

## PLACES TO VISIT

Discover and explore some of the places that we have chosen for you

### ❖ Ericeira / Mafra

Ericeira is a picturesque town of narrow streets and low, whitewashed, traditionally designed houses. It's also a fishing town, with a host of traditions, flavours and aromas from the sea! Its people are welcoming and hospitable: a place that is only as limited as your desire to discover it.

The international "Save the Waves" organisation has classified Ericeira as the number one surfing reserve in Europe, and number two worldwide. It's possible to surf, kite-surf, body board and paddle surf here, while walking along magnificent beaches, such as **Praia dos Pescadores**, **Praia do Norte** and **Praia de Ribeira D'Ilhas**.

At lunchtime, why not enjoy fresh locally caught fish? Try the **Furnas** restaurant, which is located on top of the rocks. Here, you feel like you're actually afloat on the vast ocean. It's also the perfect place to enjoy dinner and a fantastic sunset at the end of the day. If you're staying the night and want to go dancing, try the **Ouriço** bar. Although small, it has great music and is the oldest nightclub in Portugal!

Just 8km from Ericeira, you'll find **São Lourenço** beach. Let yourself be seduced by the simplicity and calmness of the **Golfinho Azul**, savouring the fresh, char-grilled fish (sardines particularly), whilst enjoying the views of the cliff tops down to the sea below. Alternatively, just drop in for a cool beer!

About 10 km inland from Ericeira, you'll find **Mafra**. This quiet town became the centre of the Portuguese kingdom in the 18th century, when thousands of workers and craftsmen

came together here to build the **National Palace of Mafra**, the most impressive monument ever built by a monarch and one of the few Portuguese monuments to really boast worldwide recognition. Marvel at and lose yourself in the Oval Room, the Chapel of Seven Altars, the *Jardim do Cerco* gardens, the magnificent library and the two bell towers. These are among the oldest in Europe and have 57 bells each, with the heaviest bell weighing around 10 thousand kilos and the whole carillon weighing over than 200 tonnes!

Inside the **Convent Basilica**, see the magnificent collection of organs, and if it coincides with your visit, why not stay a while to listen to them. When played at the same time, the sound reverberates around the cells – it's truly magnificent! They are only played on the first Sunday of every month, at 4.00 p.m. (*prior booking advisable*).

<http://www.palaciomafra.pt/en-GB/Default.aspx>

Also visit the **Jardim do Cerco gardens**, which are situated between the National Palace of Mafra and the Royal Hunting Ground of Mafra, reflecting the perfect harmony of architectural and natural features. There are waterfalls, lakes, baroque-style gardens and ponds, ideal for both conversation and contemplation.

[www.cm-mafra.pt/Turismo1/visiteMafra/oquevisitar/parquesejardins/jardimdocerco/](http://www.cm-mafra.pt/Turismo1/visiteMafra/oquevisitar/parquesejardins/jardimdocerco/)

Don't forget to visit the Tapada de Mafra, which is great for a picnic, a walk or just to see the inquisitive deer watching you! Created in 1747, during the reign of King João V, as a leisure park for the King and his court, it covers 819 hectares and is completely

enclosed by a historic 21-km wall. The forests almost cover the total area and are home to herds of fallow deer, roe deer, wild boar and various other types of wildlife.

<http://www.tapademaфра.pt/the-tapada-in-english.html>

Near Mafra, in the village of **Sobreiro de Mafra**, visit the **typical miniature village** created by the expert hands of the famous master potter José Franco. Thanks to a remarkable imagination and a life totally devoted to pottery and ceramics, José Franco created true works of art, to the delight of young and old alike!

[www.cm-mafra.pt/Turismo1/visiteMafra/oquevisitar/museuspatrimoniovisita/aldeiajosefranco-sobreiro/](http://www.cm-mafra.pt/Turismo1/visiteMafra/oquevisitar/museuspatrimoniovisita/aldeiajosefranco-sobreiro/)

Another discovery worth making is the village of **Aldeia da Mata Pequena**, approximately 9 km from Mafra. Diogo Batalha inherited his love for rural traditions from his grandfather, the master potter José Franco (see above). This led him to bring a forgotten village in the parish of Mafra back to life.

Today, the village is a rare example of traditional, rural architecture, remaining faithful to its original appearance. Come and relax in these rural tourism cottages, walk around and meet the few "locals" who still live in the village!

The interiors of the cottages faithfully recreate how the Portuguese used to live, portrayed so well in the fado "*Uma Casa Portuguesa*" and immortalised by the voice of Amália Rodrigues.

## RESTAURANTS

### ☉ Furnas

Rua das Furnas, nº2, 2655 Ericeira

Tel: (+ 351) 261 864 870

[www.marisqueirafurnasericeira.com](http://www.marisqueirafurnasericeira.com)

Open every day from 12.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to midnight

### ☉ Mar à Vista

Rua de Santo António, nº 16, 2655-360 Ericeira

Tel: (+ 351) 261 862 928

Open every day of the week from 12.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. except Wednesdays

### ☉ Sul

Parque de Santa Marta, 2655-357 Ericeira

Tel: (+ 351) 261 864 478

[www.restaurantesul.com.sapo.pt](http://www.restaurantesul.com.sapo.pt)

Open every day, except Mondays, from 12.00 p.m. to midnight

### ☉ Uni Sushi

Rua da Fonte do Cabo, nº 44 A, 2655-285 Ericeira

Tel: (+ 351) 915 366 519

Open every day from 12.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. and from 7.30 p.m. to midnight