



The historical periods in the DB-HERITAGE database intend improving the archived data on the architectural and archaeological built heritage, and respective construction materials. For simplification, the time series indicated below, although still subject of discussion, are considered valid at Portugal.

These periods should enable data aggregation and query.

Any contribution for improving this topic discussion is very welcomed. Please send your suggestions to dbheritage@lnec.pt.

Period	Spatial coverage	Start	Stop
Lower Paleolithic	Portugal	2.5 million B.C.	100,000 B.C.
Paleolithic	Portugal	2.5 million B.C.	10,000 B.C.
Middle Paleolithic	Portugal	100,000 B.C.	40,000 B.C.
Upper Paleolithic	Portugal	40,000 B.C.	10,000 B.C.
Mesolithic	Portugal	10,000 B.C.	5,000 B.C.
Neolithic	Portugal	5,000 B.C.	3,000 B.C.
Chalcolithic (Copper Age)	Portugal	3,000 B.C.	2,200 B.C.
Bronze Age	Portugal	2,200 B.C.	701 B.C.
Iron Age	Portugal	800 B.C.	26 B.C.
Roman Period	Portugal	26 B.C.	476
Early Roman Empire	Portugal	26 B.C.	305
Late Roman Empire	Portugal	305	476
Late Antiquity	Portugal	401	800
Early Middle Ages	Portugal	601	1100
Late Middle Ages	Portugal	1100	1415
Medieval Islamic Period	Portugal	711	1249*
Medieval Christian Period	Portugal	1200	1415
Middle Ages	Portugal	601	1415
Modern Age	Portugal	1415	1789
Contemporary Period	Portugal	1789	present

1249 * date of the definitive conquest of the Algarve, this period varying throughout Portuguese territory