



EUMUNICIPAL
AMARANTE, PORTUGAL

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16TH/19TH JANUARY '24

"EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY"



HISTORY

In the north of Portugal, crossed by the Tâmega River and nestled in by the Marão and Aboboreira mountains, there is a region where history and culture abound. Here is Amarante, owner of a vast heritage, which you are invited to discover and enjoy.

It is believed that the city and the municipality owe their origin to primitive peoples who sought out the Serra da Aboboreira – where dolmens and other archaeological remains abound, but another hypothesis is not ruled out: the influence of settlements dating back to the Roman period.

Is through the figure of São Gonçalo that Amarante goes further. Venerated by the people, the Dominican friar arrives in the region with an evangelizing intention and quickly lets himself be seduced by the land.

Much of Amarante is due, moreover, to the preacher. The example is the old medieval bridge, rebuilt by São Gonçalo himself, over the Tâmega river. The work, combined with the fame of the saint, explains the strong influx of pilgrims to the territory and the growth of the population. At the same time, the birth of several monasteries and convents would consolidate a region that, today, stands out for being a true cultural center.

The cannonball marks, still visible on the convent's facade, are evidence of an episode of heroic Portuguese resistance. It was 1809 when, during the second French invasions, Napoleon Bonaparte's troops were stopped for 14 days in their attempt to cross the S. Gonçalo bridge, which joins the two banks of the Tâmega river.

History, arts and literature are very present in a city that claims a creative facet. After all, Amarante was the birthplace of geniuses who lent their talent to those areas. Names like Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Agustina Bessa-Luís or Teixeira de Pascoaes will not, in fact, sound strange, even to the most distracted ears.

Cultural and creative by nature, the city of Amarante gained even more prominence in October 2017, when it was classified by UNESCO as a Creative City of Music. As you will see on this visit, there are many reasons why Amarante is the unmissable destination in the North of Portugal.



FRAMEWORK

The Municipality of Amarante has a variety of specific geographical constraints associated with the diversity of its rivers and a significant forest area, which are clearly a focus of concern and an enormous responsibility in terms of environmental sustainability.

The special characteristics of our municipality, its fauna and flora, associated with our culture, make it an ecological system that is important to preserve and defend against the vulnerability of the risks of climate change.

The EU municipal project is a network of 8 European cities that aim to focus on young people who are members of cultural and sports associations in the municipalities to design activities that promote the exchange of traditions and customs within European culture. The idea is to send a clear message that in rural and agricultural areas the message of Euroscepticism can be combated and to raise awareness among citizens of the importance of reconnecting with the values of Europeanism.



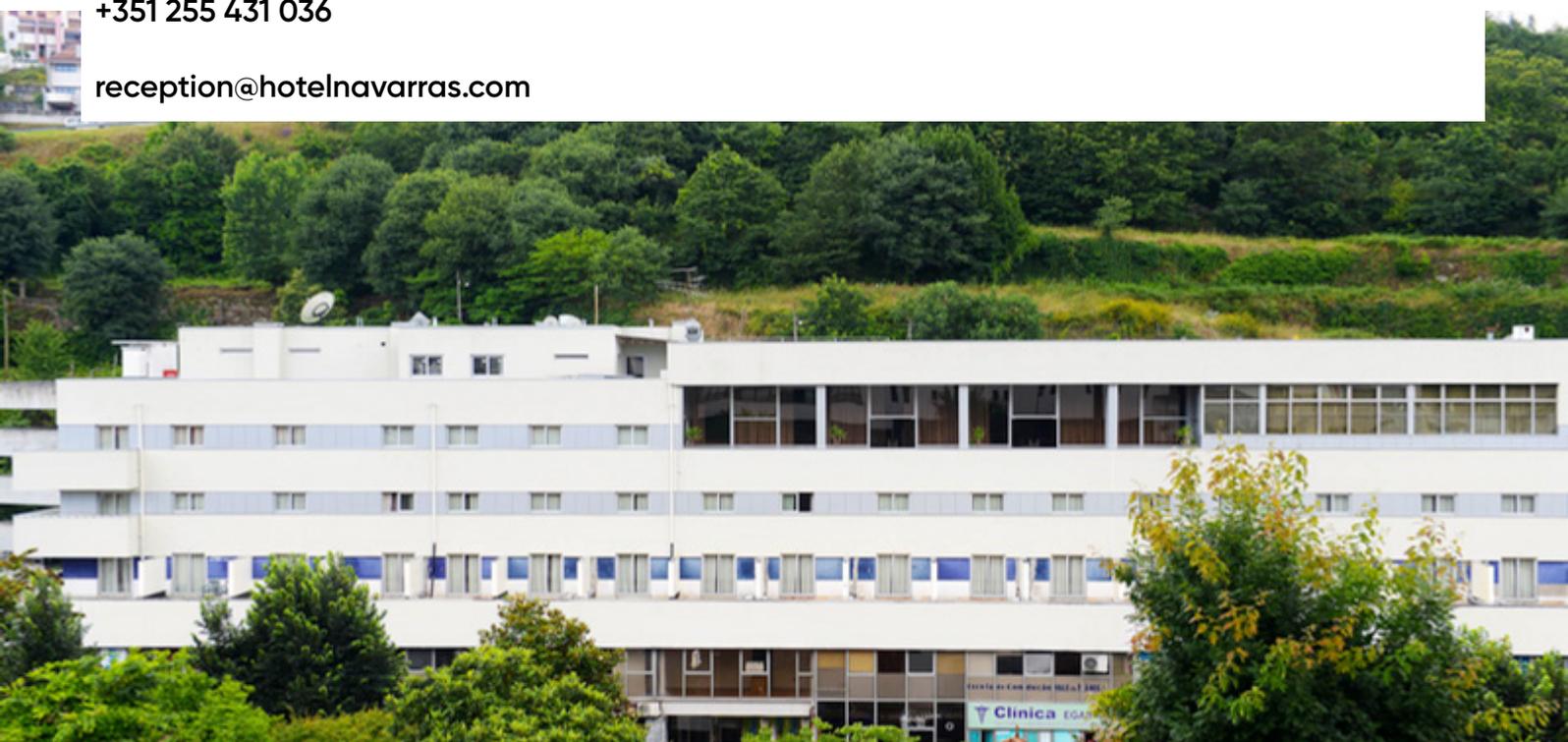
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AGENDA

**16TH JANUARY - DAY 1
- TUESDAY**

TIME	VENUE	DESIGNATION
ALL DAY	AIRPORT - AMARANTE	ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION OF EACH PARTICIPANT*
8pm	RR ADEGA & BAR	WELCOME DINNER

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17TH JANUARY - DAY 2
- WEDNESDAY

TIME	VENUE	DESIGNATION
9:20 am ↓ 9:30 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	REGISTRATION AND SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANTS
9:30 am ↓ 9:35 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	PERFORMANCE OF THE SENIOR UNIVERSITY OF AMARANTE
9:35 am ↓ 9:50 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME WITH THE MAYOR OF AMARANTE
9:50 am ↓ 10:10 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	<p>BEST MUNICIPAL PRACTICES</p> <p>Pedro Portela WHAT WE DID DURING THE PANDEMIC</p> <p>Sara Bastos RECEPTION OF UKRAINIAN EMIGRANTS</p>
10:10 am ↓ 10:30 am	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 am ↓ 11:20 am	MUNICIPAL MARKET	VISIT MUNICIPAL MARKET
11:20 am ↓ 12:30 pm	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	<p>DEBATE</p> <p>EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY IN THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC: FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL</p>
12:45 pm ↓ 2:20 pm	TABERNA DO COELHO	LUNCH

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**17TH JANUARY - DAY 2 (CONT.)
- WEDNESDAY**

TIME	VENUE	DESIGNATION
2:30 pm ↓ 3:30 pm	CONFEITARIA DA PONTE	WORKSHOP CONVENTUAL SWEETS
3:35 pm ↓ 5:00 pm	AROUND THE CITY	CITY TOUR
5:00 pm ↓ 7:30 pm	FREE TIME	
7:30 pm ↓ 10:00 pm	SURVIARIA	DINNER

**18TH JANUARY - DAY 3
- THURSDAY**

TIME	VENUE	DESIGNATION
9:30 am ↓ 10:10 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	THE FUTURE OF THE EU AND YOUNG YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EU
10:10 am ↓ 10:25 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	UNESCO CREATIVE CITY
10:25 am ↓ 10:40 am	NOBLE HALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 am ↓ 12:30 pm	DOLMEN	DEMONSTRATIONS BY LOCAL ARTISANS
12:30 pm ↓ 2:00 pm	TERRASSA	LUNCH
2:20 pm ↓ 4:15 pm	FREIXO	VISIT TO THE CAVES DA CERCA + CONCERTINA
4:30 pm ↓ 6:30 pm	GONDAR	WORKSHOP BLACK CLAY
6:45 pm ↓ 7:30 pm	FREE TIME	
8:00 pm	A TABERNA	DINNER
10:00 pm	TRAVO&CANELA	TIME TO RELAX

**19TH JANUARY - DAY 4
- FRIDAY**

TIME	VENUE	DESIGNATION
ALL DAY	AMARANTE - AIRPORT	DEPARTURE

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