

## Food Research Centre "O Lagar"

Situated by River Mondego, this restaurant is the perfect retreat to enjoy the true flavors of Beira region, on a green and natural ambience, in the flow of river Mondego that bathes this old oil mill, restored to provide customers with a unique space to the sound of nature. It is ideal for family, business, christenings or themed dinners. Its authenticity cannot leave anyone indifferent and without a desire to return.



Ponte Nova - Celorico da Beira Gare

6360-060 FORNO TELHEIRO

**District:** Guarda

**County:** Celorico da Beira

**Parish:** Forno Telheiro

**Phone Number:** 271743857

**Closed on:** Tuesdays

**Specialties:** Pheasant açorda, cod (Lagarada). Meat: Cabrito.

**Average price:** 15-20 €

**Type of restaurant:** Portuguese, Regional

## Solar do Queijo

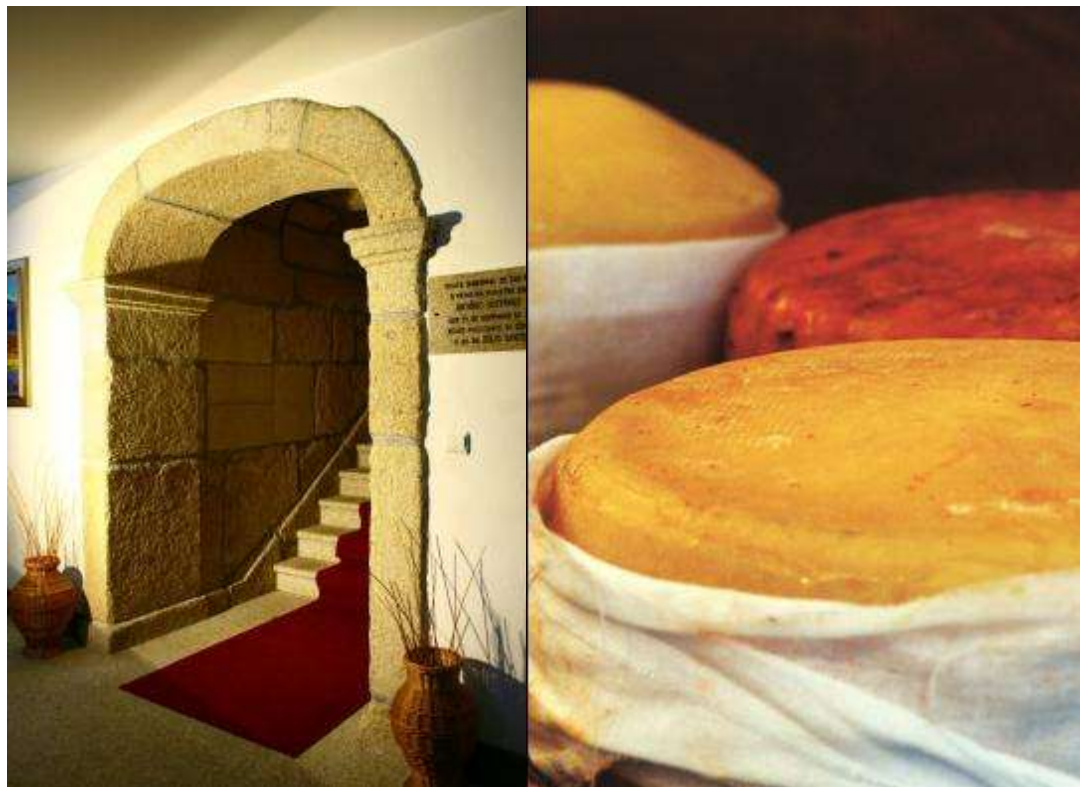
The Solar do Queijo is located in the historic centre of Celorico, in the urban area where other important monuments such as the Church of Santa Maria and the Clock Tower are located.

This building of rectangular plan, apparently built during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, has initially had political-administrative functions, because it was the old Town Hall.



Subsequently, during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the building had different functions than those for which it was originally conceived, serving even as headquarters of the Fire Department of Celorico da Beira.

Currently, since the 1998, this building was converted into a museum where it seeks to document one of the main economic activities of the municipality of Celorico (Cheese of Serra). Besides the cultural space, there is also a commercial area where visitors can purchase local products.



### **The Virtual Sightseeing, Photo booth and paragliding simulator**

The Virtual Sightseeing, photo booth and paragliding simulator with its advanced technology, allows people to explore the natural beauty and landscape of the area that connects Linhares da Beira to Celorico da Beira, by simulating an emblematic sport of this region; paragliding.

As a whole and sharing images of flights over Linhares with other applications installed in the castle, it increases the diversity of elements with which visitors can interact.

The simulator is located in the Castle's keep and real paragliding equipment hangs from the ceiling: a paragliding wing and harness and two paragliding brake handles to control the wing.



While in the harness the visitors are suspended in the air and must take two or three steps in order to take-off, thus initiating the virtual flight projected on a big screen in front of them. Then they will have to control wing by using two handles (paragliding brake) that will control the direction of flight to left, right, up and down, with direct correspondence with the projected images. This equipment has three different flights.

On landing, the visitors also have three different places to choose from, marked on the ground with a red circle. To land the visitors must pull down the brakes with a certain amount of force, at the right distance (about 0.5 meters from the ground).

At the end of the flight, a message appears to congratulate the performance or to ask visitors to try again, according to the success or failure of landing.

The photo booth allows visitors to take themed photos. Its scenario transports visitors into the past with themes depicting the 16<sup>th</sup> century, inserting visitors into the landscape of the castle and village of Linhares.

This equipment allows the use of images from the Virtual sightseeing and / or Virtual Paragliding Flight as background.

The photo booth works like a camera, but with the peculiarity of being linked to the virtual viewpoint and customizing the scenarios and backgrounds.

The aim is to integrate the visitor in a virtual environment, representing one of the various contexts of the time.

The selection of scenarios is made using a touch screen. Once the photograph is approved by the visitor, it is printed on a postcard.

Virtual sightseeing is a modern visualization system that uses the concept of traditional viewpoints to present virtual information about the landscape.

The main advantage of this solution is its ability to provide context to the real space, by providing information about the various virtual objects, as they become visible in the viewpoint and are also categorized on the basis of geo-referenced data. The functions of the virtual sightseeing also include the following:

Text display (all descriptive information regarding any selected point of interest); Image view (allow visitors to explore a photo album of images regarding any selected point of interest); Video display (display video from a "guided tour" of any selected point of interest); Map view (a map that provides visitors with directions to any selected point of interest); Search engine (allows the search of any point of interest and displays indications on its location so that visitors can direct the virtual viewpoint and thus get more information); Village simulation (3D animation that will allow visitors to observe the village of Linhares da Beira in two important moments throughout its history).

Visitors can send postcards by e-mail/internet and it also has a component to allow access to people who are blind and / or deaf, through audio-video descriptions.