



# Valença do Minho

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- Valença do Minho is a lovely city in the North of Portugal, in the district of Viana do Castelo, and in the sub-region of Minho-Lima.
- It is situated on a hill on the left bank of the Minho River.
- The city of Valença has 2.51 km<sup>2</sup> and it has about 11.120 residents.
- It has sixteen villages. The largest village is called Cerdal.
- Some of its monuments are:



The Ganfei Convent  
Jesus Chapel



The Saint Estevão Church

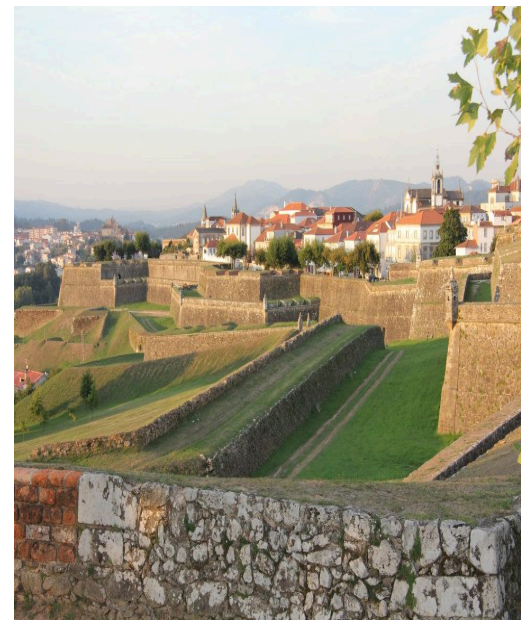


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# The fortress

- Nowadays Valença is a very beautiful historic and touristic city.
- The fortress , a monument of global value, with its substantial dimensions offers thousands of visitors an unique opportunity to get to know Valença´s landscape, history, commerce, culture and gastronomy.
- It also offers visitors top quality accommodation, especially at the “Pousada S. Teotónio”.



# Monuments

Many monuments and places of interest enrich Valença, such as:

- Santa Maria dos Anjos's Church
- Colegiada or Santo Estevão Church
- Bom Jesus's Chapel
- Misericórdia's Chapel
- Ancient Town Hall (Domus Municipalis)
- S.Teotónio's Statue
- Powder-room of Açougue
- Powder-room of Marte (1715)
- Roman Milestone
- House of Eirado
- The old international Eiffel bridge





# Museums

There are four museums in Valença:

- Train Museum
- Fire Brigade Museum
- Municipal Museum Center
- Collection of weights and measures



# Commerce

- Valença is also well known in Northern Portugal and Galicia for its commerce and its trading spirit.
- The historic city centre is full of shops that sell clothes, jewellery, household items for example, towels, linen, dishware, silverware, among other things.
- Besides the traditional shops, Valença also has a fair market every Wednesday and a monthly fair market (on the first Sunday of each month).



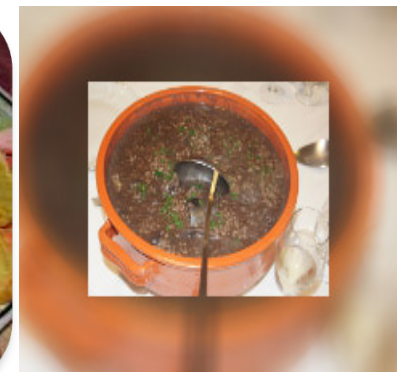
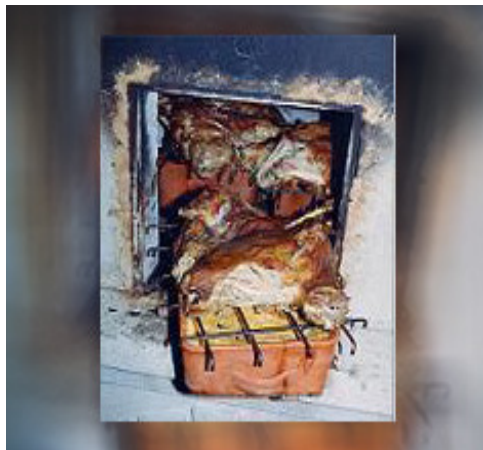


# Gastronomy



- Valença is also famous for its cuisine. It is a privileged destination for tourists and recently its famous green cabbage soup “Caldo Verde” has been considered one of the Seven Wonders of The Portuguese Gastronomy.
- When visiting our city, don't forget to taste our famous dishes. We suggest the following:

As a starter, the famous green soup; then as a fish dish, the typical cod “Bacalhau” or the lamprey of the Minho River. As a meat dish, our roasted goat kid, “Cabrito à moda de Sanfins” and as for dessert, the famous pastries “Valencianos”, the rice pudding or the “Borrachinhos” of Valença.



# Festivities

- Valença celebrates its Municipal public holiday on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.
- It is the birth date of the first Portuguese saint, *S. Teotónio*.
- He was born near Valença and he is the patron saint of the city.
- The annual festivities of Valença are celebrated in August but on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, we have a pilgrimage in honour of *Nossa Senhora of Faro*.





# Conclusion

Valença is a living museum of so many centuries and it is an irresistible invitation to history, culture, commerce and to gastronomy.

