



Dornes

Dornes is a small hamlet in the centre of Portugal, located about 35 Km from Tomar and 150 Km from the capital, Lisbon. Today there are fewer than 30 permanent residents, but once it was a thriving village which played an important social and political role in the area. Located on a peninsula surrounded by the clear waters of one of the largest lakes in the country and by extensive forests, it has an outstanding beauty all of its own.

In Dornes you will find a building unique in Portugal: a tower, in the form of an irregular pentagon, built by the knight monks of the order of the Templar. The tower now contains the bells of the adjacent village church. The construction of this tower was ordered in the 8th. century by a pious queen; nearby this construction and all around the tower itself are carved beautiful myths in which the holy and the profane intermingle in the imagination of the people. In addition, in Dornes church itself, visitors can see the recently restored pipe organ, 17th and 18th century engravings and a 16th century wooden altarpiece.

There are all sorts of pleasant ways for you to spend a few days relaxing in close contact with Nature in the simple, authentic environment: walking, boat trips, swimming, water sports or fishing.

