



Shaped by Water

In the late 15th century, Queen Leonor's transformative vision gave birth to a city founded upon thermal waters—a true wellspring of life, art, and vitality.

Discover the Rainha D. Leonor Thermal Spa and Hospital, the world's first hospital to harness exclusively the curative properties of thermal waters. To this day, the institution welcomes those in search of balance and renewal, offering restorative thermal experiences.

As you wander through Caldas da Rainha, you will sense the living pulse of its history. Five centuries of heritage continue to shape the city's identity and its warm, welcoming character. Here, thermal waters, art, and well-being unite seamlessly, fulfilling the Queen's vision while celebrating the distinctive authenticity of this remarkable place.

Caldas Creative City

In Caldas da Rainha, tradition and innovation walk side by side. Recognised as a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art, the city offers a singular artistic landscape where ceramics are only the beginning.

From the delicate intricacy of Caldas Embroidery to the mastery of handcrafted cutlery, let yourself be surprised by the myriad of art forms that flourish here. Each piece, each gesture, carries forward a heritage that renews itself every day.

Come and experience the creative energy that flows through the streets and studios, and meet the local artists and the new generations who continue to arrive from all corners of the world to experiment, share, and reinvent Caldas culture. In this city, creativity is a collective endeavour.

Caldas da Rainha presents itself as a living canvas, nurturing its artistic legacy in constant dialogue with contemporary creativity.

Green, up close

This is a city painted in many colours, a palette of experiences that awakens the senses, revealing the tones, shapes, and textures of a unique natural and human landscape, ready to inspire at every turn.

Come and explore sustainable rural landscapes, where the green fields blends with the deep blue of Atlantic waters. Venture to the Óbidos Lagoon and experience the perfect balance between history, heritage, and nature – whether you seek adventure or quiet contemplation.

Don't miss the Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark, one of the region's greatest treasures. Here, geology unveils remarkable formations while biodiversity recounts stories spanning millions of years. It's an ideal destination for those in search of authenticity, tranquillity, and fresh perspectives on the region's rich and varied local ecosystems.

In Caldas, every trail is a living masterpiece and every visitor an artist who adds its own hues to this inspiring landscape. Come and experience Caldas da Rainha.

Feel, Taste, Discover

From street to street, culture is felt and lived at every turn in Caldas da Rainha. Throughout the year, a wide range of venues and activities awaits: museums, galleries, creative workshops, public and urban art trails, guided tours, nature and water-based activities, alongside a varied programme at the Centro Cultural e de Congressos and numerous other cultural venues across the city.

And because discovery is also about flavour, do take the opportunity to sample Caldas cuisine – from traditional fare to signature dining, from dishes prepared with local produce to contemporary interpretations that reinvent the region's gastronomy. If you wish to extend your stay, options abound. Whether in welcoming hotels, rural guesthouses, or local accommodation, you can enjoy restful moments overlooking the city, the sea, or the countryside. In the city centre, be sure to explore local shops, where tradition, authenticity and skillful shopkeepers are a trademark. At our Fruit Market at Praça da República, one of the city's most iconic landmarks, you'll find a lively market with dozens of stalls, where the senses come alive and the spirit of the city reveals itself through each vendor.

Caldas da Rainha

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Inspired by the arts*

You've arrived. You are in Caldas da Rainha, a city that charms all who visit it and where life unfolds at the pace of those who wander and explore every corner.

Here, small discoveries and everyday moments stay with you, shaped by the city's distinctive atmosphere.

Caldas da Rainha is renowned for its thermal waters and for more than 500 years of ceramic tradition. This legacy still lives on in the city's spirit of well-being and creativity, in its welcoming people, and in the vibrant cultural and commercial scene that sets it apart.

City, countryside, and sea come together in a natural embrace, each telling its own story and conveying its own energy. Water, earth, fire, and air shape this land.

Let yourself be carried away. Slow down. Take a deep breath. Find your own element where art and life flow side by side.

This is a city that welcomes, cares and opens itself to the world with the closeness of a neighbourhood, and a vibrant cosmopolitan energy. Here, there is room for everyone and for every way of experiencing Caldas da Rainha

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39° 25' 53" N 9° 13' 33" O

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39° 29' 35" N 9° 09' 22" O



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Caldas da Rainha



Points of interest

- 1 Rainha D. Leonor Thermal Spa and Hospital
- 2 Nossa Senhora do Pópulo Church
- 3 Caldas da Rainha Cultural and Conference Centre (CCC)
- 4 São Rafael Museum
- 5 Cinco Bicas Fountain
- 6 Espírito Santo Chapel
- 7 São Sebastião Chapel
- 8 D. Carlos I Park
- 9 Casa dos Barcos (boat house)
- 10 Rainha D. Leonor Statue
- 11 José Malhoa Museum
- 12 Nossa Senhora da Conceição Church
- 13 Jardim de Água (public art)
- 14 Leopoldo de Almeida Museum
- 15 Casa Amarela Gallery
- 16 Espaço da Concas Gallery
- 17 António Duarte Workshop and Museum
- 18 João Fragoso Workshop and Museum
- 19 Barata Foyo Museum
- 20 Ceramics Museum (temporarily closed)
- 21 Cycling Museum
- 22 Hospital and Caldas Museum
- 23 Fish Market
- 24 República Square / Praça da Fruta (fruit market)
- 25 Almirante Cândido dos Reis Street (shopping area)
- 26 Ceres-Silos (creative and cultural hub)
- 27 Train Station
- 28 Bus Station
- 29 Escola Superior de Artes e Design (School of Arts and Design)
- 30 Town Hall
- 31 Tourist Office
- 32 Municipal Library (public)
- 33 Rainha D. Leonor Woods
- 34 Youth Centre

Bordaliana Route

- A Frogs with Open Mouths
- B Water Lily Pads
- C Tile with Frog and Water Lily
- D Giant Frog
- E Wasp
- F Hunting Cat
- G Wolf
- H Monkey Village
- I Country Woman with a Basket
- J Cabbage Leaf
- K Turtle
- L Snail 1
- M Snail 2
- N Mushrooms
- O Jewelled Lizard
- P Policeman
- Q Jewelled Lizards
- R Caldas Nanny (satirical character)
- S Swallows
- T Hissing Cat
- U Parish Priest
- V Zé Povinho (satirical character)

39° 23' 42.5" N, 9° 8' 6.9" W

