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Monasteries Itinerary Mosteiro de Cete Paredes Ref. 25436

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Descrição

This monumental 10-hour itinerary, departing and arriving in Porto, is dedicated to discovering important monasteries in northern Portugal, with a special focus on the Monastery of Cete, a jewel of national Romanesque architecture. Along the way, visitors have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the region's religious, architectural, and cultural history, passing through Penafiel, Paredes, and Amarante, with stops at notable monuments and a pleasant lunch in a traditional setting.

The journey begins in Porto at 8:00 a.m., heading towards Cete, in the municipality of Paredes, home to the remarkable Monastery of São Pedro de Cete, founded in the 10th century. This Romanesque monastery stands out for its sober architecture, medieval remains, and the beautiful rose window that adorns the façade. Inside, there are tombs of noble figures and a secluded atmosphere reminiscent of Portugal's monastic past. Next, the route continues to Penafiel, where you can visit the Church of the Savior of Paço de Sousa, part of the Romanesque Route, connected to the former Monastery of São Salvador. This temple, of great historical and architectural value, is an example of the persistence of Romanesque architecture on the banks of the Tâmega.

Continuing to Amarante, visitors can have lunch in the historic center, next to the Tâmega River, overlooking the bridge and the majestic Monastery of São Gonçalo. This 17th-century monastery is one of the city's icons, notable for its Baroque grandeur and connection to the cult of São Gonçalo, the patron saint of marriage.

On the way back to Porto, there may still be time for a brief stop in the Lordelo or Paredes areas, where lesser-known but highly valued elements of religious heritage remain. This itinerary combines art, spirituality, and landscape, allowing visitors to experience the region's monastic heritage in depth and tranquility, on a circular route rich in history, tradition, and beauty.

Restaurante Paisagens de Amarante

Paisagens de Amarante offers a genuine experience of Minho cuisine in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Located on Rua Dr. Luis Van Zeller Macedo, the restaurant serves traditional regional dishes such as roasted cod, "posta à mirandesa," roast goat, and blood rice, always paired with a good green wine. Known for generous portions, warm service, and a family-friendly environment, it's ideal for groups and tourists.



Region



Between Paredes and Amarante lies a region of great historical and scenic richness, marked by the legacy of Romanesque architecture and the serenity of the Sousa and Tâmega valleys. Here, the Monastery of São Pedro de Cete stands out for its austere architecture and Benedictine spirituality. In Penafiel, the Monastery of Paço de Sousa impresses with the tomb of Egas Moniz and its carved Romanesque portal. The majestic Church of Salvador de Travanca, in Amarante, reveals the splendor of late Romanesque architecture. A perfect itinerary for those seeking culture, spirituality, and authenticity in the heart of northern Portugal.

Trip

PORTO
PAREDES
PENAFIEL
AMARANTE
PORTO

- Aprox. 190 km

- 10h de Trip

Departure from Hotel
8am Estimated Arrival
6pm at Hotel

Price

Price per
Person:

355€ for 1 Person

175€ for 2 People

125€ for 3 People

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Restaurante Zé da Calçada Amarante

Located on the Tâmega riverfront, Zé da Calçada is renowned for its traditional Portuguese cuisine, notably its roast kid and codfish à la Zé da Calçada. With a terrace overlooking the river, this restaurant offers an authentic, tasty, and genuine experience, perfect for those who want to enjoy the flavors and ambiance of Amarante.

