

## Douro Railway Line

The first sections of the Douro Railway Line, departing from Porto, were inaugurated in the already distant year of 1875. However, much like in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this railway line is still one of the most interesting means of transportation to (re)discover the enchanted valley of the river Douro up to Pocinho (Vila Nova de Foz Côa), especially for travellers who, nowadays, prefer to do it in a more relaxed and environmentally sustainable way, without the need for a car.

The Douro Railway Line crosses the territory of the Route of the Romanesque, travelling through the municipalities of Paredes, Penafiel, Lousada, Amarante, Marco de Canaveses and Baião. We could not remain indifferent to this privilege so, in the following page, we list the monuments of the Route of the Romanesque and other “Don’t miss out” attractions (p. 251) from this Guide that are located within 3 km from the railway line’s stations. You may, for example, get off at Cête and visit the Monastery of Paço de Sousa (p. 90), which is 1.4 km away from the station, or you can walk along the 3



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km that separate the Aregos station from the Eça de Queiroz Foundation (p. 273), just like Jacinto in Queiroz’s novel *The city and the mountains*.

Check out the timetables available for the Caíde/Marco de Canaveses and the Douro (Porto/Régua/Pocinho) railway lines at the CP - Comboios de Portugal’s website ([www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt)), schedule your trip, and then, on foot or by taxi, reach the intended destinations. For more information, and also to make sure the monuments are open or to request a technical interpreter for your visit, please contact the services of the Route of the Romanesque (p. 25).

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## DOURO RAILWAY LINE: STATIONS AND SITES OF INTEREST



(up to 3 km)

Recarei-Sobreira (Paredes)	Castromil Gold Mines (p. 259), 1.7 km; Quintandona - "Aldeia de Portugal" [Village of Portugal] (p. 263), 3 km
Cête (Paredes)	Chapel of Vale (p. 87), 0.7 km; Monastery of Paço de Sousa (p. 90), 1.4 km; Monastery of Cête (p. 78), 2.0 km; Memorial of Ermida (p. 96), 2.5 km
Paredes	Paredes Public Art Circuit (p. 259), 0.07 km
Penafiel	Municipal Museum of Penafiel (p. 262), 2.3 km; "Quinta da Avelada" (p. 261), 2.5 km
Meinedo (Lousada)	Church of Meinedo (p. 60), 0.1 km; Bridge of Espindo (p. 64), 1.6 km; Bridge of Vilela (p. 58), 3 km
Caíde (Lousada)	Gourmet Routes ("Casa de Vila Verde") (p. 254), 1.3 km
Vila Meã (Amarante)	Church of Real (p. 209), 3 km
Livração (Marco de Canaveses)	Church of Saint Isidore (p. 173), 1.6 km
Marco de Canaveses	Church of Saint Mary (p. 275), 1.4 km; Carmen Miranda Municipal Museum (p. 274), 1.5 km; Church of Tabuado (p. 188), 2.6 km; Churches of Saint Nicholas and Sobretâmega (p. 176), 3 km
Mosteirô (Baião)	Porto Manso - "Aldeia de Portugal" [Village of Portugal], 0.9 km; Boassas - "Aldeia de Portugal" [Village of Portugal] (p. 267), 2.7 km; Monastery of Ancede (p. 139), 3 km
Aregos (Baião)	Eça de Queiroz Foundation (p. 273), 3 km

## Cruises Along the Douro

The valley of the river Douro features a unique and world-renowned beauty. Setting off to discover this majestic scenario on board a river boat will surely be a different and memorable experience.

The municipalities of Penafiel, Marco de Canaveses and Baião, on the north bank, and the ones of Castelo de Paiva, Cinfães and Resende, on the south bank, which are parts of the area covered by the Route of the Romanesque, are limited by the Douro and have privileged belvederes over it. The largest floodgate in Europe, with a 35-meter drop, belongs to the Carrapatelo dam, which connects the municipalities of Marco de Canaveses and Cinfães at km 64.50. It was inaugurated in 1972.

On the other hand, this may be an alternative opportunity to reach and visit some of the monuments of the Route of the Romanesque, namely the ones that are part of the so-called "Douro Valley" route (p. 98), departing from the most important marinas in this territory, such as Entre-os-Rios, Bitetos, Porto Antigo and Caldas de Aregos.

The companies that are operating in the Douro offer different types of tourist proposals, both in terms of the lengths and routes of the journeys, and in terms of price and services.

In a significant number of the programmes, one of the routes includes a train journey, making the experience even more complete and exciting. Take a look at the operators' offers and choose a