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## Zoos and Aquariums

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### Porto and the North

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**Timetable:**

Winter: 9am - 6pm

Summer: 9am - 7pm;

Maia Zoo is dedicated to preserving the animal world and is home to over 300 species living in environments specially created to replicate their natural habitats.

Panthers, monkeys, birds, bears, tigers, lions, leopards, elephants, squirrels and parrots are just a few of the amazing animals from all over the world that you can see at Maia Zoo.

And there are lots of other attractions too. There are turtles, lizards, snakes and crocodiles in the Reptile Garden; a seal and sea lion show in the Seal Pavilion; and Noah's Ark, which is home to animals from the desert and forest, as well as nocturnal and aquatic species. And there is a children's playground too. When you have finished wandering around the animal world, what could be better than a well-deserved rest in the picnic park?

Young and old alike are sure to take home happy memories from Maia Zoo.

#### Porto

### **Sea Life Porto**

**Address:** 1ª Rua Particular do Castelo do Queijo 4100-379

**Porto**

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<https://www.visitsealife.com/porto/>

**Timetable:**

Monday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from 10am to 7pm;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Bar; Shops; Restaurant;

**Access:**

Buses; Underground;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

**Accessibility:**

Accessible route to the entrance: Total; Accessible entrance:

Total; Reception area suitable for people with special needs;

Accessible circulation inside: Partial; Accessible areas/services:

Shop, Bar/Café, Toilets, Patio, Auditorium; Accessible

information: Information panels, Key, Items for tactile

exploration; Care skills: Visual impairment, Motor disability,

Mental disability; Support products/services available: Motor

disability, Mental disability;

With 2.200 square meters of interior area and more than 3,500 square meters of green park outside dedicated to the visitor, Sea Life Porto is a space for culture, entertainment and education that quickly became an ex-libris of the "invicta" city. In addition to providing thousands of visitors with a unique experience of discovering the wonders of the marine world and offering free daily talks and feeding sessions, it also distinguished itself as the first space in Portugal with a positive carbon footprint and promotes the conservation and preservation of species and marine habitats. The clown fish, the dragon fish, the black-tipped shark, the seahorses, the Sea Turtle and the Humboldt Penguin family, are just some of the hundreds of different marine and freshwater species that live in each of the 31 installed aquariums, in addition to the underwater tunnel - the first one in Pais and that crosses over 500.000 liters of water!

## **Santa Maria da Feira**

### **Parque Ornitológico de Lourosa**

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**Timetable:**

Winter: 9am - 5pm

Summer: 9am - 6pm;

In the Lourosa ornithological park, close to Santa Maria da Feira, visitors will encounter over 1500 birds of 250 species - a unique situation that qualifies it as one of the most important ornithological parks in Europe, in terms of the preservation and reproduction of rare species.

This authentic museum includes various species from five different continents, in habitats that guarantee ideal conditions for their survival. Visitors will find rare endangered species, and other exotic species, such as the Ibis from Egypt, pheasants from

Malaysia or cassowarys (one of the oldest birds on the Earth). A zoological garden with special inhabitants that should be observed with great attention.

## Vila Nova de Gaia

### **Parque Biológico de Vila Nova de Gaia**

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#### **Timetable:**

**Winter:** 10am - 5pm;

**Summer:** 10am - 6pm (days of the week); 10am - 7pm (weekends).;

#### **Access:**

Outdoor parking; Buses; Train stations;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Bar; Shops; Restaurant;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

#### **Accessibility:**

Disabled access; Reserved parking spaces; Accessible route to the entrance: Total; Accessible entrance: Total; Reception area suitable for people with special needs; Accessible circulation inside: Total; Accessible areas/services: Shop, Bar/Café, Toilets, Patio, Auditorium; Accessible information: Information panels, Key, Interactive and audiovisual presentations;

Discover how the region used to be, the lifestyles of former populations, and marvel at the animal and plant life in the Park!

Located in an agro-forestry area in the municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia, the Park houses hundreds of species in their natural habitat. The 35 ha park is located in the valley of the River Febras, that flows into the left bank of the River Douro, and whose riverbanks still include old rural houses, watermills and sluices.

The main objective of the Park is to foster understanding of the regional landscape, including its various components (animal and plant life, climate, rural architecture, uses and customs, hydrographic characteristics, etc.), and the contrast between this agro-forestry landscape and the urban surroundings.

The park also includes a recovery centre for wild animals, that have been wounded or illegally held in captivity, and a nursery that produces thousands of plants each year, from over 300 species, intended for the park itself and the public green spaces of the municipality of Gaia.

In order to discover the many attractions on offer, visitors should begin their trip in the visitor reception centre, where they will have the chance to learn about the vast range of activities dedicated to environmental education and receive information on the trails that will enable them to discover the park, complemented by safaris in the park with a guided or non-guided visit. Visitors can also see the permanent exhibition concerning the Biological Park.

### **Zoo Santo Inácio**

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#### **Timetable:**

Winter (October-March): 10am - 5pm;

Summer (April-September): 10am - 7pm;

(animals are collected one hour before closure)

Closed: Mondays (except from May to August), 25th December and all the month of January.;

#### **Access:**

Outdoor parking; Buses;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Bar; Shops; Restaurant;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

#### **Accessibility:**

Disabled access; Reserved parking spaces; Accessible route to the entrance: Total; Accessible entrance: Total; Reception area suitable for people with special needs; Accessible circulation inside: Total; Accessible areas/services: Shop, Bar/Café, Toilets, Patio;

Zoo Santo Inácio is the largest and greenest zoo in Northern Portugal and is located only 10 minutes away from Porto, at Vila Nova de Gaia.

With barely more than a decade of existence and more than 1 million and half visitors, Zoo Santo Inácio is already the reference zoo in Northern Portugal.

The large and green areas that recreate the natural habitats, are home to 800 animals of 262 species from 5 continents, help create a natural atmosphere that provides Zoo Santo Inácio with a unique appeal.

## Vinhais

### **Parque Biológico de Vinhais**

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**Timetable:**

Daily from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm;

**Accessibility:**

Disabled access;

**Access:**

Outdoor parking;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Bar;

The Biological Park is a public space installed by the Town Council of Vinhais, within the Montesinho Natural Park.

Its purpose is to help interpret the landscape of the region, not only its natural components such as flora, fauna and geology, but also its cultural and historical components; nature conservation; the promotion of biodiversity and ecotourism.