

## Caldas da Rainha -

Caldas da Rainha is a Thermal City, founded the end of the XV century by Queen D. Leonor, wife of King João II, centre of a region and the seat of a county depository of a valuable cultural-historical heritage. Its spa of sulphur waters are renowned since ancient times, because the Romans used the witness archaeological documents.

Caldas da Rainha is located in the district of Leiria in the west, part of Silver Coast, with about 29000 habitantes. Na Square of the Republic (better known as Plaza de Fruta) takes place every day, from the morning, outdoors, the only daily market horto-fruit of the country, virtually unchanged since the end of the nineteenth century.

Mal studied and little valued, the ceramics of Caldas is a prodigious trunk of surprises. There are factories, museums, shops, facades and even tablets, a whole world of dishes waiting to be discovered. A ceramic heritage that ensures an excellent booklet to visit the city founded by the queen D. Leonor.

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Types of Crockery

Humurística / Peculiar

Decorativa

Fálica

Caricaturista

Naturalisti ni

The erotic dishes of Caldas is an emblem of the city, a factor of identidadeA dishwashers humorous serves as decoration, although not all serve to the end as dishwashers fálica, which has discovered breast, penis erectos, naked pictures and pieces of humor relating to hygiene pessoal.Nos recent times, however, the pieces fálicas craftsmen and has lost only two remaining potters that manufacture. Crafts crude or provocative art, the truth is that the "malandrices" is a kind of dishes on its way to extinction but emblematic of the city of Caldas da Rainha.A dishwashers cartoon originally presented professions (priests, fishermen, farmers) or social stereotypes in a way sarcástica and derogatory. Today, the figures represent politicians or celebrities, but the most popular is certainly the Zé Povinho, which serves as stereotype of Portuguese people and is used as a symbol of Portugal and the Portuguese people.

Best is not reduce the ceramics of Caldas ways fálicas. We are talking about an activity documented since 1488, when it established the village around the hospital building thermal warrant by D. Leonor. An activity that know a pronounced qualitative leap in the last two centuries, projecting it well beyond the utilitarian crockery blurry. It is, perhaps, one of the sectors most creative of recent Portuguese art that has not been properly studied, nor is valued as a tourist attraction.

## Utilitária

### Dishwashers, kitchen

The pottery of kitchen has two different formats: a contemporary dishes, with lines and simple design, for daily use, and dishwashers naturalist, representing lettuce, fish, fruit, sausages, etc..