



# Explore nosso Universo

## Palaces Tour Palácio da Buçaco Mealhada Ref. 25433



Here is what we offer in this program; it is just a suggestion.

Although some tours may not be available on certain days, there may be other alternatives within the scope of the program theme, ensuring if necessary an alternative, always the best experience during your visit.

### Description

This 10-hour circular tour, departing and arriving in Porto, highlights a visit to the stunning Buçaco Palace, one of the most emblematic buildings of Portuguese Romanticism. The route also includes other stops at important historical monuments, nestled among mountains and forests, ideal for lovers of architecture, nature, and history.

Departure from Porto is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., heading towards Arouca, where you can visit the Monastery of Arouca, founded in the 10th century and deeply linked to the figure of Saint Mafalda. This monument combines Romanesque and Baroque features, with a valuable collection of sacred art and one of the most important historical organs in the country. Then, the tour continues towards the Buçaco Mountains, with an estimated arrival time of around 11:30 a.m. at the majestic Buçaco Palace.

Built in the late 19th century as a royal residence, the palace is a masterpiece of Neo-Manueline architecture, inspired by the Jerónimos Monastery. Surrounded by the lush Buçaco National Forest, classified as a protected heritage site, the site offers romantic trails, viewpoints, chapels, fountains, and unique natural surroundings. The tour can include the interior rooms, decorated with stained glass, historic tiles, and period furniture.

Lunch can be enjoyed in the palace itself (now a charming hotel) or in the spa town of Luso, just a few minutes away, known for its pure waters and tranquil atmosphere.

In the afternoon, the tour continues to Coimbra, with a brief visit to the Santa Clara-a-Nova Monastery or the University Botanical Garden, both linked to monastic history and royalty. Another option is to stop in Tentúgal to visit the Carmelite Convent Church and sample the famous convent pastries.

The return to Porto is scheduled for 6:00 pm, concluding a full day of heritage, landscape, and tradition, with Buçaco Palace as the crowning jewel of the tour.



### Restaurante Mesa Real Buçaco

Formerly the royal banquet hall of the Bussaco Palace, the Mesa Real Restaurant enchants with its Arabic ceiling and paintings of João Vaz's The Lusíads. Led by chef Miguel Silva, it offers reinvented terroir-inspired Portuguese cuisine, paired with legendary Bussaco wines since 1920. The terrace overlooking the French garden provides romantic and memorable meals.



### Restaurante Pedra de Sal Luso

The Pedra de Sal Restaurant, located in the heart of the village of Luso, charms with its welcoming atmosphere, friendly service, and quality cuisine. With a Portuguese menu with contemporary touches, it stands out for its excellent steak, octopus, and regional dishes, accompanied by an extensive wine list. Reservations are recommended as this is an intimate space with about ten tables.

### Region



The Buçaco region enchants with its fusion of nature, history, and heritage. The imposing forest and the Buçaco Palace offer a romantic and majestic setting. Nearby, the Palace of the Marquis of Pombal reflects the noble and wine-producing legacy of Bairrada. In Coimbra, the Monastery of Santa Cruz reveals the grandeur of Portuguese religious tradition, with royal tombs and remarkable sacred art. A route rich in culture, architecture, and inspiring landscapes in the heart of Portugal.

### Trip

PORTO  
BUÇACO  
PORTO

- Aprox. 310 km

- 10h de Trip

Departure from Hotel  
8am Estimated Arrival  
6pm at Hotel

### Price

Preço por  
pessoa:

475€ for 1 Pessoa

249€ for 2 Pessoas

175€ for 3 Pessoas

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