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Palaces Tour Palácio de Mateus Vila Real Ref. 25431



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Descrição

The Mateus Palace, located in the parish of Mateus, Vila Real, is one of the most iconic examples of Baroque architecture in Portugal. Construction began in 1739 and was completed around 1743, commissioned by António José Botelho Mourão, 3rd Morgado de Mateus. The architectural project was designed by Nicolau Nasoni, the Italian architect responsible for several notable works in the north of the country, including the Clérigos Tower in Porto.

This stately manor house stands out for its elegant symmetry, façade with framed windows, a richly ornamented portal, and the stone sculptures crowning the entrance. In front of the main building stands the famous mirror pool that reflects the palace and enhances its scenic character. The entire complex is surrounded by beautiful formal gardens of French influence, with trimmed boxwood, statues, fountains, and an atmosphere of refinement and tranquility.

The palace's interior reveals the luxury and artistic taste of the 18th-century aristocracy. Among its various rooms, the halls with carved wooden ceilings, period furniture, religious paintings, and family portraits stand out. The library deserves special attention, housing hundreds of rare volumes, some dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. Although still owned by the descendants of the founding family, the Mateus Palace is partially open to the public and also functions as a cultural space. It hosts exhibitions, concerts, and literary events, keeping alive the tradition of patronage associated with the manor house.

The architectural beauty, historical richness, and scenic setting make the Mateus Palace an essential landmark of national heritage and a highlight of any visit to the Trás-os-Montes region.

Region



The Vila Real region, situated between the mountains and valleys of the Douro and Alvão rivers, stands out for its natural wealth and historical heritage. The imposing Vila Real Cathedral, a former Dominican church, combines Gothic and Manueline architecture with Baroque details. The Museum of Archaeology and Numismatics offers a journey through time, with collections spanning prehistory to the modern era, revealing the cultural and archaeological diversity of this Trás-os-Montes region.

Route

PORTO
VILA REAL
PORTO

- Aprox. 340 km

- 10h de Trip

Departure from Hotel
8am Estimated Arrival
6pm at Hotel

Price

Preço por
pessoa:
375€ for 1 Pessoa
205€ for 2 Pessoas
185€ for 3 Pessoas

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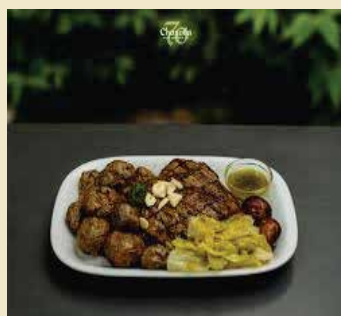
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Casa de Pasto Chaxoila Vila Real

Casa de Pasto Chaxoila, in Vila Real, is a traditional restaurant with a rustic and welcoming atmosphere. Known for its gizzards, cabidela rice, and post à transmontana, it offers authentic flavors of the region. With over 70 years of history, it's an ideal place for those who enjoy simple, home-style cooking deeply rooted in local tradition.



Restaurante Cais da Villa Vila Real

Cais da Villa, housed in a former railway warehouse in Vila Real, combines tradition and sophistication. The modern space serves signature dishes inspired by regional cuisine, such as cod cataplana and lamb with couscous. The wine list is extensive and the service is impeccable, making it perfect for an elegant and memorable meal.