

# BRAGA

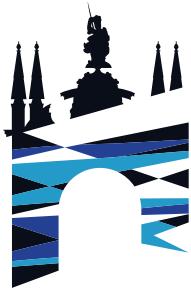
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Family leisure activities



Because the whole world fits in Braga,  
right in the palm of your hand.



### Mayor of Braga

Ricardo Rio

With over 2000 years of history, Braga is the oldest Portuguese city and one of the most ancient Catholic cities in the world. It was coined by the Romans as Bracara Augusta.

The municipality is divided in 37 civil parishes and has a resident population of about 180,000 people.

I propose a walk around town, to discover history and museums that take us back to different eras and themes.

This is your chance to learn by observing the monuments, the streets, the squares and the parks all around.



Wheelchair Accessible Tour



## Arco da Porta Nova

The place in town that served as a triumphal entrance to the Archbishops and where they would receive the key to the city. The arch has two sides to it: on one we can find a female figure representing the city of Braga and the coat of arms of its archbishop, Gaspar of Bragança.

On the other side, there's an image of Nossa Senhora da Nazaré. The origin of this arch takes us back to a severed door on the Wall, over 500 years ago. As it was the last one to be opened, it became known as the Porta Nova (New Gate).

Since the arch has no door there's a popular saying stating that "és de Braga e deixas a Porta Aberta", which means that you leave the door open because you're from Braga.



Arco da Porta Nova



Rua da Violinha



Have a look at this tiny street...

It's the Rua da Violinha.... Rua da Violinha was once called rua da Vielinha. It may well be the narrowest street in the city. In Rua da Violinha, you can still see people chatting at the windows (something rare in the city these days) and even drying clothes hanging on the buildings' façades. On a specific door there is a little tiled panel with the image of Santo António, which actually showcases the devotion of some families to this saint.



Listen...the bells are chiming!



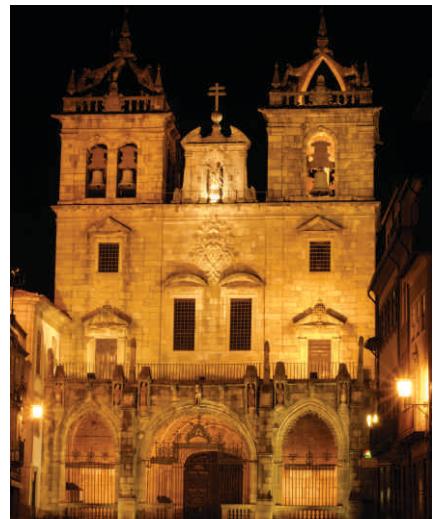
## Sé Catedral

Look! It's the bells of the cathedral of Braga...

É tão velho como a Sé de Braga (as old as the Cathedral of Braga)...that's what people say when they talk about something really ancient. Do you know why? Because this cathedral is really, really old. After all, it is Portugal's first, and its construction was ordered by Henrique, Count of Portugal, and his wife Teresa of León and Countess of Portugal, parents to our first King, Afonso Henriques. All this in the 7th century...it really is ancient! In its interior, we can marvel at history and its many different eras.

Its Treasury Museum displays some very interesting exhibits. Just look at the size of the archbishop Rodrigo de Moura Telles' shoes and try to guess what his shoe size number was! You should also take a look at the magnificent Organ and the Treasury Arch. The Cathedral has several chapels. Amongst them, São Geraldo of Braga's, who is the city's Patron, and over whom there is a legend which tells us of the Miracle of the Fruits. Don't you know it?

I'll tell you: São Geraldo was ill and asking for fruit, but as it was winter and there was a lot of snow, the trees wouldn't grow any. Geraldo, however, insisted on his request and through Divine Grace the trees in the orchard were filled with fruit. This is why on the 5th of December, visiting the chapel is free and the children recreate the Miracle of the Fruits inside the Cathedral.



Sé Catedral de Braga



Sapatos D.Rodrigo



Capela de S.Geraldo

After seeing where the archbishops used to pray, let's see the house where they lived...



## Praça do Município



Antigo Paço dos Arcebispos

This big building once held the living quarters of the Archbishops, and it was called Paço (palace).

On the other side there's the Town Hall, where we can find the Mayor, and which was idealised by André Soares, an architect born in Braga. In Braga there are a lot of impressive pieces left by this artist. If you accept my suggestion, go to the internet, browse André Soares and works linked to him. I'm sure you'll even find the one you just saw.



Câmara Municipal de Braga



Fonte do Pelicano

Right in the middle of the square we can see the Fonte do Pelicano. In the olden days, this square, now called Município, was a Campo de Touros - a bull square - and a Mercado - a market. Do you think you'll find some photographs of this spot serving different purposes?

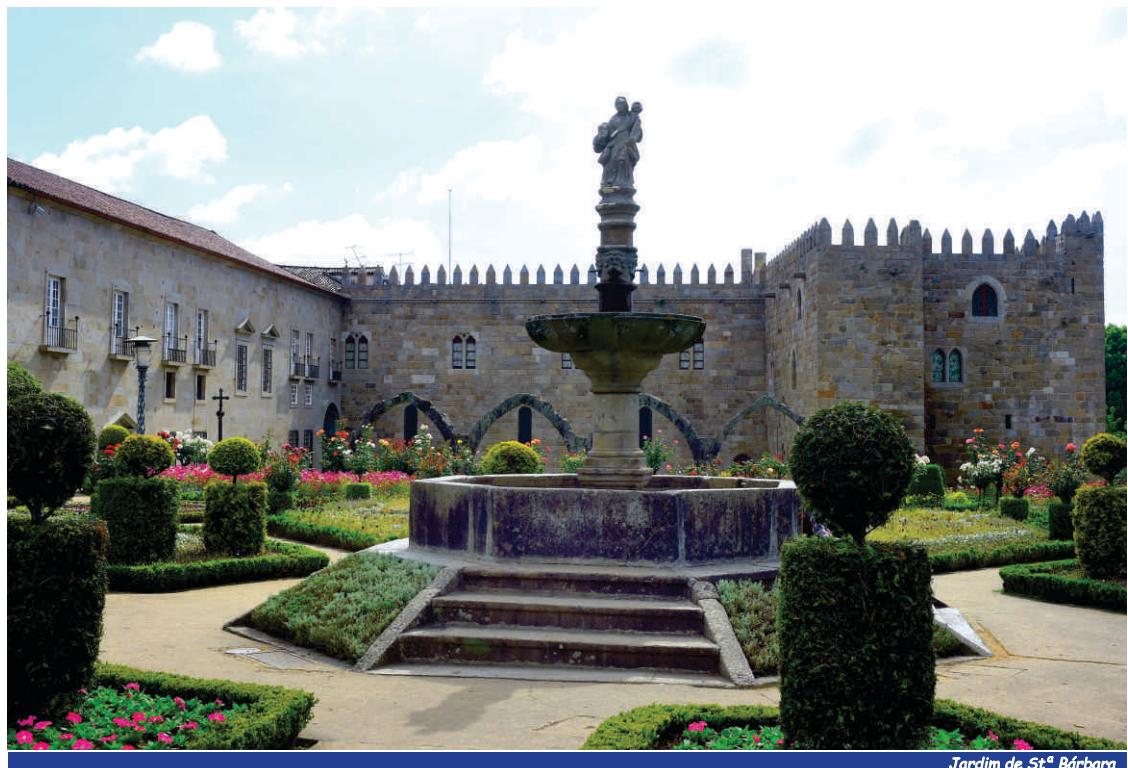
It would be funny to see all those changes..

 Now, shall we go to the garden and take a break?



## Jardim de St.<sup>a</sup> Bárbara

This garden was envisioned by a gardener named José Cardoso da Silva. Enjoy... smell the different scents in the air... It really does look like a colourful, perfumed piece of tapestry, doesn't it? The building we can see is still the episcopal palace, and right in the middle there's a fountain called St<sup>a</sup> Bárbara.



Jardim de St<sup>a</sup> Bárbara

 Now that we've had some rest, what about visiting the Igreja Casamenteira, or the "matchmaking church", as we could call it?

# Igreja de St.ª Cruz



Igreja de St.ª Cruz

It's a lovely church, with beautiful golden aisles and many symbols representing the Death of Jesus Christ.

It is also the place where many of the figures of Saints to be featured in processions, actually leave, during the Holy Week.

## Legend has it that:

Whoever finds two sculpted roosters on the church's façade, amongst the symbols of the Passion of Christ, is sure to be married sooner rather than later.

Yes, I know that you don't want to get married just yet, but should we go find them so that we can help some lovely girl later?



Friso com galos

## Casa dos Crivos

Now let's go up this road called São Marcos. I'm going to show you the house's façade, filled with wood-lattice....Right now, you don't find these kinds of houses anymore in Braga, even though there used to be many in the past. Do you see the windows? They actually look like sieves. These bars used to serve as protection for the families, from the light and heat, but also from the wandering eyes of the passers-by. Almost like the drapes used nowadays... Today, this building belongs to the Town Hall and is used as an exhibit gallery. Let's go see if there's something happening there today.



Casa dos Crivos

 Look! There's a tower ahead...

Do you know what Torre de Menagem or Keep Tower means? It was the biggest tower in the city's ancient Medieval Wall.



Torre de Menagem

### Word Search Game

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Words regarding the medieval period:

Torre (Tower), Sé (Cathedral), Arcada,  
Menagem (Keep Tower), Muralha (Wall)

## Praça da República

At last we've reached the end of our walk and we are now in Praça da República.

Here we can appreciate a beautiful image of the city with its fountains, gardens and the old Edifício da Arcada (the archery's building), which was the place where old merchants used to trade their products, and where today many gather for coffee or to read the newspapers.

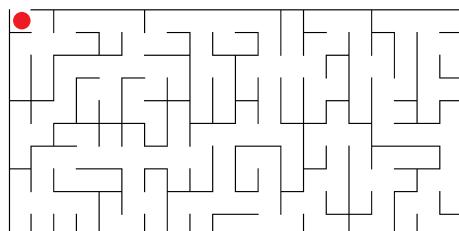


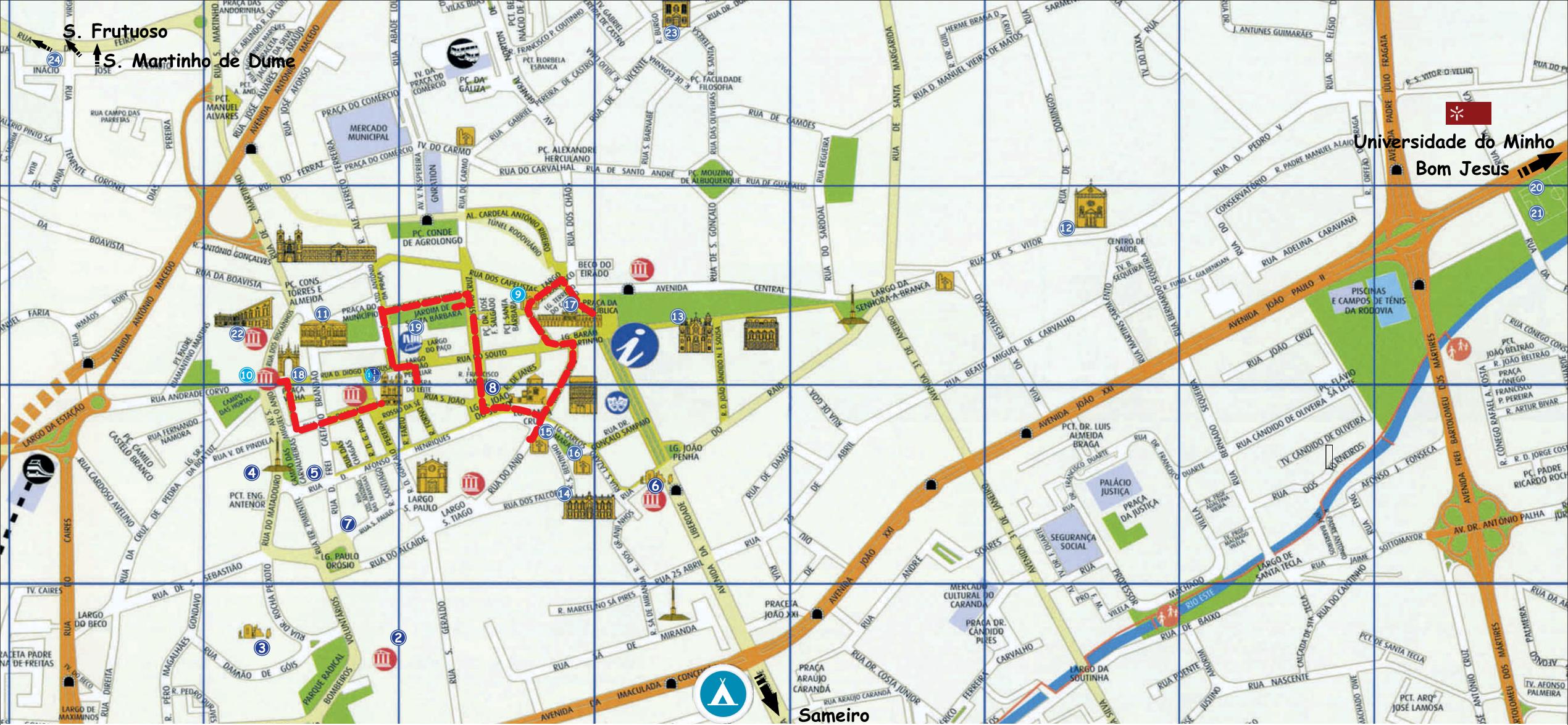
Edifício da Arcada

NOGUEIRA DA SILVA MUSEUM has a tiled garden, a labyrinth, some sculptures, and even lakes and fountains! Visit it nearby.

Peixinho Peixote, the fish, lives in the lake at NOGUEIRA DA SILVA. He wants to find his friend that lives in the fountain in Gualtar.  
Can you help him find the way?

### Game





- 1 Sé de Braga
- 2 Museu D. Diogo de Sousa
- 3 Termas Romanas da Cividade
- 4 Insula das Carvalheiras
- 5 Domus da Escola Velha da Sé
- 6 Fonte do Ídolo
- 7 Bibliópolis
- 8 Frigideiras do Cantinho



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- 1 Sé de Braga
- 9 Torre de Menagem
- 10 Pedaço de Muralha  
(inside Museu da Imagem)



- 1 Sé de Braga
- 11 Câmara Municipal de Braga
- 12 Igreja de S. Victor
- 13 Igreja dos Congregados
- 14 Palácio do Raio
- 15 Igreja de Stª Cruz
- 16 Igreja do Hospital de S. Marcos
- 17 Arcada
- 18 Arco da Porta Nova



- 19 Biblioteca Pública
- 20 Bom Jesus
- 21 Igreja de Stª Maria Madalena
- 22 Palácio dos Biscainhos
- 23 Igreja de S. Vicente
- 24 Mosteiro de Tibães



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## Outside of the city centre we can also visit other different places

### Bom Jesus

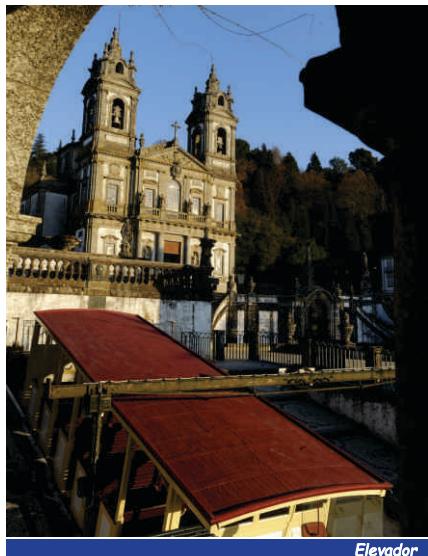
In the city centre, we are able to see from afar the Bom Jesus de Braga, whose construction was envisioned by the Archbishop Rodrigo de Moura Telles.

This is the archbishop whose shoes we've seen back in the Cathedral's Museum, remember?

There are a lot of stairs to climb, but on the way up we can see fountains representing the five senses, with water coming out from hands, ears, mouth, eyes and nose. Alternatively, we can also take the elevator, which is the only one in the world moved by water. We can also walk around and engage on some boat rowing on the lake.



Bom Jesus



Elevador

Find out where the only water-moved elevator in Portugal is. It was inaugurated on the 25th of March of 1882.

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## Leisure Activities

### A Quinta Pedagógica



Quinta Pedagógica

It's a traditional farm in Minho, where we can make contact with Nature.

It also has a snack park along with a food court area and a lab allowing people to get involved in environmental experiments. During the visit we can connect with the animals that live in the farm, all of different native species and inhabitants of the region's landscape. We'll also get to know a bit more about those animals' life cycles, their eating habits and their natural behaviour.

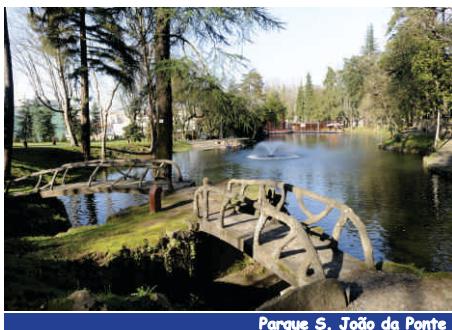
### Praia Fluvial de Adaúfe

In the summer, when it's really hot out, we'll head over to a river beach. Do you know what that is? Yes, that's right, it's a beach that starts near the margin of the river.

Adaúfe's river beach has some space fit for picnics and a spot for swimming under the supervision of a lifeguard. It also has windmills, which were used to grind cereal, back in the day. We can go there directly by bus.



Praia Fluvial de Adaúfe



Parque S. João da Ponte

### Parque de São João da Ponte

## Gastronomy

Braga offers rich and varied traditional dishes as there is ample variety in terms of gastronomy. There's a puff pastry cake filled with meat called *Frigideira* and we have a famous dish with cod called *Bacalhau à Narcisa* or *à Braga* (*Narcisa* style and *Braga* style).



Bacalhau à moda de Braga

Papas de Sarrabulho c/ Rojões

In the winter, our famous *Papas de sarrabulho*, a meaty dish drenched in the curdled blood of a pig, with *rojões* (pork meat) on the side.

There is a wide selection ranging from *Abade de Priscos* Pudding, *fidalguinhos*, *paciências*, to pilgrimage sweets and *sameirinhos*.



Pudim Abade de Priscos

Doce de Romaria

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Search for the following words related to Braga's cuisine:

Frigideiras

Pudim

Bacalhau,

Doces (Regional sweets)

Fidalguinhos

Rojões



Cavaquinho



Viola Braguesa

## Craftsmanship

The most well-known musical instruments that are made in Braga are the *cavaquinho* (a small 4-string guitar) and the *viola braguesa* (guitar), used by every folklore group of Minho. Have you listened to how they sound?

The *cavaquinho* was taken to Brazil and other countries by the Portuguese.



## Festivities and Pilgrimage

The city of Braga hosts two main events, actually the oldest of the Country: the Holy Week Solemnities and the São João Pilgrimage. During the Holy Week there are several concerts and majestic processions depicting the life of Jesus. You really have to come by then, it's truly beautiful!

In these processions we get to see the Farricocos, who are men all dressed in black spinning a ratchet in order to call the people out into the streets.

The São João Pilgrimage is the oldest in all of Portugal.

Recently, new events were set in the city, like the Braga Romana (Roman Braga) and the Priscos' Nativity Play. Anyway, in Braga there is always something to do!



Farricocos na Procissão do Senhor



Procissão da Burrinha



Romaria do S. João de Braga



Rampa da Falperra



Noite Branca

When it comes to sports, highlight goes to the Rampa da Falperra (Falperra International Hill Climb).



Presépio de Priscos



## ***Mosteiro de S. Martinho de Tibães***

The monastery of São Martinho of Tibães, previously known for being the motherhouse to the Ordem de São Bento for Portugal, is located in the North of Portugal, 6kms away from Braga.

Outside, you can roam through the biggest monastic fence that has been preserved in the country.

The monastery is also unique due to the combination it has of agricultural functions and of woods surrounding a baroque garden.



*Mosteiro de S. Martinho de Tibães*



*Capela de S. Frutuoso*

## ***Capela de São Frutuoso***

This little chapel located in Montélios owes its existence to São Frutuoso, bishop of Dume and Braga during the Visigoth epoch.

## ***Núcleo Museológico de São Martinho de Dume***

In this monastery, inaugurated on the 6th of August of 2006, are the remnants of the Suevi basilica of Dume, as well as the sarcophagus of São Martinho of Braga.



*Núcleo Museológico de São Martinho de Dume*

# Museums and museum-like spaces

With a pencil, connect the images with the corresponding words.



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**Tesouro Museu da Sé**  
(Braga Cathedral Treasury Museum)

A



2

**Mosteiro de São Martinho de Tibães**  
(Monastery of São Martinho de Tibães)

B



3

**Museu da Imagem**  
(Museum of Images)

C



4

**Ruínas das Termas Romanas**  
(Roman Thermae of Maximinus)

D



5

**Museu Palácio dos Biscainhos**  
(Biscainhos Museum)

E



6

**Fonte do Ídolo**  
(Idol Fountain)

F



7

**Museu Pio XII e Torre Santiago**  
(Pio XII Museum and Tower of Santiago)

G



8

**Museu Centro Interpretativo da Misericórdia de Braga - Palácio do Raio**  
(Centro Interpretativo da Misericórdia de Braga Museum - Palace of Raio)

H

I-G; 2-E; 3-C; 4-H; 5-D; 6-A; 7-B; 8-F

Solutions:



## To colour:



# Environment

We must always preserve the environment so that animals and plants don't become extinct.

## Fauna

Animals you can find in Braga:

Iberian Lizard; Sparrow; Stag Beetle



Lizard Iberian



Sparrow

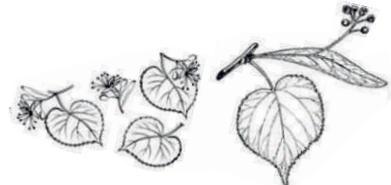


Stag Beetle

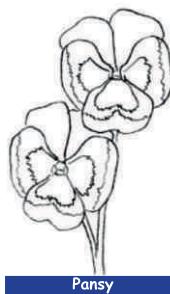
## Flora

Pictures to colour

Pansy; Oak Tree; Linden Tree



Linden Tree



Pansy



Oak Tree

I hope you've enjoyed the city of Braga  
and make sure to visit us some day!  
You'll always be welcome!

Cheers!

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