

## Mercado Municipal da Póvoa de Varzim

Póvoa de Varzim Market is located in the city center, in Praça Marquês de Pombal. The entrance of the public market is the part of the market that is still preserved since 1920 until today.

The second building, built to be a market, was opened in 1903. This market was outdoors, surrounded by 4 towers (today only 2 remain). With the new mayor of Póvoa de Varzim, work began and a new market was opened in 1904. On April 18, 1904, the market changed its name to **Mercado David Alves**, in honor of its booster.

But in the 1970s of the last century, it was decided to build a sheltered market, based on a project by the architect Campos Matos - a building with 6,499 m<sup>2</sup>, spread over two floors. Work began in 1979 and the new Market opened on July 2, 1982, with construction completed in January of that year. The building required the demolition of the towers that flanked the square to the north and the public garden that faced Avenida Mouzinho de Albuquerque. The ones that flanked the Square on the South continued to be used for commerce and their maintenance was decided to preserve the local memory, as well as the iron gate and respective grid wall. In 1996, the local City Council restored the remaining towers and, in 2009, a new project is presented for the square, in which the lost towers and garden are restored. A new sheltered building is finally created, smaller and with less impact on the square.

Next to the Market, you can also appreciate the *Monument to the Dead of the Great War*, in Praça do Marquês Garden, and the *Statue of David Alves*, and the former *Posto da Junta Autónoma das Estradas* (today, a kiosk) or the *Palacete do Postiga* (today, the police station of the Public Security Police).



Nowadays, there is a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, fish and meats inside with recent works that left it improved. The benches are authentic paintings, the vegetables, fruits, fish and meats are placed in harmony and color. A wonder for the eyes, fantastic and unique quality rhymes are products of the land (Póvoa de Varzim). Visit and buy.

Outside there are some stores with other utilities. There are lots of parking spaces around you, but most of them are always a matter of taking a few turns. Without paying at about 100 meters there is the park at the former municipal police headquarters.

