



Hotel Cotto do Gatto

Ponte da Barca - Portugal

Plants

Discover the plants in Nature around Cotto do Gatto...



✿ Gerês lilies

These plants can be found mainly in rocky areas from 700 metres above sea level.

Most of this species can be found in the Peneda Gerês National Park and a few other places in Galicia.



✿ Trumpet Narcissus

It's a perennial plant that grows in meadows and sparse bushland.

In Portugal, it is a protected species found from the Minho to the Alentejo.



✿ Sundew

A carnivorous plant with insectivorous habits that grows in nutrient-poor substrates.

The glandular cells expel shiny drops of a sticky liquid with a honey-like odour that attracts and traps insects.

A chemical stimulus is then triggered which causes the hairs to bend towards the centre of the leaf, trapping the prey.



✿ **Wood Anemone**

A perennial plant with solitary flowers, it is found mainly in shady, cool woodlands, meadows and scrubland edges.



✿ **Cork Oak**

It is a tree with deep roots to better capture water and leaves with cuticles to prevent excess transpiration.

It's bark is thick and spongy, which gives it greater protection when a fire occurs.



✿ Medronheiro Tree

It is a small tree that can reach up to 6 metres in height.

Its fruit is used to make brandy.



✿ Oak

It can reach a height of 20 metres.

Used extensively in the construction of ships and caravels during the Age of Discovery.

Its high-quality wood is still used today for construction, firewood and leather tanning



✿ Holly Tree

It is an evergreen bush that can reach up to 6 meters in height.

The Holly Tree can live for over 100 years.



✿ Fern of Gêres

This particular fern is a relic because it managed to survive the glaciations.

For this reason, it is very rare in mainland Portugal and almost all populations are found in the Serra do Gerês.