

COMING EVENTS

Friday 5th October / Tuesday 9th October
– "ANCIENT SPAS AND DISTANT MOUNTAINS" – A 5-day visit to Trás-os-Montes – (min. 25 / max. 35 people). This visit is now fully booked and a waiting list has been opened. Final payment for this trip was requested by 28th September but in view of the need to deposit cheques in good time it would be appreciated if payments could reach Patricia Lamb by Monday 24th September.

Thursday 18th October at 2.30 p.m. -
Guided visit to "OUTRO MUNDO NOVO VIMOS" a Temporary Exhibit at the Museu de Arte Antiga, Rua das Janelas Verdes, Lisbon. Meet at the main door of the Museum (max. 25 people). This fine temporary exhibit, which closes on 4th November, brings together tapestries, manuscripts, books and other items loaned by important collections in many countries, as well as treasures belonging to the Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga. The latter include the *Paineis de São Vicente* and the *Custodia de Belém* which take on new meaning in this setting, aimed at giving visitors an idea of the wonderment felt by the Portuguese discoverers as they came into contact with unknown cultures all over the world. Not to be missed is one of the glorious tapestries from the Collegiate Church in Pastrana (Castille). Tickets are 300\$00 each for Senior Citizens and 600\$00 each for people under 65 years of age and the cost of the ticket, together with the enrolment form, should be mailed to Patricia Lamb to reach her not later than Monday 1st October.

**Caravela
Public Fountain
Calçada do Galvão - Belém**

Saturday 17th November - DINOSAUR EGGS AND COUNTRY-TOWN CRAFTSMEN. A full-day visit to the area of Lourinhã (Dep. Campo Pequeno, Lisbon 8.30 a.m. / Estoril Casino 9.00 a.m.) (min. 30 / max. 35 people).

Lourinhã is some 65 kms north of Lisbon and 18kms from the coast, set in a land of fishermen and farmers and producing a large proportion of the fruit and vegetables consumed in Lisbon. In the morning we will pay a brief visit to a working windmill at Pinhã and will then go on to the coast to see the curious ruins of a 17th century fort, set above the cliffs where dinosaur eggs containing fossilised embryos were found by the Mateus family in the 1980's. Lunch will be on the outskirts of Lourinhã and in the afternoon we will drive into the town to see the small but very interesting local Museum. We will be shown the area set up in 1984 to collect, preserve and study the palaeontological riches of the Lourinhã area in partnership with the Science and Technology Faculty of the *Universidade Nova de Lisboa* and we will also visit a separate collection upstairs covering the various trades and crafts of a small country town, which many members will recall seeing in action in their early days in Portugal. The price (including lunch) will be 5,900\$00 per person and this amount, together with the enrolment form, should be mailed to Patricia Lamb to reach her not later than Monday 15th October.

Saturday 15th December at 11 a.m. –

Saturday 1st December at 2.30 p.m. - Guided visit to the CASA MUSEU FUNDAÇÃO MEDEIROS E ALMEIDA, Rua Rosa Araújo N°41, Lisbon (max. 25 people).

On this holiday afternoon we will visit the personal collection of António Medeiros e Almeida (1895-1986), which is located in his former residence. The 25 rooms of the museum are housed partly in the mansion where the founder lived from 1940 to 1970 (which has been kept as it was in his day) and partly in a building covering most of the former garden area in which every effort has been made to create an atmosphere appropriate to the pieces shown. The collection includes some 225 clocks, dating from the 16th century to the present day, much ancient Chinese porcelain and a wide range of European paintings, furniture, tapestries, etc. We will also see two dinner services made by the English silversmith Paul Storr (1792-1838). The museum has a café and a shop selling publications, postcards, catalogues and reproductions of some of the pieces in the collection. Tickets are 1,000\$00 per person and this amount, together with the enrolment form, should be mailed to Patricia Lamb to reach her not later than Monday 5th November.

Sir John Holmes

It has been announced that our present Patron Sir John Holmes is being transferred to Paris. He will occupy what

Guided visit to the Ruins of Convento do Carmo in Lisbon (max. 35 people).

This Carmelite convent is one of the few ruins to have survived the great earthquake of 1755.

D. Nuno Álvares Pereira, the Holy Constable of Portugal, ended his days here as the porter.

The monastery has just re-opened to the public, after many years of restoration.

is perhaps one of the most beautiful and splendid Embassies in the world. After the fall of the Empire it was bought by the British Government from Napoleon's sister Pauline Borghese. Those who appreciate Nancy Mitford's novels will remember "Don't Tell Alfred". The Society wishes to thank Sir John and Lady Holmes for all their support over the years.

New Booklet on British Embassy

A publication has been issued by the British Embassy called "The British Ambassador's Residence in Lisbon. The House and its Art". It is a booklet very well illustrated giving a short history (curiously very little is actually known) of the house. The description of some of the pictures is very good and interesting including more contemporary works of art. A few corrections: Beresford was never made Duke of Elvas. He was created Marquês de Campo Maior in the Portuguese peerage. Also Wellington was not only made a Portuguese marquis as the text says. He was made Duke of Victoria in 1812. This title is often thought to be Spanish due to the great duke's victory in the battle with this place name. But the Portuguese title evokes not a place but Victory in an abstract sense.

Members will recall that the Society published: "The Residence of the British Ambassador at Lisbon" by T.A. Bull which is available from the Society.

Madeira Wine

Readers may recall a short article we printed in the 1999 Annual Report about Napoleon's only visit to Portugal. His (or rather His Majesty's) ship anchored for a few days (August 23rd to 25th 1815) off Funchal on the journey to St. Helena. Napoleon ordered some bottles of Madeira which were duly delivered. When he died in 1822 several of these bottles were found unopened in his cellar and returned to Funchal on the request of the Madeira wine shippers. I am now informed that some of the bottles still survive and are only opened on very special occasions. It is not generally known that the Declaration of Independence in the U.S., in 1776, was, after signature, toasted with Madeira wine. When Thomas Jefferson died bankrupt his Madeira wine and his slaves had to be sold to meet the estate's debts!

Consortium on Revolutionary Europe

1750-1850

The Consortium on Revolutionary

Europe will hold its annual meeting at Louisiana from Thursday, February 21 through Saturday, February 23, 2002. The Consortium welcomes proposals for papers dealing with European events from 1750 to 1850 including Europe's impact on the rest of the world. The conference seeks a balance of papers on the general areas of cultural, economic, gender, scientific, social, political, intellectual, diplomatic and military history. Scholars from overseas and graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals to the program chair. Individual proposal and proposals for full panels will be considered. Please submit proposals by October 1, 2001 to:

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