


# VISEU



**Viseu is a city in the central interior of Portugal. As well as being known for its incredible Dão wines, Viseu is also known for its historic route, leaving the city with several historic buildings to visit. For the third year running, Viseu was considered the Portuguese city with the best quality of life.**



# WHAT TO DO IN VISEU

## VISIT VISEU CATHEDRAL

Viseu Cathedral began to be built in the 12th century and, over the years, various pieces have been added, resulting in a combination of styles including Romanesque, Manueline, Renaissance and Gothic.



## VISIT IGREJA DA MISERICÓRDIA (CHURCH OF MERCY)



The church's side chambers are filled with priceless oil paintings and holy objects. Some are portraits of the numerous donors to the church, while others feature religious themes or figures.

## VISIT THE GRÃO VASCO MUSEUM



Next to Viseu Cathedral, you'll find Grão Vasco Museum. The museum in his name also houses a fine collection of carved, painted Baroque figurines and other religious objects. While religious art is not normally my cup of tea, there were some surprisingly interesting pieces and a temporary exhibition of modern art.

## SHOP AT THE LOCAL STORES



There are interestingly retro stores on Rua Direita where you could get cassettes and hair restorer if you really want to!

## HANG OUT IN ONE OF VISEU'S PARKS OR SQUARES



At the heart of Viseu's historical centre, the bronze statue of King Duarte presides over a square lined with cafés and restaurants and backed by the cathedral walls. It's a great place for people watching and admiring the beautiful old buildings that surround the square.



Praça da República is leafy and flower-filled, with a fountain and merry-go-round. It's also bordered on one side by an azulejo mural. During festivals and events, there are usually activities in this square but even without extra thrills, the café in the centre is a popular spot with locals.



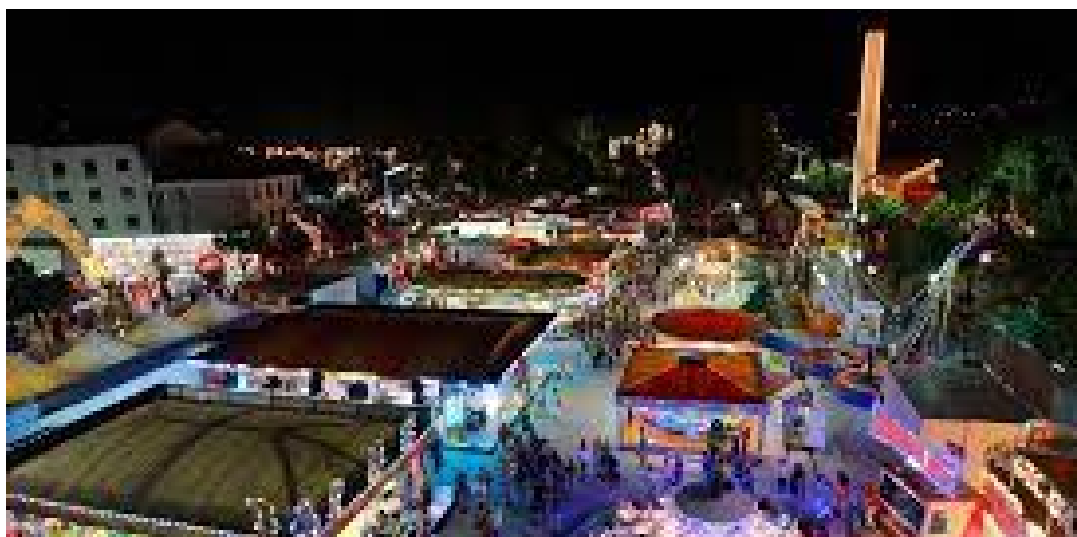


One of the reasons why Viseu ranks so highly as a place to live is its abundance of green spaces and pretty public squares. Parque Aquilino Ribeiro is a great place for a picnic with plenty of shade, grassy areas, trees and a pond.

## CULTURAL EVENTS IN VISEU

Viseu has a lot of cultural events going on for a small city, like as public art projects, concerts, wine festivals, and free street theater.

The Feira de São Mateus, which starts in August, is one of the city's main annual festivities. This is the place to go if you enjoy funfairs and concerts.



More info: <https://visitviseu.pt/>