of routes. Explore the beauty of riding off-piste - and though it may require some expertise, the rush is accessible to anyone who wants to give these trails a go, from beginners to seasoned professionals.

Access the routes available on the municipality's website at www.cm-sbras.pt

WHERE TO SHOP



Municipal Market

Find the Best Quality Produce at the Municipal Market. Take the flavours of the hills away with you when you go: delicious honey, carob liqueur, arbutus brandy and mouthwatering smoked sausages. True temptations for every sense. Be sure to visit shops selling local produce to take the Taste of Tradition with you when you go.

Find out more when you pop into the Municipal Market at Rua Boaventura Passos or by phone at 289 840 014289 840 014

Culinary Demonstration

A live cooking demonstration is held at the Market on the last Saturday of each month, with special participations from chefs eager to present their own signature dishes, filling the space with mouthwatering aromas.

HANDICRAFTS



Take original pieces of locally-made handicrafts with you. Explore your options when you SHOP LOCALLY, but also at the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (Arts and Crafts Centre -Historic Centre), at the EN2 MEMORY HOUSE.

Artisan's House

A new complementary space has been added to enrich the São Brás de Alportel Arts and Crafts and Historic Centres, displaying local crafts and products typical of the Caldeirão hills. Watch several local artisans as they practice their craft here for all to see.

WALKING TRAILS



São Brás de Alportel covers an area of 150km², stretching from the rocky "Barrocal" to the hills, providing a range of trails for walkers filled with treasures of natural heritage and a whole load of history just waiting to be discovered! We've made a list of our top suggestions of signposted walking trails, though you can also find information on all the trails available on the municipality's website at www.visitsaobrasalportel.pt

WT1 > A Walk to the Spring [9km]

A route along old pathways through the barrocal, in Mesquita and Bengado.

WT2 > Between Valleys, Springs, and the Memories of the Caldeirão Hills [20km]

A route divided into 3 different optional sections in the hilliest part of the municipality, taking walkers through Parises and Cabeça do Velho.

PP3 > Lages Ravine [7km]

A route through the most picturesque locations along the northern border of the municipality.

Fonte Férrea Trails

Explore fantastic trails fit for all the family at the Fonte Férrea Park, and venture through the Caldeirão Route!

Stone over Stone, seeking to explore Corotelo

A route sure to astound all walkers, through geology and thousands of years of history.

Along the Trails of the Barrocal - from Penedo Gordo to "Calçadinha"

Um percurso surpreendente pela geologia, com milénios de história.

Walks through the Alportel Valley A Walk through the Valley... along shepherds' paths [28,3km]

A route made up of 3 trails: Alcaria, Várzea da Cova, and Ribeira de Alportel, through the stunning Alportel Valley along breathtaking trails.

A Walk to the West... in the twilight of Soalheira [9km]

Set off from the Capela de São Romão (Saint Romanus Chapel) through rolling hills, the sea peeking through peaks and troughs in the distance.

The Way to School (Peral) [3,7km]

The perfect path to take in charming landscapes populated with beautiful rainfed orchards that culminate in the "Quinta do Peral" Environmental Centre.

Biodiversity Station [2km]

North of the village of Alportel, allow hundreds of birds, butterflies, and dragonflies to whisk you away, and help keep track of each species!

Ornithological Itinerary - Sítio do Javali

Explore a trail through cork oaks, vegetable patches, and streams. Also make sure to stop by the birdwatching spots along the EN2 in Bispo, Fonte Férrea, and Farrobo.

Geological Itinerary

A route along which walkers are taken on a journey of discovery of the ancient art of clay sculpting - the oldest practice in the area, the traces of which can be found in the beautiful Bengado Valley.



WHERE TO EAT

Cuisine



In the heart of the eastern Algarve, between the rocky stretch of "barrocal" and the hills, the lands of Alportel serve up a rich, flavourful cuisine. The flavours that shine through are those found in tasty, healthy Mediterranean cuisine: a range including cold tomato "gaspacho", chickpea, chicken, and bread "açorda", as well as kid with peas, wild rabbit au vin and, of course, the "soups", a typical dish consisting of slices of day-old rustic bread with broth poured over them. Taste the spice of tradition in a range of local restaurants that can be

WHERE TO STAY

Accommodation

Find paradise!...

São Brás de Alportel awaits, providing a range of accommodations for all tastes: a RURAL HOTEL, several RURAL TOURISM options, more than 100 options of LOCAL ACCOMMODATION and MOTORHOME SERVICE AREAS sure to amaze!

Get searching and book now at: www.visitsaobrasalportel.pt



WHERE TO SAMPLE

Sweet treats

Sweet treats made in São Brás are certainly some of the best of what the region has to offer, crafted using honey, carob, arbutus berries, figs, and almonds, not to mention traditional stuffed figs, lollipops and the traditional São Brás "tender" sugared almonds. A list of unmissable ingredients essential to cultivating hospitality!

Explore the best of the sweet treats São Brás has to offer: www.visitsaobrasalportel.pt



WHERE TO DELIGHT IN NEW EXPERIENCES

São Brás de Alportel invites you to indulge all of your senses when you dive into brand-new Experiences!

● How about a family day out to Quinta do Peral – Interpretation and Education and Environmental Centre, providing donkey rides, games, parties, workshops, and much more! Book: ☎ 289 845 420 ✉ quintadoperal@cm-sbras.pt

● You can also book guided tours to Bengado Mill and Mesquita Watermill, as well as of the Historic Centre, at the Tourist Office: ✉ turismo@cmsbras.pt ☎ (+351) 289 840 210

● Remember: the best stories are the ones we live together! Why not opt for a family adventure, in the middle of nature, at Monte dos Marafados? Or who knows a fun trip to the time of the Romans? Minte dos Marafados: ✉ marcocran@email.com

● Make time for a memorable bike ride: enjoy the municipality on two wheels when you rent bikes to dive into an adventure into nature: ✉ avalanche.bikeshop@gmail.com , ✉ info@mtbalgarve.pt, or ✉ info@ridesouthportugal.com

● Enjoy a true adventure in the heart of Serra do Caldeirão! You can travel in a classic 4x4Toyota from 1978 or experience fun workshops in ✉ serra.algarvia.sba@gmail.com

● Explore the Cork Route in the birthplace of the best cork worldwide: ✉ turismo@algarverotas.com

● Visit an artisan production of natural soaps and you can even book a ✉ workshop: celiasousacosmetics@hotmail.com

● Venture out on an unforgettable paragliding flight: ✉ geral@apalgarve.com

● Take a chance on a caravan adventure! Rent them here! You can opt for a 2Cv story:

Siesta Campers- ✉ info@siestacampers.com ; opt for a more modern version of the Soul Campers - ✉ info@soulcampers.com.pt or a classic model ✉ vintagecampersvan.com ✉ info@vintagecampersvans.com

Find out what all the local tour operators have to offer at ✉ www.visitsaobrasalportel.pt

