

Ouren and Fatima (mid-west Portugal)



Fires have been raging throughout Portugal for several months due to dry conditions and high temperatures. As we drive toward Ouren and Fatima we see fires in the distance. .



We drive through an area of thick black smoke with a fire burning alongside the highway..



We safely reach our destination and home for the night - Pousada Conde De Ourem.



The quaint streets of Ourem.



The main stop on our visit in the region is Fatima. We stop for some quiet time and prayer at Capella de Nossa Senhora.



A view of the shrine and church of Fatima.

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A castle above the Pousada.



One of the castle towers that overlooks the village below.



Inside the castle walls.



Wayne took this photo from outside the castle wall peeping in through a hole in the wall on the opposite side.



As the day comes to an end the village of Ouren is blanketed in smoke from fires a few kilometers away. Wayne sleeps through the night but I get little sleep worrying about the fire and smelling the smoke that lingers in the pousada.



Morning comes. All is well. We leave Ouren for our next destination.