



## Golegã

The village of Golegã has always been very much related to the 2 rivers that cross it - Almonda and Tejo - It is a very known village because of its fertile fields, its big farms, its bull fights and the horses.

Golegã (pronounced "Golegan") is nearly always a quiet little town but it changes radically each year in the first weeks of November, due to its animated horse fair, Feira Nacional do Cavalo. Thousands of horse lovers and many breeders gather here to appreciate Portugal's finest equestrian specimens. The fair also coincides with Saint Martinho's Day (11th November) when the year's new wine is traditionally tasted, being the specialities água-pé (literally "foot-water") and roasted chestnuts.

All year round you can visit the 16th-century Mother Church, with a beautiful Manueline portal and panels of glazed tiles from the 17th century, or the modern art collection in the Museu de Pintura e Escultura Martins Correia, or yet the Quinta da Cardiga, a huge farm near the river Tagus that once belonged to the Templar and to the Order of Christ and that still preserves a manueline portal and decorated tiles from the 16th and 17th centuries.

The Natural Reserve of Paúl de Boquilobo near Golegã, situated between the rivers Tagus and Almonda, is also a magnificent site in this region.

