

DESCRIPTION

It is in the Douro region that the parish of Barcos is located, one of the six wine villages in the region, which became the county seat between 1263 and 1855.

With an area of 9.81 square kilometers and about 600 inhabitants, Barcos is 4 kilometers from the county seat and is limited to the east by the river Távora, to the south by the parishes of Tabuaço and Pinheiros and, to the west, by Santa Leocadia.

Its toponym, Barcos, refers us to the Germanic term "Barc", in the plural, alluding to landmarks of territorial delimitation.

Barcos stands out in the landscape due to its urban structure. The first thing we notice is that the nucleus was built around the parish church. The village has several medieval buildings, grand modern houses and more typical modest houses that combine to form a rather interesting urban area, with some buildings being more erudite in nature and function, for example, the former college church from the 17th and 18th centuries.

It has a small historical centre with a stone cross and the parish church. There are other buildings, such as Casa da Roda and Casa da Câmara, denoting the importance that the municipality once had.



USEFUL CONTACTS

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| FIREMEN | 254 789 108 |
| POLICE | 254 789 214 |
| HEALTH CENTER | 254 780 130 |
| CITY COUNCIL'S | 254 780 000 |
| INTERACTIVE TOURISM SHOP | 254 789 049 |
| SOS | 112 |
| SOS FOREST | 117 |

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THE WINE PRODUCING VILLAGE OF BARCOS

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Mother Church of Barcos (National Monument)
- Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora do Sabroso
- Mata da Forca
- Chapel of Santa Bárbara
- Collegiate House
- House of the Wheel of the Exposed
- Old Town Hall and Jail
- Former City Hall and Court
- Castro do Sabroso
- Via Romana / Medieval section between Barcos and Sabroso

FEASTS AND TRADITIONS

Feast in Honor of Nossa Senhora do Sabroso

The pre-Christian cult of these populations, wisely used, gave rise to a deep devotion to Nossa Senhora do Sabroso, celebrated annually on August 15th.

May Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage takes place on the last weekend of May. The procession leaves on Saturday night from the Mother Church towards the Sanctuary of Sabroso, where on Sunday Mass and sermon are celebrated in honor of the Virgin, returning in the afternoon to the Mother Church.

Holy Week

The festival starts on Holy Thursday and continues until Easter Monday with the passage of the Compass.

Carnival

It is usual for young people to go to Cabeço da Forca and there make the wedding of young single women in the parish. As you would expect, the “matrimonial gatherings” are made in the most disparate way possible. A cloth bull is also built, with real horns, to scare passers-by, a custom that goes back to ancient Celtic rituals.

Burning of the Judas

At Easter, on “Aleluia” Saturday, there is the Queima do Judas, which is nothing more than a doll (of popular criticism) that is burned in the Praça da Colegiada, next to the Mother Church.

BARCOS PARISH CHURCH

Barcos Parish Church, a fine example of the late Romanesque style, perhaps from the 14th century, is listed as a National Monument. Its façade has side doors in iconographic Romanesque-style and decoration. The doorway faces west and has two small columns topped by capitals with images of monsters. The other two typical doors are in the northern and southern façades and are richly decorated with engraved stones.

Inside the church, the chancel has a beautiful altar in gilded woodcarving from the late 17th century and the ceiling has 28 panels painted by a reputed artist and depicts scenes of the life of Christ. The coffered ceiling of the sacristy was painted by a popular artist. The sacristy is used for storing farming tools, artistic precious items, such as 18th century paintings depicting the niches of the Stations of the Cross.



ROMANESQUE SANCTUARY OF NOSSA SENHORA DO SABROSO

This Romanesque Sanctuary from the 17th century is about 3 km from Barcos. It was probably first built in the 13th century and was the seat of the settlement at the time, until the time when the Parish Church of Barcos was built. The sanctuary was expanded in the 17th century and restored in 1874, but it still shows the original Early Middle Ages features.

The temple has a single nave and a narrow chancel, and its main façade of a single section is quite modest. This sanctuary is built in a place of great natural beauty, very quiet and ideal for walks and family outings in harmony with nature.

HANDICRAFT

Throughout the village there are lace makers and embroiderers who do beautiful jobs. There is also an artisan who does fantastic work on tin.

ASSOCIATIONS

- Singing Group of Barcos,
- Friends of the Barcos Bombs Association,
- Coral and Recreational Group Nossa Senhora do Sabroso

PEDESTRIAN TOURS

PR3 – Terraces of the Douro

PR5 – History and Nature (turns on Barcos e Santa Leocádia)

INFORMATION

Coordinates 41° 7' 17"N 7° 35' 52"O

Primitive county Tabuaço

Total area 9,81 km²

Orago Our Lady of Assunção