

Experience Figueira

Beaches, nature, good food and the relaxed pace of life by the sea. Discover Figueira da Foz and Central Portugal with suggestions from Figueira Beach Homes.

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Discover Figueira

Choose a theme and explore the suggestions in our Guide Book.

01 Explore the city

Bairro Novo

- Stroll through Bairro Novo, one of the city's liveliest areas, home to the Casino, restaurants, cafés and bars. While you are there, visit one of the city's most original shops: Plano B.

Eng.º Silva Municipal Market

- A great place to experience local life, discover regional produce and watch the city go about its day.

Santa Catarina Fort

- One of the waterfront's landmarks and a wonderful place to end the day, have a drink and watch the sunset.

Clock Tower and Claridade Beach

- Take the classic photograph by the Clock Tower, walk along the boardwalks across the vast sands of Claridade Beach and explore this part of the city.

Figueira da Foz Marina

- Take a coffee break by the marina and enjoy the view of the Mondego River.

Street art

- As you walk around the city, look out for street art, including works by artists such as Bordalo II, Add Fuel and Smile.

02 Buarcos

Discover Buarcos

- Buarcos is an old fishing village full of character. Take your time wandering through its narrow streets, discovering small houses, walls, cafés and traditional restaurants. It is also one of the best places to try fresh fish and grilled sardines.

A walk along the waterfront

- One of Figueira da Foz's most pleasant walks follows the waterfront from the city centre to Buarcos. You can enjoy it on foot or by bicycle.

03 Viewpoints & Nature

Serra da Boa Viagem

- A place you should not miss. The hills offer trails, walking and picnic areas, and several spots with fantastic views of the coast.

Bandeira Viewpoint

- One of our favourite viewpoints. From here you can see Murtinheira, Quiaios Beach and the coast, with views stretching far across the region on clear days.

Cabo Mondego

- A unique place where the hills meet the Atlantic. Beyond its scenery, this area is of great geological interest and is one of the best places to photograph the coast.

Quiaios and Murtinheira boardwalks

- A beautiful walk between the beach, dunes, hills and ocean. Ideal in the morning or late afternoon.

Quiaios lagoons

- For those who enjoy nature and tranquillity. A particularly interesting area for walks, birdwatching and discovering local wildlife.

Quiaios Waterfall

- A little surprise hidden in nature, especially worth visiting outside the driest times of the year.

Figueira da Foz salt pans

- Visit the traditional Mondego salt pans and the Salt Museum. A landscape quite different from the coast, especially interesting for nature lovers and birdwatchers.

04 Beaches & Activities

Claridade Beach

— Figueira da Foz's best-known beach, famous for its vast stretch of sand.

Buarcos Beach

— An excellent choice for families and anyone who likes to stay close to cafés, restaurants and the waterfront. At low tide, the rocky areas offer a chance to spot small marine creatures.

Tamargueira Beach

— Well known among surfers for the long wave that forms in certain conditions.

Quiaios Beach

— Quieter and surrounded by nature, with Serra da Boa Viagem as its backdrop. Perfect for anyone looking for space, peace and the beach.

Murtinheira

— A small, very special beach between the hills and the sea.

Cabedelo

— One of the region's main surfing spots, with several schools for anyone who would like to give it a try.

Surfing

— Figueira da Foz is an excellent surfing destination. Cabedelo is one of the most popular spots, with schools welcoming everyone from beginners to experienced surfers.

Cycling

— Explore the waterfront by bicycle and enjoy the cycle paths beside the sea. FIGAS electric bikes are a practical way to get to know the city.

Walking

— There are excellent places to walk: Serra da Boa Viagem, Cabo Mondego, the Quiaios boardwalks, the Figueira–Buarcos waterfront and the salt pans.

Arte Xávega traditional fishing

- If you have the opportunity, watch traditional Arte Xávega fishing, particularly on the beaches of Costa de Lavos and Leirosa. This fishing tradition is part of the region's identity.

Other activities

- Padel
- Mini-golf
- Basketball
- Football
- Skateboarding
- Golf at the driving range

Things to do with children

- Explore the rocks at Buarcos Beach at low tide
- Walk along the seaside boardwalks
- Cycle along the waterfront
- Mini-golf
- Have a picnic in Serra da Boa Viagem
- Explore the Quiaios lagoons
- Visit the salt pans and go birdwatching

On a less sunny day

- Not every day needs to be a beach day. You could visit:
- Arts and Performance Centre — CAE
- Santos Rocha Municipal Museum
- Maritime Museum
- Salt Museum
- Figueira Casino
- Municipal Market
- Or simply explore Buarcos, enjoy a leisurely meal and discover the city's cafés and shops.

05 Where to Eat

Buarcos

- Tyrone €
- Taska a Dentro €€
- Jóia €€€
- Mar à Vista €
- Muralhas €€
- Pé na Areia €€

Figueira da Foz

- Olaias €€€
- Caçarola €€
- Sagres €€
- Volta e Meia €€
- Casa Havanesa €€
- Picadeiro €€
- Zagallo €€€

Quiaios Beach

- Mar €€
- Sand €€€
- Náutico €€
- N2 €€
- Bart €€

06 Bars & Nightlife

Quiaios Beach

- Englo Bar
- N2 — a good choice for ending the day by the sea

Figueira da Foz

- Casa Havanesa
- Cinco Nove
- Zeitgeist
- NB

07 Culture & heritage

Culture & heritage

- Arts and Performance Centre — CAE
- Figueira Casino
- Santos Rocha Municipal Museum
- Maritime Museum
- Engenheiro Silva Castle
- Santa Maria de Seiça Monastery

08 Day trips and ideas around the region

ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS

Morning

- Start in Buarcos and explore the village streets on foot. Continue along the waterfront towards the centre of Figueira da Foz and Claridade Beach.

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Lunch

- Choose a fish restaurant in Buarcos or in the city centre.

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Afternoon

- Head up to Serra da Boa Viagem and discover Cabo Mondego and its viewpoints. Continue along the scenic road to Quiaios Beach.

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Evening

- Finish with a drink by the sea and watch the sunset.

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If you have two or three days

- Set aside another day to visit the salt pans, the Salt Museum and the Morraceira area. If you enjoy nature, explore the Quiaios lagoons and the trails of Serra da Boa Viagem too.
- And take your time. That is the best way to discover Figueira da Foz: spending a few days at the rhythm of the sea.

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Coimbra

- Known for its university, Coimbra combines history, culture and an atmosphere all its own.
- University of Coimbra
- Joanina Library
- Old Cathedral
- Machado de Castro National Museum
- Santa Clara-a-Velha Monastery
- Quinta das Lágrimas
- Portugal dos Pequenitos

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Aveiro and Costa Nova

- Aveiro is perfect for a relaxed stroll. Walk along the canals, discover the Art Nouveau buildings and try the traditional ovos moles sweets before you leave. Combine your visit with Costa Nova.
- A moliceiro boat ride
- Aveiro canals
- Historic centre
- Art Nouveau trail
- Ovos moles sweets
- Costa Nova
- Barra Beach

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Nazaré

- One of Portugal's best-known coastal towns, with strong ties to fishing and the sea.
- Nazaré Beach
- Sítio da Nazaré
- Suberco Viewpoint
- São Miguel Arcanjo Fort
- Norte Beach
- Historic centre

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Peniche, Baleal and Berlengas

- For anyone who enjoys the sea, surfing and fresh fish, Peniche is an excellent choice.
- Peniche historic centre
- Peniche Fortress
- Cabo Carvoeiro
- Baleal
- Beaches and surfing spots
- Grilled fish and seafood
- If you visit Peniche during the season when boat services are running and sea conditions allow, you can explore the Berlengas archipelago — a particularly interesting experience for anyone who enjoys nature, walking, the sea and snorkelling.

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Óbidos

- One of Portugal's most beautiful and best-preserved medieval towns.
- Porta da Vila town gate
- Rua Direita
- Óbidos Castle
- Town walls
- Churches and small squares in the historic centre

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Fátima

- For those with an interest in religion, culture or history, Fátima is one of the region's most significant places to visit.
- Sanctuary of Fátima
- Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity
- Chapel of the Apparitions
- The shepherd children's homes in Aljustrel
- Valinhos

CENTRAL PORTUGAL

Tomar

- An excellent suggestion for anyone interested in history and the Knights Templar and Order of Christ.
- Tomar Castle
- Convent of Christ
- Charola rotunda
- Historic centre
- Sete Montes National Forest
- Old Synagogue

MORE SUGGESTIONS

Batalha

- Visit the impressive Batalha Monastery. You can easily combine this visit with Fátima.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

Alcobaça

- Alcobaça Monastery is one of Portugal's great historic monuments and is linked to the famous story of King Pedro and Inês de Castro.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

Leiria

- A pleasant city to spend a few hours in, with an easy-to-explore historic centre and Leiria Castle overlooking the landscape.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

Buçaco

- For those who prefer nature and scenery, Buçaco National Forest is an excellent alternative, with woodland, trails and gardens.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

Luso

- Combine Buçaco with a stop in Luso, known for its thermal waters and peaceful atmosphere.

IDEAS FOR DAY TRIPS

Coimbra

— A full day dedicated to the city.

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Aveiro + Costa Nova

— Canals, moliceiro boats, ovos moles sweets and striped houses by the sea.

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Nazaré + Alcobaça

— Sea and tradition in the morning, heritage and history in the afternoon.

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Peniche + Óbidos

— The Atlantic coast, fresh fish and surfing, ending the day in a medieval town.

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Fátima + Batalha

— Two of Central Portugal's most iconic places in a single trip.

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Tomar

— A day devoted to the Knights Templar, the Convent of Christ and the historic centre.