

The Famous *Sopa da Pedra*

The *Sopa da Pedra* (Stone Soup) is rooted in the history and rural traditions of Almeirim. Using locally sourced ingredients and culinary techniques unchanged for centuries, it is a homage to the resourceful creativity of the people of Almeirim.

Almeirim is the *Sopa da Pedra* capital of Portugal, with thousands enjoying this simple dish of sausage, vegetables and beans every day. It's a complete meal but also provides a valuable lesson in sharing.

Sopa da Pedra Festival

Always held over the last weekend in August, in the Jardim das Tilias next to the Praça de Toros, this festival celebrates all the foodie delicacies

of Almeirim. *Sopa da Pedra* is inevitably centre stage, with lots of produce to sample while accompanied by music and dancing.

Almeirim

- Municipality Headquarters
- Parish Headquarters
- Place Name
- Rivers and Valas (streams)
- Motorway (A)
- National Road (N)
- Local Road
- Railway Track
- Ring Road

Map of the Municipality

Legend

A Glorious Heritage and Faith

- 2 Igreja de Santo António da Raposa
Largo da Igreja
2080-701 Raposa
- 3 Igreja de São José
Largo Guilherme Alves Botas
2080-611 Fazendas de Almeirim
- 4 Igreja de Santa Marta
Rua Marquês de Tancos
2080-341 Benfica do Ribatejo
- 9 Pórtico de Paços Negros
Estrada Municipal 577
2080-640 Fazendas de Almeirim
- 10 Vala Bridge
Benfica do Ribatejo
- 11 D. Luís Bridge
- 12 Salgueiro Maia Bridge
- 13 Quinta de Santa Marta
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Wonderful Wine & Rural Icons

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alorna.pt
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- 21 Quinta do Casal Monteiro
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Relaxing in the Great Outdoors

- 22 Gagos Dam
- 29 Go Kart Track
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Walking Trails of the Lezíria do Tejo

PRI ALR Ribeira de Muge, a Natural Treasure

Starting Point
Casal da Tira on the Square near the Ribeira
Distance: 11.3 km

The *Sopa da Pedra* teaches us to never forget that a hearty soup can make a great meal.

Celebrate the legend of Portugal's most famous soup.

Discover Almeirim.

The iconic *Sopa da Pedra* (Stone Soup) is a signature dish of Almeirim. It has a great back story but there's much more to discover in this colourful district.

Welcome to Almeirim
Natural beauty, intense flavours
and warm hospitality

Wine Tourism

Tending the vineyards, harvesting the grapes, pressing the grapes, tasting the wine, even pruning the vines. Each stage in the wine producing process is vital and in Almeirim there are wineries that welcome the interested visitor with a range of activities designed to enhance your understanding of the wine maker's art.

The Fernão Pires Grape

The most ubiquitous grape variety of Ribatejo, creating hugely popular white wines in the vineyards of Almeirim. It brings a strong, aromatic intensity to the wine with delicate floral notes and fruity undertones. These grapes are harvested early to ensure a good balance and a delicate finish.

Traditional Ribatejo Boots

One of the traditional artisan products of Almeirim is the leather boot. Highly skilled craftsmen take fine calf skin and mould it precisely to your foot, resulting in superb quality and long-lasting comfort for many years to come.

You'll find a wide choice of styles and colours for all tastes, as well as elegant riding boots.



Igreja Matriz de Almeirim

Dating from the mid-16th century and with a simple façade, the interior of this church houses a major artistic work: the famous image of the Lord Jesus dos Paços.



The North Zone Park

A great destination for a family day out, this new leisure park boasts a spacious grassy area, skate park, mini-golf, children's playground and more.

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Cooperative Winery of Almeirim

Established in 1958, this is one of the largest cooperative wineries in the country. With 1200 ha of vineyard, it produces 20 million litres of wine annually. The online shop offers an excellent selection of regional wines, perfect for rekindling memories of Almeirim when you have returned home.

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Quinta do Casal Branco

In Quinta do Casal Branco everything revolves around the wine. Founded 200 years ago, the estate offers guided tours of the winery and vineyards, wine tastings, wine lunches and dinners, walks through the gardens of Casa Lobo de Vasconcellos and a chance to visit the stud farm, where Pure Blood Lusitano horses are bred. There are 1100 hectares dedicated to the agricultural and viticultural traditions, crowned by the elegant façade of the house, a fine example of the Ribatejo heritage.

The wine cellar dates to 1817 and was the first in the region to be operated by steam, recently modernised to guarantee the quality of the wines produced here. Indigenous grape varieties like Fernão Pires, Castelão, Trincadeira and Touriga Nacional are used, as well as non-native Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Alicante Bouschet.

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Quinta Casal Monteiro

In Quinta do Casal Monteiro you can feel the passion for winemaking. Out in the vineyards the vines are tended using traditional techniques and the soil is worked with a healthy respect for the environment.

The farmstead is equipped with a modern wine cellar where special attention is paid to all steps of the winemaking process, from the careful selection of the grapes during the harvest to the processes of fermentation, blending and bottling.

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Quinta da Alorna

Built in 1725, Quinta de Alorna is full of fascinating stories and characters, notably the Marquesa de Alorna, a woman of great culture and vision.

The estate sprawls over 2,800 hectares with so much to explore: the elegant house, the gardens, the woods, the vineyards and of course the sensational wine, all set in a magnificent landscape on the banks of the river Tagus.

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Fiuza&Bright

Some of the finest wines of Almeirim are produced here beside the river Tagus. The Mascarenhas Fiuza family has been dedicated to wine for more than a century, cultivating some of the classic

Portuguese and French grape varieties like Touriga Nacional, Arinto and Cabernet Sauvignon. Be sure to stop by and take a tour of Fiuza&Bright during your visit to Almeirim.

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Falua

This is a beautiful vineyard lying north of Lisbon and close to the river Tagus. The vines grow in stony soil with large pebbles from the river adding a distinctive mineral quality to the wines. See for yourself how traditional grape varieties are blended with international classics to create unique, fully flavoured wines.

Some 3 million bottles are produced annually, so be sure to visit and taste some for yourself. Pick up a few bargains as a great souvenir.

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Cooperative Winery of Benfca do Ribatejo

Founded in 1957, this is the oldest winery in Almeirim. Its vineyards are mostly planted in the Charneca's limestone and clay soil, with other vines growing in the fertile alluvial soils beside the river Tejo.

The cooperative works with the associated winemakers who cultivate some 500 hectares of vineyard, all dedicated to the production of wines of real quality and character.

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Almeirim Melons

For many generations Ribatejo has been linked to the production of melons and watermelons. The fertility of the wetland soils, the mild temperatures and the sun create ideal growing conditions for high-quality melon. Nothing is more sweet and refreshing, so come and taste it during your stay.



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Eels

There are many ways to prepare eel: fried, broiled or stewed. In April and May, especially during the Quinzena da Enguia (Fortnight of the Eel) in Benfca do Ribatejo, you can experience a wide variety of eel-based dishes. It has long been a classic dish of the region, one of many staples that are revered across Almeirim.



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Caralhotas de Almeirim

The small scraps of bread dough clinging to the sides of the baker's bowls are shaped into round balls, likened to bubbles, and baked in a wood oven. Flour, water, salt and yeast never tasted, or smelled, so good. In Almeirim this evolved into a baked roll, or bap with its own local identity.



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Sausages

The traditional sausages of Almeirim are the key to the deep, rich flavour of the Sopa da Pedra. Make sure you sample some while here, perhaps the chorizo, the black pudding or the Almeirim farinheira.



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The Flavours of Ribatejo

Discover the flavours of Almeirim in the *Guide to Lezíria do Tejo Certified Restaurants*.

*info: visitribatejo.com



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Tejo Wines

Check out the *Tejo Wine Tourism Guide* that lists the wine producers and farmsteads of Almeirim and Ribatejo, together with their wine-related activities.



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Almeirim

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- 1 Ermissão da Nossa Senhora do Calvário
Largo da Ermissão
2080-026 Almeirim
- 5 Igreja do Divino Espírito Santo
Largo do Espírito Santo
2080-035 Almeirim
- 6 Igreja Matriz de Almeirim
Largo Padre Oliveiros de Jesus Reis
2080-036 Almeirim
- 7 Memorial to Foreign Combatants
Parque Urbano Zona Norte
Avenida D. João I
2080-014 Almeirim
- 8 Municipal Museum
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2080-030 Almeirim
- 18 Fiuza&Bright
Travessa do Vareta, 11
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Relaxing in the Great Outdoors

- 23 Marquesa de Cadaval Municipal Library
Avenida 25 de Abril
2080-012 Almeirim
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- 24 Movie Theatre
Praça da República
2080-044 Almeirim
tel: +351 243 594 270
- 25 Municipal Sports Centre
Avenida 25 de Abril
2080-012 Almeirim

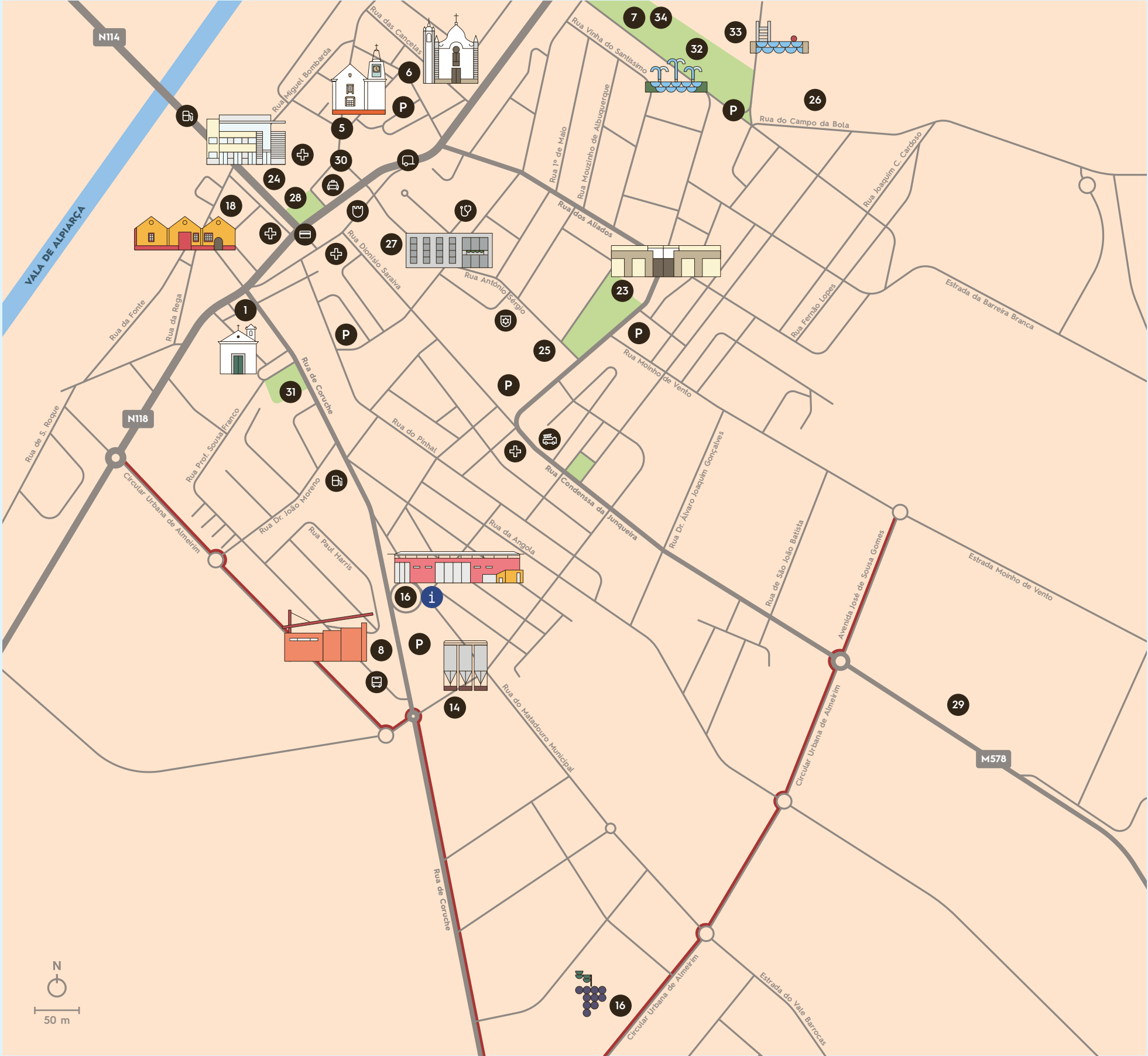
- 26 União Futebol Clube de Almeirim stadium
Rua do Campo da Bola
2080-008 Almeirim
- 27 Municipal Gallery
Rua Dionísio Saraiva
2080-038 Almeirim
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- 28 Jardim da República
Praça da República
2080-044 Almeirim
- 30 Municipal Market
Rua Almirante Reis
2080-060 Almeirim
- 31 Charquinhos Park
Largo dos Charcos
2080-037 Almeirim
- 32 North Zone Park
Avenida D. João I
2080-014 Almeirim
- 33 Municipal Swimming Pools
Avenida Dom João I
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- 34 Radical Skate Park, Tennis Courts and Padel Courts
Parque Urbano da Zona Norte
Avenida D. João I
2080-014 Almeirim



The Colourful Festivals

April	International Festival of Folklore, Culture and Arts (biennial)
	Quinzena da Enguia em Benfca do Ribatejo
June	Popular Festivals of Almeirim
	Popular Festivals of Santo António da Raposa
July	Popular Festivals of Benfca do Ribatejo
	Popular Festivals of São José, Fazendas de Almeirim
August	SOPA DA PEDRA FESTIVAL
November	Guitarra D'Alma Festival

Map of the City



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- Farmácia Central
Rua 5 de Outubro, 58
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- Correia de Oliveira Pharmacy
Rua Condesa da Junqueira, 48
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