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A Alma de Folgoso

Estrela Serenity Resort - Cabeça do Faraó

Round-trip distance: 20.9 km

Driving time: 50 min

Recommended activity duration: 3–5 hours

Ticket: Free at all points of interest

Route:



Discover one of the most iconic landscapes of Serra da Estrela through a route that combines historical heritage, nature and exceptional viewpoints. This itinerary has been designed to offer a peaceful and memorable experience, allowing you to discover some of the most representative places in the region.

Folgoso Castle

- A historic symbol of the village, the castle offers magnificent views over Folgoso and the surrounding landscape. It is also associated with the tradition that identifies the region as the birthplace of Viriato.

“O Poção” Leisure Park

- A natural retreat with crystal-clear waters fed by the mountain streams. Surrounded by vegetation and granite formations, it is the perfect place to enjoy nature and capture beautiful photographs.

Portela de Folgoso

- One of the region’s most beautiful natural viewpoints, offering stunning views over the valleys, mountains and vast landscapes of Serra da Estrela.

Faraó Panoramic Swing

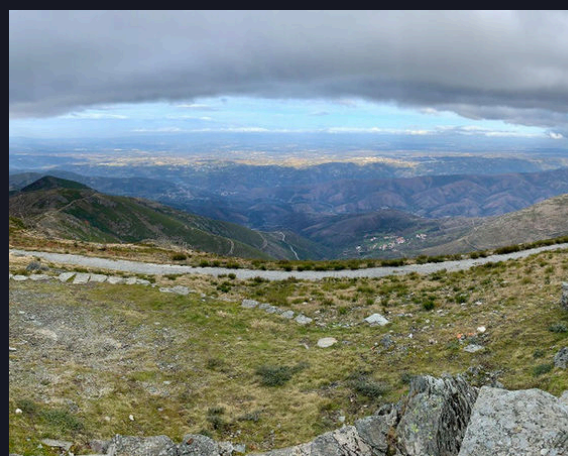
- A privileged spot from which to appreciate the grandeur of the mountains. The swing offers a unique experience and a perfect setting for unforgettable photographs.

Cabeça do Faraó

- The final destination of the route, this impressive granite outcrop takes its name from its rock formation, which resembles the profile of a pharaoh. From this natural viewpoint, enjoy panoramic views over Serra da Estrela, where nature reveals all its grandeur.

Where to eat:

“O Albertino” Restaurant (Folgosinho): +351 238 745 266



Fortalezas e Sabores da Beira

Estrela Serenity Resort - Linhares da Beira - Celorico da Beira

Round-trip distance: 53.9 km

Driving time: 1h 16 min

Recommended activity duration: Full day

Ticket: Free at all points of interest

Route:



Set out to discover two of the region's most emblematic destinations, where history, medieval architecture and mountain cuisine come together to create an authentic and memorable experience.

Linhares da Beira

Linhares da Beira Castle

- Surrounded by medieval walls and breathtaking views, Linhares da Beira Castle showcases the history and grandeur of Serra da Estrela. Climb up to the fortress and be amazed by one of the region's most striking landscapes.

Admission: Free.

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00 PM–5:00 PM.

Telephone: +351 271 747 400

Linhares da Beira – Historic Village

- Considered one of Portugal's most beautiful Historic Villages, Linhares da Beira enchants visitors with its cobbled streets, medieval atmosphere and extraordinary surrounding landscape.

Medieval Streets

- Wander through narrow, winding streets that preserve their original medieval layout, offering a true journey back in time.

Manor Houses

- Throughout the village, you will find several granite manor houses and noble residences, reflecting Linhares da Beira's historical and economic importance over the centuries.

Celorico da Beira

Celorico da Beira Historic Centre

- Discover the streets and squares that preserve the town's historic identity, characterised by traditional architecture and a rich religious and civic heritage.

Celorico da Beira Castle

- Known as the “Mountain Castle”, it stands above the town, offering magnificent views over Serra da Estrela and the surrounding valleys.

Admission: Free.

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00 PM–5:00 PM.

Telephone: +351 271 747 400

Solar do Queijo da Serra da Estrela

- Enjoy a tasting of the region's most iconic product, traditionally handcrafted from sheep's milk using methods passed down through generations.

Admission: Free.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00 PM–5:00 PM.

Contact: solaroqueijo@cm-celoricodabeira.pt / +351 271 747 473

Taste the Regional Cuisine

- Complete your gastronomic experience with a selection of traditional mountain cured meats and cheeses, renowned for their authentic flavours and strong connection to local traditions.

Where to eat:

Cova da Loba Restaurant (Linhares da Beira): +351 271 776 119

“Nómada” Restaurant (Celorico da Beira): +351 962 821 847

Muralhas de Celoryco Restaurant (Celorico da Beira): +351 271 748 033

Solar do Queijo da Serra da Estrela (Celorico da Beira): +351 271 747 473



Rota dos Saberes Serranos

Estrela Serenity Resort - Seia (Museus)

Round-trip distance: 84.7 km

Driving time: 1h 54 min

Recommended activity duration: Full day

Tickets: Museum admission fees apply

Route:



Set out to discover Seia and Serra da Estrela through an experience that combines heritage, culture, nature and local traditions. This itinerary has been designed to offer guests a journey through the flavours, landscapes and stories that make this region unique. On the return journey, the route follows a more mountainous road, offering panoramic views over the mountains and, at the end of the day, the opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable sunset.

Serra da Estrela Interpretation Centre (CISE)

- Discover the natural, geological and cultural richness of Portugal's largest natural park through exhibitions and content dedicated to Serra da Estrela.

Tickets:

- Adults: €4.00
- Young people (4–17 years) and seniors (+65): €2.50
- Organised groups (minimum 8 people, by reservation): €2.50 per person

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Contact: cise@cise.pt / +351 238 320 300

Toy Museum

- Step into a world of memories, discoveries and smiles at the Seia Toy Museum, home to an impressive collection of around 10,000 toys from different eras and origins. A fascinating space where children and adults can travel back in time and rediscover the magic of childhood.

Tickets:

- Adults: €3.00
- Young people (4–17 years) and seniors (+65): €2.00
- Children up to 3 years: Free
- Accompanying teachers: Free (valid school ID required)
- Family ticket (2 adults + 1–4 young people): €6.00–€9.00
- Organised groups (minimum 6 people, by reservation): €2.00 per person

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM and 2:00 PM–6:00 PM

Contact: museu.brinquedo@cm-seia.pt / +351 238 082 015

Bread Museum

- Discover the history, traditions and production methods behind one of the most iconic foods in Portuguese cuisine, through an interactive and cultural experience for all ages.

Tickets:

- General admission (Adults): €7.50
- Children (3–12 years) and students: €4.00
- Seniors (+65): €5.00
- Children under 2 years: Free

Opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Contact: museu@museudopao.pt / +351 238 310 760

Electricity Natural Museum

- Explore the history of hydroelectric power generation in the region and discover the importance of energy in the development of mountain communities.

Tickets:

- Adults: €3.00
- Young people (4–17 years): €2.00
- Seniors (+65): €2.00
- Children (up to 3 years): Free
- Combined ticket (valid for 3 days): €7.50 for adults, also including admission to the Toy Museum and CISE.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Mondays):

- April to September: 10:00 AM–6:00 PM
- October to March: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Contact: museudaelectricidade@cm-seia.pt / +351 238 316 276

Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora do Desterro

- One of the region's most important pilgrimage sites, surrounded by peaceful natural landscapes and offering privileged views over Serra da Estrela.

Dr. Pedro River Beach – Mata do Desterro

- Surrounded by the natural beauty of Mata do Desterro, Dr. Pedro River Beach invites you to enjoy moments of tranquillity and connect with nature, in a setting where landscape, culture and spirituality come together.

Where to eat:

Senhora da Lomba Restaurant (Pinhanços): +351 238 481 030

Espaço Ego (Seia): +351 238 089 609

Bread Museum Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 310 760

Borges Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 313 010

Margarida I Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 321 136



Aldeias de Montanha da Serra da Estrela

Estrela Serenity Resort - Folgoso, Manteigas e Videmonte

Round-trip distance: 100 km

Driving time: 2h 30 min

Recommended activity duration: Full day

Tickets: Admission fees apply at some attractions

Route:



Discover three of Serra da Estrela's most emblematic Mountain Villages—Folgoso, Manteigas and Videmonte—in an experience that combines heritage, nature and landscapes of exceptional beauty. Along the way, explore glacial valleys, scenic viewpoints and granite villages, where mountain traditions, the warmth of the local communities and regional flavours reveal the true essence of the mountains.

Folgoso Castle

- A historic symbol of the village, the castle offers magnificent views over Folgoso and the surrounding landscape. It is also associated with the tradition that identifies the region as the birthplace of Viriato.

Opening hours: 24 hours

Telephone: +351 238 745 842

Covão da Ponte

- A peaceful natural spot along the Zêzere River, surrounded by vegetation and granite formations, ideal for relaxing and enjoying the tranquillity of the mountains.

Beech Tree Route

- A scenic route of outstanding natural beauty, particularly in autumn, when the beech trees transform the mountains into a spectacular display of colour.

Burel Factory

- Discover the tradition of burel, a traditional woollen fabric from Serra da Estrela, at a space where craftsmanship, design and innovation come together.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, at 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Tickets: €5 per person

Contact: factory@burelfactory.com / +351 913 286 420

Zêzere Glacial Valley Interpretation Centre (CIVGLAZ)

- A space dedicated to interpreting the geology, fauna, flora and formation of the glacial valley, offering a deeper understanding of the region's natural history.

Tickets:

- **Adults:** €1.00
- **Young people (10–18 years):** €0.50
- **Seniors (+65):** €0.50
- **Children (up to 9 years):** Free
- **Manteigas residents:** Free
- **Groups (minimum 8 people):** €0.50 per person

Opening hours: Thursday to Sunday, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM and 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Contact: geral@civglaz-manteigas.pt / +351 275 981 113

Zêzere Glacial Valley

- One of the largest glacial valleys in Europe, shaped by ice thousands of years ago and considered one of the most impressive landscapes in Serra da Estrela.

Videmonte

- Known as the village “where bread and water are never denied to anyone”, Videmonte is one of the most authentic Mountain Villages in Serra da Estrela. Its granite streets, traditional communal ovens, rye bread-making traditions and strong connection to shepherding preserve a way of life deeply rooted in the mountains.

Where to eat:

Vallecula (Valhelhas): +351 962 778 111

Soadro do Zêzere (Valhelhas): +351 275 487 114

Cova da Loba Restaurant (Linhares da Beira): +351 271 776 119

Queijaria Manteigas (Manteigas): +351 275 982 016

Madeira's Restaurant (Videmonte): +351 271 013 523



O Coração Glaciar da Serra

Estrela Serenity Resort - Torre e Covão d'Ametade

Round-trip distance: 119 km

Driving time: 3h 20 min

Recommended activity duration: Full day

Tickets: Admission fees apply at some attractions

Route:



Discover some of the most impressive landscapes of Serra da Estrela on a route through glacial valleys, mountain lakes, panoramic viewpoints and traditional villages, offering an unforgettable experience in the heart of the mountains.

Cabeça do Velho

- A striking granite formation whose silhouette resembles the profile of a human face, sculpted by nature over time.

Lagoa Comprida Dam

- The largest artificial lake in Serra da Estrela, surrounded by impressive granite formations and dramatic mountain scenery.

Torre

- The highest point in mainland Portugal, standing at approximately 1,993 metres above sea level and offering unforgettable views across Serra da Estrela.

Covão d'Ametade

- One of the most iconic spots in Serra da Estrela, known for its beautiful birch woodland and idyllic setting near the source of the Zêzere River.

Poço do Inferno Waterfall

- A stunning and refreshing natural spot, particularly pleasant during the summer months, surrounded by lush vegetation. The waterfall is located at around 1,100 metres above sea level and has a drop of approximately 10 metres. In winter, when the water freezes, it creates spectacular photographic opportunities.

Burel Factory

- Discover the tradition of burel, a traditional woollen fabric from Serra da Estrela, at a space where craftsmanship, design and innovation come together.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, at 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Tickets: €5 per person

Contact: factory@burelfactory.com / +351 913 286 420

Covão da Ponte

- A peaceful natural spot along the Zêzere River, surrounded by lush vegetation and granite formations, ideal for relaxing and enjoying the tranquillity of the mountains.

Faraó Panoramic Swing

- A privileged viewpoint from which to appreciate the grandeur of the mountains. The swing offers a unique experience and the perfect setting for unforgettable photographs.

“O Poção” Leisure Park

- A natural retreat with crystal-clear waters fed by the mountain streams. Surrounded by vegetation and granite formations, it is the perfect place to enjoy nature and capture beautiful photographs.

Where to eat:

Mirante da Estrela (Sabugueiro): +351 969 089 750

Queijaria de Manteigas (Manteigas): +351 275 982 016



Oásis da Montanha

Estrela Serenity Resort - Praias Fluviais

Round-trip distance: 125 km

Driving time: 1h 50 min

Recommended activity duration: Full day

Tickets: Free at all points of interest

Route:



Discover three of the most enchanting river beaches in Serra da Estrela, where natural beauty, crystal-clear waters and the tranquillity of the mountains create an unforgettable experience. During the bathing season, you will also find seasonal support bars, perfect for a refreshing break by the water.

Vale do Rossim River Beach

- Surrounded by tranquil waters and the vast landscapes of Serra da Estrela, Vale do Rossim invites you to pause, breathe and take in the scenery. A peaceful natural retreat where every moment becomes an unforgettable experience.

Loriga River Beach

- Nestled within the grandeur of a glacial valley, Loriga River Beach invites you to immerse yourself in nature and enjoy the tranquillity of Serra da Estrela—a unique setting where water, stone and mountains come together in perfect harmony.

Lapa dos Dinheiros River Beach

- Surrounded by crystal-clear waters, waterfalls and mysterious hidden spots, such as the legendary Buraco da Moura, every visit reveals a new story of the mountains. Tucked among centuries-old chestnut trees and imposing granite rocks, Lapa dos Dinheiros River Beach is an invitation to discover Serra da Estrela at a slower, more authentic pace.

Where to eat:

Bread Museum Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 310 760

Borges Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 313 010

Margarida I Restaurant (Seia): +351 238 321 136

O Vicente Restaurant (Loriga): +351 238 953 127

Cantinho da Serra Restaurant (Loriga): +351 967 765 926

