



**Casa do Picouto
suggests:**



family activities

heritage

Ponte de Lima was founded in the twelfth century by D. Teresa. It is considered the Portugal's oldest village. When it was founded ("foral" dated 1125) D. Teresa established a market every fortnight which still takes place these days by the river Lima along the village's urban front.

In Ponte de Lima the medieval marks can be seen on the remaining walls; on the bridge crossing the river, built from another Roman bridge that provided a ground connection for the village, and serving, as it still does, as mandatory passage for pilgrims heading to Santiago de Compostela. The main church is also medieval, as are some public buildings, hermitages and fountains. Some churches and noble houses bear the marks of the baroque apogee and others depict the great changes of the nineteenth and twentieth century. Contemporary interventions have been trying to preserve and interpret architectural and landscape historical heritage, one of Ponte de Lima's highlights.

The river, a standing element, is the reference point and straightening mainstream of the village. Up to the beginning of the twentieth century it was an active communication way, connecting the village with the urban centres in the Lima Valley.

A great deal of these tangible and intangible legacy, symbolizing the collective memory of the Lima people can still be admired and enjoyed and there's nothing better than a long walk through Ponte de Lima's historical centre to explore what history tells about this place and its people.



Stories that you can tell along a walk through Ponte de Lima



Arnado theme park
Recreation of gardens from different historical dates
Arcozelo, by the chapel of Santo António



MUSEU DOS TERCEIROS

Sacred Art Museum
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PONTE DE LIMA
Museu do Brinquedo Português



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nature

The rural characteristic and the environmental qualities of Ponte de Lima offer unique landscapes integrating protected areas such as “Lagoas de Bertandos” (Bertiandos lakes), a space providing multiple entertainment and environmental interpretation activities.

A set of eco paths and rural paths are available along 70 km by the river Lima and are suitable for walks, and bicycle and horse rides.

Sports activities such as canoeing, cycling, mountain activities can take place all year round.

Golf and horse riding are a complement to the varied offer of open air activities.



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International Garden

Festival

May/october



Eco paths



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festivals & celebrations

The most famous Celebration in Ponte de Lima is called “Feiras Novas”, closing the year in Minho, on the second weekend in september.

It’s origin dates back to the nineteenth century and merges with the religious celebration in honour of Nossa Senhora das Dores.

For three days the streets of the village are filled with people coming to attend and participate in the celebrations that comprise theme parades and regular entertainment, improvised, including dancers, singers and concertina players who perform all night long for the crowd.

Other festivals & celebrations

Vaca das Cordas – This centuries old tradition, documented since 1646, is celebrated in Ponte de Lima on Corpus Christi’s Eve and still holds pagan characteristics. In fact, the cow is a bull that is led three times around the main church, grabbed by ropes, and then released on the streets of the village towards the sand, by the river. As a demonstration of bravery, some locals try to grab the bull along the way, not always successfully.



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eat & drink



Ponte de Lima provides a varied set of typical dishes, namely lamprey, from its river, and “sarrabulho” rice, served with pork cubes.

Sugar burnt custard is another specialty that you can taste a tone of the typical restaurants in the village.

And the wine, “verde”, comes from the “Vinhos Verdes” demarcated region, Lima sub-region. These wines are fruity and fresh and medium in alcohol.

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Ponte de Lima: History and Nature's Perfect Balance

Ponte de Lima City Council

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_xlmXqsrZc



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