

## Pedro and Inês

### **HISTORY FACTS**

The most beautiful love story between a Prince and his wife's maid.

Pedro was married to D. Constança Manuel but was in love with D. Inês de Castro.

They were lovers. D. Inês was Spanish and Pedro's father, the King Afonso IV thought she was a bad influence and didn't approve the situation. So he needed to solve it.

### **HERE'S PART OF THE STORY**

**PEDRO:** Inês, my love, you are so beautiful and you make me so happy. I'm a prisoner to your love since the first day I saw you. I wish you were my wife instead of D. Constança!

**INÊS:** Oh, my love, my heart feels with emotion when I hear you whisper those things because I love you so much. But I fear for our love because I'm the maid of your wife and your lover.

**PEDRO:** Don't say that! You're my life and I will take care of you until I die. Our love will win over those who don't approve it.

**INÊS:** A Spanish lover who doesn't please your father, King Afonso IV. He sees me as a threat, a bad influence on you. He fears to lose the kingdom to Spain.

**PEDRO:** A big love like ours doesn't end not even after death.

**CONSTANÇA:** How can I, Constança Manuel, live knowing about this relationship?

Pedro has accepted me as his wife and Inês is my maiden. I can't accept this situation! His father, D. Afonso IV, will have to put an end to this relationship!

### **CONTINUING WITH FACTS**

And so it was.

This forbidden love ended before it should. After the death of his wife, D. Constança, the prince D. Pedro started living with D. Inês in Coimbra and they were extremely happy together with their three children. This relationship was not accepted by the Portuguese noblemen nor by the King. So,

one day when the prince was away hunting and D. Inês was left alone, the king sent his men to kill her and end the situation. D. Inês was murdered next to the fountain where they always met.

When the prince arrived and saw D. Inês dead he suffered very much and declared war to his father. His mother, the queen managed to bring peace to the kingdom. When D. Pedro became King he killed the people that murdered D. Inês and proclaimed her Queen of Portugal, although she was already dead.

This story has been told by many writers and performed by theatre companies, because it is considered the most beautiful love story of a Portuguese King.