

Mission Report to Alentejo: Vidigueira and Portel fieldwork campaign

Mission nº: 5

Local: Alentejo – Vidigueira, Portel and Baleizão

Date: 14 to 16 of December 2023

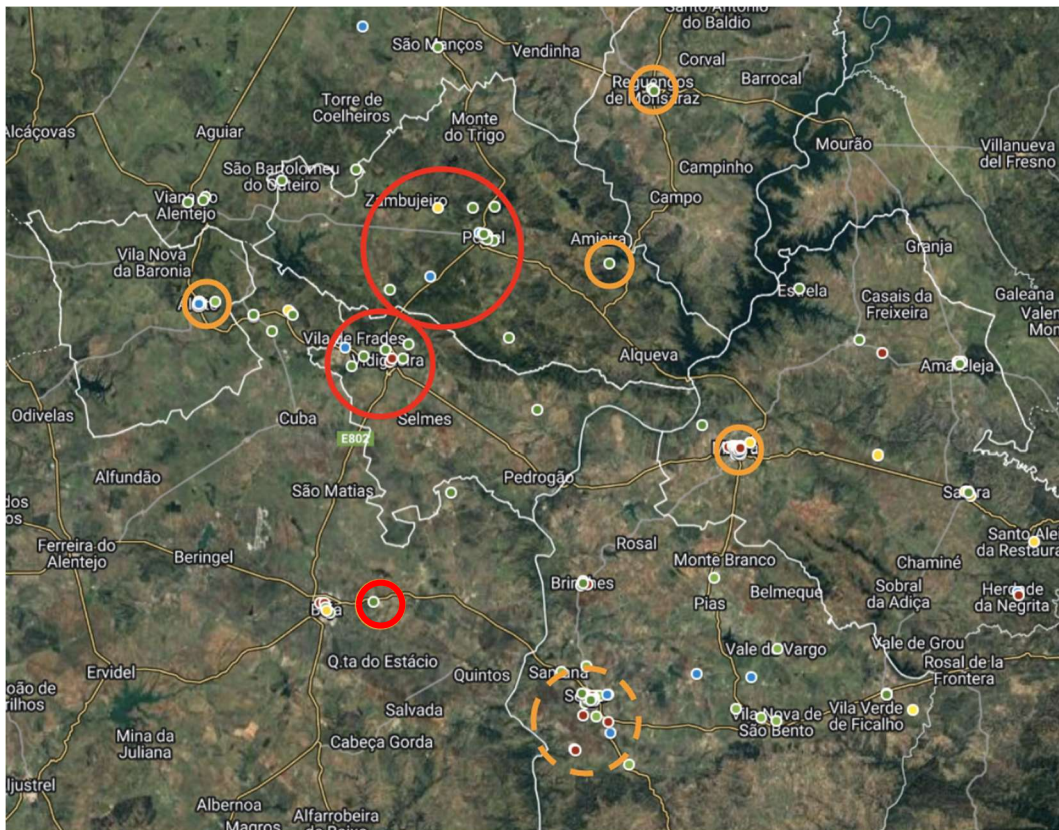
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Aims: To complete the previous prospection to vernacular vaulted constructions in cultured buildings and popular houses in Vidigueira and Portel. To carry out photographic, metric of vernacular vaulted buildings: churches, hermitages, convents, manor and popular houses, *villas* and farms. To survey the types of geometries of vaults, timbered vaults and domes. To interview two master builders during a vault work at Baleizão.

Lodging: Hotel *Santa Clara*, Vidigueira.

Places' location:



Places with vernacular vaulted buildings surveyed during the fieldwork campaign.

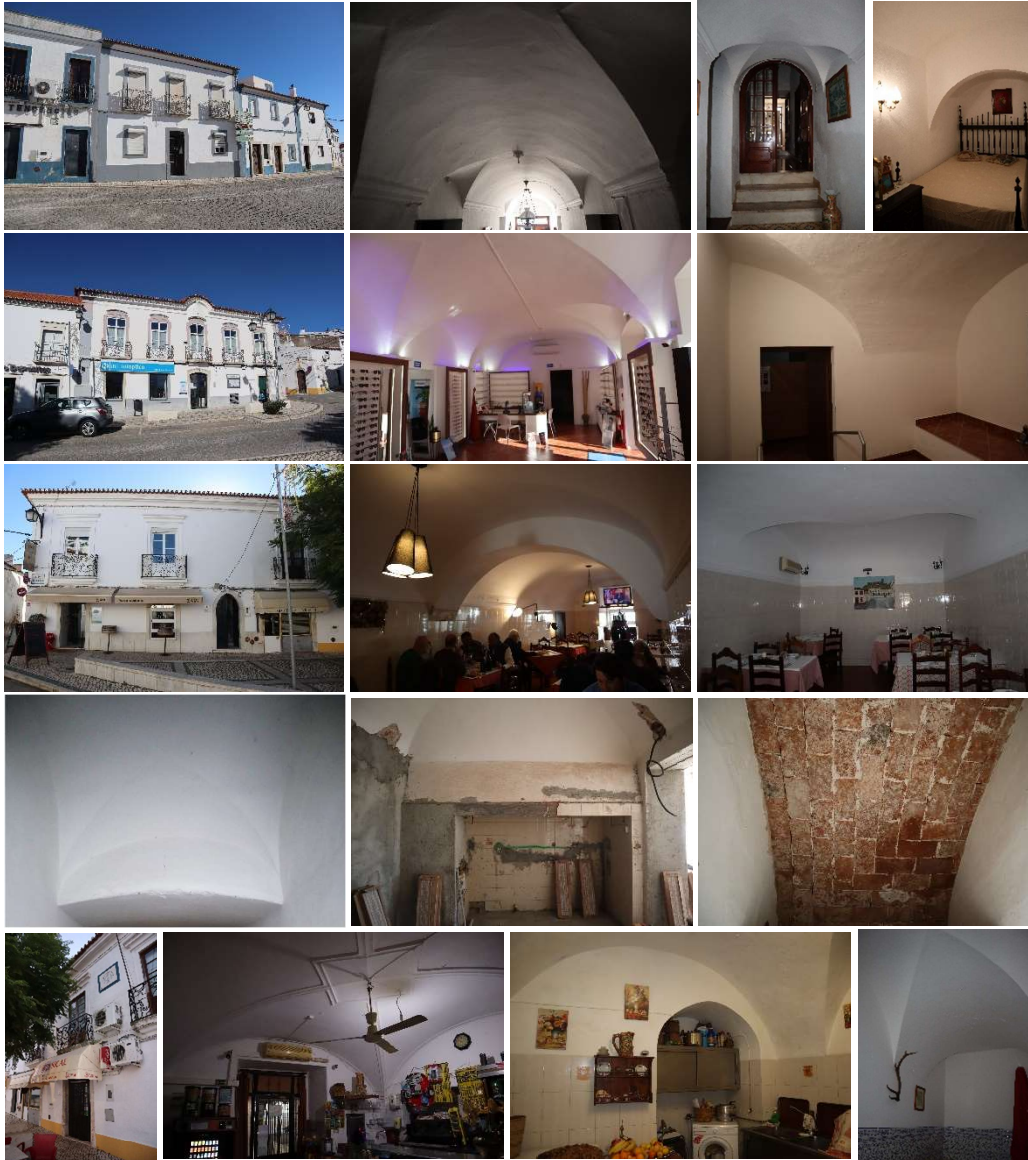
Caption: ● vault without plaster ● plastered vault ● likely vault ● unknown

○ vaults surveyed in this fieldwork campaign ○ surveyed in previous fieldwork campaign

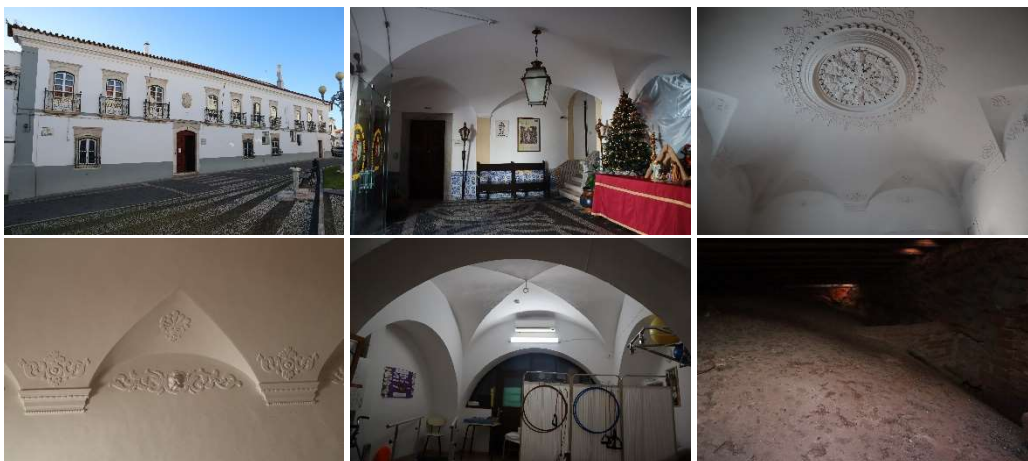
Itinerary:

1st day: 14/12/2023: Travel from Lisbon to Vidigueira.

Portel – town houses (ground floor shops):



Portel – *Borja de Meneses* manor house, *Santa Casa da Misericórdia* nursing home:

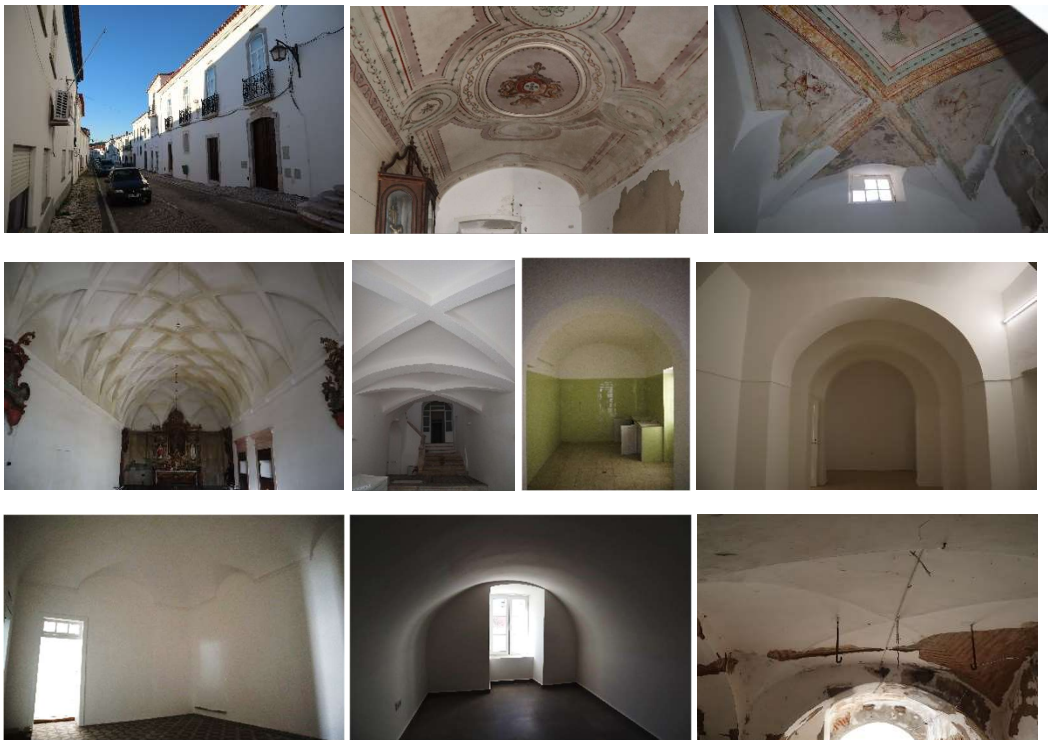




Portel – *Santo António* chapel:



Portel – *Espírito Santo* church and convent:

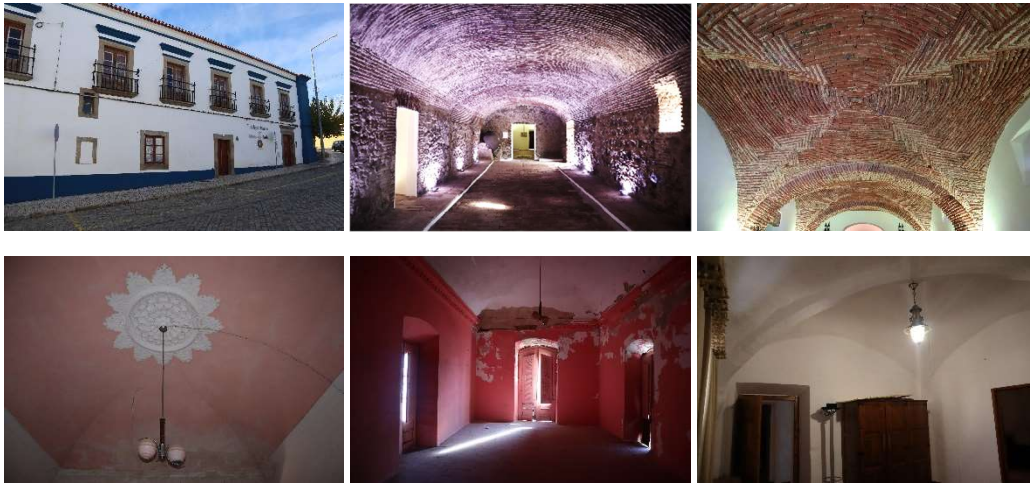


2nd day: 15/12/2023:

Vidigueira – *Câmara Municipal da Vidigueira* (Vidigueira City Council) e town house:



Vidigueira – Manor house:



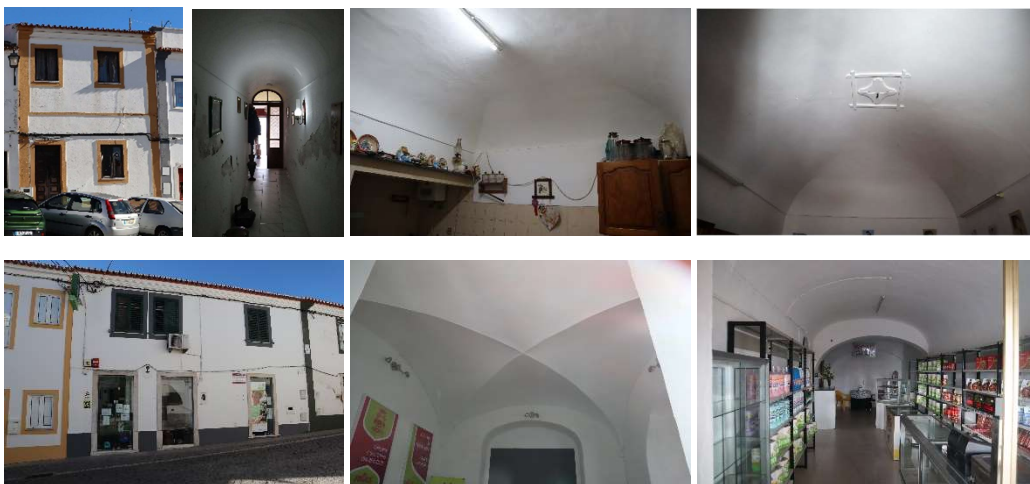
Baleizão – Interview to master builders in the a house workshop.



3rd day: 16/12/2023: Portel – Manor house:

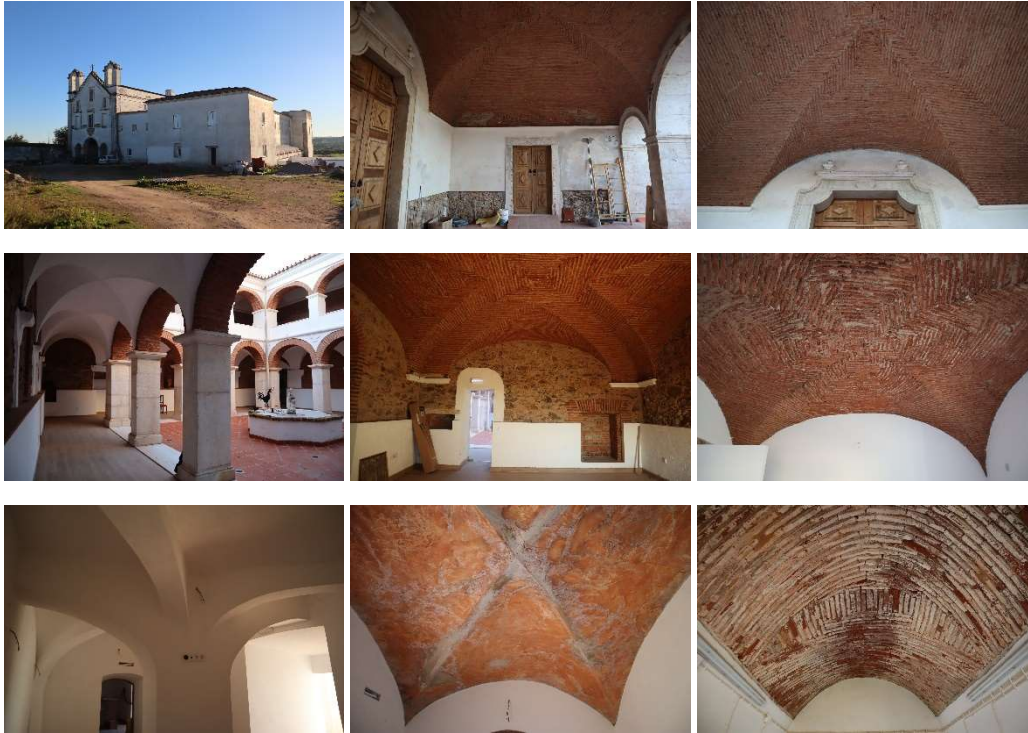


Portel – town houses:





Portel – *Santo António dos Capuchos* church and convent:



End of the fieldwork and return to Lisbon.

Summary:

19 surveyed buildings

5 religious' architecture (26%)

2 churches

1 chapel

2 convents

14 civilian architecture (74%)

7 palaces and townhouses

0 *monte* (farm)

0 *villa*

1 administrative building

6 commercial spaces

0 infra-structures