

Mission Report to Alentejo: Serpa town and region fieldwork campaign

Mission nº: 1

Local: Alentejo – Serpa, Santa Iria, São Brás and Vila Verde de Ficalho

Date: 1 to 4 of December 2022

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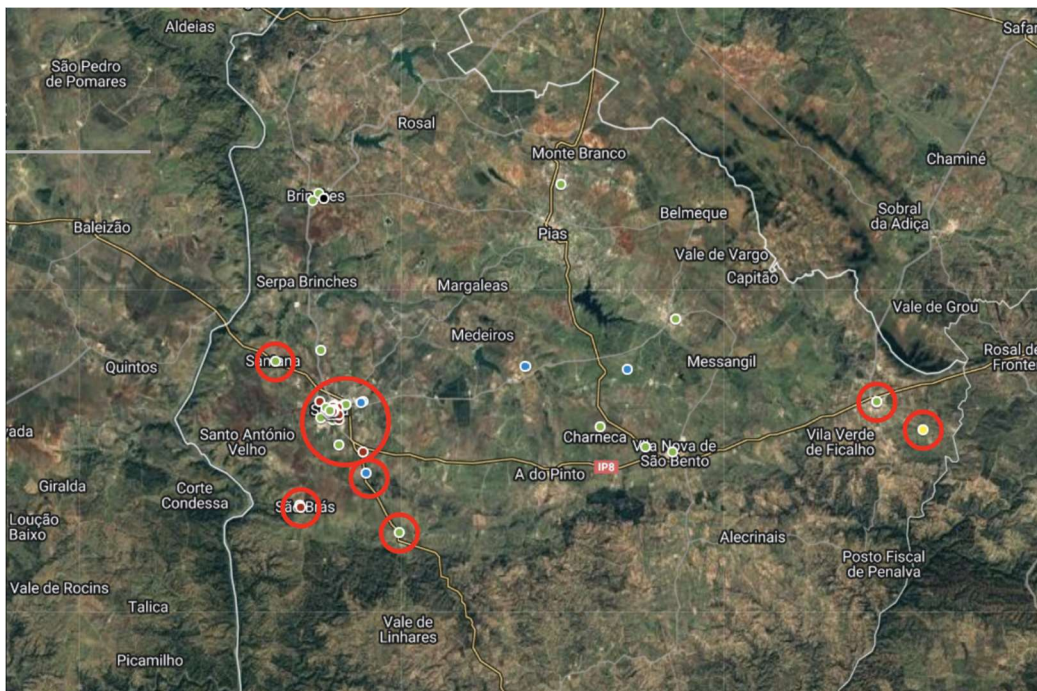
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Aims: To prospect vernacular vaulted constructions in cultured buildings and popular houses in Serpa, Santa Iria, São Brás and Vila Verde de Ficalho. To make institutional contacts for the development of the project in the region. To carry out photographic and metric surveys of brick and caliche stone vaulted buildings: churches, hermitages, manor and popular houses, *villas* and farms. To survey the types of geometries of vaults, timbered vaults and domes.

Lodging: Hotel Pulo do Lobo, Serpa

Places' location:



Places with vernacular vaulted buildings surveyed during the fieldwork campaign.

Caption: ● vault without plaster ● plastered vault ● likely vault ● unknow

Itinerary:

1st day: 1/12/2022: Travel from Lisbon to Serpa.

Serpa – *Santana* chapel:



Serpa – Ficalho Palace



2nd day: 2/15/2022: Serpa – Meeting at *Câmara Municipal de Serpa* (Serpa City Council) with president Dr. João Efigénio Palma. Meeting with master builder Hélder Ferreira at Rua da Figueira house.

Serpa – town houses:



Serpa – Casa Paixão



Vila Verde de Ficalho – *Primate* chapel:



Vila Verde de Ficalho – town house (next to former *Condes Ficalho* Palace)



Vila Verde de Ficalho – *Nossa Senhora das Pazes* chapel:



Serpa – *Vila Mariana*:



3rd day: 3/12/2022:

Serpa – *Gavião Peixoto* manor house



Serpa – Rocha town house:



Serpa – town houses

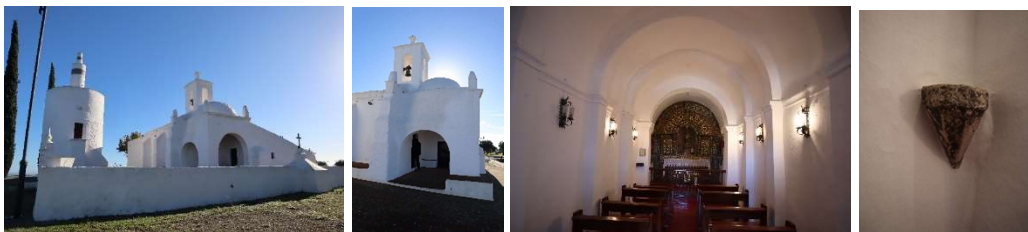


Santa Iria – Herdade do Peixoto farm



4th day: 4/12/2022:

Serpa – Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe chapel:



Serpa – São Paulo church and convent (Misericórdia Hospital):



Serpa – Mosteirinho convent (Watch Museum)



São Brás – *Herdade de São Brás* villa:



Santa Iria – *Santa Iria* chapel:



End of the fieldwork and return to Lisbon.

Summary:

25 surveyed buildings

13 religious' architecture (54%)

5 churches

5 chapels

3 convents

12 civilian architecture (46%)

5 palaces and townhouses

1 *monte* (farm)

2 *villas*

0 administrative buildings

3 commercial spaces

1 infra-structure