

Round trip to three castles (90 km)



**Bubulcus &
Bolotas**

From Bubulcus & Bolotas it is possible to see three castles: Arraiolos, Evoramonte and Estremoz. This trip leads to all three of them. Leaving the camping site go left on the N251 direction Pavia. After 1,6 km turn left to Bardeiras. Drive through Bardeiras and continue until you see a white church (S. Gregório). Immediately after the church turn right in the direction Aldeia da Serra. On this very straight (Roman?) road you already have a good view of the silhouette of Arraiolos Castle. Close to Aldeia da Serra (worth a visit for the view from the top of the village) continue on the road to the left in Westbound direction until you reach the N370. Turn left, direction Arraiolos. In Arraiolos follow the signs to the centre and to the castle. Arraiolos Castle was built in time of peace, which is the reason for the round wall. The church within the walls is of later date and can be visited sometimes in summer. The town Arraiolos is famous for the Arraiolos tapestry.





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You will find workshops and shops selling tapestry everywhere. If you are interested the Tapestry Interpretation Centre on the main square might be worth a visit. When leaving Arraiolos try to find the main road N4 direction Estremoz. After about 10 km turn right direction Vale do Perreiro. After 4.5 km, at the roundabout, straight on towards Vale do Perreiro. The landscape gets open and you'll find some big Alentejo style farms. The hills are covered in oak trees. This is agro-forestry area where cattle are browsing under trees which are mainly used for cork, acorns and wood for heating. Drive through Vale do Perreiro and continue until you reach the N18. Then turn left to Evoramonte. In Evoramonte turn left to start the steep climb to the castle. Shortly before driving through the entrance of the wall there are several parking places. Evoramonte is towering over the surroundings and has fantastic views. From the castle you can see Évora, Arraiolos, Estremoz and even Avis, which is about 40 km away. The castle has a typical knot on all its four walls. From Evoramonte Castle drive down (carefully) and continue on the N18 to Estremoz. Estremoz has an open market each Saturday and a castle (the third) on top. From Estremoz you take the N4 to Vimieiro (20 km) and in Vimieiro you take the N251 direction Pavia and after 2 km you'll find the access road to Bubulcus & Bolotas camping on your left

