



Chapel of São Sebastião

Located in the Rossio of Alvito, this chapel was built at the end of the 16th century, likely in response to plague outbreaks that affected the region. Dedicated to the saint who protects against epidemics, it features an unusual late-Gothic architecture with Manueline and Mudéjar influences. The exterior is notable for its conical buttresses topped with pinnacles and a apse crowned with battlements, giving it an almost fortified appearance. Inside, early 17th-century mural paintings remain, depicting musical angels and various saints.



Traditional Olive Grove

Scattered across the plains and hills of the Alvito municipality, these olive groves are a central feature of the Alentejo rural landscape, with centuries-old trees planted on terraces or flat land. They are characterised by wide spacing between the trunks and the coexistence of pastures, vineyards, and cereal crops, reflecting centuries of sustainable agricultural management. These groves produce high-quality olives for both consumption and oil extraction, keeping ancestral practices and local traditions alive.



Chapel of Santa Luzia

Situated on a small hill south of the town, the Chapel of Santa Luzia dates back to the late 16th century, probably built over an earlier morabito. Small in size, it has a square plan with an arcaded porch and an interior decorated with 18th-century mural paintings depicting saints and musical angels. Over the centuries, it has undergone conservation and restoration work, remaining a key landmark both in the landscape and in the cultural identity of Alvito.



Rossio Caves

A complex of underground galleries located near the Rossio de São Sebastião. These were excavated from the limestone rock between the 13th and 15th centuries, serving as a quarry for stones used to make millstones. Rediscovered in the 20th century, they feature an intricate system of tunnels and chambers, preserving marks of manual labour and local legends about secret passages connecting the town's historic buildings.

Covering an area of 264.85 km² and with a population of around 2,300 inhabitants, the municipality of Alvito is located in the Baixo Alentejo (Lower Alentejo) region, halfway between the Atlantic coast and Spain. It comprises two civil parishes: Alvito and Vila Nova da Baronia and is a rural territory, where pastures, cork oak forests and olive groves predominate. The urban centres feature heritage that holds great historical importance in terms of civil and religious architecture. This is particularly true of the numerous examples of the Manueline style and the fresco paintings in various churches and chapels.



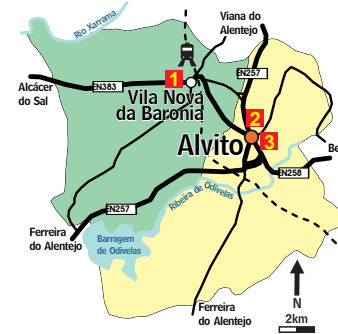
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CONDUCT AND SAFETY

This trail is reserved for walkers only. Walk in a group; avoid going alone. Wear a hat and suitable clothing and footwear for your intended walk. Take a backpack with plenty of food and water. Be respectful of public and private property. Leave gates and barriers the way you found them. Avoid using plastic items and dispose of rubbish in the proper places. No naked flames or lighting fires of any kind. Make use of local services for overnight stays, meals and shopping.



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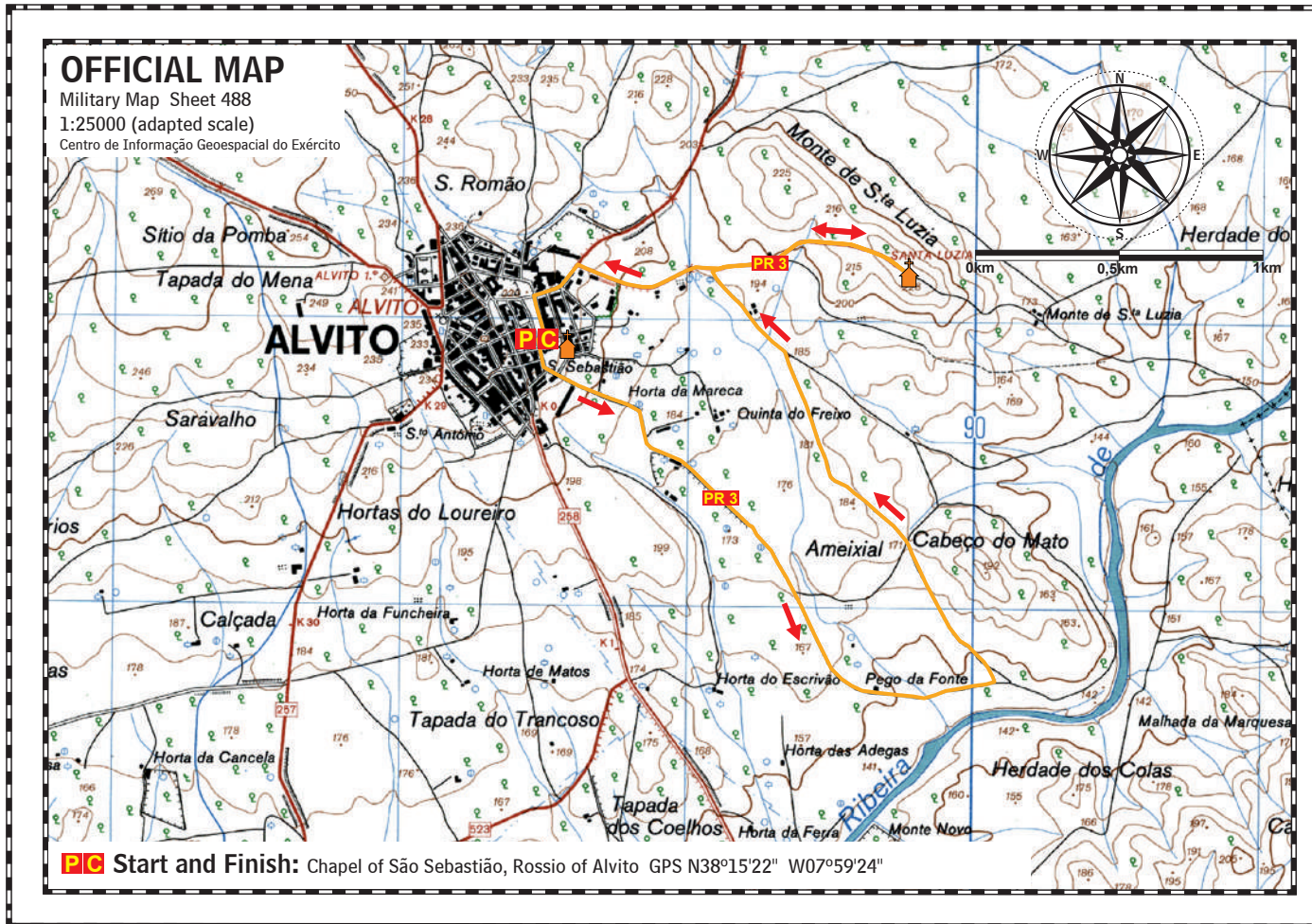


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6.3km
Loop
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Arriving in Alvito is to be in the heart of the Alentejo, in the geographical sense, as it lies almost equidistant from the entire region. It is also the heart in an emotional sense, shaped by the authenticity of a historical heritage full of testimonies and a vibrant rural life. Be enchanted by our landscape, where the focus rests on the centuries-old olive groves leading up to the Chapel of Santa Luzia.



DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAIL

Leave the Rossio de Alvito, next to the Chapel of São Sebastião, and head south. Opposite the Escola Profissional, turn left until the end of the asphalt, then follow a rural path. Pass by the Horta da Vila and cross wide fields of traditional olive groves and pastures. After approximately 2,200 metres, leave the main trail and turn left, ascending gently through cork oak trees. Continue alongside the montado, pass a small cluster of eucalyptus, and go past the Horta do Padre. Immediately afterwards, turn right to take the branch leading to the Chapel of Santa Luzia. Return along the same route to the junction and continue along the São Romão road, turning left onto Rua das Fábricas to reach the Rossio, with the starting point visible on your left.

After the walk, visit the Rossio Caves, stroll through the streets of Alvito to admire the Manueline portals, and explore the Castle of Alvito.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

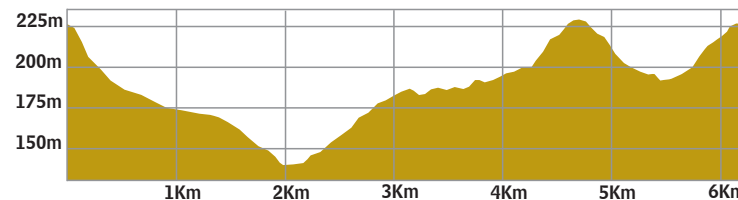
Path type: Loop
Distance: 6.3km
Duration: 2 hours
Accumulated elev.: 143m
Difficulty: Low
Surface: Country paths
Season: All year

POINTS OF INTEREST

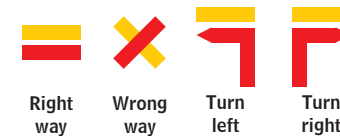
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Traditional Olive Groves
Castle and Town of Alvito
Manueline Portals

ELEVATION PROFILE

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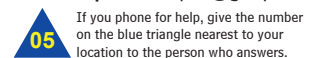


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