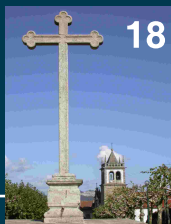


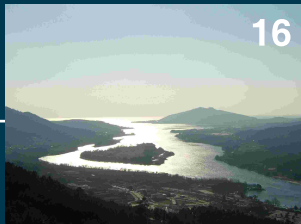
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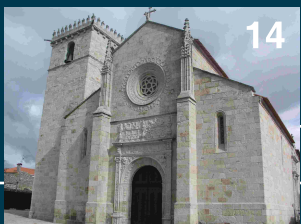
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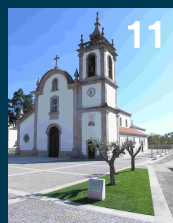
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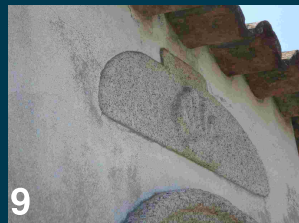
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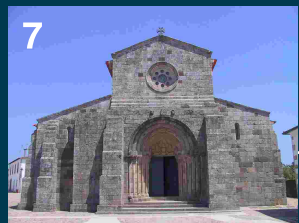
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Barca do Lago



S. Pedro Rates Church



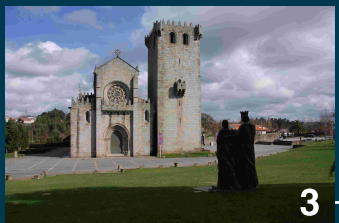
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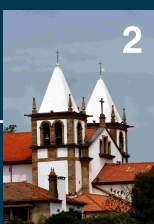
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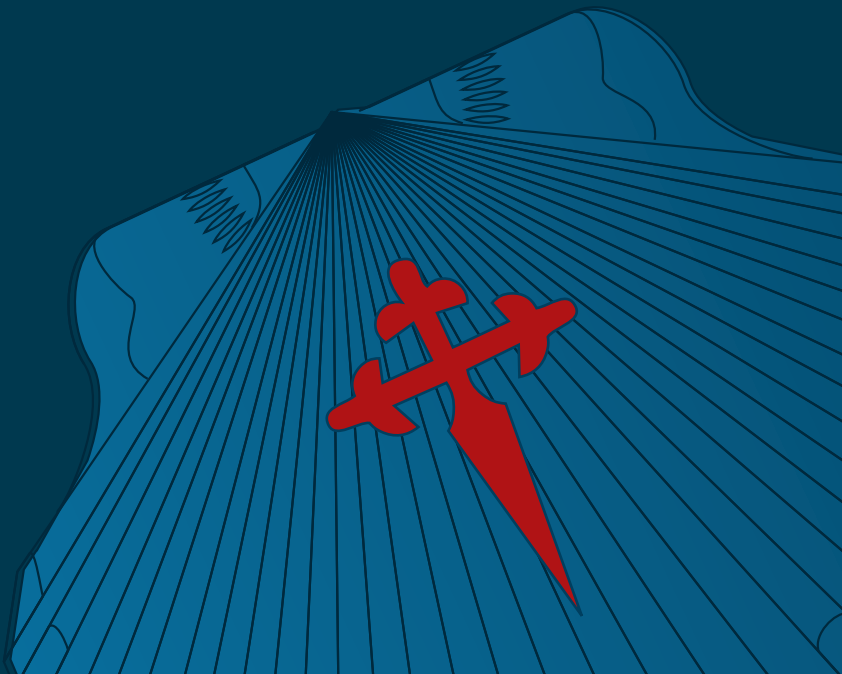
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Nossa Senhora do Bom Despacho church



S. Salvador de Moreira Conventual Church



POINTS OF INTEREST

1_ Nossa Senhora do Bom Despacho church (Maia) dated of 1738 and one of the most beautiful temples of Porto, because of the unit of its architectonic elements and ornament. It presents a typical plant of the Counter-reformation period, constituted only by one nave that finishes in the squared major chapel. It's covered by false cradle vaults in wood. The altar possesses a copy of notable cut; in the top of the main altar we must enhance the cross of Malt. These copies of cut gilded encountered also in the nave were accomplished during the recuperation works on June 26th, 1996. During these works, two crosses of Malt were found occult in the wall, and a picture that was behind the image of Nª Sª do Bom Despacho. In the body of the church we point out a magnificent vitral (multicolored or polychrome glass on windows) of Nª Sª do Bom Despacho.
2_ S. Salvador de Moreira Conventual Church (Moreira J Maia) - An old monastery that dates of middles of 9th century. The church, from the sixth century, is the oldest of the Porto's Diocese, has taken 34 years to be built. In the middle of the 12th century, this Monastery would already have adopted the rule of Santo Agostinho. The facade of the Church is ruled and austere. The granite gives is a gloomy tone. The plant of the Church has only nave, with a false transept that has been use for chapels, having also, in the second superior third of the nave, two lateral chapels. The wealth of the Church is strongly increased by the main altar and by the two altars of the crossing, of subsequent execution of the building, in Maia's Baroque gilt woodwork. We point also the sixth century tiles of continuous pattern, the canon's cathedra, the sacristy ceiling in chestnut tree caissons, the North wing of the Monastery, the Baroque organ of Arp Schnitger's authorship and the Saint Log's relic that is from 1085.
3_ Santa Maria Monastery (Leça do Balio | Matosinhos) Building of Gothic style architecture, built in the fourteenth century. The foundation of the monastery is previous to the tenth century, having been donated in 1112, for Countess D. Teresa, to the Ordem dos Cavaleiros Hospitalários de S. João de Jerusalem. During the Middle Age it had carried out an important function for the pilgrims' reception in their way to Santiago de Compostela. In the interior deserves matter attention the baptismal sink (sixteenth century) sculpted by Diogo Pires, the "Moço" (Young man), and a sepulchral sheet of bronze (fourteenth century). In the exterior stands out the cross (sixteenth century) sculpted by Diogo Pires, the "Moço".
4_ Goimil Bridge (Custóias | Matosinhos) Goimil Bridge is a rack bridge with an ogive arch, built in masonry of irregular granite, presenting a typology constructive characteristic of the Middle Age (centuries XIII-XIV), located in the place of Goimil, close to in the parish of Santiago de Custóias. In this place passed a road, probably of Roman origin and with some regional importance. It appears referenced in the Inquiries of 1258. It began near Douro River, in the zone of Arrábida, it crossed the river Leça in this place and of here it went for the estuary of the river Ave.
5_ São Tiago Parish Church (Labruge | Vila do Conde) the São Tiago Maior Church in Labruge it is raised in the margin of the public highway from Porto to Vila do Conde. Dependent of the Monastery of S. Salvador de Moreira da Maia it is since immemorial times, pilgrims' support, that passed over there, whether from Moreira, or from the road of the coast, from Lordelo do Ouro, today in Porto. The main body was built in 1711, for a local master, Domingos Gonçalves Canário, being eminently Baroque. One century later the tower was built, according to the legend, only by one bricklayer, whose name is unknown, and for his two daughters.
6_ Mercy Church (Vila do Conde) the Mercy Church in Villa do Conde it was built along the whole century XVI, having already finished only your works in the century XVII. For that reason the House of the Mercy that is to north immediately shows two windows "seiscentistas" and a window "manuelina". The facade, sober, example of the Philippine renaissance, is a beautiful example of the new architecture of the against-reform. It is in the Mercy of Villa of Conde, in your hospital, bordering to the church that since the century XVI Santiago's pilgrims find documented lodging.
7_ S. Pedro Rates Church. (Póvoa do Varzim) the S. Pedro Rates church (MN, Dec. 16-06-1910, DG 136 of 23 June 1910), it was built starting from 1100 by donation of Conde D. Henrique and D. Teresa to the Priorate of La Charité sur Loire. Composed plant, of Latin cross, of three ships, ábside and round absidiólos. The frontaria presents in the tympanum Cristo Pantocrator's illustration, cut out in an oval rain cloud and flanked by two illustrations. Under the cornice he/she runs a modilhões renque. In the interior, the central ship is separate from the lateral ones for arches unequal, round or broken, leaning on robust pillars of different typology. The covering of the ships is made of wood. I scheme him/it recto of the ábside it is covered with a vault of broken cradle while the zone fundeira has vault in sphere room.
8_ Santo André Chapel (Póvoa de Varzim) Hermitage of probably medieval origin, referenced in Tombo de Amorim (the parish to which he belonged), 1546, and other previous documents. Popular religious architecture building, featuring a single nave.
9_ André Shrine (Apúlia | Esposende) André Shrine are embedded in the wall of a house, opposite Nossa Senhora da Caridade Chapel. The frames constructed with granite pedestal are more salient. The niche is rectangular finishing off in round arch. On the top of it, we also see in granite, the symbolic representation of the pilgrims the Santiago of Compostela, including hat and scallop which proves that we have a path, albeit minor, of pilgrimage.
10_Barca do Lago (Gemeses | Good Source | Esposende) the fluvial passage in Barca do Lago is point of reference for the pilgrims that, coming from S. Pedro de Rates through Lagoa Negra, went for Santiago de Compostela. The map of Seco of 1560 marks with clarity the real highway and this fluvial passage in Barca do Lago through boat. From the site of Barca do Lago, the parish of Gemeses, could opt to take a northerly direction through a variant on the coast, roughly following the existing road passing by Castelo de Neiva, Anha, Darque and Viana do Castelo.
11_ São Tiago Parish Church (Castelo de Neiva | Viana do Castle) In the Church of Castelo de Neiva, behind a right side altar, we found an inscription which is considered as the oldest consecration of a church to São Tiago, which exists outside the Spanish territory. The inscription states that in the era of 900 (corresponding to the year 862), Bishop Nausti, dedicated a church to the Apostle. That's why the Parish Church of São Tiago in Castelo de Neiva is undoubtedly, a major milestone in the history of worship and pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela since medieval times.
12_Old Hospital (Viana do Castelo) The pilgrimages to Santiago were, in the Medium Age, almost an obligatory trip that all the Christians had to undertake, therefore, according to the legend, who abstain from this journey in life was doomed to be making it after death. With the movement of pilgrims that were coming along the road to Santiago, a large number of shelters and hospitals were built in order to assist them. The Old Hospital of Viana do Castelo, has its origin precisely as a support structure for travelers where they could relax, dine and sleep in safety. The façade bears a copy from the sixteenth century of the original inscription, which states the year of its erection (1468), by João Pais.
13_ Santo Isidoro Chapel (Moledo | Caminha) of small proportions, with porch for pilgrims' shelter, the chapel has only one ship, with stone vault, in cannon form. It was headquarters of the oldest brotherhood of Council, with the same name, founded in 1600, instituted in a period of great drought, chapel of many clamors and processions. The image of wood from the seventeenth century of Santo Isidoro (Oracle), as well as the colorful wood image of Santiago (XVIII), nowadays in Moledo Church.
14_ Mother Church (Caminha) National Monument since 1910, authentic ex-libris, a symbol of faith and persistence of the "caminhenses" (Caminha inhabitants). Begun in 1488, in the reign of D. João IV, its construction lasted for over sixty years. The structural level, falls within the Gothic Parish, although we already notice some Renaissance traits. Inside is the sculpture of the Apostle Santiago Maior in the Altarpiece-shrine of Santíssimo Sacramento Chapel (wooden polychrome of the 17th century).
15_Historical Center (Vila Nova de Cerveira) Founded by King D. Dinis, in the beginning of the fourteenth century, the town grew up around its castle. The town retains many medieval features, allowing the visitor to enjoy a space marked by buildings of great historical and artistic value, where we highlight the Manor of Castros and the Main Church as well as the entire core of the walled castle, with its houses and the sixteenth century town hall, a symbol of municipal autonomy.
16_Belvedere (Cervo | Vila Nova de Cerveira) Located in one of the spurs of the "Serra da Gávea" offers a panoramic view of the final course and mouth of Rio Minho, and over much of the green mass that comprises the municipality of Vila Nova de Cerveira. Here was symbolically placed a sculpture of a deer authored by master sculptor José Rodrigues, who, bringing to life the legend of Cerveira Lands, the majestic animal watches over the destinies of those stops.
17_ Historical Centre (Valença) work of Gothic and Baroque military architecture. First walls built in the 13th century (1200). Now: type system bastion Vauban, 17th and 18th centuries. Is formed by two polygons: the Square and the Crowned, separated by a gap, with false reveling breeches and four reveling that protect many other doors (Coroada, Gaviarra, Fonte da Vila e Sol), as well as 12 ramparts, the "Paiol do Açougue" (Storeroom of the Butcher), o "Paiol de Marte" and several bunker gears.
18_ Benedictine convent (Ganfeil |Valença) Old and majestic Benedictine convent dating back probably to the seventh century. In 1018 have been rebuilt by Dom Ganfrido, who died with a reputation of Saint. Reformulated in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries has various Romanesque architectural elements still visible. Church with three naves and four Romanesque aisles, with a tripartite head. The main facade is an imposing bell tower of square plan. It features a rectangular shape, with two floors, with part adjoining the church. Preserved, beyond the cloister, are some elements belonging to fountains, fountain spouts and the former convent.

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