

DON'T MISS



### Michel Giacometti

A man who was one of the great guardians of Portugal's music history and ethnographic heritage is buried in Peroguarda. Born in Corsica in 1929, this ethnologist devoted the whole of his cultural and professional life to collecting and preserving the knowledge connected with the music that is sung by ordinary people, to ancestral cultural knowledge and to the collective memory recorded over the generations.



### Village of Peroguarda

Once known as the most Portuguese village in the Lower Alentejo, Peroguarda charms visitors with its pure whiteness and traditional houses, and with its rich oral traditions. Don't miss the chance to discover the Church of St. Margaret, which was already mentioned in 16th century visitation books, with its popular style and elements that are Baroque in inspiration.

### Eat here!

Meals and snacks are very appealing in Ferreira do Alentejo. You can have lunch or dinner in a restaurant or have a snack in a tavern or in one of the cafés in the traditional Alentejo style that can be found in the municipality.



### Alfundão Bridge

When strolling through the streets of black *calçada* cobblestones in Alfundão, you come to a small stone bridge that stretches over the stream. Nearby, you can find short stretches of Roman road that are very probably the remains of a road that led from Torrão through Odivelas, with a connection to Alfundão, and continued from there to Beringel and Beja.



### Croplands

The fertile fields of Peroguarda and Alfundão, irrigated with water from the Alqueva dam, support the development of modern agriculture that is profitable and competitive both economically and in terms of employment. Alongside the traditional cultivation of cereal crops, new crops are emerging such as table grapes, olives and almonds, which add new shapes and colours to the agricultural landscape.

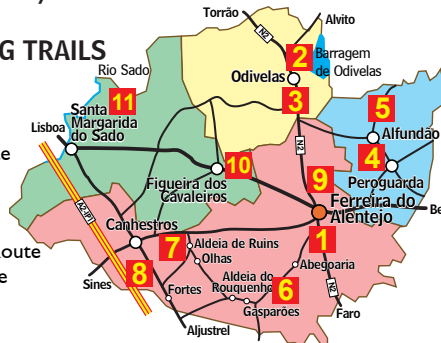
## FERREIRA DO ALENTEJO

The municipality of Ferreira do Alentejo is located in the Lower Alentejo, exactly halfway between the Atlantic coast and the border with Spain. With an area of 648.25 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 7,850, the municipality has a strong focus on agriculture, in the form of both traditional cultivation of olive trees and the cork oak forests of the montado, and modern cultivation using irrigation. There are traces of occupation by humans since the Middle Palaeolithic, with the region being used throughout all the periods of pre-history and history.



### PR - SHORT WALKING TRAILS

- PR1 Eagle Hill Route
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- PR4 Michel Giacometti Route
- PR5 Lake of Ducks Route
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- PR7 Old Villages Route
- PR8 Cork Oak "Montado" Route
- PR9 Farms and Estates Route
- PR10 Olive Oil Route
- PR11 Sado River Route



### 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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## PR 4 FAL MICHEL GIACOMETTI ROUTE



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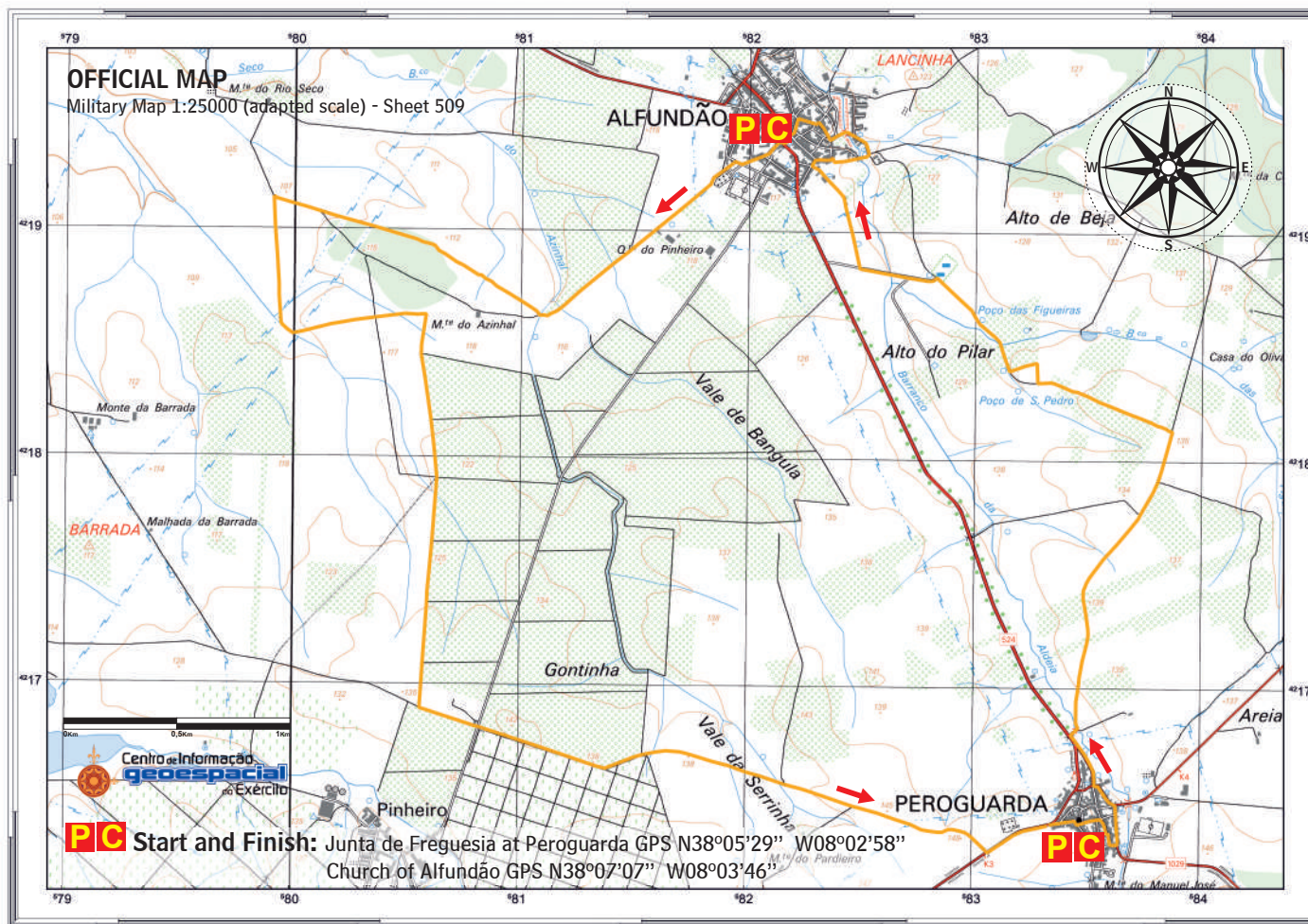


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### POINTS OF INTEREST

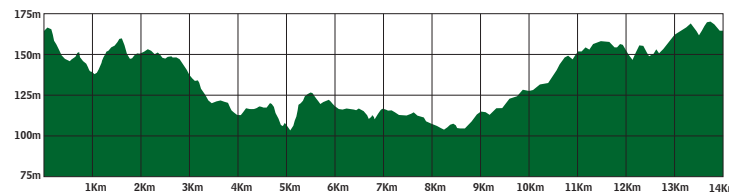
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Church of Peroguarda  
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Alfundão bridge  
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### DATA SHEET

Path: Loop.  
Distance: 14 km.  
Accumulated elev.: 156 m.  
Duration: 4 to 5 hours.  
Difficulty: Medium.  
Surface: Country paths and secondary roads.  
Season: All year. Muddy places in the rainy season.

### ALTITUDE GRAPH

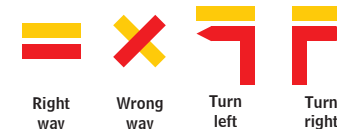
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### DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAIL

The trail is circular and can be started in either of the villages, Peroguarda or Alfundão. As it is a tribute to Michel Giacometti, our suggestion is that you start in Peroguarda, where he asked to be buried. Set off from the Civil Parish Council, head in the direction of the Church of Santa Margarida (St Margaret), passing by a stone monument, the Padrão dos Centenários. Turn left after the church into Rua Dom Diogo Passanha and then turn right into Rua Professor Joaquim Roque. At the end, turn left and go as far as the fountain, and then turn left again into Rua Francisco Sevinat Pontes. Turn left into Rua 25 de Abril and then turn right into Rua de Lisboa. After leaving the village, turn immediately right onto a rural track, crossing a small bridge over the river. After slightly more than a kilometre of agricultural fields, interspersed with traditional olive groves, you reach a tarred road; go straight on and turn left at the first junction. After the end of the tarred stretch of road, turn right, turn left and then turn right again and continue alongside olive plantations and then agricultural fields. Turn left next to the small building used for the irrigation system and, after crossing the stream, turn right towards the village of Alfundão, following the rural track parallel to the road. In Alfundão, turn right into Rua Joaquim Inácio and then right again into Rua Longa. At the end of the street, turn right towards the "Roman Bridge" and cross it. Go past the public wash-house and continue along Rua Dr Aires da Fonseca and Rua do Ouro. After the Civil Parish Council, turn left along Rua da Igreja, where the Main Church of Our Lady of the Conception stands, with a number of Visigoth remains. Leave Alfundão on the right hand side of the cemetery and start crossing the fertile agricultural fields, with fields of cereal crops, large-scale olive plantations and huge almond plantations, which you go around to the right and then cross until you come to another enormous olive plantation in straight lines. After about 1,700 metres, turn left until you cross, with the greatest of care, the tarred road and see the vineyards growing table grapes, perfectly arranged on trellises covered with protective nets and with modern irrigation and control systems. Continue as far as the road leading to the village of Peroguarda, which is located on the left, passing the cemetery where Michel Giacometti is buried.

### SIGNAGE



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