



YDreams develops outdoor audio-guide system for exploring emblematic Monsanto village

YDreams was commissioned by *Edeventos*, an events organization firm headquartered in Idanha-à-Velha (in central eastern Portugal) to develop an outdoor audio-guide system for Monsanto, one of the most visited villages in Portugal, and the first in the country to offer tourists GPS-enabled audio-guides for exploring the town.

The system runs on a GPS-enabled PDA and features 24 notable points of interest in Monsanto. The system's integrated GPS technology automatically detects points of interest that are within the visitors' range and triggers audio narrations and displays additional images about each one.

"Visitors to the town needn't worry about where the points of interest on the map are; they simply roam the village PDA in hand, and let the audio-guide do the work! It really beats navigating with a paper map and the amount of information the audio guide provides surpasses that obtained via more conventional methods." explains Nuno Barroso, responsible for overseeing the Monsanto audio-guide project at YDreams.

YDreams is currently working on their line of next-generation audio-guides, which will continue to use GPS and compass, but will also integrate augmented reality technologies. So globe-trekkers stay tuned – looks like a *new reality* may be right around the corner at a town or city near you.

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