

## Easter Traditions and flowering in Solares de Portugal



“Enjoy Easter Traditions in **Solares de Portugal**” is our new campaign. TURIHAB – **Solares de Portugal** created a new promotion that will allow you to discover our cultural and religious customs during the Holly Week.

So, you will have a discount if you make your booking for Easter in our website [www.solaresdeportugal.pt](http://www.solaresdeportugal.pt). If you book 4 nights during the Holly Week in **Solares** you only pay 3 nights (Valid for Stays up to 5th May, and for bookings made from 1st of April up to 30th April).

Meanwhile the campaign “**Parents and children in Solares de Portugal**” is still available. Children until 12 years old do not pay in **Solares** (exclusive to cot and extra bed. Each bedroom can have a maximum of one cot and one extra bed).

## Easter in the North of Portugal

In the North of Portugal we have some traditions, still maintained during the Easter. We wait for the priest that brings to our houses a crucified Jesus Christ. This is the celebration of the Resurrection. If you want to make part of this experience you can find in Viana do Castelo, **Casa do Ameal**, **Quinta de Monteverde** or **Quinta do Paço d’Anha**. These houses recreate every year this tradition.

In Vitorino das Donas, Ponte de Lima, the “Compasso” (a procession) going to every houses of the village, the crucifix is taken by men with a women “cachenés” (handkerchief) in their head to protect them from the sun. If you want to see this Easter tradition you can sleep in the neighbour houses **Casa das Torres**, **Casa do Anquião**, **Casa do Barreiro**, **Quinta da Agra**, **Paço de Calheiros** or **Casa de Crasto**.

In Fontão, Ponte de Lima, every year one man is chosen to be the “mordomo”: this man pays the lunch of the Easter day to the entire village. Sometimes they are 500 people for lunch. Solares de Portugal suggests you **Casa de Fontão**, **Casa de Outeiro**, **Quinta do Rei**, **Casa de Covas** or **Casa da Lage** if you want to make part of this event.



But if you prefer to enjoyed the Minho valley or the National Park of Peneda Gerês, so you have to go to Valença, Monção and Melgaço. Here you find **Casa da Eira**, **Quinta da Calçada**, **Casa de Rodas** or **Quinta de Santo António**.

In Guimarães, where Portugal began, with a UNESCO classified centre, the traditions are the same as ever. The Easter is commemorated with enthusiasm and faith. **Paço de S. Cipriano** (Tabuadelo), **Casa de Sezim** (Santo Amaro), **Casa dos Pombais** (centre of the Town) or **Quinta de Cima de Eiriz** (Penha) are good choices for a long Easter weekend.

In Basto, the garden land, where the flowers in the spring appears in every corner and near the roads, the Easter is a combination with nature that flourishes spontaneously. **Casa do Campo** and **Casa do Canedo** (Celorico de Basto) have great gardens that you can profit during your stay.

In Trás-os-Montes, local people make a “folar de carne” (meat cake) to celebrate Easter, and you can taste it during the breakfast served at **Quinta da Mata** (Chaves), **Casa da Pedra** (Amarante), **Solar das Arcas** (Macedo de Cavaleiros), **Casa Agrícola da Levada** (Vila Real).

In the Douro Valley **Solar de Miragaia** (Travanca) and **Casa dos Varais** (Régua) are a great opportunity for you to meet the Easter tradition of this area.

In Felgueiras there is a famous cake, “pão-de-ló de Margaride”. You can taste this speciality in **Casa do Cotto**. A lit bit further, at Penafiel, **Quinta da Maragoça** is another possibility.

### Easter in the Centre and South of Portugal

In the Centre and in the South, the country people make sure that the tables are full of food. In Beira Litoral we usually eat “chanfana” and “leitão” and you can enjoy it if you chose to stay in **Solar Abreu Madeira** (Canas de Senhorim), **Casa do Cimo** (Fundão), **Vila Duparchy** (Mealhada), **Casa de Mogofores** (Anadia), **Quinta de São Lourenço** (Anadia) and **Quinta da Comenda** (S. Pedro do Sul).



In the Alentejo and in the Algarve we also have the “folar”. In this region **Palácio de Rio Frio**, **Monte da Corte Ligeira** (Beja), **Quinta da Bela Vista** (Castelo de Vide), **Casa da Muralha** (Serpa), **Casa do Terreiro do Poço** (Borba), **Herdade de Vale Covo** (Mértola) and **Casa da Palmeirinha** (Portimão) are also good to spend a nice holyday.

In Açores between food and flowers we suggest in S. Miguel Island – **Casa das Calhetas** and in Pico Island – **Casa das Barcas**.

Come to Portugal. Enjoy our Traditions. Easter in **Solares de Portugal**.

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