

Santa Bárbara de Nexe and the Views

Route 4



Santa Barbara de Nexe

By car and by foot, if you choose to walk it is advisable to wear comfortable shoes and sun protection
Route: 3.5 km

Leave Faro towards EN2, turn to Estoi / São Brás de Alportel.

Follow the road signs and start a journey where you can enjoy the magnificent landscapes.

The parish of Santa Bárbara de Nexe lies right at the heart of the Barrocal area. In addition to the great coastal views, the town is characterized by small and disperse settlements such as (Agostos, Laranjeira, Benatrite, Guilhim, Bordeira, Pé do Cerro, Telheiro, Gorjões, Colmeal, Medronhal, Poço Mouro, Canal, Charneca, Goldra de Cima e Goldra de Baixo). On your visit to Santa Bárbara de Nexe you may observe the Mediterranean flora and fauna and enjoy their aromas. In cultural terms and in addition to the architectural heritage, activities such as accordion music and artistic stone work are recognized. It was in this parish that accordion player José Ferreiro Pai has composed the corridinho (a typical Algarve dance) “Alma Algarvia”. Bordeira is renowned by their handmade accordions being a copy of the accordion that belonged to José Ferreiro Pai part of the collection of the Municipal Museum of Faro. In some communities it is possible to watch throughout the year, especially weekends, various folklore and accordion performances . The Charolas meeting occurs at the beginning of January.



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After visiting the **Church of Santa Bárbara de Nexe (1)** whose origin dates back to medieval times, drive right up to Igreja Street up to Pires Laranjeira Street. Go down, by the left, the old urban core of Santa Bárbara de Nexe enjoying the typical houses.

Return to Recova street and follow towards north where you can choose between the rural way "Marufo pathway" enjoying a more pleasant route without traffic and an alternative to São Brás street.



Santa Bárbara de Nexe Main Church
GPS coordinates - 37 ° 6 '14.4" N / 7 ° 57' 51.34" O



At the top of Gorjões road you'll find **Silveiras Well (2)** and its square.

There are references on this hydraulic infrastructure since 1728.

The public space surrounding it, that recently had some works, is the ideal place to relax have a drink or light meal and enjoy the characteristic views of the village of Santa Bárbara de Nexe. Here you can see the sea, the horizon and the Algarve Barrocal landscape with its distinctive tree species (almond, holm oak, carob amongst others). During January and February these landscapes are enriched with almond flowers.



Silveiras Well
GPS coordinates - 37 ° 6 '39.82" N / 7 ° 57' 50.44" O

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Enjoying the sights follow Canal road until you reach Canal pathway to your left. Follow it until you find a dirt road on your right. The **Mó Well (3)** located right in the middle of this pathway exists since the 18th century. In its history there have been reports of various interventions, nowadays being on reasonable condition, painted white with blue trimmings.

Turning left you'll find the **Canal Well (4)** a hydraulic infrastructure that supplied water to the rural community of Canal, whose houses still maintain the fundamental characteristics of rural civil architecture.



Mó Well - GPS coordinates - 37 ° 6 '35.54" N / 7 ° 58' 16:37" 0



Canal Well - GPS coordinates - 37 ° 6 '32.77" N / 7 ° 58' 11.81" 0



Quinta da Nora - Coordenadas GPS – 37° 6' 21.05"N / 7° 58' 3.08"O

Follow that pathway straight ahead and you'll come back to Recova street.

Towards south, when finding the intersection with the Galego Pathway, turn right and walk that stone walled flanked path up to find the **Quinta da Nora (5)**, a private property. This 19th century building has suffered interventions already in the 20th century. It's a building of architectural interest integrated in a rainfed agriculture rural property, traditional in the Algarve.

Map



