



CERTIFICATION

After the evaluation, the Starlight Foundation has decided to extend the qualification of:

“Dark Sky Alqueva” “DESTINO TURÍSTICO STARLIGHT”

Starlight Tourist Destinations are defined as visitable locations which offer good conditions for the observation of the stars and which are protected from light pollution, making them appropriate for tourism initiatives related to the observation of the sky as an essential part of Nature.

Starlight Tourist Destinations must not only demonstrate the quality of their skies and the means to guarantee their protection, but they must also have adequate infrastructure and tourism-related activities: accommodation and equipment for astronomical observation provided to clients, the training of personnel responsible for astronomical interpretation and their integration into nature at night, etc.

This certificate accredits the zone indicated below as a Starlight Tourist Destination, which meets the astronomical sky quality parameter values established for this category.

To the original certified area, constituted by the next municipalities:

- Alandroal
- Barrancos
- Moura
- Mourao
- Portel
- Reguengos de Monsaraz

It adds now:

- Évora
- Mértola
- Serpa
- Olivenza
- Cheles
- Alcochel
- Táliga
- Villanueva del Fresno



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This Certificate is valid for a period of **4 years**.

At the end of the **second year**, a management company will make an intermediate report describing the degree of compliance with the recommendations and the progress made with respect to the main indicators of this Starlight Tourist Destination and the initiatives under way.

After 4 years, it will be decided whether or not it is necessary to carry out another audit of the evolution of the site to check whether it has been positive since the intermediate report.

The award of the Certificate represents a commitment and the commencement of a period of ongoing improvement of different aspects, both as regards the quality and coherence of the tourist product, and aspects related to the need to preserve and improve the quality of the night skies and the protection of the resources of the Destination.

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