

SÃO BRÁS DE ALPORTEL TRADITIONS

Read the text.

The main events in São Brás de Alportel are **Festa das Tochas Floridas** and **Feira da Serra**.

Festa das Tochas Floridas is a religious celebration that takes place every year on Easter Sunday. During the procession, the streets of São Brás are paved with flowers and the people carry flower torches.

On the last weekend of July, São Brás hosts **Feira da Serra**, a large event with live music and stalls selling local food and crafts.

A) Answer the questions. (6 x 10p = 60p)

- 1) What are the two main events São Brás de Alportel?
- 2) What is Festa das Tochas Floridas?
- 3) When does Festa das Tochas Floridas take place?
- 4) What happens during the procession?
- 5) When does Feira da Serra happen?
- 6) What is Feira da Serra?

FESTA DAS TOCHAS FLORIDAS /PROCISSÃO DO "ALELUIA"

The Flowered Torch Procession is one of a kind in the country; it's a unique manifestation of the people's feelings. Every Easter Sunday, the streets are covered with flowers and the torch is lifted high in honour of the resurrected Christ. "He resurrected like he said! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!" These words echo throughout the flower covered streets.

The village is embellished and the balconies ornamented with beautiful quilts. Throughout the afternoon, the Parish Church's churchyard welcomes the sounds and flavours where one can enjoy folk music concerts and buy regional snacks and sweets. Don't forget to try the typical São Brás de Alportel's soft almonds.

B) Match the two parts of the sentences. (5 x 8p = 40p)

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| 1) The Flowered Torch Procession | a) in honour of the resurrected Christ. |
| 2) Every Easter Sunday | b) Is a unique manifestation of the people's feelings. |
| 3) The village | c) There are concerts, food and drinks. |
| 4) In the churchyard | d) the streets are covered with flowers and the torch is lifted high. |
| 5) The flowers and the torches are | e) is all decorated with flowers and quilts. |

Read the text:

FEIRA DA SERRA (SERRA FAIR)

<http://feiradaserra.cm-sbras.pt/pt/menu/681/feira-da-serra.aspx>

In the last weekend of July the Serra Fair opens its doors to the genuine Algarve. This Fair was designed by InLoco, which is a local association whose aim is to help and support the local producers and to enhance the products of Serra do Caldeirão.

For four days, the colours, the flavours and the know-how of the mountains comes together in a voyage through time in search of our roots, of tradition made stories, legends and habits which are masterfully sculpted in stone, weaved in the weaver's loom, painted in canvas, sang in a chant and danced with soul.

Feira da Serra opens the doors to the genuine Algarve and invites you to travel back in time, to discover the traditions of the people of the mountains, who mix tradition with the latest innovations, bridging the best of the past and the technology of the future!

C. Choose the correct option. Write the correct line in the box. (5 x 12p = 60p)

1. Serra Fair opens its doors in _____.
a) The last weekend of July b) August c) the first weekend of July
2. The Fair was an _____ idea.
a) Algarve b) InLoco c) Serra do Caldeirão
3. InLoco's aim was to...
a) to talk to the local producers and to buy the products of Serra do Caldeirão.
b) help the local producers and to call attention to the products of Serra do Caldeirão.
c) To make money with the Serra Fair
4. The Fair lasts _____ days.
a) Two b) three c) four
5. Feira da Serra mixes...
a) tradition with the latest innovations.
b) the past and the present.
c) the Algarve and the Alentejo.

D. Complete the sentences with words/expressions from the box. (4 x 10p = 40p)

products of Serra do Caldeirão - mountains - InLoco - Algarve

- 1) This fair was an idea of a local association called _____.
- 2) The objective of the fair is to show people _____.
- 3) In the fair you can taste typical food from the Algarve especially from the _____.
- 4) Serra Fair makes people to know more about the genuine _____.