

Mouchão da Casa Branca, Ilha dos Cavalos

King João V founded the royal stud farm, the Real Coudelaria, in Alter do Chão in 1748. The *mouchões*, the bucolic islands of the Tagus, proved ideal for rearing the horses in safety and with ample grazing and fresh water.

You can still see them here today in the same natural habitat, lush havens where beautiful horses graze contentedly in family groups.

Discover the Mouchões Route

The countless small but fertile islands, the *mouchões*, that dot the river Tagus are perfect for grazing horses. Their flora and fauna are exceptional, best viewed when taking a boat trip, or when following the designated route, the Rota dos Mouchões.

Azambuja

Map of the Municipality



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

Caminhos de Fátima (Fátima Way)

Caminhos de Santiago (Way of Saint James)

Walking Trails of the Lezíria do Tejo

Castro de Vila Nova de São Pedro (ruined castle)

Starting Point
Rua das Escolas
Vila Nova de São Pedro
Distance: 73 km
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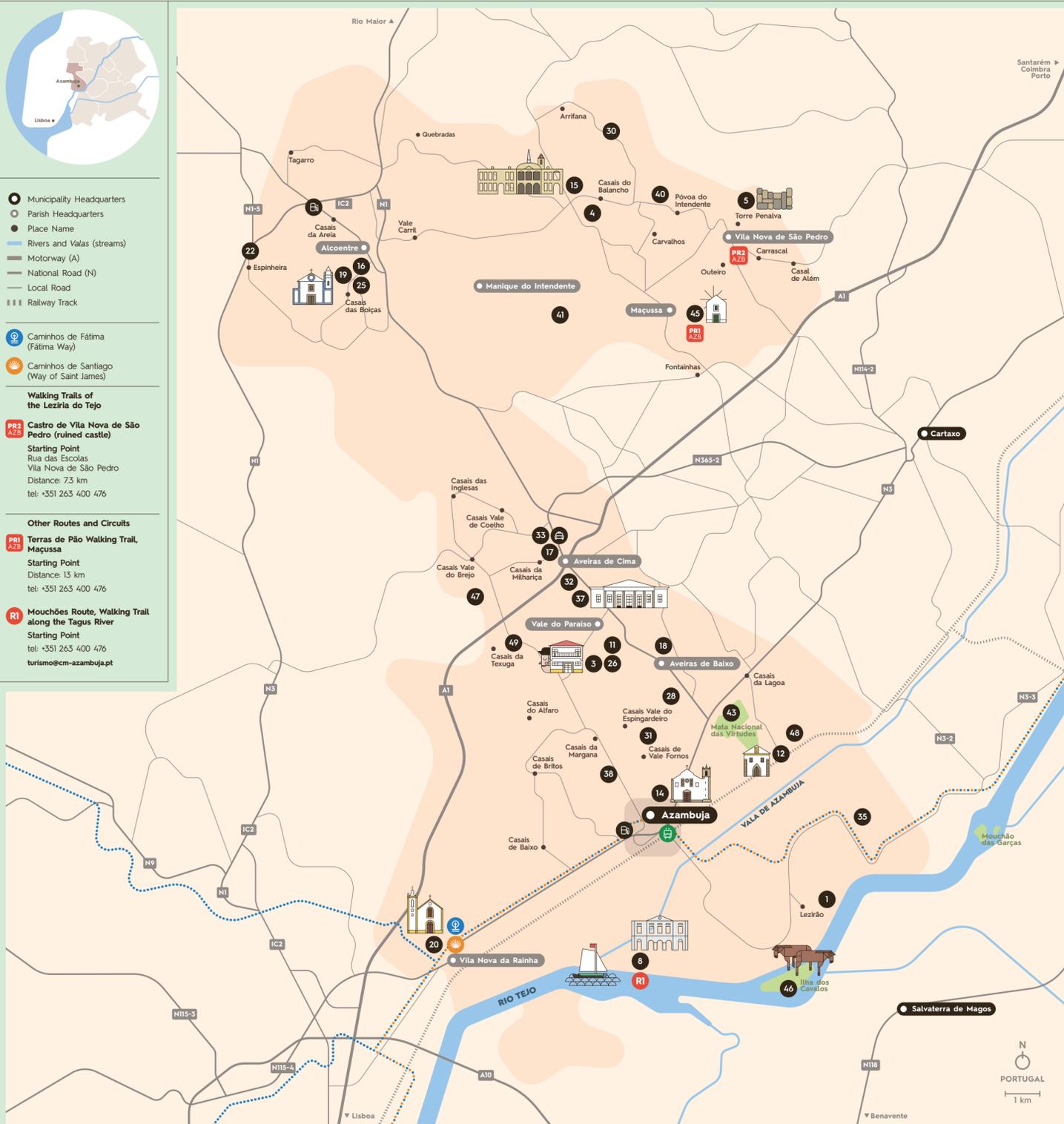
Other Routes and Circuits

Terras de Pão Walking Trail, Maçussa

Starting Point
Distance: 13 km
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Mouchões Route, Walking Trail along the Tagus River

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- 4** Casa da Câmara and Pillory of Manique do Intendente
Praça dos Imperadores
2065-538 Manique do Intendente
- 5** Castro de Vila Nova de São Pedro (Archaeological Site)
Rua do Castro
2065-545 Vila Nova de São Pedro
- 6** Estalagem (Palácio) e Cais das Obras Novas
Foz da Vala de Azambuja
- 11** Church of Nossa Senhora do Paraíso
Rua D. João II, 1
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- 12** Church of the Mosteiro de Santa Maria das Virtudes da Ordem de São Francisco, Visitor Centre of the Municipality's Sacred Heritage
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- 15** Palace-Church of Manique do Intendente
Largo Pina Manique
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- 16** Igreja Matriz de Nossa Senhora da Purificação
Largo da Igreja
2065-041 Alcoentre
- 17** Igreja Matriz Nossa Senhora da Purificação
Rua Doutor Francisco Maria de Almeida Grandella
2050-115 Aveiras de Cima
- 18** Igreja Matriz de Nossa Senhora do Rosário
Rua 25 de Abril
2050-018 Aveiras de Baixo
- 19** Medieval Church of Santa Maria de Alcoentre
Rua do Outeiro
2065-038 Alcoentre
- 20** Parish Church of Santa Marta
Rua de Santa Marta
2050-512 Vila Nova da Rainha
- 22** Crossroads Milestone
Estrada Nacional 1, Espinheira
2065-107 Alcoentre
- 25** Conselheiro Frederico Arouca Palace
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Wonderful Wine & Rural Icons

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- 30** Quinta da Lapa
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- 31** Quinta de Vale de Fornos
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- 32** Vila Museu do Vinho, Aveiras de Cima
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- 33** Aveiras de Cima Wine Museum Village, Interpretation Centre
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Relaxing in the Great Outdoors

- 35** Alqueidão Airfield
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Estrada do Campo, km 1783
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aerodreams.pt
- 37** Grandella Cultural Centre, Municipal Library
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2050-115 Aveiras de Cima
tel: +351 263 474 114
- 38** Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts
Estrada Municipal 513, Poisoês
Rua 25 de Abril
2050-317 Azambuja
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- 40** Herdade da Hera
2065-381 Manique do Intendente
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- 41** Herdade da Torre Bela
2065-042 Alcoentre
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torrebela.pt
- 43** Virtudes National Forest
Estrada Nacional 3, km 16250
2050-040 Aveiras de Baixo
- 45** Maçussa Windmill
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- 46** Mouchão da Casa Branca, Ilha dos Cavalos
- 47** Tambor Rural Park
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- 48** Quinta da Cerca
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- 49** Quinta da Texuga
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Immerse yourself in Azambuja's nature, its culture and its colourful heritage.

Get to know Azambuja – explore it on foot, on horseback, by boat or take to the skies – and experience the sublime traditional gastronomy.

Celebrate the islands of the Tagus, its wines and lazy days in the sun.

Discover Azambuja.

Welcome to Azambuja

Enjoy the essence of Ribatejo



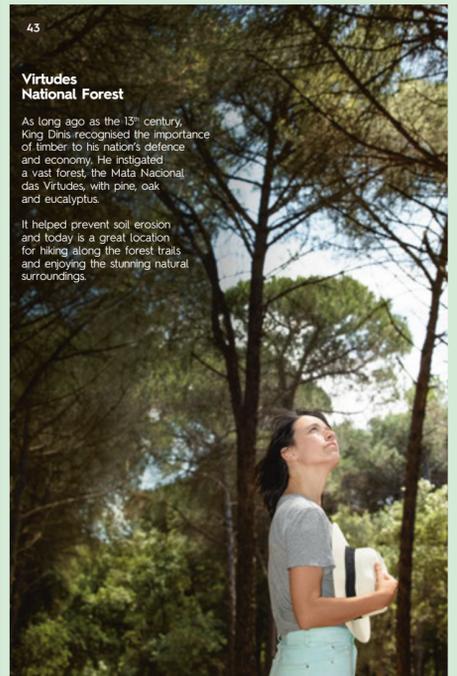
14 Igreja Matriz de Nossa Senhora da Assunção and Azambuja Pillory

In the centre of the village are two ancient monuments that provide a fascinating glimpse of times past. The main church of Our Lady of the Assumption is an elegant building with stunning 17th century altars, while outside the 16th century pillory is a unique feature of the village.



16 Igreja Matriz of Nossa Senhora da Purificação

This is a church with a long history. The original church of Santa Maria de Alcoentre stood here since the 12th century, before changing its name 500 years later. Today the handsome white church houses the impressive tomb of the First Lord of Alcoentre.



Virtudes National Forest

As long ago as the 13th century, King Denis recognised the importance of timber to his nation's defence and economy. He instigated a vast forest, the Mata Nacional das Virtudes, with pine, oak and eucalyptus.

It helped prevent soil erosion and today is a great location for hiking along the forest trails and enjoying the stunning natural surroundings.



20 Parish Church of Santa Marta

The setting for a royal wedding as long ago as 1376, this pretty church is well-known for its decorative tiles that depict the life of Santa Marta in exquisite detail. Be sure to admire the views over the weir and river Tagus.



5 Casa Colombo, Interpretation Centre

The famous audience granted to Christopher Columbus by King João II that took place in Vale do Paraíso in 1493 is the theme here. Columbus had just returned from his discovery of the New World and the permanent exhibition "The Modern World Began Here in the 15th Century" provides fascinating context and perspective.



Henrique Abecasis Stud Farm

This highly regarded stud farm, or coudelaria, is a shining beacon for equestrian tourism. In a wonderful location in Ribatejo, not far from Lisbon, it is set deep in the rural landscape, rich in tradition and heritage. The river Tagus affects all aspects of daily life and there is no better way to understand the ancient customs and unique way of life here than on horseback.

Estalagem (Palácio) and Cais das Obras Novas

On the south bank of the Vale de Azambuja, Portugal's largest canal, this is always a popular spot for water sports lovers. Relax amid the natural serenity of the riverside, overlooked by the ancient Inn of the Company of Canals, more commonly known as the Palace.



17 Torricado

A culinary speciality of Azambuja, this is simple cuisine at its best: slices of bread toasted over charcoal, doused in olive oil and brushed with garlic and salt. Excellent as a side dish with salt cod or sardines.



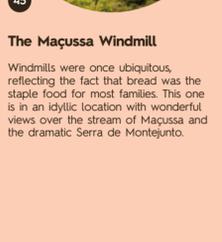
18 Queijadinhas de Azambuja

These dairy delicacies are hugely popular in Azambuja - delicate puff pastry filled with an almond flavoured egg concoction and sprinkled with crunchy almonds for a delicious texture. They originally found favour among royalty visiting the area, but centuries later their popularity is undiminished. Delicious!



19 Artisan Goat's Cheese

The village of Maçussa is the one place in Portugal where superb artisan goat's cheese is made. As the cheese cures and matures, it becomes covered in a white mould that gives an intense flavour.



45 The Maçussa Windmill

Windmills were once ubiquitous, reflecting the fact that bread was the staple food for most families. This one is in an idyllic location with wonderful views over the stream of Maçussa and the dramatic Serra de Montejunto.



17 Barbela Wheat Bread

The village of Maçussa has created the Terras de Pão, a walking route that allows the visitor to learn about all things bread-based while enjoying the magnificent scenery of the surrounding landscape. It celebrates the local Barbela wheat bread with its dark, nutty taste.



Palace-Church of Manique do Intendente

This is a stunning building with a gorgeous façade, combining Baroque and 18th century Neoclassical styles. It is a registered National Monument and should be on everyone's must-visit list.



Sebastião Mateus Arenque Municipal Museum

Come face-to-face here with traditional agricultural tools and implements and learn about rural life of the past. The exhibition "Quotidianos: Recordar, Conhecer, Aprender" (Each day: Remembering, Knowing, Learning) explains all.



32 Wine Museum Village, Aveiras de Cima

Take a trip through the world of wine and learn from the experts. Get to know their techniques and understand their wine-making secrets.



47 ÁVINHO - Festa do Vinho e das Adegas

Every year during April, Aveiras de Cima opens up its cellar doors and welcomes visitors for three days of wine tasting, education and sharing.



47 Tejo Wines

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



17 Guide to Lezíria do Tejo Certified Restaurants

Discover the flavours of Azambuja in the Guide to Lezíria do Tejo Certified Restaurants. *info: visitrribatejo.com

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Azambuja

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- 6** Celeiro d'El Rei
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- 7** Chaminé Industrial
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António Ramos
- 9** Estruturas Monumentais
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séculos XVII e XVIII
Rua D. João Afonso
Esteves de Azambuja
2050-326 Azambuja
- 9** Jardim Urbano Dr. Joaquim
António Ramos
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2050-356 Azambuja
- 44** Miradouro de Azambuja
Estrada de Mataburros
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- 34** Biblioteca Municipal
de Azambuja
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- 36** Campo de Voo de Azambuja
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- 39** Esteiro de Azambuja
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Largo do Esteiro
2050-261 Azambuja

The Colourful Festivals

March	From Torricado to Lapardana, "A gastronomic trip", Aveiras de Cima
April	ÁVINHO - WINE AND CELLAR FESTIVAL, AVEIRAS DE CIMA
May	Torrizado na Praça, Tasquinhas de Manique do Intendente (food stalls) Festival of Tasquinhas and Torricado, Alcoentre Month of the Bullfighting Culture, Azambuja FEIRA DE MAIO (MAY FESTIVAL), AZAMBUJA
June	Culture, Gastronomy and Torricado, Vila Nova da Rainha
July	Retiro do Torricado, Aveiras de Baixo
September	Virtudes Medieval Festival, Aveiras de Baixo
October	Gula - Azambuja Gastronomy Festival Paralabor - Torricado Festival, Vale do Paraíso
November	Festa do Torricado, Azambuja

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- 27** Centro Hípico Lebreiro
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- 29** Praça de Toiros Doutor Ortigão Costa
Campo da Feira
Avenida do Valverde
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- 31** Quinta de Vale de Fornos
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Village Map



Useful Information

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- 17** Town Hall
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- 10** Health Centre
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- +** Central Pharmacy
Praça do Município, 12
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- +** Dias da Silva Pharmacy
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- +** GNR (National Republican Guard)
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- +** Fire Station
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- +** Rodotejo Bus Station
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