

## MOURA

**In Moura we find the soul of several centuries of history and stories. Starting with the legend of Moura Salúquia, who threw herself from the tower when she becomes aware of the cloaked attack of the Christians after ambushing her loved one. The territory, which today borders the Guadiana river right after the Alqueva Dam, was strategic in all struggles for Christianization, as well as those of restoration and liberal wars. The landscape is marked by the famous olive groves, which produce the olives that give rise to the finest olive oils.**

Start at the Moura Castle. You may start by visiting it and then down the access ramp. Turn left toward the Dr. Santiago garden. Visit the Igreja de São João Baptista (Church of St. John the Baptist) and admire the monumental Fonte das Três Bicas (fountain of the three waterspouts), in carved marble. Visit the garden where the old bath is located and admire the fabulous landscape. Go down and around the municipal swimming pools, and by the curb of national highway 255 to then pass by the Bica do Leão (spout), recessed in the defensive bulwark of Santa Catarina. A little further ahead you will find the Bica do Moscão (spout) around whose left you will go, down toward Ribeira de Brenhas (river), passing over the bridge. Keep going straight ahead along the rural path. When you arrive at the crossing, go straight ahead and then return to this same point and head Northwest, taking a path that will be on your right on the way back. Keep following the rural path, admiring the fantastic and well-kept olive groves. At the end you will find Atalaia do Porto Mourão (watchtower), guarding the river Ardila, and slightly to the right are some testimonies of the ancient river crossing done by "barca" (boat). Go back the same way to the aforementioned crossing and turn right. Walk around the top of the gallows, watching out for the detour that you will take to the right through the middle of the olive grove, until you are close to the Horta da Vargem. When you reach the main road, turn left and return to the south toward Moura, crossing the Ribeira de Brenhas again. Follow the road until you find Av. do Carmo and then Praça Sacadura Cabral (square) which will take you back to the starting point.



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