



# *Mafra*





# *Mafra invites you*

*Mafra, a land of experiences and emotions,  
from its blue waves to its natural green,  
from its vast historical and cultural heritage  
to the flavours and traditions. Get to know  
Mafra, all of its splendour, its celebrations  
and sounds! Mafra invites you!*





# *National Palace of Mafra*

The most important monument of the Baroque in Portugal, built by order of King João V. The complex encompasses a Royal Palace, a Basilica and a Convent. From the 1200 rooms, the Library must be noted, being one of the most important in Europe; the statuary, the best collection of Baroque sculpture existing in Portugal; The 6 organs, the only set in the world, designed to be played simultaneous; and the two carillons, with 98 bells, which make them the World's largest historic carillons.





# Tapada

*Nacional de Mafra  
(National Hunting Grounds)*

The Tapada Nacional de Mafra was founded in 1747, as a leisure park for the King João V and his court. It is the largest natural walled area, nationwide, and its 819 hectares are home to a wide variety of fauna and flora. This example of nature allows the public to carry out different activities, while enjoying an area of royal beauty.





# *Cerco* *Garden*

Inspired by Versailles, with 8 hectares, the Cerco Garden is a leisure area with a typically Baroque layout, highlighting the shady trees, wide paths, a century-old water wheel, still in operation, the Horta dos Frades (Garden of the Friars) and the Ball Game, place designed for fun and leisure in the 18th century.





# Beaches



Along 11 kilometres of coastline formed by beautiful rocky cliffs, the 13 beaches of the Municipality of Mafra are unveiled: Porto Barril, Calada, São Lourenço, Coxos, Ribeira d'Ilhas, Empa, Matadouro, São Sebastião, Algodio, Pescadores, Sul, Foz do Lizandro and São Julião.

With their clear waters, they are recognized for their natural beauty and richness in iodine.

Most beaches are located in the fisherman's village of Ericeira and have excellent conditions for relaxing in the sun, or for a more active vacation.



# *World Surfing* *Reserve*

Recognized by the North-American organization, Save the Waves Coalition, as a World Surfing Reserve, Ericeira is distinguished by the quality and the different characteristics of the waves. It is the only Reserve in Europe and the second in the World, comprising seven waves: São Lourenço, Coxos, Crazy Left, Cave, Ribeira d'Ilhas, Reef and Pedra Branca. These waves offer special conditions for the practice of surf, bodyboard, as well as other surf related watersports.





# *Cuisine*

## *and Wines*

The Municipality's cuisine is closely linked to its traditions and geographical features. There are a wide variety of specialties that can be tasted, from game dishes to seafood and fresh fish. But the sea urchins and Caneja d'infundice, are the delicacies that stand out for their aroma, flavor and rarity. Along with the fresh and ripened cheeses, the famous bread of Mafra, Rocha pears, lemons and strawberries from Mafra (Sobral da Abelheira). The Municipality of Mafra is also recognized for producing quality wines.





# *Handicrafts*

In addition to the gastronomy, Mafra's handicraft mirrors the close connection to the popular culture, having resisted to the newer ways of life. From the various arts and trades that are still alive, noteworthy are weaving, clay pottery and figurines, basket-weaving, saddlery, ceramics and tin work. However, pottery is the artisanal activity that most gained notoriety through the typical village of José Franco.





# *Nature*

In a small territory, Mafra holds landscapes and the most varied species that are an invitation to discovery. From the rurality of the territory to the coastline framed by splendid cliffs, you can enjoy nature in all its splendour and enjoy the outdoor activities available.





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