

11th Festival dos Descobrimentos -

Lagos 4th to 7th May - Part 2

Come and join in the fun at the Festival of Discoveries in Lagos. Lots to do and see at this special event which celebrates King. D. Sebastião and 450 years of Lagos becoming a city.



King Sebastian I was a 16th-century monarch of Portugal who is remembered for his ill-fated military expedition to North Africa, which ultimately led to his death and a period of instability for the Portuguese crown.

In 1578, King Sebastian set out on a crusade to conquer Morocco with a small army, against the advice of his council. The expedition was a disaster, and the Portuguese army suffered a crushing defeat at the Battle of Alcácer Quibir. King Sebastian was reportedly killed in the battle, although his body was never found. His death led to a succession crisis, as he had no heir, and the Portuguese throne was ultimately claimed by King Philip II of Spain.

The story of King Sebastian and Lagos is linked to a popular myth that emerged after his death. According to the myth, King Sebastian did not die in battle but instead retreated to a mystical island known as the Island of the Blest, where he lived in seclusion and plotted his return to Portugal. The myth gained traction among the Portuguese people, who believed that King Sebastian would one day return to restore the glory of the

Portuguese empire.

Lagos, a coastal town in southern Portugal, became associated with the myth of King Sebastian because it was the last place he stayed before embarking on his ill-fated expedition to Morocco. Today, Lagos is a popular tourist destination, and visitors can see historical landmarks associated with King Sebastian, such as the Church of Saint Anthony, where he is said to have prayed before departing for Africa.

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Testimonial Of The Week



My fiancé and I were on holiday and approached the Olive Homes team to enquire about how we would buy a property in Portugal as we had no experience in doing this. We were put in touch with Jamie who then gave us all of the information that we needed...and more! He was so knowledgeable, friendly and experienced and he really helped us get a full understanding of the process. Jamie then kindly arranged some introduction meetings with a bank and law firm so we could start the process off while we were on holiday which made things so easy for us. Jamie took us to the appointments which made us feel supported in the early stages. We were also lucky enough to view 3 properties which were on the market and we made great use of the online viewing tool which gave us a 3D tour when we went back to the UK. We had an offer accepted on one of the apartments and from there onwards Jamie supported us with everything remotely – even with great recommendations about interior design companies and local trades people. I don't think we would have been able to buy so effortlessly without using Jamie and the Olive Homes Team! If you are thinking about buying in Portugal I highly recommend using Olive Homes. Thanks again for all of your help!

Marc and Gemma

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