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memories



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HISTORY

Come and learn more about a Route grounded on the memories of the Romanesque. Let yourself be challenged by the thrilling secrets of unique places and monuments, and discover the origins of Portugal. Be inspired by nature, by cuisine, by our people's traditions and be part of our history.





FASCINATION WITH WHAT IS AUTHENTIC IS PART OF HISTORY

Awaken your senses to new conquests and be fascinated by the best kept secret in Northern Portugal: the Route of the Romanesque.

A profusion of green shades bathed by crystal clear rivers merges the twelve municipalities of the Route of the Romanesque – Amarante, Baião, Castelo de Paiva, Celorico de Basto, Cinfães, Felgueiras, Lousada, Marco de Canaveses, Paços de Ferreira, Paredes, Penafiel and Resende.

By travelling across these tradition-filled sites you will discover a unique Romanesque heritage...

A Route with over fifty monuments will reveal you the charm of monasteries, churches, chapels, memorials, castles, towers and bridges, built with hard stone in a vernacular style.

This exceptional legacy takes you back to the foundation of the Portuguese nation and illustrates the importance of this territory within the history of Portuguese nobility and religious orders. Just nearby you will find other wonders, such as the cities of Porto, Guimarães and the Alto Douro Wine Region, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Sites.

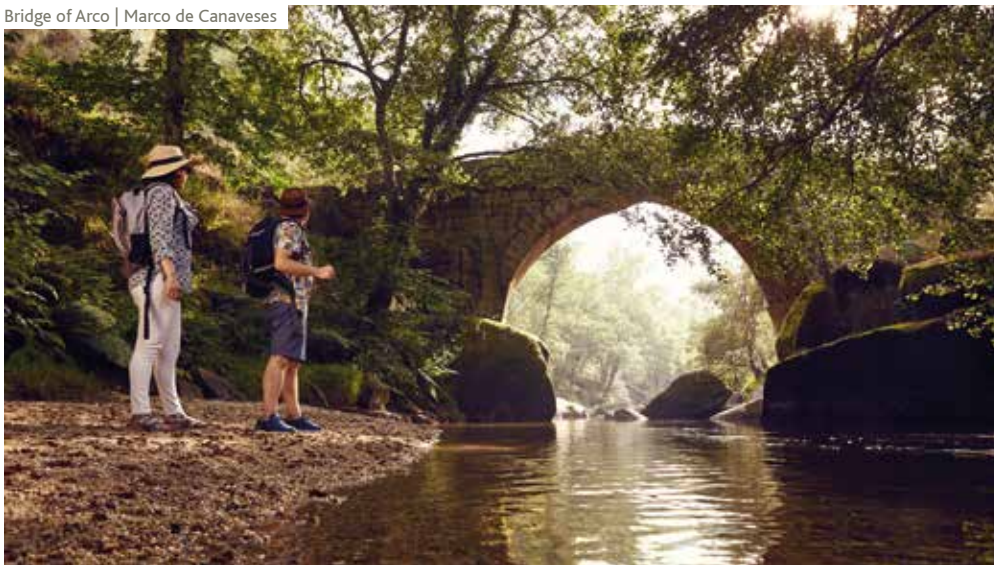
PASSION FOR DISCOVERY IS PART OF HISTORY

Amidst the lands and the tranquillity of the rivers that surround the valleys of the Sousa, Douro and Tâmega begins the history of a Country.

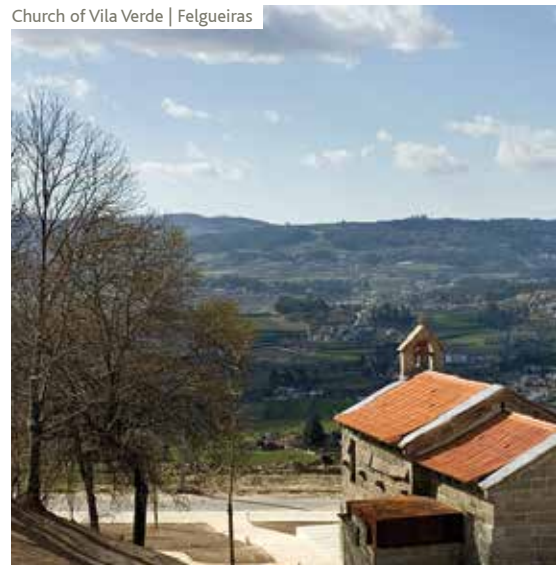
Here you will feel the magic of walking across places ruled by three of the first five Portuguese noble families – the lords of Baião, Ribadouro and Sousa – in the 12th century.

Lose yourself along paths that will continuously surprise you with historic legacies and bewitching legends...

Bridge of Arco | Marco de Canaveses



Church of Vila Verde | Felgueiras



INTERPRETATION CENTRE OF THE ROMANESQUE

The Interpretation Centre of the Romanesque opened to the public on 27 September 2018 in the town of **Lousada**. In addition to the boldness of its contemporary architecture, this Centre also stands out for the various interactive experiences provided by its museographic contents. It's the ideal setting for you to start your journey of discovery of the Route of the Romanesque and its territory of influence, as well as of the art and symbolism that marked Portugal and Europe over several centuries in the Middle Ages.



INTERPRETATION CENTRE OF THE ROMANESQUE SCULPTURE

The Interpretation Centre of the Romanesque Sculpture, in **Penafiel**, displays a partial and hypothetical reconstruction of the façade of the nearby Church of Saint Peter of Abragão (destroyed in 1668), based on around 70 stone elements with Romanesque decorations discovered in 2006. Inaugurated on 25 July 2020, this Centre highlights the role of masons and sculptors in the materialisation of Romanesque art, reinterpreted in the light of contemporaneity by the work "Boi" [Ox], by artist Bordalo II.





discover ancient tracks

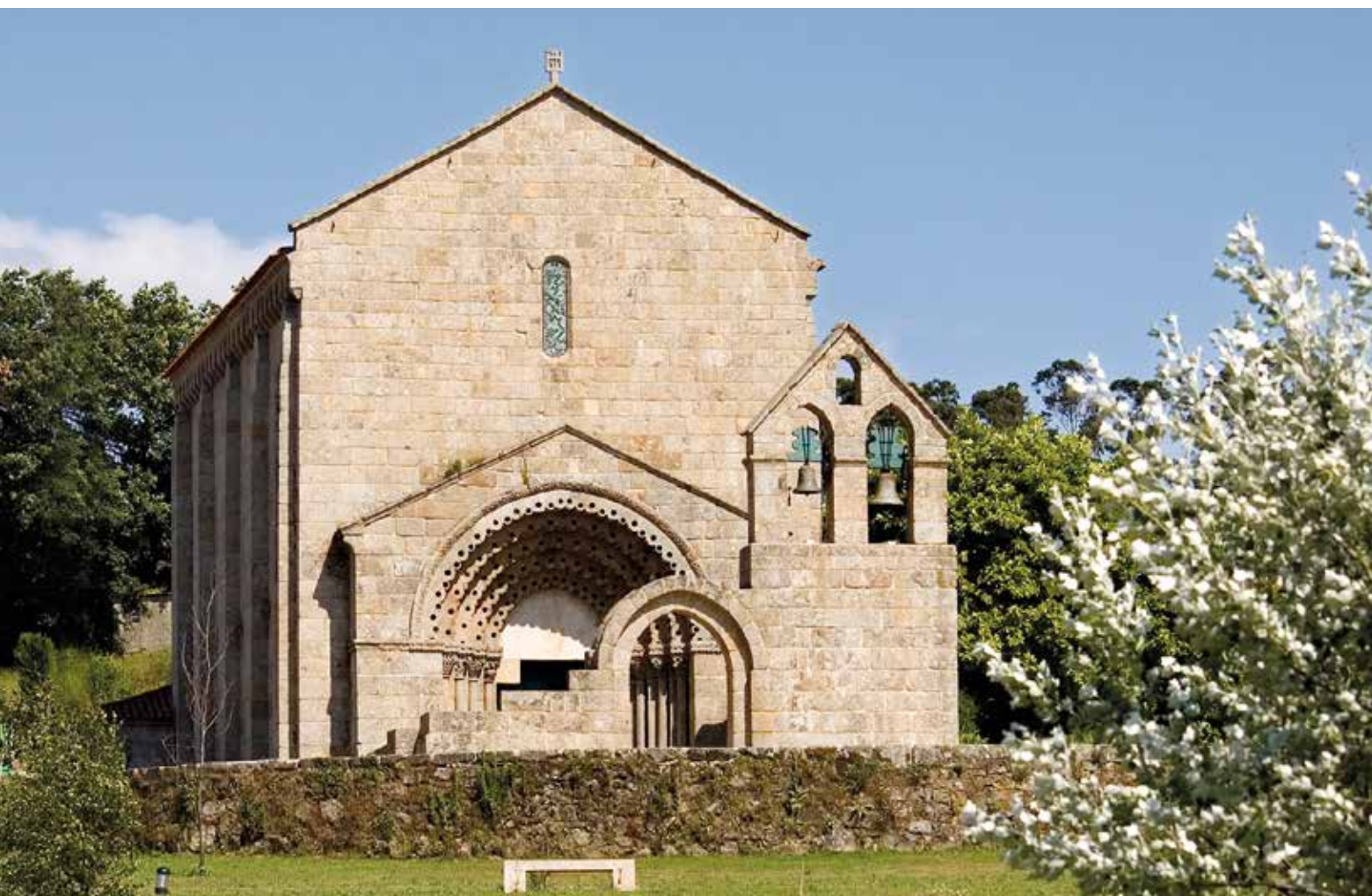
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Discover ancient tracks and marvel at the perfect harmony between nature and historical legacies... In a lush green valley, where time seems to stop, one of the most important Benedictine monasteries of the time – the **MONASTERY OF POMBEIRO** – shows all its grandness. While contemplating it, immersed in silence, you can almost hear bells chiming and imagine the noble lords of Sousa wearing lavish attires on their way to worship God.





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Feel like a real feudal lord! Climb up the imposing TOWER OF VILAR, a *domus fortis*, the symbol of manorial power within this territory. The stunning view over the valley is even more magical when seen from the top of its 14 meters...

feel like
a real
feudal lord



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At the peculiar MONASTERY OF FERREIRA admire the capitals, columns, archivolts and ornamental motifs from different regions and workshops that, in perfect harmony, represent the excellence of the Portuguese Romanesque style.

perfect
harmony

unique
serenity

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At the MONASTERY OF CÊTE the bucolic atmosphere will fill you with a unique serenity, offering you the privilege of learning about the territorial organization of that period, as well as the importance of the religious orders in the formation of the Portuguese kingdom.





follow
the chants

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Smell the earth, hear the buzz of people and follow the chants that come from the MONASTERY OF PAÇO DE SOUSA. Here, amidst stone walls that keep secrets of generations, you will find that which is considered one of the masterpieces of Romanesque funerary art in Portugal, the tomb of Egas Moniz, the famous schoolmaster and governor of the first Portuguese king. It was the 12th century and those were troubled times between the King of Portugal, Afonso Henriques, and King Alphonse VII of Castile. Egas Moniz, a descendant of the lords of Ribadouro, was the faithful master of King Afonso

Henriques who, with his bravery and shrewdness drew the lines that would lead to the future independence of the Portuguese kingdom. He negotiated peace with King Alphonse VII by offering an allegiance with King Afonso Henriques who eventually broke the promise. According to the legend, to save his honour and that of his king, Egas Moniz travelled to Toledo with his family presenting himself barefoot and with ropes around his neck to the Castilian king. This act of heroism and loyalty earned him the pardon of King Alphonse VII and a growing admiration from King Afonso Henriques.

live the legend



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Live the legend... Follow the route of the memorials erected in honour of the Blessed Princess Mafalda – the daughter of King Sancho I and the granddaughter of King Afonso Henriques – which mark the staging points of her funeral procession to the monastery of Arouca.

Stop for a moment before one specific memorial, the MEMORIAL OF SOBRADO, which stands out from all the others not only for its architectural originality, but also for the fact that, according to tradition, it was built where Martim de Bulhões, fighting for the hand of Teresa Taveira, won a duel against Fafes. Martim and Teresa would become the parents of Saint Anthony of Lisbon...





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Amidst lands of noble lords, let yourself be led by female sovereignty. At the CHURCH OF TAROUQUELA, once a monastery of Benedictine nuns, unravel the symbolic universe that emanates from each of its stones. The curious *dogs of Tarouquela* will certainly catch your eye, simultaneously enraptured by the great valley of the Douro River.

unravel
the symbolic
universe



go back to the dawn
of Nationality



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Follow the steps of Egas Moniz, the legendary schoolmaster and governor of King Afonso Henriques, which lead you to the MONASTERY OF CÁRQUERE. Go back to the dawn of Nationality and witness the miracle of the healing of the legs of the first king of Portugal. Legend has it that Our Lady appeared to Egas Moniz in a dream, ordering him to travel to Cárquere and dig in a place She had indicated, for there he would find an image of Her and the foundations of a church dedicated to Her. She asked him to build an altar in Her honour and lay there the young Prince Afonso Henriques – who had been born with crippled legs – and to stand there on an all-night vigil. Egas Moniz did so and Prince Afonso was healed.

free yourself
from the
city shackles

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Feel like a real-life Jacinto of Tormes,
the charismatic character of the work
The City and the Mountains, by the
greatest Portuguese novelist Eça de
Queiroz, who found his reason for
living in these lands! Free yourself
from the city shackles and find
comfort in the simplicity of nature.
Climb up the hillside overlooking
the Douro and be thrilled with
country scents every step of the way.
From the top of the MONASTERY OF
ANCEDE you may look around and
take in the tranquillity of a landscape
of vineyards once dominated by the
lords of Baião.

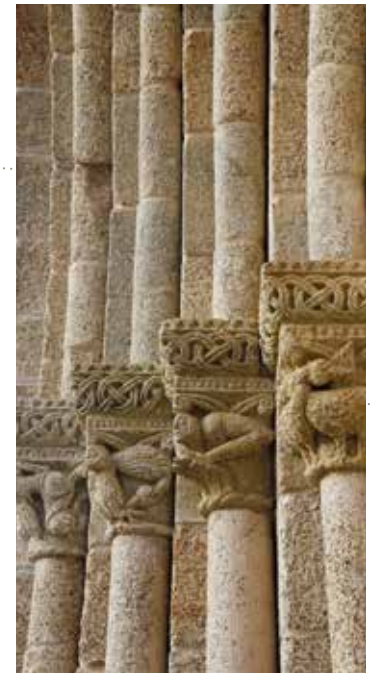




stop by the River Tâmega

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Stop by the River Tâmega! The ancient village of Canaveses is mirrored in its waters. Here stand the **CHURCHES OF SOBRETÂMEGA and SAINT NICHOLAS**, the guardians of the river banks that were once connected by the submerged bridge of Canaveses. Separated by the course of nature, they are brought together by stories worth rediscovering. In 1355, peace was declared between D. Afonso IV and D. Pedro I – father and son – in this village after D. Pedro's military reaction to the death of Inês de Castro. In 1809, the Napoleonic troops "did not cross" the bridge and, years later, during the Civil War, it was the set of a fight between liberals and absolutists.



surrender to
the monumentality

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Smell the country scents that emanate from the MONASTERY OF TRAVANCA! They come from the seeds that sprout from the fertile land once cultivated by Benedictine monks... Come closer and you will be dazzled by the magnificence of this monastic ensemble.

Stop for a second and observe the sculptures of the portals... Sacred and profane, dogmatic and symbolic, they depict the lines of the struggle between good and evil. Intertwined birds, demoniac serpents, lustful mermaids, men swallowed by monsters, atlantes that hold the palm of the Holy Scriptures... Here are the hosts of the temple.

Surrender to the monumentality of its tower, one of the highest in Portugal, and be fascinated with the mystic Lamb of God represented in the portal.

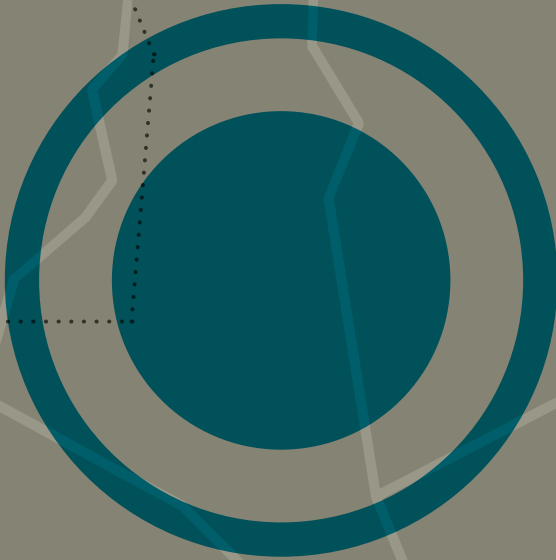


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Release your adventurous spirit... Break new grounds and conquer the CASTLE OF ARNOIA, a symbol of medieval military architecture. Like a brave warrior, climb up the keep and watch the distant defence lines of the territory. In the background, wrapped in silence, there is a village that history has left as a legacy of ancient times. Recover your strength in the verdant mountain landscapes and let yourself be lulled by the sun... Feel invigorated to face new challenges.

break new
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BE MOVED.



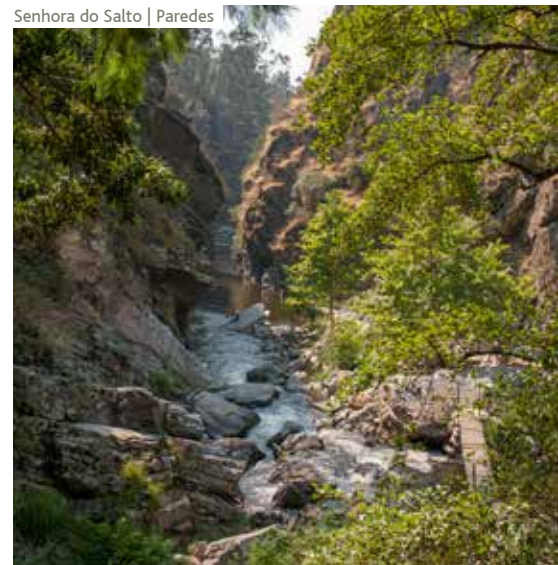
THE ENCOUNTER WITH NATURE IS PART OF HISTORY

Leave the **hustle** and bustle of the city behind and surrender to the bucolic scenarios of the Route of the Romanesque. The mountains of Aboboreira, Marão and Montemuro hide verdant valleys that are mirrored in crystal clear rivers. An irresistible invitation to enjoy relaxing moments together with your loved ones.

Caldas de Aregos | Resende



Senhora do Salto | Paredes





Gralheira | Cinfães



Quintandona | Penafiel



Trekking



BTT



Historical Centre | Amarante



Church of St. Mary, by Álvaro Siza | Marco de Canaveses



Rafting | Paiva River



Golf Course | Amarante

On foot or by bike, enjoy long tours across historic centres and along numerous signposted routes, including the “Caminho de Torres” [Torres Way], which crosses Baião, Amarante and Felgueiras, connecting Salamanca to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. From a high belvedere, let yourself be swept away by the poetry of a magical evening and admire the serene beauty of the landscape. But if strong emotions are what really thrills you, then be ready for adventure! Your adrenaline will rise to the speed of river rapids that are perfect for rafting, canoeing, jet ski or powerboating. While on land, speed up on the rally, motocross or off-road tracks. Theme parks also offer you guaranteed fun...



Island of Castelo | Castelo de Paiva

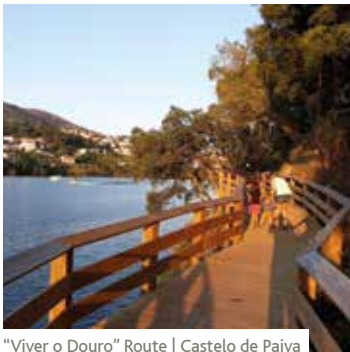
Make the most of nature's generosity and enjoy the refreshing thermal waters of Amarante, Caldas de Aregos (Resende), Entre-os-Rios or São Vicente (Penafiel). Alternatively, you may choose an invigorating *spa* session in the comfort of a modern hotel.



Water Park | Amarante



Rural Tourism | Douro Valley



"Viver o Douro" Route | Castelo de Paiva



Magikland | Penafiel



Belvedere of Teixeira | Cinfães



Canoeing

For a complete experience, spend a night in one of our rural tourism cottages. Immerse yourself in the spirit of ancient times and enjoy atmospheres that are both traditional and sophisticated.



THE CULT OF TRADITION IS PART OF HISTORY

Hospitable and charismatic people reflect the heritage of centuries-old traditions.

Go back to our roots and experience ancestral traditions... Let the singing and dancing, the colourful costumes and the hustle and bustle of the markets of the region's festivities and pilgrimages weave their joy. Join the party!

Mimo Festival | Amarante



Festivity of Our Lady Appeared | Lousada



Camellia Festival | Celorico de Basto



Carmen Miranda Museum | Marco de Canaveses



Discover the soul of this people in the hands of its skilled craftsmen. Enjoy the meticulous restoration of wood and carved wood works or the beauty of the artistic embroidery and linen pieces whose ingenuity is passed on from one generation to the next.



Canes of Gestação | Baião



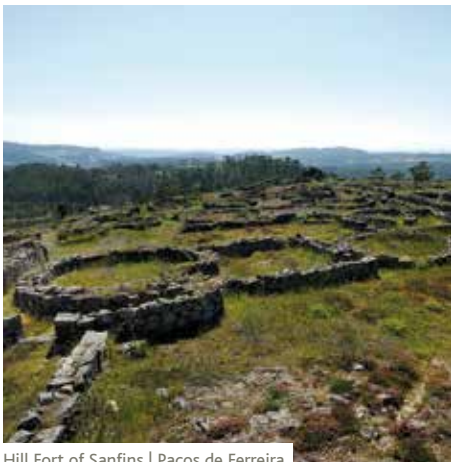
Municipal Museum | Penafiel



Museum House of Vilar | Lousada



Terra de Sousa Embroidery



Hill Fort of Sanfins | Paços de Ferreira



Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Museum | Amarante



Tongobriga | Marco de Canaveses



Dolmen of Chã de Parada | Baião



Eça de Queiroz Foundation | Baião



Hill Fort of Monte Mozinho | Penafiel

In the museums you may learn about the history, the legacy and the life and work of great figures of Portuguese art and literature, such as Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Carmen Miranda and Eça de Queiroz.



"Bolinhos de Amor"



Roast Veal



"Cavacas de Resende"



"Sopa Seca"



Lamprey à la Bordelaise



Cherries of Resende



Veal Morsel "Arouquesa"



"Vinho Verde" and Regional Products



Conventual Sweets | Amarante

Then, surrender to the small pleasures of life. Try the tempting flavours of the region or delight yourself with the gourmet tastes of the exquisite author's cuisine.



"Pão de Ló de Margaride" | Felgueiras



"Fatias do Freixo" | Marco de Canaveses



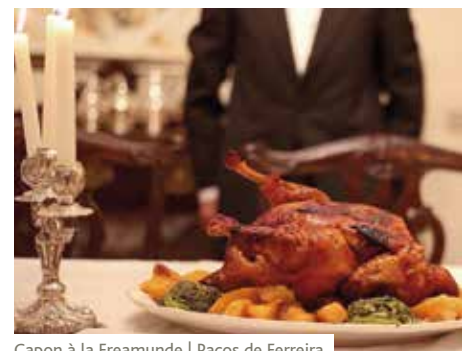
Restaurant Largo do Paço [Michelin Star] | Amarante



Roast Lamb



"Cavacas"



Capon à la Freamunde | Paços de Ferreira



"Biscoito da Teixeira" | Baião

And don't forget to enjoy them together with the region's divine wine, the "Vinho Verde". Travel across farms and wineries that reveal the mysteries of the vineyards that germinate in these lands and taste true nectars.

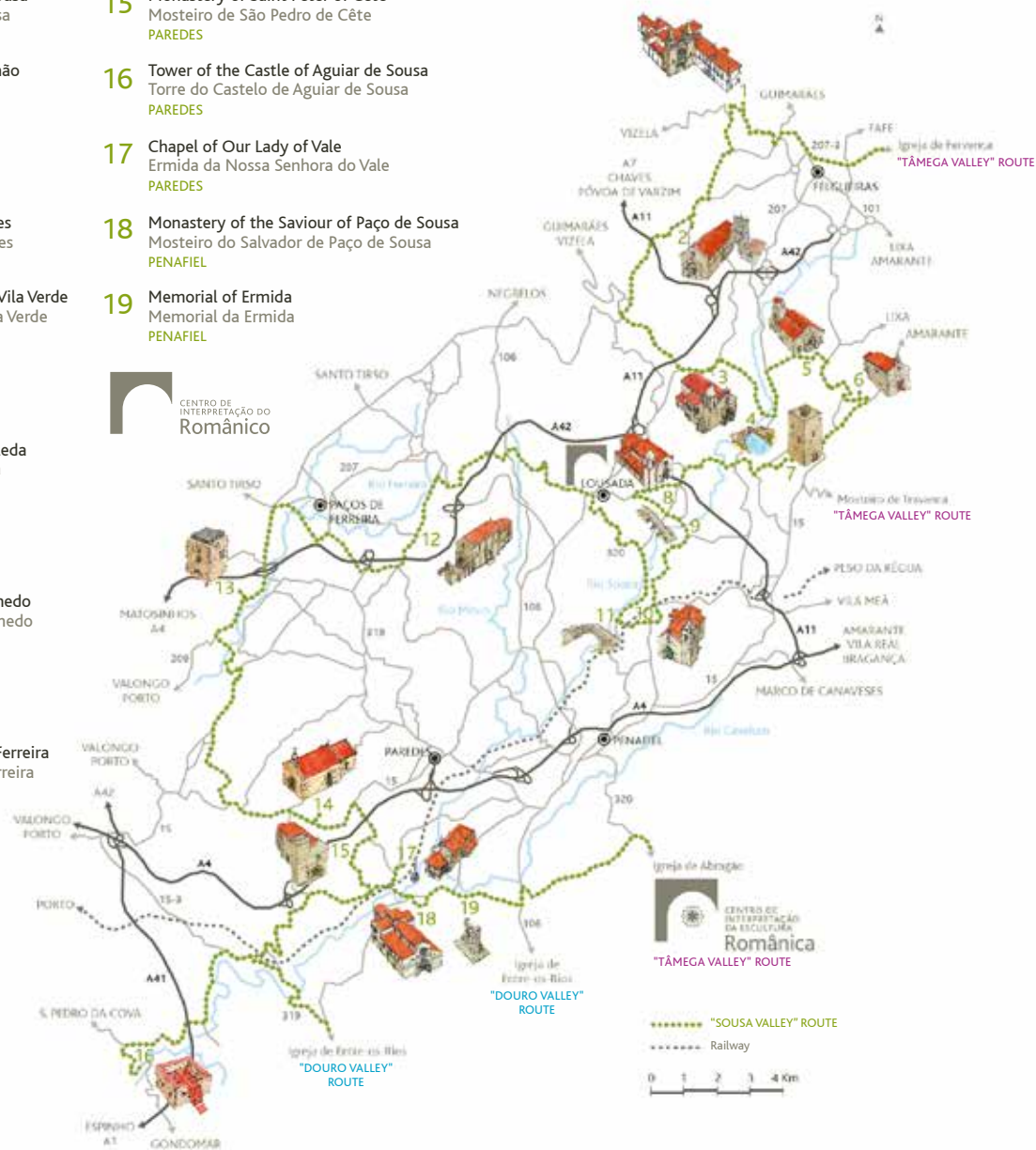
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OF THE
ROUTE OF THE
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WITH YOU.

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YOUR
EXPERIENCES.



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Mosteiro de Santa Maria de Pombeiro
FELGUEIRAS
- 2 Church of Saint Vincent of Sousa
Igreja de São Vicente de Sousa
FELGUEIRAS
- 3 Church of the Saviour of Unhão
Igreja do Salvador de Unhão
FELGUEIRAS
- 4 Bridge of Veiga
Ponte da Veiga
LOUSADA
- 5 Church of Saint Mary of Airães
Igreja de Santa Maria de Airães
FELGUEIRAS
- 6 Church of Saint Mammes of Vila Verde
Igreja de São Mamede de Vila Verde
FELGUEIRAS
- 7 Tower of Vilar
Torre de Vilar
LOUSADA
- 8 Church of the Saviour of Aveleda
Igreja do Salvador de Aveleda
LOUSADA
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Ponte de Vilela
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CASTELO DE PAIVA

25 Church of Our Lady of Nativity of Escamarão
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27 Church of Saint Christopher of Nogueira
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CINFÃES

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Ponte da Panchorra
RESENDE

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Mosteiro de Santa Maria de Cárquere
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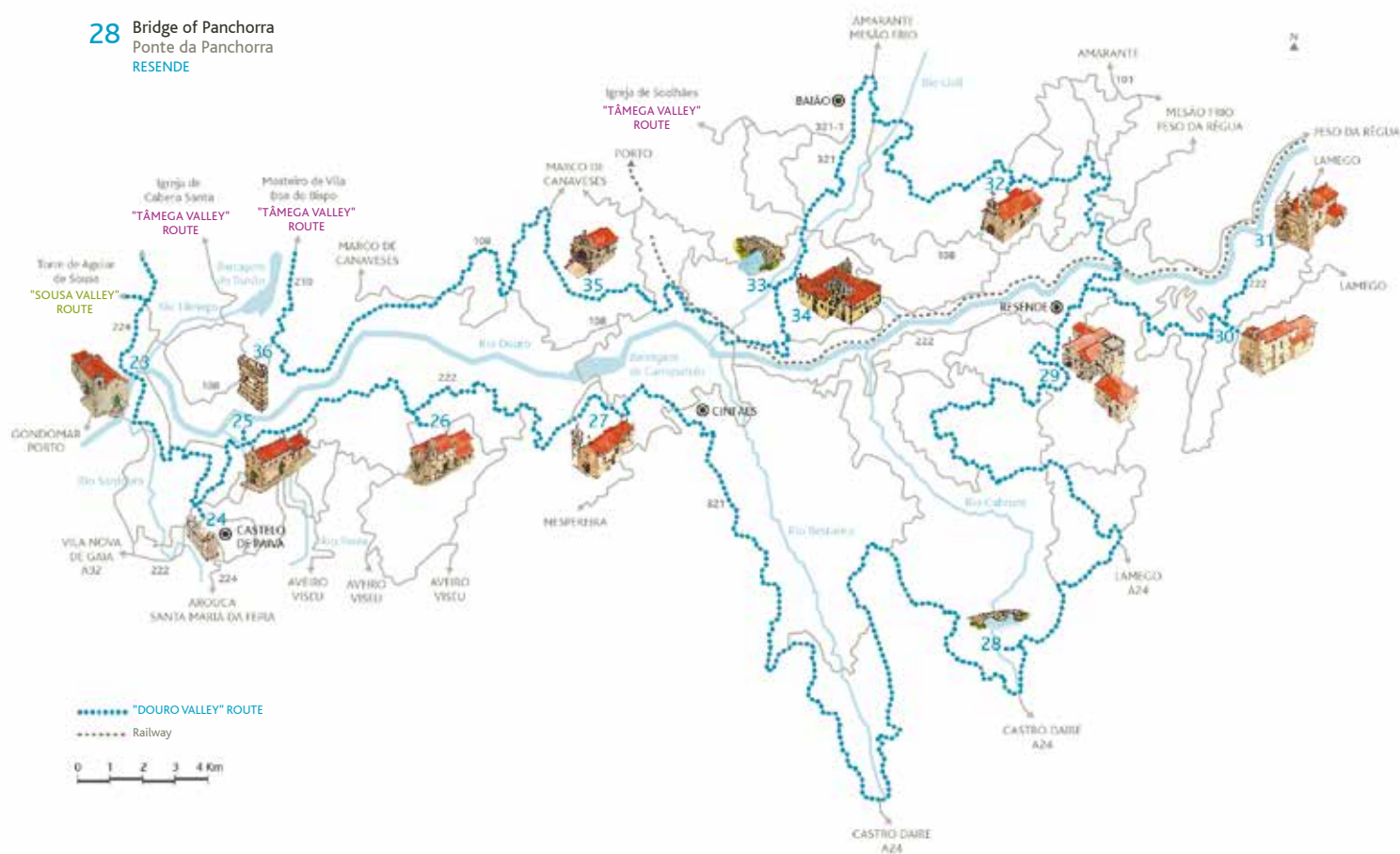
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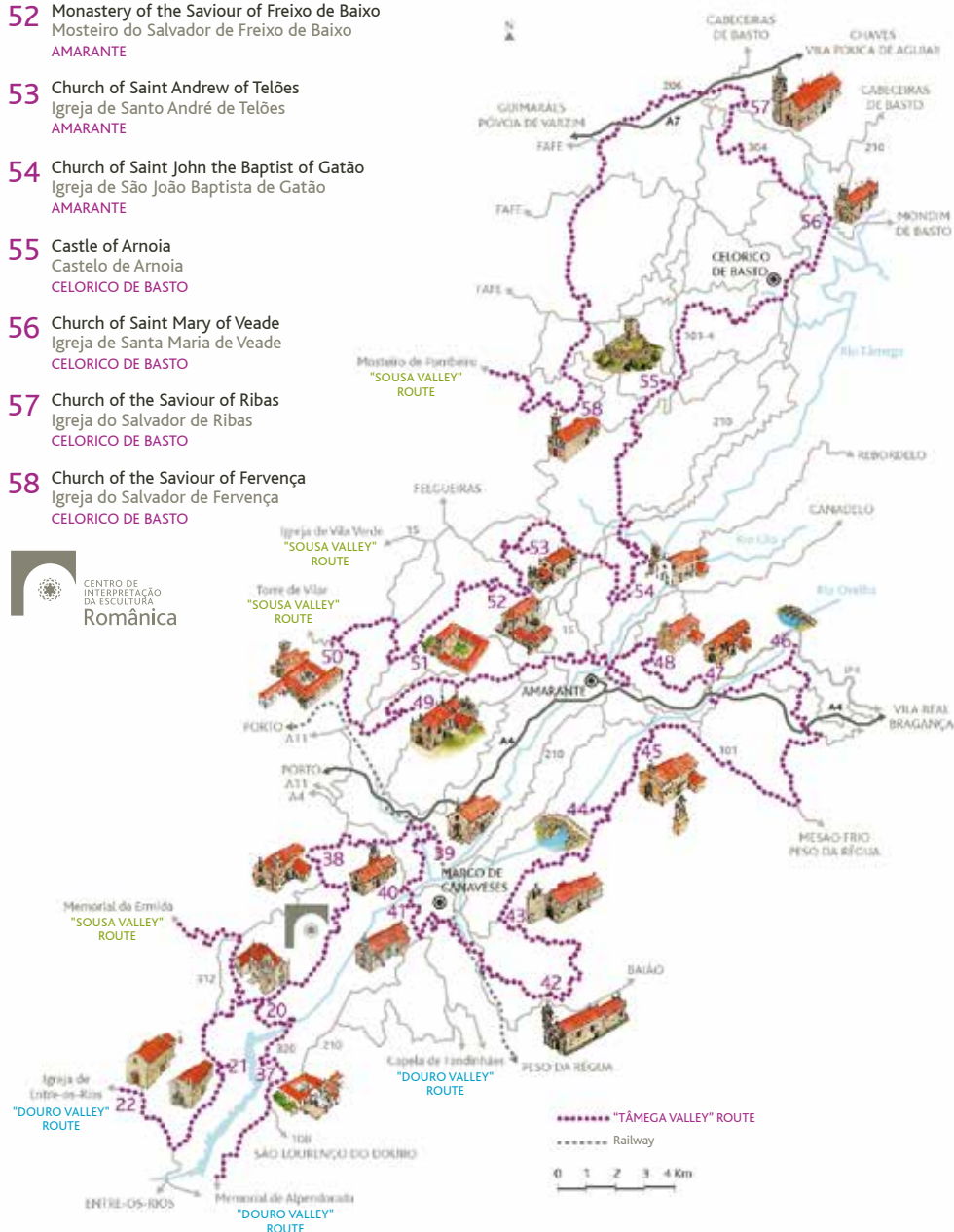
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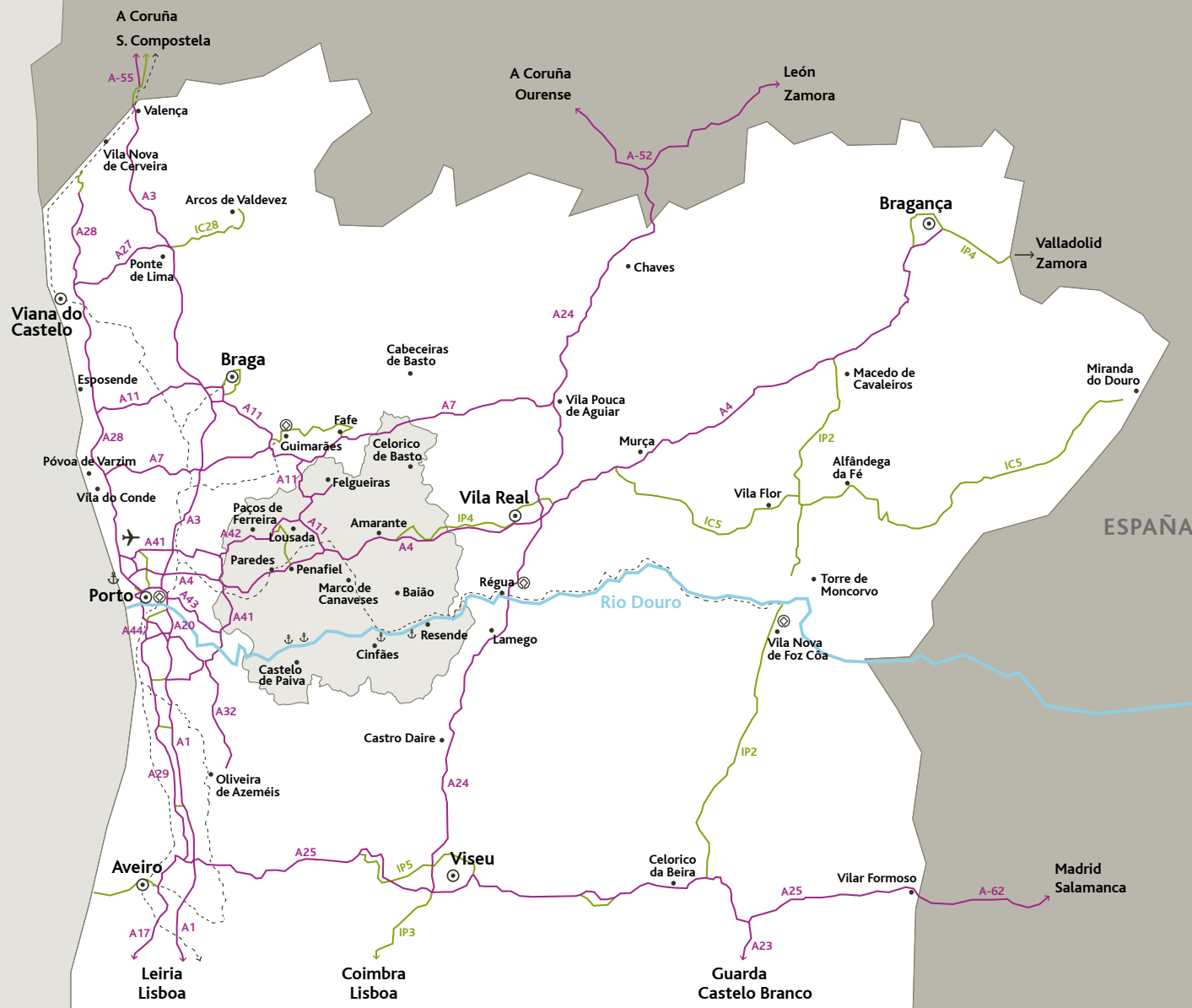
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