

Casa Mundo Património

Community and Creative Inland Residencies

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Associação Mundo Património

Associação Mundo Património (AMP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the knowledge, intervention, promotion and revitalization of Portuguese Cultural Heritage.

Based in Vila Nova da Baronia, the second least populated municipality in mainland Portugal, AMP works to **ensure that Cultural Heritage, as the Common Good it is, fulfills its potential as a strategic asset for the harmonious development of Portugal, contributing to a more economically and socially equitable country.**

AMP was created in 2010 as a result of the expansion of **Spira - revitalização patrimonial** - an acknowledged company in the Cultural Heritage field - with the purpose of promoting non-profit projects, whether they are dimensions of the company's own projects, autonomous projects at a national and European scale or local initiatives eminently based in the Alvito municipality and the parish of Vila Nova.

The Association is an autonomous and independent legal entity, constituted by a board elected triennially.

Community and Creative Inland Residencies

Associação Mundo Património holds a **traditional Alentejo house** in Vila Nova da Baronia with **3 rooms and 7 sleeping places**.

This house has been named **CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO** (Heritage World House).

It has two main purposes:

- By lending the house on a non-profit basis, **to welcome people of any nationality or background (both educational and professional) who want to be in a territory like Vila Nova for a minimum period of 3 weeks, for the development of a creative project and with availability to work with the Community;**
- To support any logistical needs arising from the activity of both AMP and its strategic partner Spira, namely accommodating team members or national and European partners of ongoing projects.

The intention, in either case, is to bring more people to this inland territory and to ensure that these same people give back a part of their work, knowledge and experience to the local community, whether to meet the latter's identified needs or to share something new with this public.

In fact, Vila Nova da Baronia, as well as Alvito, Alentejo and the majority of inland territories in the country, is deprived of even the possibility of attracting creative people or generating creativity in local inhabitants: **AMP believes that making a community house like CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO available, the positioning of AMP / Spira and their strong communication capacity can contribute to overcoming this structural disadvantage of Alvito and Vila Nova da Baronia in particular, bringing in new ways of seeing the world and ensuring that they're shared with all those who live here.**





The territory: Vila Nova da Baronia

Vila Nova da Baronia is one of the two parishes of the Alvito municipality and has **just over 1000 inhabitants**. It is an eminently rural territory, rich in History, Culture and Heritage. The town, marked by Alentejo's traditional architecture, is surrounded by a **diverse landscape, composed of *montado* (cork-oak forests), farmed fields and water reservoirs (Odivelas, Albergaria dos Fusos and Alqueva Dams)**.

It is located in Baixo Alentejo, **140 kms away from Lisbon, 120 kms from the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Nature Park, 180 kms from Faro** and only **100 kms from the Spanish border**.

It neighbors the important Alentejo cities of **Évora and Beja, both about 40 kms away**.

It is possible to reach Vila Nova da Baronia's centre **by train from Lisbon, Évora and Beja**, in one of the **5 daily connections in either direction** (check timetables and prices at www.cp.pt).

Vila Nova da Baronía on the map



● Lisboa ● Vila Nova da Baronía ● Évora ● Beja ● Faro ● Seville ● Madrid









The territory: Alvito municipality

Alvito is the second municipality in mainland Portugal with the least population (about 2 200), divided in 2 parishes only. Similarly to what happens in much of inland Portugal, Alvito struggles with an aging population and the difficulty in retaining young people: in 2021, **29,4% of the population was 65 or older** and only **12,7% was under the age of 14**, resulting in an **average annual growth rate of residents of -0,93%**.

Only 11,5% of inhabitants have completed Higher Education, compared to 13,7% who have not completed any level of schooling. There are 2 schools in Alvito: Agrupamento de Escolas, which guarantees the educational path of students up to the 9th grade and Escola Profissional de Alvito, which offers technical courses at the High School level.

Despite the municipality's small size, there are more than **10 associations and groups, most of them related to music - mainly dedicated to *Cante Alentejano* - and sports.** Adding to its cultural diversity, Alvito's historical importance is reflected in its **27 built heritage sites, 16 of which are listed** - such as the Castle, the Chapels or the impressive Rossio Caves, to name only a few -, as well as in the Manueline portals that, inconspicuously, decorate its streets.

The territory: Alentejo

Alentejo, located in the center-south of the country, **is the largest region in the country (occupying 33% of the national territory) and the least densely populated, with only 22,3 inhabitants / km².** Extending from the Atlantic coast to the border with Spain, Alentejo is marked by a **Mediterranean climate**, as well as by the cultures and landscapes associated with it: **cork oak forest, olive groves and cereal fields.** More recently, with the construction of the Alqueva Dam, **intensive irrigated crops**, such as **almond farming**, have been gaining expression.

Historically, Alentejo's large properties had a profound impact on the social fabric of the region, creating sharp socio-economic inequalities that are still expressed today: only **14,7% of the population has completed Higher Education, while 24,2% has completed Primary School and 8,5% has no level of schooling.** Of its almost **705 000 inhabitants**, more than **190 000 are 65 years old or older**, and only about **87 000 are under the age of 14**, revealing, once more, an aging population and a struggle to achieve generational renewal.

Rich in cultural heritage, Alentejo has **6 World Heritage listings**, including the Historic Center of Évora and Cante Alentejano. It also has the **largest collection of fresco mural paintings in the country**, a treasure hidden in almost every religious building in the region.





Casa Mundo Patrimônio

CASA MUNDO PATRIMÔNIO's facilities:

- 1 Room with a double bed
- 1 Room with a twin bed
- 1 Room with 3 single beds
- 1 Bathroom with shower
- 1 Bathroom
- 1 Laundry room
- Equipped kitchen
- Dining room
- Living room
- Patio with barbecue grill











Conditions of the Residencies

Minimum stay of 3 weeks to develop an individual or collective project in any area of interest, subject to the evaluation of the Association's Board.

As a mandatory requital, selected applicants must:

- **Pay for their stay**, which includes access to the house's common areas, according to the current pricing table;
- **Implement a continuity project or a minimum of 3 activities with the community**, in accordance with either the list of possible activities (check pages 30-32) or a free proposal subject to the evaluation of AMP's Board.

Pricing table

(minimum stay of 3 weeks)

- **Residency in double room / 3 weeks**

450,00 euros / person

In case the bed is shared, the second person should pay 150,00 euros

- **Residency in twin room / 3 weeks**

360,00 euros

- **Residency in triple room / per bed / 3 weeks**

300,00 euros / pessoa

The possibility of reserving the entire House is subject to AMP's Board's decision.

VAT included

Residency Rights

- **Use of selected room / bed**

- **Use of common areas**

Includes: water and electricity use, kitchen utensils, 1 bed linen, 1 bath towel and 1 hand towel per person and housekeeping once a week.

- **Possibility to work at Spira's office** (former Grocer's next door)*

Includes: access to landline phone (national calls only), Wi-Fi and printer

*(availability subject to confirmation)

Longer stays are subject to AMP's Board's decision, both in terms of opportunity and the associated fee, considering, as a principle, the cost of 1/3 of the value for 3 weeks for each additional week.

Casa Mundo Património's Rules

- The principles of **respect, empathy** and **tolerance** prevail to guarantee a harmonious coexistence not only among the people who occupy **CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO**, but also between them and Vila Nova da Baronia's community.
- The use of **CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO** presupposes that both the House itself and all its content are treated with care.
- The conscious use of resources – water and light – is encouraged, as well as waste sorting.
- Noise should be reduced after 9:00 PM.
- Smoking indoors is prohibited.
- Pets' stay is dependent on the approval of both AMP's Board and other residents. Any incident is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- **CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO** has a Rule Book that must be read and accepted by the candidate upon the Residency Contract's signature.

List of Requited Activities for the Community

- **Artistic workshops for young people, seniors, family or general public:**
Music; Various Arts & Crafts; Theater; Dance; Literature (oral or written literature).
- **Introduction to Technology:**
Introduction to computer use; basic graphic design; presentations in Power Point or other softwares; introduction to Excel; social media management.
- **Robotics**
Introduction to the fundamental principles of robotics, with practical exemplification.
- **Radio:**
Introduction to the fundamental principles of radio, with practical exemplification.

- **Video and Photography:**
Introduction to the fundamental principles of video and photography, with practical exemplification.
- **Architecture / urbanism:**
Introduction to sustainable building materials.
- **Nature:**
Introduction to organic farming techniques; introduction to flower gardening.
- **Conservation & Restoration:**
Introduction to Conservation & Restoration techniques applied to traditional buildings or pieces.
- **Tutoring:**
Tutoring for children and young people in various subjects.

- **Actions requested by the Community** (needs occasionally identified by Vila Nova da Baronia's or Alvito's population and shared with AMP):

Construction

Transportation

Farming

Repairs

Others

Any other activity not referenced in this list should be proposed by the candidate and it will be evaluated by the Association's Board.



Application periods

CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO is available year-round.

There are **4 application periods**:

- From **January** 15th to **February** 15th
- From **April** 15st to **May** 15th
- From **July** 15st to **August** 15th
- From **October** 15st to **November** 15th

The Application must be submitted by filling in the Application Form, available here.

Application Submission

Candidates should submit their Application by filling in the **online Application Form**.

Applications are evaluated by the Association's Board and **decisions are disclosed no later than 15 days after each application deadline**.

AMP's Board has stipulated the following **evaluation criteria**:

- **Relevance to the community**
- **Creativity of the project to be developed**
- **Motivation of the applicant**

Any change to the evaluation criteria will be duly communicated before the opening of the next application period.

Formalizing the Residency

The Residency is considered formalized with the **signing of a Contract between the candidate and the Association**, detailing the Residency's duration, overall fee, and activities for the community.

The Residency is considered effective when **50% of the fee is paid (upon contract signature) and the remaining 50% have to be paid until the first day of arrival at CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO.**

Intellectual property and Copyrights

The applicant holds intellectual property over all actions and products resulting from the Residency.

AMP holds **copyrights of the community actions, as well as of the final result of the Residency.** The candidate must sign the agreement attached to the Residency Contract.

Promotion

AMP reserves the right to publicize on its website and in the media of Spira - revitalização patrimonial the project of the Residency, its theme, as well as to make photographic and video coverage of the activities carried out with the local community.

Insurance

Actions carried out with the community are covered by a civil liability insurance, applicable to all participants, except for the candidate.

AMP is not responsible for any accidents that people external to it may suffer, namely the applicant, nor is it responsible for their personal belongings.

The applicant is responsible for contracting their own insurance policy and, at the beginning of the Residency, they must sign a Statement of Responsibility in which they withdraw any responsibility from AMP. The Statement of Responsibility also refers to all the equipment and spaces used during the period of the Residency. In case of damage to any equipment / space owned by AMP, the responsibility lies with the applicant.

Responsabilidade

The House has a **Rule Book**: the candidate subscribes it when signing the Residency Contract.

Any damage caused by the applicant to the House, Spira's office, or anywhere else during their stay at **CASA MUNDO PATRIMÓNIO** is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Final Dispositions

Any aspects that may not have been included in this document will be addressed by the Association's Board.

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