



Bubulcus & Bolotas

Pre-historical and roman trip (120 km)

The Alentejo is very rich in Dolmen, Menhirs, Stone Circles and other prehistoric monuments. They are not all that easy to find, in fact most of them are not really well indicated. This roundtrip is leading to some of the more interesting sites. Leaving the camping site go right on the N251 direction Vimieiro. Follow the road until you reach the N4. Turn right, direction Arraiolos. After 200 m (!) turn left direction Igreja. After 8 km (roundabout) you'll find "Comenda Grande" one of the big vineries of the region. Continue through Igreja until you reach a T crossing where you turn right, direction Graça do Divor. In Graça do Divor turn left on the N370 direction Évora. After 1.5 km turn right and immediately left again direction Santiago de Escoural (N370). After a straight climb and a bend to the right you'll find a gravel road on your left hand side with a small sign indicating Vale do Meio (drive carefully, you can easily miss this one). Follow this gravel road until you reach the stone circle of Vale do Meio. This is a very beautiful prehistoric monument. It is not the biggest, but it is quiet (difficult to find) and well maintained. It is also a good place for a pick-nick.





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Go back to the main road and continue until you reach the N114. Turn left, direction Évora (if you want to visit the cave of Escoural you need to turn right here and immediately after that left again). Follow the N114 direction Évora until you can turn right, direction Guadalupe. In Guadalupe follow the signs to the Cromeleque dos Almendres. This is the biggest stone circle on the Iberian Peninsula. It is said to be older than Stonehenge. Close to the Cromeleque you'll also find a menir (menhir, well signposted). Return to Guadalupe and turn right to Valverde. In Valverde follow the signs direction Évora. Continue over the bridge and through university buildings and take the road which leads to the N380 (Évora – Alcaçovas). Turn right on the N380, direction Alcaçovas.

After 2.5 km, turn right on the gravel road to Torrega. Here you'll find Roman ruins situated in a beautiful landscape next to an artificial lake. You can ask for the key at the house, where you will be told that you should not walk on the ancient walls. After the visit, return on the gravel road, cross the asphalt road and continue on the gravel road until you see the Dolmen (Anta) on the hill on your right. After visiting the dolmen, return to the asphalt road, turn right to Évora. Évora is a city with a very rich history. It is worth a full day visit. At the tourist information centre on the Praça do Giraldo a lot of information can be obtained. From Évora take the N18 to Estremoz. Shortly before Evoramonte turn left on the N372-1 to Vimieiro. In Vimieiro you take the N251 direction Pavia and after 2 km you'll find the access road to the camping on your left.