

A Prince D. João in Mafra

In Mafra, Prince Regent D. João decided to ignore Napoleon Bonaparte's orders, favouring Portugal's old alliance with England. On the terraces of the Palace, using a pointer telegraph (Portuguese telegraph), D. João sent and received coded messages.



Royal Family Departure

The Royal Family left Mafra, taking a large part of the Royal Palace's assets, preparing the departure for Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). On November 29, 1807, on departure, confusion broke out on the dock of Belém, between hundreds of court members who wanted to embark as well a large set of luggage, some of which did not travel.



Jacinto Correia shooting

Jacinto Correia was one of the first men of the people to rebel against the invading army. He killed two French soldiers with a scythe to defend himself against an assault. In January 1808, Junot had him shot at the Palace of Mafra to serve as an example and frighten the population.



B Arrival of the British in Mafra

On August 1, 1808, the English army, commanded by Arthur Wellesley (future Duke of Wellington), disembarks in Lavos (Figueira da Foz). He arrived victorious in Mafra, on September 2, after winning the battles of Roliça and Vimeiro. Eusébio Gomes reports that "[...] the English Army was received with great joy and in its passage the bells and the carillon were rang [...]".

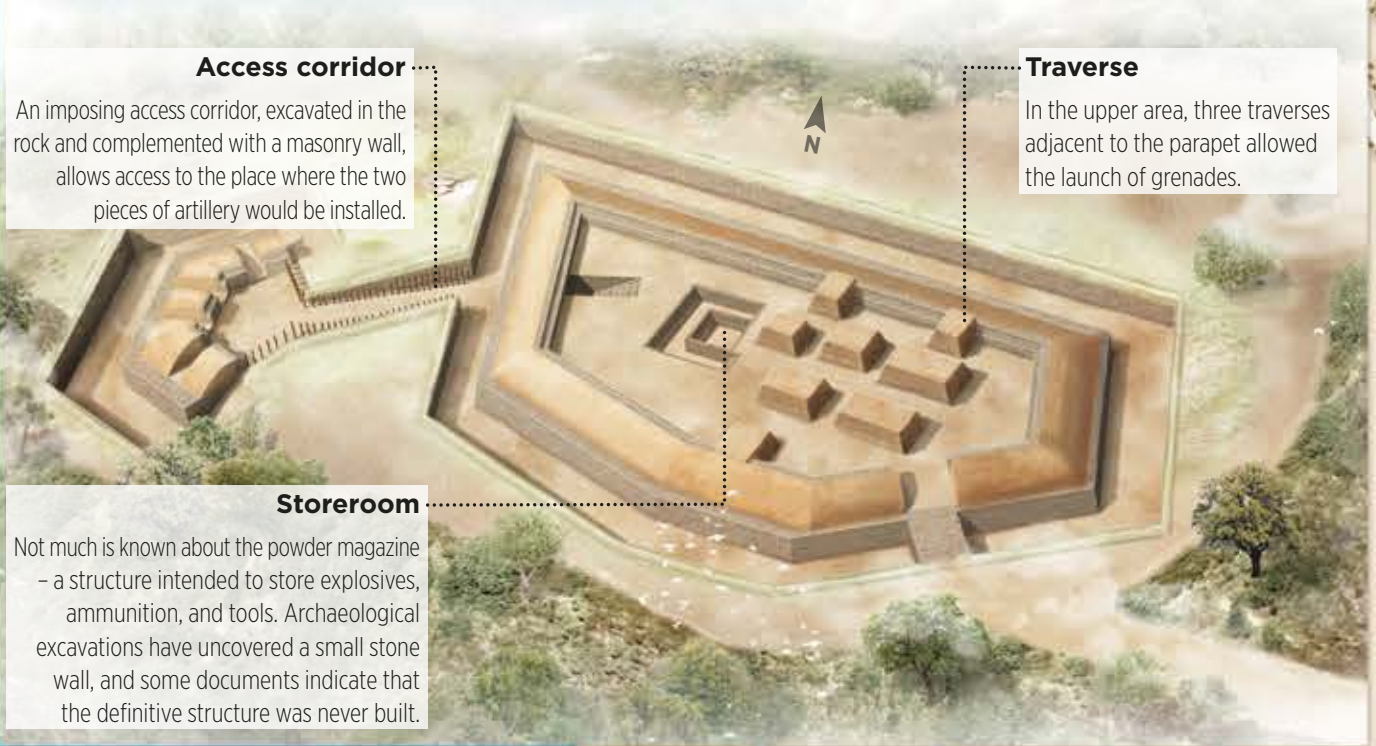


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D Fort of Zambujal

Located in the village of Zambujal, the Fort of Zambujal is an extraordinary and unique military work. This structure can be divided into two areas, almost as if they were two forts. In the upper area, where there is no record of any embrasure, several traverses (protections built on earth) protect the powder magazine. Ripping through the earth, a tunnel allows access to the lower area through a set of steps, and some originals remain. After walking down the corridor, there is access to the battery, protected by a second ditch. The two artillery pieces assigned to this Fort were manoeuvred on a wooden platform (of which some originals remain).



E Interpretation Centre of the Lines of Torres Vedras

This venue features the French Invasions in Portuga and how they interconnected with the municipality of Mafra its monuments and the population. Here you can discover the Optical Telegraphy and how the idea of the Lines of Torres Vedras was born - one of the largest and most effective defensive systems in Europe. Understanding how secret messages were exchanged is also possible to manoeuvre two-pointer telegraphs.



G Serra Do Socorro Communications Post

On the top of Serra do Socorro, there was a Communications Post. A telegraph with 5 balloons (English telegraph) allowed the transmission of coded messages along the Lines of Torres Vedras. This telegraph system made it possible to transmit a message between the Tagus and the Atlantic in just a few minutes. In his honour, Wellington visited this place so often that it became known as "Eagle's Nest", in his honour.



Memories of Eusébio Gomes

Eusébio Gomes was born in Mafra in 1787 and died in 1878. He was a storekeeper at the Palace of Mafra. There he witnessed important episodes in recent Portuguese history for many years, recounting them in his "Memories". There are several observations about the daily life of the Court of D. João, the departure of the Royal Family to Brazil (which he helped to prepare), the arrival of the French and the English, and the return of D. João VI as King of Portugal. "Memórias de Eusébio Gomes" is deposited in the Library of the Palace of Mafra.



F Fort of Feira

Located in the village of Malveira, this Fort features a star-shaped plant (Vauban type), with a ditch carved into the rock that surrounds the entire structure. The archaeological work brought new data to the understanding of this Fort. It was possible to identify a complex construction, in masonry and wood, in a critical area - the powder magazine (partially rebuilt). Surrounded by urban areas, this Fort allows people with reduced mobility to explore it, thus making it an "ACCESSIBLE FORT".

