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A new development on the Blue Coast of **Portugal** could answer every Roman history enthusiasts' dream. Included in the plans of the resort in Tróia, 30-minutes south of Lisbon, are genuine, preserved Roman ruins.

Tróia is an area rich in Roman history, and excavations were first commissioned in the area by Queen Maria I of Portugal in the 18th century. Inscriptions, friezes, coins, ceramic and glass pieces have all been found, and the area was declared a national monument in 1920 after houses, baths, a Christian basilica and a fish-salting complex were found.

Property buyers are now being offered the chance to own a villa with history literally on its doorstep. The developers of Tróiaresort, Sonae Tourism, have hired an archaeological team to interpret and preserve the site while they develop the 440-hectare resort. Owners of properties in the development and guests will be able to visit the Roman ruins and learn more about local history.

"Tróia is a site of great historical and local importance, adding a unique magic to the resort," says Charles Robert, Sales Manager of IRG Portugal. "The Blue Coast has seen its popularity rise in recent years as people discover its numerous charms. From historical sites to vineyards, and golden beaches to golf courses, the area has much to offer second home buyers."

The Roman ruins will sit alongside a casino, numerous bars and restaurants and shopping facilities. The resort also has an 18-hole championship golf course, tennis and equestrian centres and a 184-berth marina.

For further information on Tróiaresort, call 0800 082 5040.

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