

TIMELESS GAMES

Exhibition of Boards and Stone Game
Pieces found at the Old Castle in Alcoutim

Alcoutim Castle

Recreational activity is as old as human civilisation itself, which has perfected its forms and the utensils its uses over the course of millennia. Board games are just one of the recreational activities invented by man. Reflecting political, religious, economic, social, cultural and recreational aspects, they have always served as an instrument in the very development of human intellectual capacity.

This exhibition has been put together by Alcoutim Municipal Council. Its purpose is to present and divulge to the general public the collection of Islamic board games dug up during the archaeological excavations at the Old Castle (Castelo Velho) in Alcoutim.

Visitors to the exhibition will not only become acquainted with the largest collection of Islamic board games from a single archaeological site in Portugal, but will also have the opportunity to appreciate recreational artefacts that are approximately a thousand years old and compare them to the ones used for modern computer-age games.

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Prof. Dr. Helena Catarino

COORDINATION
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OPENING HOURS
Winter: Monday to Sunday,
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Summer: Monday to Sunday,
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

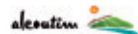
PRICE
Included in the overall ticket

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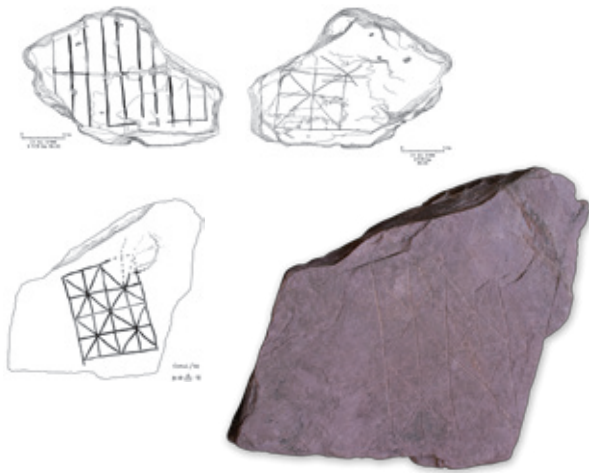
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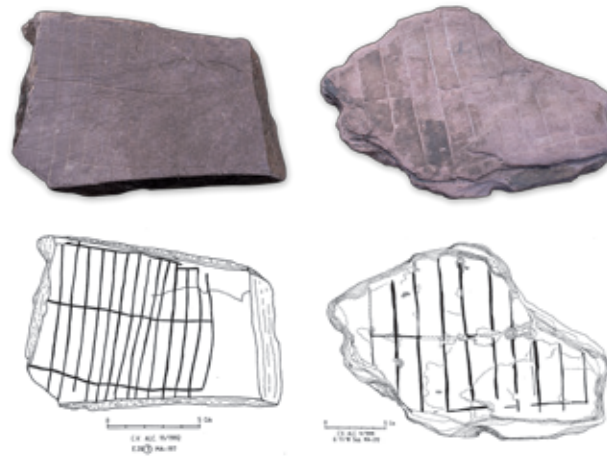
ALQUERQUE

Drawings of the games, Inventory Number MA-212 and MA-163. Detail of the board, Inventory Number MA-163.



TABULA

Detail of the board and drawing of the games, Inventory Numbers MA-197 and MA-212.



TAPATAN o TIC-TAC-TOE

Detail of the board and drawing of the game, Inventory Number MA-191.



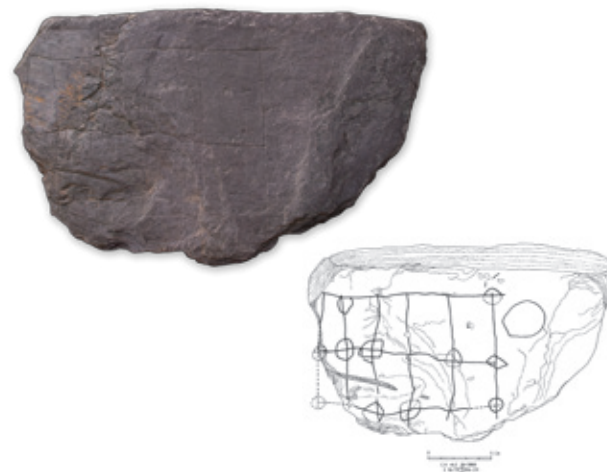
MANCALA III STYLE GAME

Detail of the board and drawing of the games, Inventory Numbers MA-225 and MA-162.



LITTLE SOLDIERS GAME

Detail of the board and drawing of the game, Inventory Number MA-211.



NINE MEN'S MORRIS

Drawing of the game, Inventory Number MA-205. Board, Inventory Number MA-72, and stones (game pieces)

