



Natural reserve - Serras de Aire e Candeeiros

Typical Mediterranean landscape, the Estremenho Limestone Chain, between the regions of the Silver coast, Mountains and Plains, is the home of the Natural Park of Serras d'Aire and Candeeiros, one of the most important nesting places of the red billed jackdaw. It is extraordinarily dry and rocky and constitutes the most extensive and diversified limestone peak in Portugal. The olive trees and shrubs are the dominant flora in these fields of stone. Here there is also a variety of fauna, and, among the birds of prey and other animals the most important is the red billed jackdaw. One of its main nesting areas in Portugal is located here, although its numbers have dropped severely over the past few years. It builds its nests mainly in gullies where the birds can benefit from a micro-climate that is favourable to their incubation and where they are protected from all types of intruders, except man.

In this Natural reserve you can also visit the “medium Jurassic reserve” with 175 million years and 60 000m². Here you can find hundreds of the world oldest and biggest collection of dinosaur footprints as well fossils of its eggs.

