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SENHOR DA PEDRA CHAPEL



Built on a cliff by the sea on Miramar beach in Vila Nova de Gaia, it is a religious sanctuary known for its unique baroque architecture and mystical aura.

PILAR MOUNTAINS MONASTERY

Built in the 16th century, it is an impressive historical and architectural monument in Vila Nova de Gaia that stands out for its circular church and cloister, both in the Mannerist style. It has also been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

SEE THE PORTO RIVERSIDE FROM THE VILA NOVA DE GAIA SIDE





Recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the enchanting panoramic view of Oporto's historic riverside area offers a picturesque and authentic backdrop to Portuguese culture and architecture.

CLÉRIGOS TOWER

Iconic Baroque bell tower designed by the Italian architect Nicolau Nasoni. At 75 metres high, it offers a panoramic view of the city and is one of Oporto's main landmarks.







An emblematic double metal arch bridge, designed by Théophile Seyrig, Gustave Eiffel's partner, which crosses the River Douro, linking the cities of Oporto and Vila Nova de Gaia.

SÃO BENTO STATION

Recognised for its impressive tile panels depicting historical scenes of Portugal, it is the destination of one of the most breathtaking train journeys: the seaside route from Granja to Oporto.





AGUDA BEACH



With its strong waves, it is popular with surfers and offers good conditions for underwater fishing, due to the many specimens that shelter on its rocky bottoms.

GRANJA BEACH

MADALENA

Natural beauty, long stretches of sand, historic charm and unrivalled tranquillity. The atmosphere is calm and relaxing, making it a popular choice for families during the summer.



BAÍA BEACH



With a wide seafront promenade close to the centre of Espinho, it is the city's most popular beach. Several World Surfing League championships are held here.

It offers good conditions for surfing and beach volleyball and is even the venue for various national and international competitions.



LAVANDEIRA PARK



Located in Oliveira do Douro, it offers various leisure activities, including hiking trails, picnic areas and themed gardens.

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ELA Estação Litoral da Aguda



Scientific research unit dedicated to the study of marine and coastal ecosystems and research into biodiversity, conservation and sustainable management of coastal areas.

COASTAL ECOVIA

A 15-kilometre cycle and pedestrian path that stretches along the Portuguese coast, offering breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and coastal landscapes. Vila Nova de Gaia's wooden walkway stands out, connecting the beaches of Lavadores to Espinho.



LOCAL NATURE RESERVE OF THE DOURO ESTUARY



A protected area covering around 62 hectares of wetlands and estuaries. As it is a crucial point for migratory birds, it has become a privileged spot for observing birds of different species, especially during spring and autumn migrations.

MORRO GARDEN

Located in the city of Vila Nova de Gaia, it is a park with large green areas, centenary trees and leisure spaces, popular for picnics, walks and outdoor events.





SANTO INÁCIO ZOO



Located just 10 minutes from the centre of Oporto, it is the largest and greenest zoo in the country. It is committed to conservation and environmental education, providing an enriching environment where visitors can learn about biodiversity and the importance of preserving global fauna.

AROUCA SUSPENSION BRIDGE

An impressive structure 516 metres long and 175 metres high over the Paiva River in Arouca. Known as the '516 Arouca', it is the longest suspended pedestrian bridge in the world.



PAIVA WALKWAYS



A tourist attraction located in the municipality of Arouca, it consists of a walking route of around 8 kilometres along the Paiva River. It offers an enchanting view of the natural landscape, where rock formations, waterfalls and lush vegetation stand out.

URBAN ART TOUR

It is a route that explores the vibrant expressions of street art in the cities of Oporto, including murals, graffiti and urban installations, revealing the creativity and dynamism of the local art scene.





SÃO JOÃO FESTIVITIES

Oporto's most revered saint puts the whole city into a festive

mood on the night of 23 June. Music, dancing, snacks and

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INTERNATIONAL MEETING

fireworks mark the São João festivities.

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FEST - NEW DIRECTORS' FESTIVAL

The New Directors' Festival is a unique celebration of new cinema and new filmmakers, which takes place every year at the beginning of summer in Espinho.



SÃO PEDRO FESTIVITIES

It takes place on 29 June in Espinho and has become one of the county's major festivals. The Desfile das Rusgas a S.Pedro and the majestic Procession are the highlights. Lots of music and party at this event dedicated to the sea



ESPINHO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

It hosts some of the world's best performers in their fields. It usually takes place in June and July

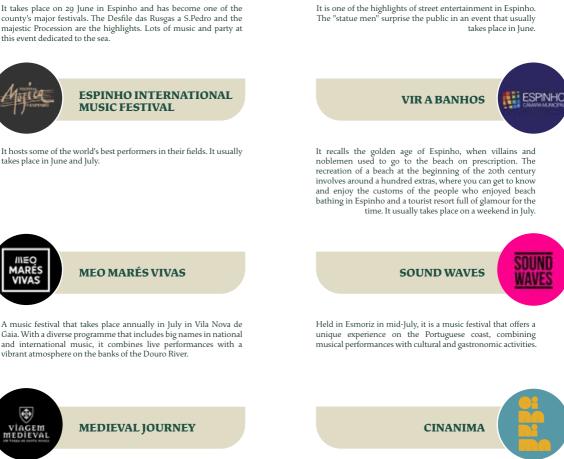
This is Europe's largest medieval re-enactment event, which takes

place every year for eleven consecutive days. In August, Santa Maria

da Feira becomes decorated to the nines and the whole city is transformed to recreate the atmosphere of the Middle Ages. As well

as all the medieval activities and re-enactments, the food menu is

also a throwback to the past.



The Espinho International Animated Film Festival takes place in the second week of November. It has a long and valuable history in the context of world animation cinema, being the pioneering festival in Portugal. It is the oldest in the country and the third oldest in the world.



The annual Christmas theme park in Santa Maria da Feira. With a magical and festive atmosphere, it offers a variety of attractions and activities, such as light shows, craft workshops, meetings with Christmas characters, an ice rink, among others.





-NOT TO BE MISSED -



Cozido à portuguesa



Francesinha

Fogaças de Santa Maria da Feira

Tripas à moda do Porto



Sardines and Fresh Fish





Golf Oporto Golf Club

Football Aguda Park



Horse Riding Serzedo Equestrian Centre International Equestrian Association – School Horses



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