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Torres Novas originated on a hilltop overlooking the Almonda River, where a castle was built, the symbol of its soul. The meanders of the river, which encircle the historical centre of the old town, give it a unique character.

The surrounding natural conditions, most significantly the Almonda River which originates from a spring in the Serra d' Aire mountain range near the villages of Casais Martanes and Almonda, together with the mountain itself, an area of solid limestone, and the Mediterranean climate, all contribute to an array of sport activities and nature tourism.

The collection of monuments and museums one can visit is proof of the wealth and diversity of the historical and cultural torrejano heritage.

Across the territory of the municipality of Torres Novas, as it is today, there are signs of prehistoric human occupation, as proven by the innumerous archeological finds which confirm the existence of lithic industries in the region.

The Romans also left their mark on the torrejano territory and the name of the city derives from the castle which was originally the remains of a primitive Roman construction. The Arabs, who were here for centuries, left their mark in toponymy and in hydraulics relating to agriculture. It was not until 1190 that the castle, having been conquered various times, was finally taken by Dom Sancho I who then reconstructed the castle and granted the town its charter, thus creating the municipality.

In 1273, D. Afonso III created the Torres Novas fair as it was then an important medieval village. As one of the country's oldest fairs, it was also one of the most important fairs in the kingdom for centuries. On three occasions the ancient town was venue to the Royal Courts, entertaining future prominent figures in the field of medicine, cosmography and literature.

During the French invasions, General Massena installed his headquarters in the town, leaving a trail of destruction and looting.

The town flourished again during the industrialization period (end of the 18th century to the second third of the 19th century), becoming an economic and industrial centre for the extensive region.

In 1985, Torres Novas was upgraded and classified as a city. Now, at the beginning of the 21st century, it presents itself as a modern city, embracing the future whilst maintaining an important role in the region.

The municipality of Torres Novas, situated in the northern part of the Ribatejo district in the centre of the country, benefits from its strategic location and communication network which permit rapid connections with the country's main cities as well as Spain.

In an endeavour to create regional cohesion, innumerous projects and initiatives have been carried out throughout the torrejano municipality. The quality of life of its population has been enriched by a programme of social and cultural developments, notably the construction of the new library and the Palácio dos Desportos (sports complex) as well as the restoration work on the castle, the surrounding area and the city's historical centre.

Today, Torres Novas is seen as a prominent centre in the Santarém region. Modern, dynamic and innovative, leading the way in urban culture and with evident potential for tourism, the torrejano municipality reveals a promising future.

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And here is Torres Novas, so near to . . .

So near to the North, so near to the South, the "Gateway to the North" from Lisbon and the "0 Km" starting position to Europe!

Surrounded by natural beauty and rich in historical heritage, there is evidence that once it was home to the "Neanderthal Man", as witnessed in the Almonda Caves.

Yes. . . we are in the centre of the country, with excellent access routes to and from all major motorways.

Surprise yourselves by visiting us.

You will be surprised by the difference, which we are proud of and have always stood by: our history, culture, fairs and events; our gastronomy, cultural and artistic outlook, the nights filled with entertainment for the young and, last but not least, our hospitality.

Participate in the magic and get a taste of life in this part of the Ribatejo, which will be enriched by your presence.

President of the Town Hall

Pedro Paulo Ramos Ferreira

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Torres Novas Castle [National Monument]

Fortress of medieval military architecture, it was rebuilt by the order of Dom Sancho I following the nal conquest (1190) of the municipal territory from the Moors.

Enclosed within the castle's walls with its eleven towers and the mayor's residence (14th century), is a pleasant and well kept garden.

It has undergone restoration work on several occasions, most importantly during the period of D. Sancho I, D. Fernando and more recently, in 1940, to commemorate the centenary of Independence and Restoration.

The city's ex-libris was classi ed as a National Monument on 16th June 1910 and a restoration project introducing new pedestrian and recreation areas has enhanced both the monument and its surroundings, ensuring that the history of Torres Novas' most impressive monument be kept alive and providing means for the local people and visitors to enjoy the wonderful views of the city.

Address: Rua General António César de Vasconcelos Correia, 2350-421 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.8"N 8°32'25.4"W
Tel: (+351) 249 813 019 Email: turismo@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt Opening Hours: Open every day 9:00 - 17:00
Castle Shop Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:30 Location: Historical Centre Free entrance to the Castle / Gardens

The Town Hall of Torres Novas does not have a programme of guided tours around the Castle. Therefore all group visits are the responsibility of the accompanying tour guides.

Villa Cardílio Roman Ruins [National Monument]

Located 5 kms from the city, this archaeological site of Roman ruins is the most prominent evidence of the Roman presence in our municipality. Excavation work on the site was rst carried out in 1963, revealing a series of foundations, pillar bases and decorative pavements with a variety of “tesserae” patterns belonging to an old Roman villa and consisting of three main elements: entrance, peristyle and exedra.

Many relics were discovered during excavation, including coins from the 2nd to 4th century D.C., items in bronze and iron, ceramics and a statue of Eros in Carrara marble.

Villa Cardílio was classi ed as a National Monument on 24th January, 1967.

Address: Estrada Municipal de Santo António da Caveira, 2350-482 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39º27’10.61”N 8º31’43.98”W
Tel: (+351) 249 812 535 | (+351) 936 669 046 Email: museu.municipal@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt http://museu.cm-torresnovas.pt Facebook: www.facebook.com/MMCarlosReis Opening Hours: Every day 10:00 - 12:30 / 13:30 - 17:00 Closed: Bank Holidays Visits: Guided tours available - previous booking required Location: 5 km (approx.) from city Free entrance

Lapas Caves

Just 2 km from the city can be found a labyrinth of galleries excavated from the rock underneath the typical houses and streets of the village of Lapas. The caves, which gave the village its name, are a group of underground tunnels, classi ed as a Site of Public Interest since 1943. The galleries accessible to the public are only part of a network covering most of the area beneath the mound on which the village stands. The geological nature of the ground - soft limestone known as “tufo” - explains how relatively easy it was for man to sculpture this unique archeological gem all those years ago.

Address: Rua José Mota e Silva (Largo das Catacumbas), 2350-124 Lapas GPS Coordinates: 39º29’34.58”N 8º33’14.40”W
Visits: Please enquire beforehand on either of the following numbers: (+351) 249 813 939 União das Freguesias de Torres Novas - São Pedro, Lapas e Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 - 16:30 (+351) 249 836 709 Lapas Parish Headquarters Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00 Email: fregspedrolapasribbranca@gmail.com
Location: 2 km (approx.) from the city | Free entrance

Pena Windmills

Located in the area of Pena and Charruada, a group of twelve windmills collectively form a prominent feature on the landscape. These mills were once the livelihood of those who depended on artisanal milling at a time when it was an economical activity. In 1965 the windmills ceased operating and in 1992 the local community took the initiative to restore seven of the mills for the purposes of tourism.

Address: Rua dos Moinhos da Pena 2350-011, Assentis GPS Coordinates: 39º35’33.0”N 8°32’00.2”W
Mobile: (+351) 968 464 788 | (+351) 963 166 290 Email: mexudas@iol.pt
Opening Hours: Bar open day every day 14:00 - 24:00 (meals available with previous booking) Location: 16 km (approx.) from city

Vale Chapel

Initially built between the years 660 and 715, this is thought to be the oldest temple in the municipality. Throughout the centuries it has been subjected to various restorations. Of signi cant interest is its entrance porch and the simplicity of its Romanic style from the Visigothic period. In its interior, the most outstanding features are the sculptures made from polychromic stone and the 17th century tiles brought from the Monserrate Chapel in Meia Via.

The chapel was classi ed as a Site of Public Interest on 19th February 2002.

Address: Rua Nossa Senhora do Vale, 2350-815 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39°29'07.1"N 8°32'07.8"W
Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt
Closed to the public Location: City
Free entrance

Church of Santiago

According to the legend, Dom Afonso Henriques had the chapel built and consecrated to Santiago in 1148, with the further construction of a church in 1203 by order of Dom Sancho I. The altar and altarpiece are exquisite with gilded and intricately embellished wood carvings from the 18th century. Consisting of four lateral chapels, the one that most stands out is that of Senhor Jesus dos Lavradores, decorated with symbols depicting passion and where Antão Mogo de Melo Carrilho and Ângela Sigéa de Velasco, illustrious torrejanos, lay to rest.

Address: Adro de Santiago, n.º 6, 2350-547 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39°28'41.0"N 8°32'25.8"W
Tel: (+351) 249 823 042 Parish Rectory
Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688
Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt Opening Hours: Every day from 9:00 to 18:00 Location: Historical centre | Free entrance

Church of Salvador

It is thought that the church dates back to the 13th century, having subsequently undergone intensive restoration work during the 17th and 18th centuries. Of notable importance are the 17th century tiles lining the interior walls and the exquisite gilded wood carvings which adorn the main and side altars.

Address: Largo do Salvador, 2350-415 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39º28'46.44"N 8º32'16.95"W
Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688
Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt
Opening Hours: Wednesday at 9:30 for Worship Service
Location: Historical Centre | Free Entrance

Church of São Pedro

Built in the third quarter of the 14th century, it is thought to have been the work of Diogo Goncalves Pimentel. Destroyed by the earthquake in 1755, it was subsequently rebuilt and yet again in the 19th century as a result of damage caused by the French invasion. Consisting of three naves, it has a triumphal arch in ashlar masonry with the insignia of São Pedro and the main chapel has a semicircular vault lined with 17th century polychromic tiles.

Address: Largo de S. Pedro, 2350-755 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.5"N 8°32'32.6"W
Visits: Priest Ricardo Madeira beforehand on (+351) 917 058 688
Email: pe.rifmadeira@sapo.pt Opening Hours: Saturday at 18:00 for Worship Service, Sunday and religious holidays at 12:00
Location: Historical Centre | Free Entrance

Church of Misericórdia

A symbolic monument of the city's heritage, it is thought that the construction of the Igreja da Misericórdia began in the middle of the 16th century, taking two centuries to complete all the adornments and decorations. Its most distinguishing features are the Renaissance entrance porch and ceiling, the rostrum, the altarpieces of gilded woodcarving and the crib made in Machado de Castro's workshop. It is also worth mentioning the Manueline style door situated outside the building. The church was classi ed as a Site of Public Interest on 3rd January 1986.

Address: Praça 5 de Outubro, 2350-418 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.1"N 8°32'25.9"W
Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday for Worship Service at 18:00 (Doors open at 17:00) Location: Historical Centre
Free Entrance

Church of Nossa Senhora da Graça

Situated in the centre of the village of Lapas, the church was built in 1550, partially rebuilt in 1883 and extended in 1963. It features blue and yellow tiles, typical of the 17th century, forming an ashlar in the nave and chancel. The triumphal arch of the chancel is anked by two altars with magni - cent altarpieces of gilded woodcarvings from the 17th century. Featuring in the altarpiece of the righthand altar is the beautiful wooden statue of Nossa Senhora da Vitória com o Menino (Our Lady of Victory with Son), believed to have been discovered in the caves in Lapas. Beneath the throne, one can see a low relief in stone from the 15th century, portraying the Cruci xion of Christ amidst two angels.

Address: Largo da Igreja, 2350-111 Lapas
GPS Coordinates: 39°29'33.8"N 8°33'12.8"W
Visits: Contact the Parish Rectory beforehand on (+351) 249 823 041 or União das Freguesias de Torres Novas – São Pedro, Lapas and Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) on (+351) 249 813 939
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 18:30 / Sunday for Worship Service at 12:15 Location: 2 km (approx.) from the city
Free Entrance

Church of Nossa Senhora do Carmo

Built in 1558, the Nossa Senhora do Carmo Church was part of the old S. Gregório Magno Convent. The church, considered to be the biggest in the city of Torres Novas, features a semicircular vault with 91 ceiling panels and four lateral chapels. Of signi cant interest is the triumphal round arch in the chancel bearing a coat of arms of the Almeidas and the Novais on its vertex, together with the 17th century tiles. In 1866 under the reign of King D. Luís I, the convent was handed over to the Misericórdia (a charity institution) for a hospital to be installed on its premises, where it functioned from the end of 1882 until September, 2000. The church is classi ed as a Site of Public Interest.

Address: Largo das Forças Armadas, 2350-773 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39º28'53.27"N 8º32'09.02"W
Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt
Opening Hours: Sunday & religious holidays at 10:30 for Worship Service Location: City
Free Entrance

Chapel of the Convent of Santo António

The chapel of the now extinct St. António Convent, built in 1593, plays an important role in Torres Novas' historic and architectonic heritage. In addition to its distinctive porch, its interior walls are lined with murals of gurines representing the lives of St. Francisco and St. António and made of tiles from the Fábrica do Juncal, a ceramic factory no longer in existence. Another example of its artistic assets can be found in the Carlos Reis Municipal Museum - a wooden altarpiece, carved by António Campelo and named Adoração dos Pastores (Shepherds' Worship).

Address: Rua da Capela de Santo António, 2350-558 Torres Novas
GPS Coordinates: 39º28'26.74"N 8º32'49.05"W
Visits: Contact Santa Casa da Misericórdia beforehand on (+351) 249 822 541 Email: geral@scmtorresnovas.pt
Closed to the public Location: City
Free Entrance

Church of Nossa Senhora da Conceição

Situated in Ribeira Branca and built in the 17th century, the interior of this church features panels of blue and yellow tiles painted with simple designs of various saints, a style typical of that period. Its two lateral chapels have altars and altarpieces in 18th century woodcarving whereas the altarpiece of the high altar is of gilded woodcarving from the 18th century.

Address: Largo de N.ª Sr.ª da Conceição, 2350-395 Ribeira Branca
GPS Coordinates: 39°29'27.1"N 8º34'34.1"W
Visits: Contact Ribeira Branca Parish Headquarter beforehand on (+351) 249 831 869, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00 or União das Freguesias de Torres Novas - São Pedro, Lapas and Ribeira Branca (Parish Headquarters) on (+351) 249 813 939, Monday to Friday 8:30 - 16:30
Email: fregspedrolapasribbranca@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Sunday for Worship Service at 16:00
Location: 4 km (approx.) from the city
Free Entrance

Chapel of São Sebastião

Situated in Zibreira, the church was built in the 17th century and consecrated to São Sebastião. It has a wealth of 17th century tiles, boasting ve polychromic panels and the altarpiece of the high altar is of intricately decorated gilded wood carving. Of notable importance is its artistic and precious silver communion ostensorium, with stand and uppermost part from the 18th century, its central part from the 16th century and wafer-box set in a double colonnade.

Address: Largo de S. Sebastião de Zibreira, 2350-840 Zibreira
GPS Coordinates: 39°29'05.0"N 8°36'41.3"W
Tel: (+351) 249 831 143 (Parish Rectory)
Visits: Contact the Parish António Frango beforehand on (+351) 967 903 792
Opening Hours: Sunday for Worship Service at 10:00
Location: 7 km (approx.) from the city
Free Entrance

Vargos Chapel | Santa Ana Chapel

The chapel is part of the Vargos manor house, a distinguished rural residence of the 18th century which has been converted into tourism in a manor house. It is rectangular in design with a semicircular vault and the chancel decorated with an altarpiece in gilded wood, carved in a "national style". In the upper part of the chapel, tiles portray scenes of the life of Santa Ana, contrasting with the profane scenes depicted in the tiles of the lower part.

Address: Largo de Sant'Ana, Vargos 2350-202 Vila do Paço
GPS Coordinates: 39°32'43.0"N 8°30'29.1"W
Visits: Contact Casa dos Vargos beforehand on (+351) 249 791 159 or (+351) 936 272 822 Email: geral@casadosvargos.pt Site: www.casadosvargos.pt
Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday 9:30 - 19:00 (May - Sept.) | 9:30 - 17:00 (October to April) Worship Service: May, July & August - 4th Saturday of the month at 19:00 Location: 10 km (approx.) from the city | Free Entrance

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16 Carlos Reis Municipal Museum

It was in 1937 that Gustavo Pinto Lopes opened the museum, which is now installed in the Casa Mogo de Melo, a building classi ed as Municipal Public Interest.

In addition to a permanent collection, its programme includes temporary exhibitions and the retrieving and restoring of materials, investigating their history and local heritage. Not only does the museum boast an important collection of paintings of the Mestre Carlos Reis, a prominent artist in Portuguese naturalism, it also exhibits inumerous artistic and archaeological items of patrimonial wealth, on display in the permanent exhibitions dedicated to prehistory, sacred art and the Romanization within the municipality of Torres Novas, combined with a presentation of local history.

Within the museum, there is an area dedicated to temporary exhibitions where diverse activities are also organized as well as themed exhibitions from its archives.

Address: Rua do Salvador, 10, 2350- 416 Torres Novas GPS Coordinates: 39°28'45.5"N 8°32'19.3"W
Tel: (+351) 249 812 535 Email: museu.municipal@cm-torresnovas.pt Web: www.cm-torresnovas.pt | http://museu.cm-torresnovas.pt
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MMCarlosReis
Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:30 Saturday & Sunday 14:00 - 17:30 (Closed on Monday and Bank Holidays)
Visits: Guided tours, subject to previous booking Location: Historical Centre
Free Entrance

17 Humberto Delgado Memorial House

The Casa Memorial (Memorial House) is located in the main square in Boquilobo and is the birthplace of Humberto Delgado, the "Fearless General". This museological nucleus is dedicated to his political actions in defence of democracy and liberty in Portugal.

Address: Largo General Humberto Delgado, Boquilobo, 2350-051 Brogueira GPS Coordinates: 39º25'40.47"N 8º33'5.61"W
Visits: Contact the Agricultural Museum in Riachos beforehand on (+351) 249 820 499 | (+351) 934 133 079 | (+351) 962 636 580
Email: museuagricoladeriachos@gmail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/CasaMemorialHumbertoDelgado
Location: 8 km (approx.) from the city
Free Entrance (donations welcome)

18 Riachos Agricultural Museum

The Agricultural Museum is situated in Riachos, 6 km from the city. Inaugurated in 1989, it reunites a collection of items representing the traditional way of life of the Riachenses (the local inhabitants) as well as various rural geographical-cultural aspects featuring their transition from a higher ground to the rich agricultural Ribatejo plains. This ethnographic collection highlights such themes as the olive-oil mill and threshing oor, the traditional houses and agricultural machinery, costumes and arts and traditional trades.

Address: Rua Dr. José Marques, 14, 2350-362 Riachos GPS Coordinates: 39°26'34.7"N 8°30'45.0"W
Tel: (+351) 249 820 499 | (+351) 934 133 079 | (+351) 962 636 580 Email: museuagricoladeriachos@gmail.com
Web: www.museuagricoladeriachos.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/…/Museu-Agrícola-de-Riachos
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 17:00 Sunday & Bank Holidays 15:00 -17:00
Closed: Saturday (except for group visits with previous booking) Location: 6 km (approx.) from the city
Free Entrance (donations welcome)

19 Nature Reserve of Paul do Boquilobo

The Paul do Boquilobo Nature Reserve is located near the con uence of the rivers Almonda and Tagus, approximately 7 km from the city. It is a very humid area, rich in bird wildlife and ora, highlighting the herons and anatídeos, its willows, reeds and aquatic plants. Classi ed as a Nature Reserve in 1980, this natural 'sanctuary' has been part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO) since 1981 and listed in the Ramsar Convention (the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance) since 1996.

Address: Quinta do Paul do Boquilobo, 2350-334 Brogueira GPS Coordinates: 39º24'29.0"N 8º32'28.1"W
Tel: (+351) 249 820 378 Visits: Contact Department of Nature Conservation and Forest of Lisboa e Vale do Tejo, Nature Reserve of Paul do Boquilobo, CNEMA – Quinta das Cegonhas, Apartado 59, 2001-901 Santarém Tel: (+351) 243 306 530
Email: dcn vt@icnf.pt | rnpb@icnf.pt Site: www.icnf.pt | www.pauldoboquilobo.pt Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 18:00
Marked pedestrian trail
Location: 12 km (approx.) from the city
Entrance fee applicable

20 Serra d'Aire and Candeeiros Natural Park (PNSAC)

The Natural Park of the Aire and Candeeiro mountain range covers only a small area of terrain within the municipality. It is predominantly known for its wealth, variety and abundance of karstic structures, namely its caves, ravines, dolines and open fields of eroded limestone. Its unique landscape has also been shaped by its inhabitants, using the stone for houses, windmills and dry stone walls.

Serra d'Aire and Candeeiros Natural Park (PNSAC)
Address: Rua Dr. Augusto César Silva Ferreira, 2040-215 Rio Maior GPS Coordinates: 39°20'12"N 8°56'31"W Tel: (+351) 243 999 480
Email: pnsac@icnf.pt Web: www.icnf.pt Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 17:00
Location: 40 km (approx.) from the city

Ecoteca das Serras d'Aire e Candeeiros (Learning Centre)
Address: Alameda D. Afonso Henriques, n.º 1, 2480-300 Porto de Mós GPS Coordinates: 39º 35'54.6"N 8°49'10.3"W Tel: (+351) 244 491 904
Email: ecoteca@gmail.com Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 - 12:30 /14:00 - 18:30 Closed: Sunday, Monday, Bank Holidays (and 1st Saturday of each month) Location: 35 km (approx.) from the city

Centre for the Underground Study of the Algar do Pena (CISGAP)
Address: Vale do Mar GPS Coordinates: 39°27'54.8"N 8°48'25.2"W Tel: (+351) 243 400 630 Visits: Contact CISGAP beforehand
Email: maria.martins@icnf.pt | pnsacvisitas@gmail.com Web: www.icnf.pt | www.natural.pt Location: 30 km (approx.) from the city
Entrance fees applicable

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21 Almonda Caves

In these caves, we can nd the most extensive karstic network known in Portugal, stretching over 10 km and an authentic sanctuary for the nation's speleologists. Its underground streams form the source of the river Almonda.

As regards to cultural heritage, archaeological remains have been discovered dating from the Lower Paleolithic to Roman times. In recognition of their historical and archeological importance, the caves were classi ed as a Site of Public Interest on 30th November 1993.

GPS Coordinates: 39°30'16.8"N 8°36'52.7"W
Visits: Contact the local speleology and archeology group beforehand
Email: stea.tn@gmail.com

22 Dinosaur Footprints Monument [Natural Monument]

Discovered on 4th July 1994 in a location which was formerly a quarry, this Palaeolithic site covering an area of 60,000 m2 is situated on the eastern side of the Aire mountain, about 16 km from the city of Torres Novas.

With extensive dinosaur trails made up of several hundred footprints imprinted in the limestone since the Jurassic Period 175 million years ago, this natural monument is considered to be the most extensive and oldest record of sauropod trails.

Address: Estrada de Fátima, Bairro, 2490-216 Ourém GPS Coordinates: 39º34'21.94"N 8º35'19.30"W
Tel: (+351) 249 530 160 Email: dinossaurios@hotmail.com Web: www.pegadasdedinossaurios.org
Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 - 12:30 / 14:00 - 18:00 (all year) | 21st March to 22nd September, weekends & Bank Holidays: 10:00-12:30 / 14:00-20:00 Closed: Monday (except on a bank holiday or during August), Christmas Day and new Year's Day Visits: Guided tours by appointment | marked pedestrian trail
Location: 16 km (approx.) from the city
Entrance fees applicable