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❖ Fátima

For Catholics around the world, there are few more important religious sites than Fátima. The fame of this city owes itself not only to its imposing monuments and churches, but also to the six apparitions of Nossa Senhora de Fátima to three young children (the *três pastorinhos*). This sanctuary now attracts thousands of pilgrims every year.

The story of the *três pastorinhos* began on the 13th May, 1917, during the First World War, when Lúcia, Jacinta and Francisco first saw a shining lady dressed all in white, who asked them to pray the rosary every day so that there might be peace in the world.

Nossa Senhora de Fátima agreed to meet the three children on the 13th day of the next six months at a nearby field known as Cova da Iria. Francisco and Jacinta were unable to resist telling others what they had experienced, but were met with scepticism. On the 13th July, Nossa Senhora, appearing for the third time, promised to perform a miracle so that people would believe the children. However, on the day of the fourth apparition Lúcia, Jacinta and Francisco were kept home and therefore unable to visit Cova da Iria.

On the 13th October, many people finally decided to travel to Cova da Iria to witness an apparition of Nossa Senhora with their own eyes. On that day, the rain stopped and the sun span around three times, casting out bright beams of light, before seemingly falling from the sky onto the crowd below. This miracle confirmed the words of the *três pastorinhos* and was followed by an apparition of Nossa Senhora, who asked that a chapel be

constructed there for the salvation of sinners. She also announced that the war would end, but that the sinning would continue and that another war was on its way. To find out more, click here!

<http://fatima.arautos.org/as-seis-aparicoes-de-fatima/>

One of the main attractions in Fátima is the **Sanctuary**. Here you can visit the **Chapel of Apparitions**, where thousands of believers burn candles and pray for their families, and the majestic **Basilica of Nossa Senhora do Rosário de Fátima**, the first stone of which was blessed in 1928 by Archbishop Dom Manuel Santos.

The **Monument to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, whose construction was funded by a pilgrim in 1932, rises in splendour over the central square. The bronze figure of Jesus sitting on top of the monument inspires believers to pursue God's Love.

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An essential stop on any visit to Fátima to enjoy excellent Portuguese cuisine.

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