

Mission Report to Alentejo: Alvito and Portel regions fieldwork campaign

Mission nº: 3

Local: Alentejo – Alvito, Portel, Vidigueira, Santana, Vila de Frades and Reguengos de Monsaraz.

Spain – Zafra, Extremadura region.

Date: 31 of May to 4 of June 2023 (4 days)

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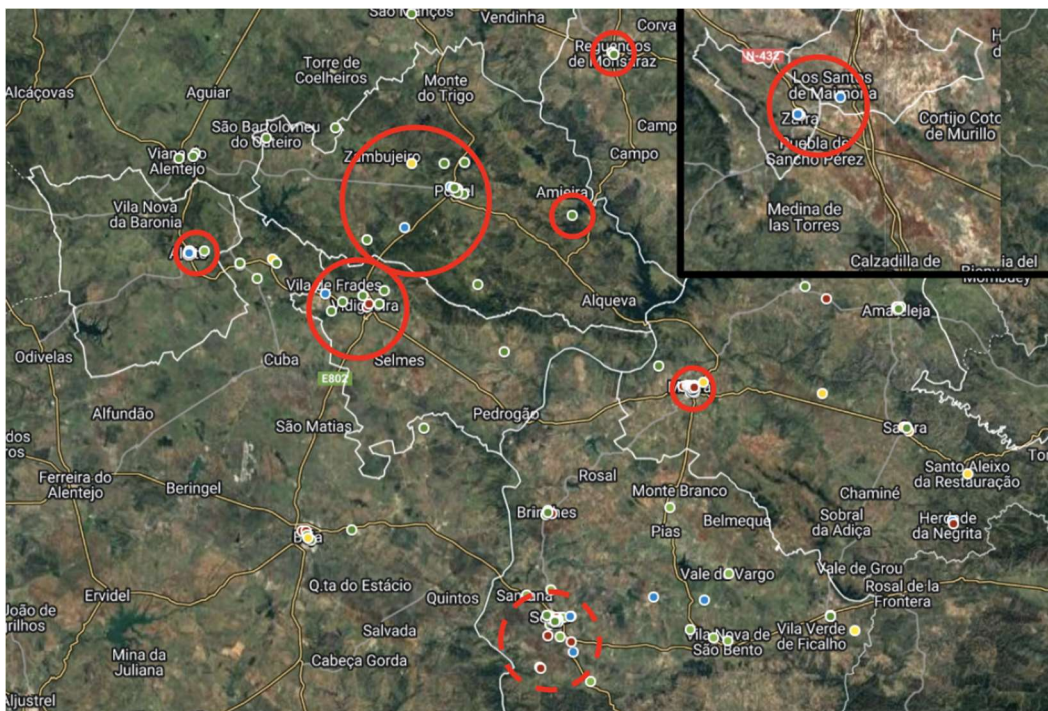
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Aims: To prospect for vernacular vaulted constructions in cultured buildings and popular houses in the Alvito, Portel, Vidigueira, Santana, Vila de Frades and Reguengos de Monsaraz regions. To make institutional contacts for the development of the project in the region. To carry out photographic and metric surveys of brick vaulted buildings: churches, hermitages, manor and popular houses, *villas* and farms. To meet the consultant of the project, Prof. Manuel Fortea Luna in Zafra, Extremadura region, Spain. To survey the types of geometries of vaults, timbered vaults and domes.

Lodging: Residential *São João*, Vidigueira, and Residential *Os Condes*, Reguengos de Monsaraz.

Places' location:



Places with vernacular vaulted buildings surveyed during the fieldwork campaign.
Caption: ● vault without plaster ● plastered vault ● likely vault ● unknow

Itinerary:

1st day: 31/05/2023: Travel from Lisbon to Portel. Meeting at the *Câmara Municipal de Portel*, Urbanism department.

Portel – *Santa Casa da Misericórdia* nursing home:



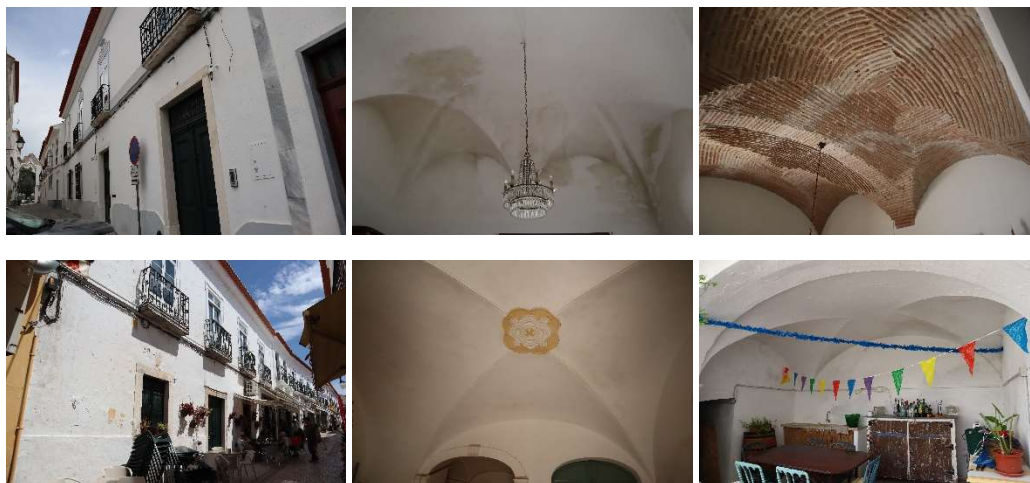
Portel region – Farm *Monte da Balsa*:



2nd day: 01/06/2023: Moura – Town shops:



Moura – Town houses:



Moura – *São Sebastião* chapel:

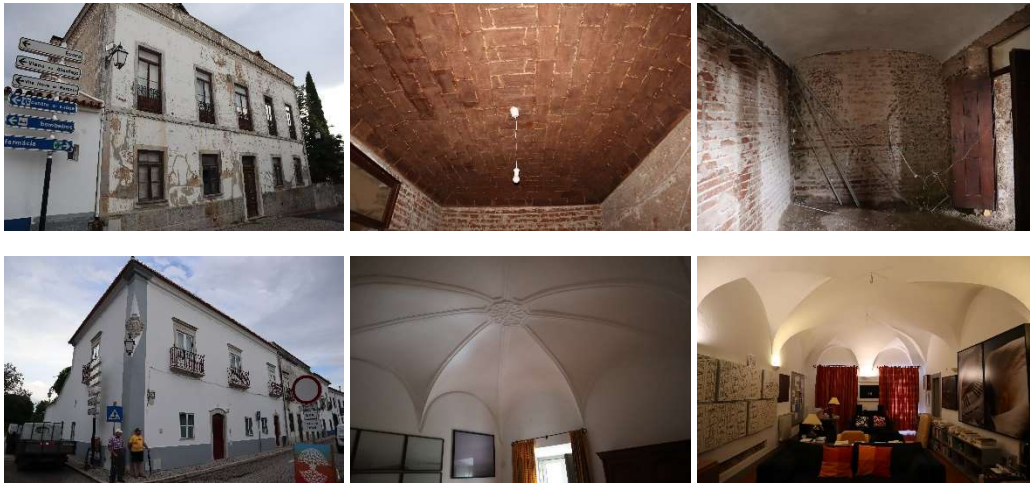


3rd day: 02/06/2023: Vidigueira – *São Cucufate* roman villa and Medieval church:



Alvito – town houses:





Alvito – Paços de Concelho building/Alvito City Council:



Alvito region – Santa Luzia chapel:



4th day: 03/06/2023: Zafra, Spanish Extremadura.

Meeting with the consultant Prof. Manuel Fortea Luna at Zafra town:

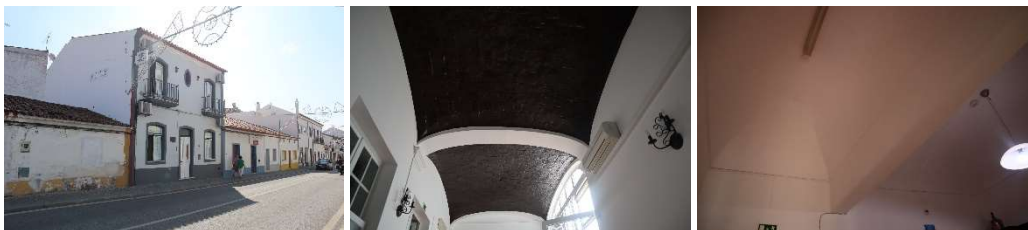




Former Zafra castle:



5th day: 04/06/2023: Reguengos de Monsaraz – Town house



Portel region – *São Brás and Santo Amaro chapel (cemetery):*



Portel region – *São Lázaro and Nossa Senhora da Consolação chapel:*



Portel region – Giesteira chapel, *Nossa Senhora da Serra* chapel, *São Pedro* chapels:



Santana – *Matriz* church:



End of the fieldwork and return to Lisbon.

Summary:

40 surveyed buildings

13 religious' architecture (33%)

4 churches

9 chapels

xx convents

27 civilian architecture (67%)

10 palaces and townhouses

1 *monte* (farm)

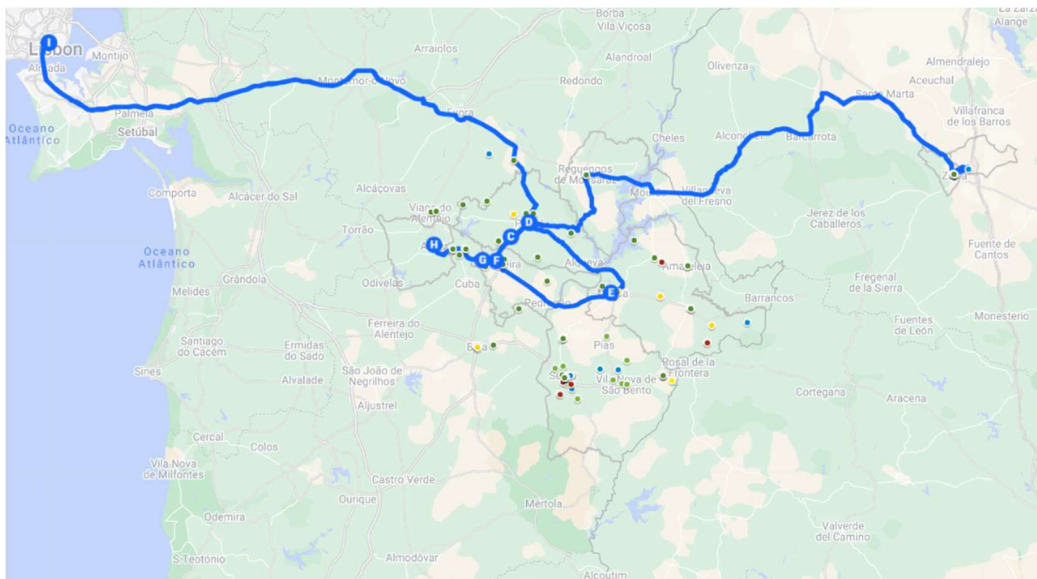
1 *villa*

5 administrative buildings

9 commercial spaces

2 structures

Route:



862 km
11h10