



Sátão

Sátão is a rural town with a surface area of 198,40 km² and 13144 inhabitants. Presently it aggregates twelve parishes (smaller local county): Águas Boas, Avelal, Decermilo, Forles, Ferreira de Aves, Mioma, Rio de Moinhos, Romãs, Sátão, São Miguel de Vila Boa, Silvã de Cima e Vila Longa. All these parishes exhibit wonderful green landscapes and historical sites filled with rich history, traditions and customs. The economical activity of the municipality of Sátão includes mineral extraction, agriculture, cattle breeding and forest exploration.

Human settlement in our region was attracted by the lands' wealth in minerals, in raw materials, and the presence of underground water streams. This richness brought many peoples to settle and build their communities in the region. Some evidences of the early settlements are the megalithic mortuary monuments as well as the structures from different archeological characteristics of the Bronze Age and Iron Age. After the occupation by the Roman Empire the Moors settled on the most important spots for their military strategic position and this resulted in the conquest of the Beira Region. It is in this context that we must understand the concession of the charter to the parishes Sátão, in the beginning of the XIIth century, to make the people of the reign settle in the region. Sátão was awarded the charter that recognized it as a municipality in 1111 by the first King of Portugal D. Afonso Henriques, making the town and municipality of Sátão the oldest of Portugal.

As a result the most recent settlement and an example of the architectural heritage constructed we shall name:

- The Chapel of Our Lady of Hope (Nossa Senhora da Esperança), in Abrunhosa, which has a pipes organ classified as a National Monument.
- The Chapel of Our Lady of Oliva (Nossa Senhora da Oliva), in Tojal, parish of Sátão,
- The Sanctuary of Our Lord of the Ways (Nosso Senhor dos Caminhos), in the parish of Romãs,
- The Chapel of Our Lord of the Agony (Nosso Senhor da Agonia), in the parish of Avelal,
- The Chapel of the Lady of Barrocal, in Carvalho, in the parish of Romãs,
- The church of the Saint Christ of Fraga and the Convent of Fraga, in Madalena, in the parish of Ferreira de Aves,
- The Principal Church (Igreja Matriz) of Santo André, in Castelo, in the parish of Ferreira de Aves,



DIREÇÃO REGIONAL
DE EDUCAÇÃO DO CENTRO
**AGRUPAMENTO
DE ESCOLAS DE SÁTÃO**
COD.161913



Escola Sec. Frei Rosa Viterbo



**Visit to the town parishes
of the municipality of Sátão
October, 2**