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São João da Pesqueira

The history and origin of São João da Pesqueira date back to ancient times, of which numerous archaeological remains still exist throughout the territory. In medieval times, São João da Pesqueira received the oldest charter in the current Portuguese territory, granted between 1055 and 1065, before the creation of the nation - fact that was eventually decisive to ensure its settlement.

The toponym "pesqueira" (fishing) is believed to have originated in these early times, following the existence of a natural reservoir in the Douro River that attracted fishermen due to its abundance of species. Presently, the municipality stands out for its winemaking activity, especially the production of the unmistakable Port Wine, as well as for the production of olive oil and the cultivation of high-quality almonds. It is also known for its cultural, historical, and religious heritage, including highlights such as the Republic Square, São Salvador do Mundo, and the Santa Marinha de Trevões Mother Church.

In addition to these attributes, São João da Pesqueira takes pride in its beautiful landscapes with terraced slopes as a dominant feature, in the almond trees in bloom as a winter spectacle, and in the Douro River as its root and identity.

TOP 10 to visit

1. Republic Square

The Republic Square is the main architectural complex of São João da Pesqueira, reflecting the continuous occupation of a community throughout various moments in history. This space of recognized historical and architectural richness reflects a time of great economic development in the municipality, connected to wine production. It features several heritage landmarks such as the Távoras Solar, the Chapel of Mercy, the arch of the Ferdinand wall, the 18th-century arcade and clock tower, and the building of the old Town Hall and Jail, currently the Eduardo Tavares Museum.

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2. Areita Dolmen - Paredes da Beira

The Areita Dolmen, located in Paredes da Beira, is one of the largest monuments of its kind in Beira Alta. It was part of a necropolis made up of five megalithic monuments, consisting of a polygonal chamber with seven orthostats and a medium corridor. Archaeological interventions at the site have placed this Dolmen in the late 4th millennium BC and have collected a set of various artifacts and materials, which are on display at the Eduardo Tavares Museum.

EM505 | Paredes da Beira | S. João da Pesqueira
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3. Santa Marinha de Trevões Mother Church

From the early days of the nation, this medieval temple underwent changes throughout the 16th and 17th centuries that harmoniously integrated elements from the 13th century. It is a representative monument of religious architecture from the Romanesque, Gothic, Mannerist, and Baroque periods, reflecting inside a scenario of rare beauty with coffered ceilings adorned with volutes and angels, the 19th-century high choir, abundant national-style gilded carvings with plant themes, and a set of Santa Marinha mural paintings.

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4. Rua dos Gatos

During the transition of the medieval period to the Renaissance modernity, it is known that São João da Pesqueira had a Jewish community dating from the late 15th century, who possibly settled inside the Ferdinand walls.

This deduction arises from the current toponymy of the historical center, where arteries such as Cats Street, Cats Alley, and New Street are identified, reinforcing the likelihood of their physical existence, complemented by the immaterialities in the uses and customs and in the various marks of Jewish and Christian symbolism.

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5. Cape House

The construction of the Cape House symbolizes the courtly culture from the 18th century.

The building stands out for its grandeur and architectural scale, well evidenced in its long main façade, leading to the local belief that it has as many doors and windows as there are days in the year.

In the extension of the House, there is a French-style garden with yews, boxwoods, and the memory of the sculptural representation of the four seasons.

Av. Marquês de Soveral | 5130 S. J. da Pesqueira
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6. Wine Museum

Architecture, wine culture and cultural landscape are represented in the Wine Museum, as it is the importance of São João da Pesqueira in the High Douro Wine Region, World Heritage Site.

Between tradition and modernity, this Museum features a typical winepress and warehouse from 1900, with five granite winepresses, a tasting room, and a wine bar. It also includes five floors dedicated to various museological and cultural functions within the vast domain of winemaking.

Av. Marquês de Soveral 79 | 5130-321 S. J. Pesqueira
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7. Museum of Sacred Art

This Museum aims to be a unique space for the preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage focused on Sacred Art, a faithful reflection of the longstanding connection between the earth and the sacred. This connection materializes in traditions, temples, and religious churches that take on a particular relevance and symbolic message. The exhibition area features a variety of objects intended for liturgy and Catholic worship since the late Middle Ages. Among the numerous archaeological artifacts, a Roman "cupa" and a medieval sarcophagus stand out.

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8. São Salvador do Mundo Viewpoint

On the left bank of the Douro River, this Viewpoint is known for its natural features where the local original Douro flora persists, complemented by the enormous rugged cliffs that contrast with the vineyards, olive groves, and orchards. In the background, you can see the Cachão da Valeira and in its surroundings there are prehistoric archaeological traces.

The sanctuary, closely linked to ancestral practices of ritualization and fertility manifested in the knots of broom bushes, is also known for its pilgrimage on Corpus Christi day.

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9. Vargelas Viewpoint

This Viewpoint is located in the High Douro wine territory, which has its limits upstream from Cachão da Valeira to the border with Spain. In this territory, in the heart of the wine and almond trees route, this privileged Viewpoint offers a unique panoramic landscape of the Douro Valley. The terraces and terraced vineyards create sublime undulating landscapes shaped by human hands.

From a distance, you can also see São Salvador do Mundo, Vale de Figueira, São Xisto, Ferradosa, and Vargelas.

Vale de Figueira - EM541 | S. João da Pesqueira
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10. Frei Estevão Viewpoint

The Frei Estevão Viewpoint, located in Ervedosa do Douro, allows for exceptional contemplation of one of the most beautiful landscapes in the region. It features distinctive wine estates on terraced slopes, the historic railway line, and hills rising in contrast to the tranquility of the Douro River in all its fullness and grandeur. Near National Road EN222, in the Frei Estevão Valley, the rhythms and daily routines are gradually marked by the values and cycles of the vineyard culture that strengthen this scenography, with the vibrant colors of this cultural landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Ervedosa do Douro - EN222 | S. João da Pesqueira
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DOURO PASSPORT

"Discover and live a unique experience!" is the slogan of the Douro Passport, the project by CIMDOURO that promotes tourism in the 19 municipalities it comprises. This promotional action aims to showcase the Douro in its differences and riches, highlighting monumentality, culture, and people as the most important aspects of this immense region of World Heritages and endless potential.

Counting on partnerships with the Porto and Northern Portugal Tourism Board and the Douro and Porto Wine Institute, CIMDOURO believes that these entities give an extraordinary dimension to the Douro Passport, converging towards its success. The Douro Passport is a project that stems from a practical, simple, and dynamic idea, allowing visitors to get their passport at the interactive Tourism stores of the 19 municipalities. In this territorial wandering, they will begin a journey of discovery through the 76 points of interest in a geographical area of over 4 thousand square kilometers, collecting the respective stamps. After completing their "journey" through the CIMDOURO territory, tourists receive a certificate of excellence and an exclusive gift. To complement and enhance the experience, there is also an available application that assists visitors in their travels through additional information on the various points of interest.

DISCOVER DOURO

Welcome to Douro! This tourist destination, a World Heritage site, offers you a perfect blend of stunning landscapes, globally renowned wines, and a rich and diverse cultural heritage.

On this website, you will discover some highlights of what to visit, where to stay, and what to eat in the region. From suggestions of iconic sites and remarkable experiences, such as the essential boat cruise, wine and regional products tastings, to visits to numerous viewpoints with breathtaking views, museums, natural parks, and historic and picturesque local villages, here you will find a variety of inspirations for your visit. To ensure you make the most of this territory, we provide you with various accommodation options, from charming hotels with luxurious and comfortable facilities, to hotels in the main cities of the region, or even country houses that offer a peaceful and relaxing environment amidst nature.

The Douro is also known for its rich and varied gastronomy, resulting from the influences of the populations from the Beiras, Trás-os-Montes, Galicia and Porto, which have contributed to its diversity and which you can experience in the numerous dining establishments present in the territory.

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