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World's Best Fish 



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The City

Matosinhos offers the supreme delight of leisure that oscillates between land and sea, in a cult of physical and psychological health, as a seasoning, for rest, for observation, for the exhilarating joy of sports, the personality of those who practices in scenarios of rare beauty.

Matosinhos is an invitation to leisure.

It is the strength of a young, vigorous and irreverent city, where the visitor can enjoy a range of activities, which does not exclude any motivation or interest.

The gastronomy of Matosinhos, increasingly appreciated and praised nationally and internationally, is considered one of the main tourist products in the country, being part of the most varied itineraries and guides for gastronomic promotion from north to south of the country.



It is in this context that the creation and implementation of the “Matosinhos World's Best Fish” brand arises.

The association of the name Matosinhos with this brand aims at the immediate, instinctive, and concrete recognition of our city at the same time that the use of the name World's Best Fish assumes a status of excellence.

Matosinhos provides, unavoidably, a unique experience of travel and experiences, from the most remote times to the most innovative projects.

Matosinhos enchants for what it has and offers, for what it counts and, above all, for what it makes happen.

It's history, heritage, tradition, projection, without ever forgetting the unique flavor of sardines in bread. It's culture, art, leisure, and other enchantments to see and review. But Matosinhos is much more than that, it's street, night, animation, light, color and sound, it's party, it's life and it's, after all, where everything happens.

Matosinhos is inevitably, sea, beach, surfing, diving, movement, and sport, offering a vast and unique coastline where the green is lost in the blue.

Is faith, tradition, and pilgrimage, not only as a crossing point on the roads to Santiago, but also in festivals and pilgrimages, with special emphasis on Senhor de Matosinhos, the church, the city's ex-libris, deserving a must visit. Matosinhos is unavoidably gastronomy, proudly assuming itself as the region's dining room, where you can't miss sardines, seafood and the stories of the people who were lost at sea.

Of the vast architectural heritage, there are many testimonies of Siza in Matosinhos, his birthplace, especially the Casa de Chá da Boa Nova and Piscina das Marés, built among the rocks and classified as a "National Monument".

Come wherever you come and however you choose, whether on foot, bicycle, car, metro, boat or plane...



Make yourself in love with Matosinhos!

What to Do - Cultural

Casa da Arquitectura

(House of Architecture)

The buildings, now recovered and adapted, integrated the old factory built between 1897 and 1901 by the company Menéres & Companhia, destined to the Real Companhia Vinícola. Resistant to the progressive industrial transformation and housing occupation of the place, its preservation and adaptation is due to its high heritage and cultural value.

The property is part of the Matosinhos Sul Urbanization Plan, designed by Álvaro Siza. The block of the Real Vinícola, set recovered by the Municipality of Matosinhos with a project by the architect Guilherme Machado Vaz, occupies an area of 4,700 m². The public areas for exhibitions and presentations, with an auditorium, library and shop, represent 36% of the space, conservation and maintenance 38% and management and internal production 10%. Common uses correspond to 16% of its surface.



Casa da Arquitectura has the physical and technical conditions necessary to carry out its mission. The House, together with other national and international entities, establishes a wide network of architectural archives, fostering the exchange of experiences, collections, working methods and specialized technicians.

It is also in a privileged position to assume the responsibility of showing the work developed by the network to the public, since most of the archives currently operating in Portugal do not have their own exhibition area.

Visits from Tuesday to Friday – 10am to 6pm | Saturday and Sunday – 10am to 7pm

Terminal de Cruzeiros

(Cruise Terminal)

Opened in 2015, the Port of Leixões Cruise Terminal, designed by the architect Luís Pedro Silva, quickly became an ex-libris of the city of Matosinhos. The building, whose configuration recalls the moorings of boats to the quays, combines its avant-garde shape with a coating inspired by one of the most traditional Portuguese decorative materials: the tile. One million tiles, produced by the historic porcelain factory of "Vista Alegre", cover the structure of the building and allow a curious play of light throughout the day.

Capable of receiving the most modern and gigantic cruise ships, the Terminal is one of the main entrances for tourists in the region, but it also hosts a large set of research laboratories from the University of Porto related to the sciences of the aquatic environment.

Visits only on Sunday, from 9:30am to 12pm.



Titan de Leixões

(Titan)

Mark of Portuguese and world industrial heritage, due to its unique characteristics, the "colossal" Titan crane, used in the construction of the Port of Leixões, in Matosinhos, in the 19th century, was recovered, reborn, and will be open to visits. The Titan, on the south side of the Port of Leixões, appears with many of its original parts, especially the mechanical components, and it is now possible to visit them along almost 69 meters in length and 17 meters in height.



The Titan's boom can be visited along its entire length and at the end it is possible to contemplate the view that covers the cities of Porto and Matosinhos, their beaches, the Atlantic Ocean or the Port of Leixões, where you can watch the loading and unloading of goods, but also the loading and unloading of passengers at the terminal.

The opening days are from Friday to Sunday, between 10am and 5pm, except at lunchtime, with a break at 1:00 pm.

Museu Conservas Pinhais

(Pinhais Canned Pine Trees)

The Pinhais Factory, in Matosinhos, has also a museum.

The preserves (sardines and mackerel) are made by hand, as in 1920, when it was founded. Not even the rosary stopped praying an hour before leaving. Since 1920, fresh Portuguese sardines have been produced here, using manual processes that range from collecting the fish, processing, cooking, oiling in the can and shipping the product. A passion of the Pinhal family, inherited from the founder António Pinhal.



A passion that he passed on to his son and is now in the hands of his grandson and great-grandson, both Antónios, following the family tradition and who, employing 100 people, did not invest in the industrialization of production, and thanks to that, it presents the consumer with flavored preserves, which are not found in large distribution stores, but in gourmet stores and are preferred by international importers, many since the foundation of Conserva Pinhais in demanding consumer markets that absorb 90% of what is produced there.

Visits from Monday to Friday, between 9.30am to 4pm, except on holidays.

MUMMA

(Matosinhos Memory Museum)

Located in the Palacete Visconde de Trevões, the Museum of Memory of Matosinhos is a meeting place between the past and the present of Matosinhos, from the beginning to the present, with a markedly interactive museographic design, using new technologies.

The permanent exhibition is based on the memories and valences of the building itself and of its first owner - Emídio Ló Ferreira, on the memories of the territory of Matosinhos, its places, its people and its main activities. It's based on materiality, but also on multimedia and interactivity, allowing the visitor to freely explore various contents, as well as take a virtual journey through 15 emblematic places in Matosinhos, through special 360-degree glasses.



In addition to works of art and objects of historical value, the museum pays special attention to people, showing testimonies of citizens from various areas of society. On the 2nd floor, the visitor has the possibility

to record their own testimony on video to integrate the Matosinhos Memory Museum. In addition to the permanent exhibition, it has a room for temporary exhibitions.

The functioning of this museum space is ideally projected as a work in progress, a continuous cycle, subject to permanent updating, putting into practice a vocation of openness to community participation.

Visits Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 am to 6 pm, except at lunchtime, with a break from 1 to 3pm.

Farol da Boa Nova

(Boa Nova Light House)

The Leça Lighthouse is one of the thirty lighthouses on the Continent, located in the district of Porto, Municipality of Matosinhos.

Lighthouses are infrastructures used for maritime signaling and navigation aids, whose administration, management, maintenance and conservation are the responsibility of the Lighthouses Directorate. At the end of the 19th century, the need for a lighthouse in Leça or Leixões was already recognized, but it was only in the 20th century, more precisely in 1919, that the plans for the lighthouse were developed. The work was directed by engineer José Joaquim Peres and its tower is 46 meters high and 3.5 meters in diameter, being the second tallest lighthouse in the country and the last to be built in mainland Portugal.



It became operational on December 15, 1926 and its entry into operation coincided with the extinction of that lighthouse and the lighthouse of Nossa Senhora da Luz, which was the first from the Portuguese coast (1761). The Lighthouse School operated on the premises of the Leça lighthouse between 1926 and 1962. Among other historical landmarks worthy of note, in 1979 it started to control the operation of the lighthouses in the port of Leixões (Quebra-mar, Molhe Norte and Molhe Sul) and the Felgueiras lighthouse at the entrance to the Douro bar. This was the first telecontrol network to exist in Portugal.

Visits are free and are only possible on Wednesday, from 2 to 5pm.

Casa de Chá da Boa Nova

(Boa Nova Tea House)

The Tea House, by Architect. Álvaro Siza Vieira (1958/63) has been classified as a National Monument since 2011. Born among the rocks, this tea house overlooking the sea, with large glazed windows, is seen as a paradigm for the insertion and integration of architecture on the site.

The once Tea House is nowadays an awarded 2 Michelin Star restaurant. The restaurant's motto is "the sea at the table", reflecting the local tradition and products of the land, without forgetting the property's connection to the sea, taking advantage of the extraordinary quality of fish and seafood in this coastal area of Portugal.

It is an unusual space, with large windows overlooking the horizon and the ocean.

It's possible to visit the interior, but only with an appointment (reservations by phone: +351222404663)



Piscina das Marés

(Tides Pool)

A masterpiece by Álvaro Siza, it was inaugurated in 1966, being classified as a National Monument more than 40 years later. Considered an example of the dynamic harmonization of the built space with the forms created by Nature, it provides a good alternative to the open sea.

As the House of Tea, it's possible to visit the interior, but only with an appointment (reservations by phone: +351222404663)



Museu Quinta de Santiago

(Quinta de Santiago Museum)

The building, a bourgeois dwelling from the end of the 19th century, was built by João Santiago de Carvalho, for his residence. Acquired by the Câmara de Matosinhos in 1968, it was later restored under the direction of the architect Fernando Távora. In addition to the architectural interest of the building, designed by the Italian Nicola Bigaglia, the Museum, installed since 1996, houses three types of collections: furniture from the time of its construction, painting and sculpture.



The garden completes the space and invites you for a pleasant walk, where you can find sculptures by Álvaro Siza Vieira, Lagoa Henriques, Margarida Andrade, Rui Anahory.

The Museum presents medium and long-term exhibitions centered on the vast art collection of the Municipality of Matosinhos, with particular emphasis on three painters deeply identified with the city: António Carneiro (1872 – 1930) and his seascapes from Leça, Agostinho Salgado (1905 -1967), a naturalist painter who portrayed countless landscapes and everyday scenes of the time, especially the landscapes of the leçeiras, and Augusto Gomes (1910 – 1976), a painter linked to neo-realism who established, on canvas, the uses and customs of the fishermen of Matosinhos.

Preserving and disseminating the historical memory of Matosinhos and Leça da Palmeira through art is the central mission of this museum under the tutelage of the Matosinhos municipality. A witness to the identity of our people, it is a space of connection between the past and the present, where the visitor embarks on a journey through time and establishes a bridge between History and Art.

Visits from Tuesday to Sunday, between 10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6pm.

What to Do - Sports

Matosinhos Sport and Congress Center

The Sports and Congress Center has been playing an important sporting, social and cultural role in the support provided to the most diverse institutions in terms of the Sports and Cultural Show.

It presents itself as a multifaceted equipment that constitutes a natural space for carrying out training actions, product presentations, summits, concerts, conferences, congresses, colloquia, rallies, meetings, sporting events, exhibitions, dinners, gala receptions, seminars, symposia, workshops, and other demanding challenges posed by the social, cultural, and business fabric.

Its size, unique architecture, ease of access as well as proximity to means of transport (metro, airport, and port of Leixões) and structuring roadways, are great attributes that position it as a unique facility in the Municipality of Matosinhos and Greater Porto for the realization of various events at national and international level.

The construction of this equipment resulted from the need to provide the municipality of Matosinhos with a sports structure geared towards high competition in an indoor arena. It should be noted that the Sports and Congress Centre, whose space is especially endowed with characteristics of versatility, allows not only the holding of sporting events, but also a wide range of cultural and leisure activities.



Surf

Portugal is a central country in the world surfing scene and a destination per excellence, it is an immense beach for surfers from all over the world and surfing is practiced 365 days a year. The north of Portugal is known for having a rougher sea and has fishing, gastronomy and surfing and bodyboarding, its maximum exponents.

Matosinhos offers 15kms of beautiful beaches that cut along the coast in uneven patterns. Some are small and secluded, ideal for a quiet day, others with sandy beaches as far as the eye can see, inviting you to take long walks by the sea!

As a family, with friends or as a couple, it is possible to enjoy the best of surfing as the maritime climate offers mild winters (13oC) and hot summers (28oC). The water temperature varies between 14oC in winter and 19oC during the summer months.

Either if you are a pro or a beginner, here we've everything you need to enjoy the nice weather and some waves. With **10 surf schools** present in the city you'll have plenty of choices to learn how to surf or to practice. And even if you didn't bring your material, they also have the option to rent it.



Surf Schools in Matosinhos:

Fish Surf School | Kiber Surf Shop & Coffee | Linha da Onda - Surfing School | MESS - Múltipla Escolha Surf School | Onda Pura | Penas Surf School | Salty Wave Surf School | SurfAventura | Surf Coaching Porto | Surfing Life Club

Equestrianism

The Porto e Matosinhos Equestrian Center (CHPM) is already a national and international reference, with the reception of famous competitions and open to five levels of instruction available at a prestigious school.

Additionally, in connection with the CHPM, the Associação Equiterapêutica do Porto e Matosinhos (AEPM) aims to make horse riding for therapeutic purposes accessible to all individuals with special needs.

Never tried? Here you've the chance!
Contact Equestrian Center and take a lesson.



Karts

Excitement from the starting to the finish line, all year round.

The municipality of Matosinhos has two kart tracks, so you can feel all the adrenaline behind the wheel.

With a circuit in a closed pavilion (Perafita) or an open circuit (Cabo do Mundo), the most difficult choice will be the ideal moment for overtaking.

Feeling the air passing by already? Give it a try.
Kartódromo do Cabo do Mundo | Kart Center de Matosinhos



Golf

In Senhora da Hora, next to the Circunvalação road, you will find The City Golf club. But golf isn't just about good access, with the club affiliated to the Portuguese Golf Federation, offering 9 holes for lovers of this outdoor sport.

With the family or with friends, who's going to win the game?



Where to Stay

Hotels ****

Eurostars Matosinhos

Eurostars Matosinhos brings together the magnetism and unique atmosphere of the Atlantic beaches in a designer accommodation where attention is paid to the finest details. Located in the heart of Matosinhos, a fashionable coastal area with excellent connections to Porto, the hotel offers a whole range of services and features.

The rooms at Eurostars Matosinhos are warm and inviting spaces, where light and maritime inspiration take center stage. Each room is equipped with a wide range of services and features, which guarantee a pleasant, relaxing stay.

Designed with relaxation in mind, Eurostars Matosinhos has an indoor pool, a complete wellness center and a gym.



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Four Points by Sheraton

Whether you travel for business or leisure, Four Points by Sheraton Matosinhos welcomes you with four-star comfort, outstanding service, and an ideal location in the city.

The hotel offers a wide variety of facilities and services including a business center, 24-hour front desk, all day dining bar with tasty meals and refreshing drinks, a Cafeteria with a wide selection of pastries, a gym fitted with the best equipment and a parking lot for your car.

Matosinhos beach is only 5 minutes walking distance from the hotel, perfect for surfing and other water sports. As a fishing area, local restaurants offer you the most wonderful fresh fishes and sea food for your delight.



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Sea Porto Hotel

Sea Porto Hotel is strategically located in the heart of Matosinhos. In clear view of the Port of Leixões and its logistics platform, its half a mile from the award-winning Cruise Terminal. Inspired by the sea and the naval and port tradition, this hotel combines comfort and modernity with a rich historical, cultural, and gastronomic heritage for those visiting the city on business or leisure. Warm atmosphere, comfort, light and security are the characteristics you will find when you visit us.

The elegant rooms at Sea Porto Hotel have clean decor, including references to iconic places of interest and historical features of Matosinhos.



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Tryp Porto Expo


The recently refurbished TRYP Porto Expo Hotel is a modern 4-star unit located in Leça da Palmeira.

With 4 different styles to choose from (family, fitness, premium and standard), the Hotel TRYP Porto Expo has 117 rooms and 3 Suites. Rooms for non-smokers and with access for disabled guests, bathroom with hair dryer, air conditioning, satellite TV and video, direct-dial telephone with fax and computer connection socket, refrigerated bar, safe, electronic locks, and room service.

The restaurant is open every day at breakfast with a hot and cold buffet. At lunch and dinner, the Mercato Restaurant serves local specialties and international cuisine.

The hotel provides electric vehicle chargers (one specific for TESLA) subject to availability.



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B&B Hotel Porto Expo Aeroporto

The B&B Hotel Porto Expo Aeroporto offers modern and very well-equipped facilities. If your visit is for work purposes, the hotel has large work rooms that have high-definition TVs and all the equipment you need to make your sessions as productive as possible.

As usual in B&B hotels, the hotel offers free luggage storage, free coffee and tea, a late check out service until 3 pm, B&B shop and a laundry service. In addition, forget about parking problems at B&B hotels because parking in there is free, indoors and outdoors. And all this with a 24-hour reception service.

The hotel rooms are equipped with the latest technology. You will find free high-speed Wi-fi in all of them, high-resolution TVs with built-in chromecast devices, air conditioning, a minibar and huge beds where you can relax after a tiring day of work or an intense visit to the city.



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Holiday Inn Express Porto – Exponor

Friendly staff welcome you into sleek monochrome lobby at modern Holiday Inn Express Porto-Exponor, just 8 minutes' drive from Francisco de Sá Carneiro Airport. The location opposite the Exponor convention center, in Leça da Palmeira, means you can linger over a complimentary buffet breakfast and still make it to your morning meeting in time.

Relax with a flat-screen TV in your contemporary guest room and catch up on emails with wireless Internet in your warm-toned Guest room at Holiday Inn Express Porto-Exponor. Help yourself to complimentary tea and coffee and refresh in the bathroom's invigorating power shower and separate bathtub.

Ask 24-hour front desk staff at Holiday Inn Express Porto-Exponor to recommend their favorite local restaurants. After dinner, catch up with friends in our stylish Lobby Bar.



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Hotel Porto Mar

The Hotel Porto Mar is a hotel with a unique architectural style from the 1940s, inspired by the sea theme. It's a family hotel, always ready to provide the best service to the guests. The entire space is designed to provide the maximum comfort and connectivity.

The materials used for the decoration of the hotel are thought to provide you with a warm and modern atmosphere. The Hotel building is in front of a metro station, or if you prefer, a few meters from other public transport as taxi or bus.


All rooms at Hotel Porto Mar are equipped with Air Conditioning, cable tv, safe-deposit box, free Wi-Fi and mini bar.

The hotel has 24/7 attendance and wake up service.



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Moov Hotel Porto Norte

The Moov Hotel Porto Norte has 7 floors, 129 rooms and 25 parking spaces. It is a comfortable hotel with a careful selection of the available services so that you can have all that is important without paying too much.

The services offered value what is really crucial for a practical and welcoming stay: reception open 24/day, daily cleaning, private parking, free wi-fi, breakfast buffet and efficient equipment, ecological showers, LED lightbulbs, sensors and other kind of equipment designed for the same purpose.

The rooms feature minimalist decor, soundproofing, climatization, a double bed, wooden floors, flat-screen cable TV, a work desk with a telephone and sophisticated wooden furniture. The private bathroom is functional and includes a shower.



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O Valentim

Valentim is located in Matosinhos, a hospitable city with great fishing traditions. It is located 5 minutes walk from the metro station, bus, the beach, the Traditional Market and the Cruise Terminal.

In the surrounding area, there are several accessibilities such as local shops, pharmacies, convenience stores, restaurants, bars and surf schools. The hotel offers automatic check-in and check-out and has a terrace in a common area.



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Urban Hotel Amadeos

Hotel Amadeos is strategically located in Matosinhos, 10 minutes' walk from the beach and 2 minutes from Câmara de Matosinhos Metro Station, which connects with the city's main cultural landmarks.

It offers rooms with and a private toilet. Amadeos rooms have parquet floors and modern wood furnishings. They come equipped with an LCD satellite TV, air-conditioned, free Wi-Fi and private bathroom with a hairdryer.

In the morning, the hotel serves a daily continental breakfast buffet. The bar offers a selection of light meals accompanied with the wonderful Port Wine.

Staff at the 24-hour front desk assist with car hire and offer information on local attractions. The Amadeos hotel has also a dry-cleaning service.



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Local Accommodation

Casa Rietsch

Located in Matosinhos very close to the beach (2 m walking) and with several facilities specific for surfers such as a place of storage of surfboards and tank for washing the suits, Casa Rietsch offers express check-in and check-out, non-smoking rooms, a garden, free Wi-Fi and water sports facilities.

Situated in the Sea Food Corner with more than 100 restaurants within a radius of 200 m, as well as 200m from metro station and 40m from the bus stop, Casa Rietsch itself with architectural elements of value, is close to several works of the architect Álvaro Siza Vieira and the architects of the Oporto school very well known worldwide.

Casa Rietsch has 3 distinct floors with different decorations that also reflect the renovation of the house keeping its architectural elements. All rooms have state-of-the-art air conditioning, flat-screen cable TV. Luggage storage is available in the accommodation.

The old garage, with access to the garden, was transformed into the reception area and breakfasts, social area and storage place. The garden with terrace provides a pleasant place for relaxation and conviviality.



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Harbour Inn Design Townhouse

In the two-storey landmark 1902 building, you'll revel in unique design details, classical features and Matosinhos beach views just in the heart of town. Its architecture and ambiance retain its character and charm of the past.

The townhouse offers comfortable and delightful rooms, of which some of them feature private balconies overlooking Matosinhos beach. All are decorated with simple, classical elegance and good taste. It also has a relaxing restaurant terrace where you can enjoy peace and tranquility before outing into the street animation.

Besides its historical heritage, Harbour Inn Design Townhouse combines comfort and accessibility with Portuguese hospitality and good service.



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