

It was in Matosinhos that Álvaro Siza (1992 Pritzker Prize) was born. Here he designed his first works, which became worldwide architectural icons, such as the Casa de Chá da Boa Nova (Boa Nova Tea House) and the Piscina das Marés (Leça da Palmeira Beach Swimming Pool). More recent works such as the Leça da Palmeira Waterfront may also be visited here. Other renowned architects like Souto de Moura (2011 Pritzker Prize), Alcino Soutinho and Fernando Távora also built important works in Matosinhos.

ARCHITECTURAL  
FEATURES

1. Tea House

2. Leça da Palmeira Beach Swimming

3. Civic Centre

4. Anemone – She Changes
5. Matosinhos Municipal Market

6. Matosinhos and Leça da Palmeira Waterfront

7. House of Architecture

Matosinhos is the perfect city to visit. The city is in constant motion and offers a wide range of leisure activities, including historical re-enactments, sports activities, shows and cultural events, strolls along the waterfronts or visits to heritage assets. All of this is going to make your trip to Matosinhos an unforgettable experience.

MATOSINHOS  
ON THE MOVE

1. Hospitallers in Camino de Santiago

2. Historical Re-enactment of the Legend of Cayo Carpo

3. Pirates in Leça da Palmeira

4. Travel Literature
5. Move your Body Program

6. Exponor – Porto International Fair

7. Shopping (MarShopping/NorteShopping and Rua Brito Capelo)

In Matosinhos you will find the perfect balance between relaxation and activity. Whether you spend the morning at one of the many beach terraces or having a surfing lesson, here you will find many options to enjoy your time. Travel the Camino de Santiago along the coast and get to know our Blue Flag beaches. Feel good in Matosinhos.

QUALITY  
OF LIFE AND  
EXPERIENCES

1. Surfing

2. Sailing

3. Karting

4. Beaches
5. Leça da Palmeira Marina

6. Equestrian Centre

7. Urban Parks

8. Golf (City Golf)



Several notable figures found inspiration in Matosinhos: Álvaro Siza, António Nobre, Augusto Gomes, Florbela Espanca, Irene Vilar and others. From long sandy beaches to historical heritage, here you will find countless inspiring landscapes where tradition meets modernity.

INSPIRING  
NATURE

1. South Cruise Terminal

2. Boa Nova Lighthouse
3. Our Lady of the Snows Fort

4. Movable Bridge

With the main facade designed by Nicolau Nasoni, the Church of Senhor de Matosinhos (Lord of Matosinhos) has one of the oldest life-size images of Christ crucified. Matosinhos has been the setting religious events for centuries. Thousands of pilgrims passed by the Monastery of Leça do Balio on their way to Santiago and were aided by the monks of the Order of Hospitallers. In Matosinhos you will find several places that contribute to your well-being.

MEDITATION  
BREAK

1. Church of the Lord of Matosinhos

2. Monastery of Leça do Balio

3. Senhor do Padrão Monument
4. Mercy Museum

5. Lord of Matosinhos Festival

6. Martyr St. Sebastian Festivals

The cultural events promoted in Matosinhos have been widely acknowledged. From the traditional Romaria do Senhor de Matosinhos (Lord of Matosinhos Festival) to the Hospitalários no Caminho de Santiago (Hospitallers in Camino de Santiago), the city presents visitors a unique cultural experience. You can watch festivals, exhibitions and concerts throughout the year. Travel along the Camino de Santiago or marvel at the walkways along our coastline and delight yourself with the long sandy beaches of Matosinhos.

PATHS  
THROUGH  
HISTORY

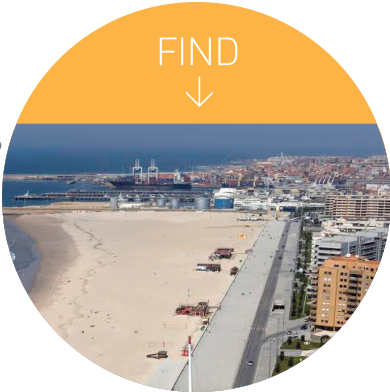
1. Caminho de Santiago

2. Coastal Walkways

3. Matosinhos and Leça da Palmeira Waterfronts
4. Quinta da Conceição and Quinta de Santiago (Estates)

5. Constantino Nery Movie Theatre

6. Memória Obelisk



Matosinhos offers an unparalleled gastronomic experience. Appetising smells emanate from the kitchens of excellent restaurants or coal cooking stoves in the oldest neighbourhoods of Matosinhos and Leça da Palmeira. The quality of fresh fish and seafood is recognised by all our visitors, whether they are eating at the most informal and traditional restaurants serving grilled sardines or at the most modern and exquisite signature restaurants. Come and indulge yourself in our delicacies!

FLAVOURS  
OF THE SEA

1. Assorted Fresh Grilled Fish

2. Assorted Seafood

3. Charcoal Grilled Sardines
4. Seafood Rice

5. Fish Stew

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# MINI GUIDE

## MATOSINHOS



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# MUNICIPALITY OF MATOSINHOS



From its early history to the most innovative projects, Matosinhos has always provided a unique travel and life experience. Matosinhos is a charming place because of the things it has and offers, the stories it tells and especially because it makes wonderful things happen. It has history, heritage, tradition, prestige, without ever forgetting the unique taste of sardines on bread. It has culture, art, leisure and other enchantments that should be enjoyed over and over again. But Matosinhos means much more than that in its streets, nightlife, stage events, entertainment, festivals, lights, colours and sounds. It is the place where everything happens.

Matosinhos is also inevitably sea, beaches, surfing, diving and sports and offers a long and unique coastline where the green landscape meets the blue of the ocean. It is a centre of faith, tradition and pilgrimage, not only because it lies on the historical route to Santiago but also due its festivals and celebrations, particularly The Lord of Matosinhos and its church, a symbol of the city and a mandatory place to visit.

Matosinhos also present itself as the World's Best Fish and stands proudly as the region's dining hall, a place where sardines, seafood and the stories of people lost at sea should not be missed.

Matosinhos is also present in drawings, sketches and architecture! The vast architectural heritage in Matosinhos, Alvaro Siza's home town, includes many of his works. Highlights are the Casa de Chá da Boa Nova (Boa Nova Tea House) and the Piscina das Marés (Leça da Palmeira Beach Swimming Pool), both built on the rocks and classified as National Monuments. No matter which route you take to come to Matosinhos or whether you decide to arrive by foot, bike, car, subway, boat or plane, you will...


Fall in love with Matosinhos.

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- 4- Imagem do Bom Jesus de Matosinhos (Image of the Good Jesus of Matosinhos)
- 5- Matosinhos Municipal Market
- 6- Casa da Arquitetura (House of Architecture)
- 7- Cine Teatro Constantino Nery (Constantino Nery Movie Theatre)
- 8- Restaurant Area of Matosinhos – Gastronomy
- 9- Monumento Senhor do Padrão (Senhor do Padrão Monument)
- 10- Matosinhos Tourism Office
- 11- Monumento ao Pescador (Fisherman Monument)
- 12- Matosinhos Waterfront
- 13- “Anemone” – She Changes Sculpture
- 14- Movable Bridge
- 15- Museu da Quinta de Santiago (Quinta de Santiago Museum)
- 16- Quinta da Conceição City Park
- 17- Forte de Nossa Senhora das Neves (Our Lady of the Snows Fort)
- 18- Largo do Castelo – restaurant area of Leça da Palmeira
- 19- Leça da Palmeira Tourism Office
- 20- Leça da Palmeira Waterfront
- 21- Piscina das Marés (Leça da Palmeira Beach Swimming Pool)
- 22- Farol da Boa Nova (Boa Nova Lighthouse)
- 23- Casa de Chá da Boa Nova (Boa Nova Tea House)
- 24- Mosteiro de Leça do Balio (Monastery of Leça do Balio)
- 25- Angeiras Market Hall
- 26- Terminal de Cruzeiros Sul (South Cruise Terminal)

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