

COIMBRA 2020

Tour Guide

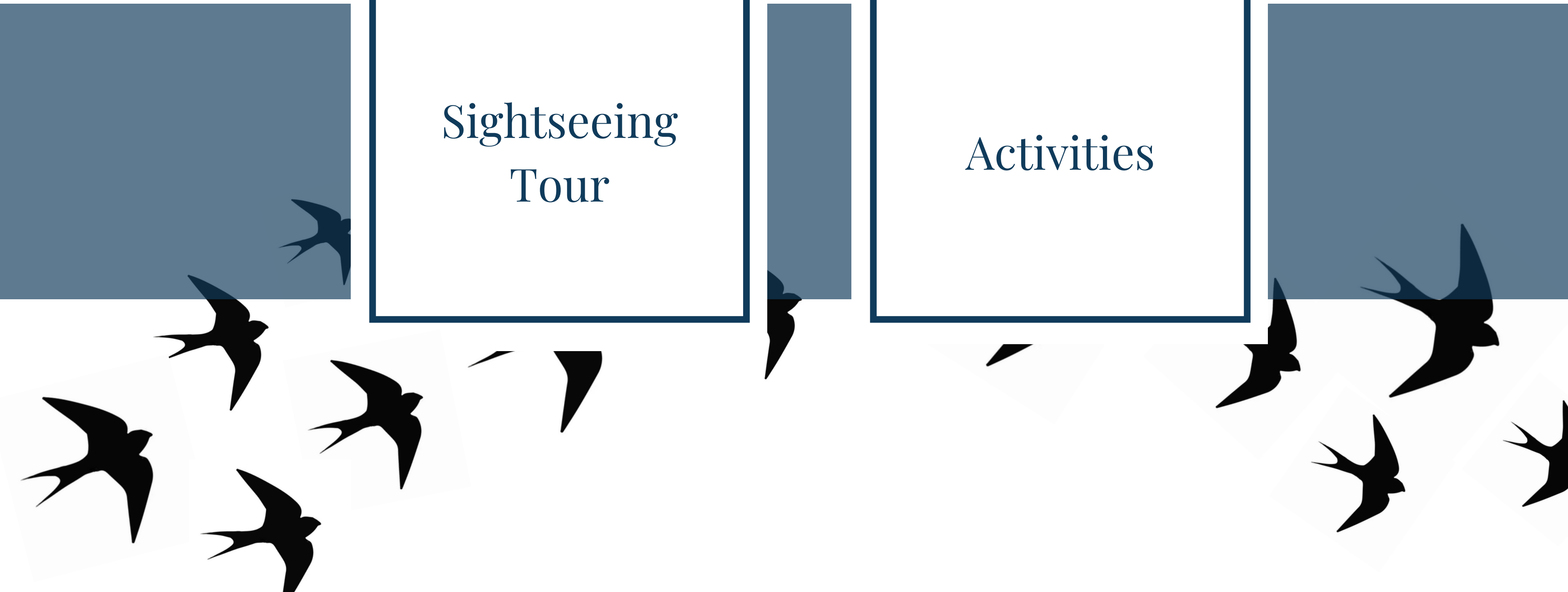
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Universidade de Coimbra

Coimbra's Unesco-listed university, one of the world's oldest, was originally founded in Lisbon in 1290. It was subsequently relocated several times before being permanently established in Coimbra in 1537. Its showpiece centre is the Pátio das Escolas, a vast courtyard surrounded by majestic 16th- to 18th-century buildings. These include the Paço das Escolas, Torre da Universidade, Prisão Acadêmica, Capela de São Miguel and Biblioteca Joanina.

Phone: during the week (+351) 239 242 744 | weekend (+351) 239 859 884

Location: Largo Marquês de Pombal, Coimbra.

Prices: ticket for adult/child includes Paço das Escolas, Biblioteca Joanina, Capela de São Miguel & Museu da Ciência €12.50/free, without Biblioteca €7/free.

Hours: 9 am–7.30 pm Mar–Oct, 9 am–1 pm & 2 pm–5 pm Nov–Feb



Laz University

Sé Nova



Location: Largo da Sé Nova, Coimbra

Phone: 239 823 138

Hour: Monday to Saturday 09 am to 5h30 pm. Sunday 10 am to 12h30 am.

Price: 1€

The landmark 'new' cathedral, started by the Jesuits in 1598 and completed a century later, dominates the square of the same name high in the old town. Its two-tier white facade gives onto a cavernous interior adorned with gilt side panels and an ornate baroque altarpiece. It also features a gallery of reliquaries featuring bones and worse from minor saints and bishops, including St Francis Xavier and St Luke (so it's claimed!). Climb to the platform for uplifting city views.



Sé Velha

Coimbra's 12th-century cathedral is one of Portugal's finest examples of Romanesque architecture. The main portal and facade are particularly striking, especially on warm summer evenings when the golden stone seems to glow in the soft light. Its construction was financed by Portugal's first king, Afonso Henriques, and completed in 1184 at a time when the nation was still threatened by the Moors, hence its crenellated exterior and narrow, slit-like lower windows. Interior highlights include an ornate late-Gothic retablo and a lovely 13th-century cloister. Inside, the high, barrel-vaulted nave retains its main Romanesque features; side altars and well-preserved Gothic tombs of bishops are backed by bright Andalusian tiles. Over the main altar, the flamboyant gilt retablo depicts the Assumption of Mary. Contrast this with the grey tones of the Renaissance Capela do Santíssimo Sacramento alongside.

Location: Largo Sé Velha, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 825 273

Hour: Monday to Friday 10 am to 5h30 am. Saturday 10 am to 6h30 am. Sunday 11 am to 5 pm.

Prices: 2,5€ (individual) | 2€ (group)

Igreja de Santa Cruz

Church in Coimbra Overlooking the graceful Praça 8 de Maio, this is one of Coimbra's oldest churches, dating to the 12th century. Little remains of the original Romanesque structure, and it owes much of its current look to a 16th-century makeover. Step through the Renaissance porch and flamboyant 18th-century arch to the echoing tiled interior where you'll find the elaborate tombs of Portugal's first kings, Afonso Henriques and Sancho I. Also impressive is its restrained Manueline cloister.

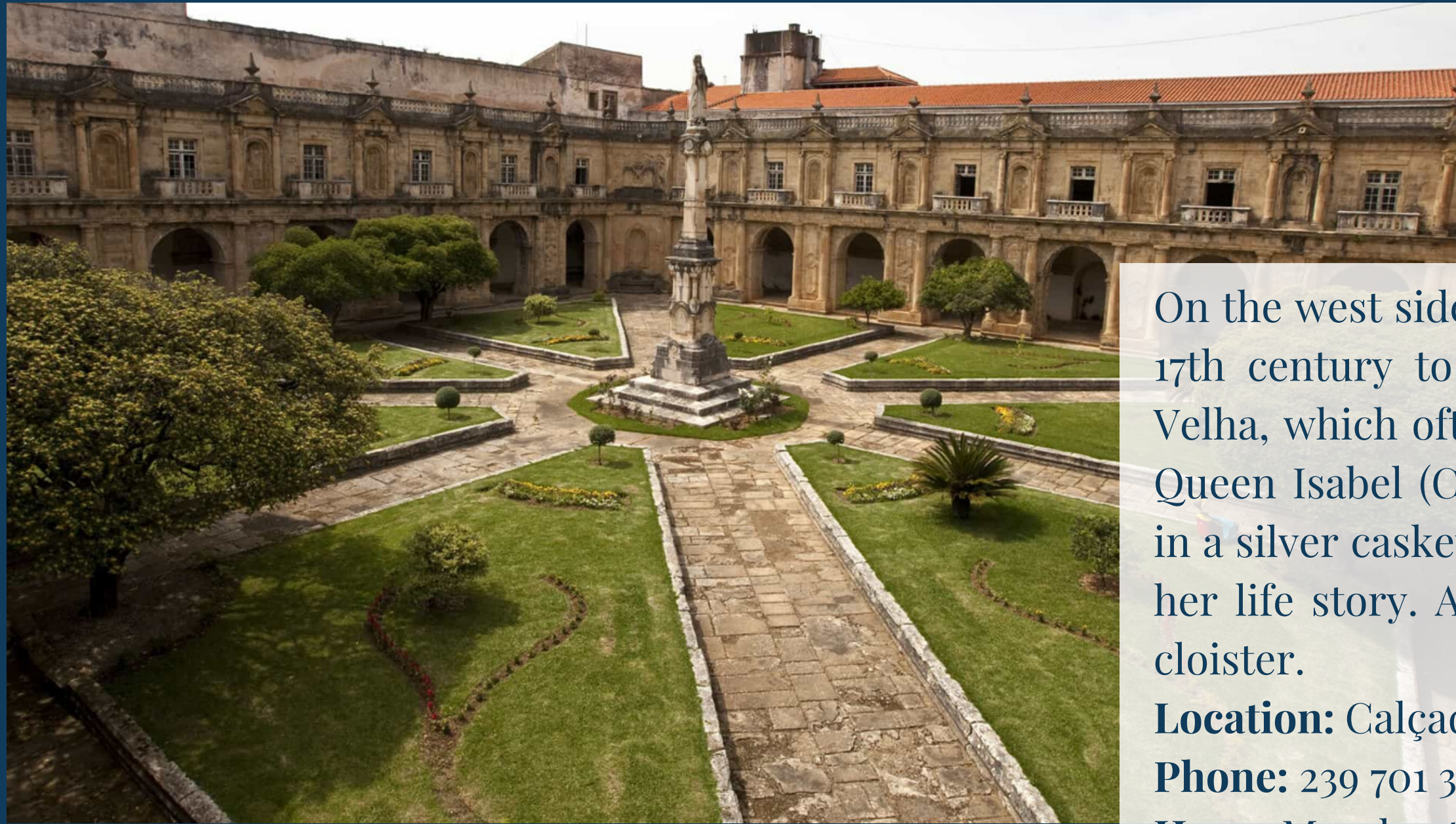
Location: Praça 8 de Maio, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 822 941

Hours: Monday to Saturday 9h30 am to 4h30 pm. On Sunday and religious holiday 1 pm to 5 pm.

Price: child free | adult 3€





On the west side of the river, this imposing convent was built in the 17th century to replace the original Convento de Santa Clara-a-Velha, which often suffered flooding. It's devoted almost entirely to Queen Isabel (Coimbra's patron saint), whose remains are encased in a silver casket above the altar. Paintings along the aisles illustrate her life story. Also of note is the convent's attractive 18th-century cloister.

Location: Calçada de Santa Isabel, Alto de Santa Clara, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 701 391

Hour: Monday to Friday 9 am to 6h30 pm. Saturday to Sunday and religious holidays 9 am to 5pm.

Prices: 2€

Convento de Santa Clara-a-Nova



This Gothic convent was founded in 1330 by the saintly Queen Isabel, Dom Dinis' wife; it served as her final resting place until flooding forced her to be moved uphill. The adjacent museum displays archaeological finds and shows two films, one about the nuns who lived here, the other documenting the 20-year renovation that cleared the river ooze that had buried it since the 17th century.

Location: R. Baixo 57, Santa Clara, Coimbra

Phone: 239 701 391

Hour: 10 am to 5h30 pm. Closed on Mondays, January 1st, Easter, May 1st and December 25th.

Prices: 4€ | 2€ (students and seniors)

Convento de Santa Clara-a-Velha

Seminário Maior

Next to the Botanical Garden, you will find one of the most impressive presences of Italian art in Portugal, with more than 250 years of history: from the marks of the 1755 Earthquake, to the remains of the First French Invasions, passing through the relics of the 12 Apostles and one of the most beautiful domes in Europe.

Location: Rua Vandelli, nº 2, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 792 340

Hour: 2 pm to 6 pm (necessary to book 24h in advance)

Price: 5€ (individual) | 3€ (group – more than 10 people)



Igreja e Museu da Misericórdia



After the extinction of religious orders in Portugal, the property became the property of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Coimbra. The church, the archive and the Misericórdia museum are also used here, which houses several works of art. In 1841 the institution moved its orphans here, so the space became known as the “Colégio dos Órfãos”. At the end of the 20th century, the University of Coimbra leased part of the building in order to install the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.

Location: Rua Sobre Ribas, 49 Coimbra – Portugal

Phone: 239 823 403

Hour: 9h30am to 12h30am and 2 pm to 5h30pm

Price: 2€ (individual)



Museu Nacional Machado de Castro

This great museum is a highlight of central Portugal. Housed in a 12th-century bishop's palace, it stands over the city's ancient Roman forum, remains of which can be seen in the maze of spooky tunnels under the building – the cryptoporticus. Once you emerge from this, you can start on the fascinating art collection, which runs the gamut from Gothic religious sculpture to 16th-century Flemish painting and ornately crafted furniture. Particularly spectacular is the vast recreation of a chapel from the Convento de São Domingos, but highlights abound. These include a section of the delicate cloister of São João de Almedina and some exquisite alabaster pieces from England. Sculptural works trace the development of Portuguese sculpture from the 11th century, showing how the arrival of Renaissance masters from across Europe paved the way for a distinctive Coimbra tradition. You can admire terracotta figures from a 16th-century Last Supper by the mysterious French artist Hodart and some stunning panels by the Flemish painter Quentin Metsys. A collection of gold monstrances, furniture and Moorish-influenced pieces is almost too much by the time you reach it..

Location: Largo Dr. José Rodrigues, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 853 070

Hours: 2pm–6pm Tue, 10am–6pm Wed–Sun

Price: adult/child €6/3, cryptoportico only €3

Jardim Botânico

A serene place to catch your breath, the lovely university-run botanic garden sits in the shadow of the 16th-century Aqueduto de São Sebastião. Founded by the Marquês de Pombal, the garden combines formal flower beds, meandering paths and elegant fountains.

Location: Jardim Botânico da Universidade de Coimbra, Calçada Martim de Freitas, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 855 215

Hours: 9am–8pm Apr–Sep, 9am–5.30pm Oct–Mar

Price: free



Potugal dos Pequenitos

The brainchild of local collector Bissaya Barreto, this is a cute theme park where kids clamber over, into and around micro versions of Portugal's most famous monuments, while parents clutch cameras at the ready. There are also three minimuseums dedicated to marine life, furniture and clothing.

Location: Rossio de Santa Clara, Coimbra.

Telephone: 239 801 170 / 1

Hours: 9am–8pm Jun–mid-Sep, 10am–7pm Mar–May & mid-Sep–mid-Oct, 10am–5pm mid-Oct–Feb

Price: adult/under 13yr/family €9.95/5.95/26.75



It was an important center during the Roman Empire and remained inhabited until at least the 9th century. It is located 17 km from Coimbra, in the parish of Condeixa-a-Velha, and the visit includes the Monographic Museum of Conímbriga, where many of the artefacts found in the archaeological excavations are exposed.

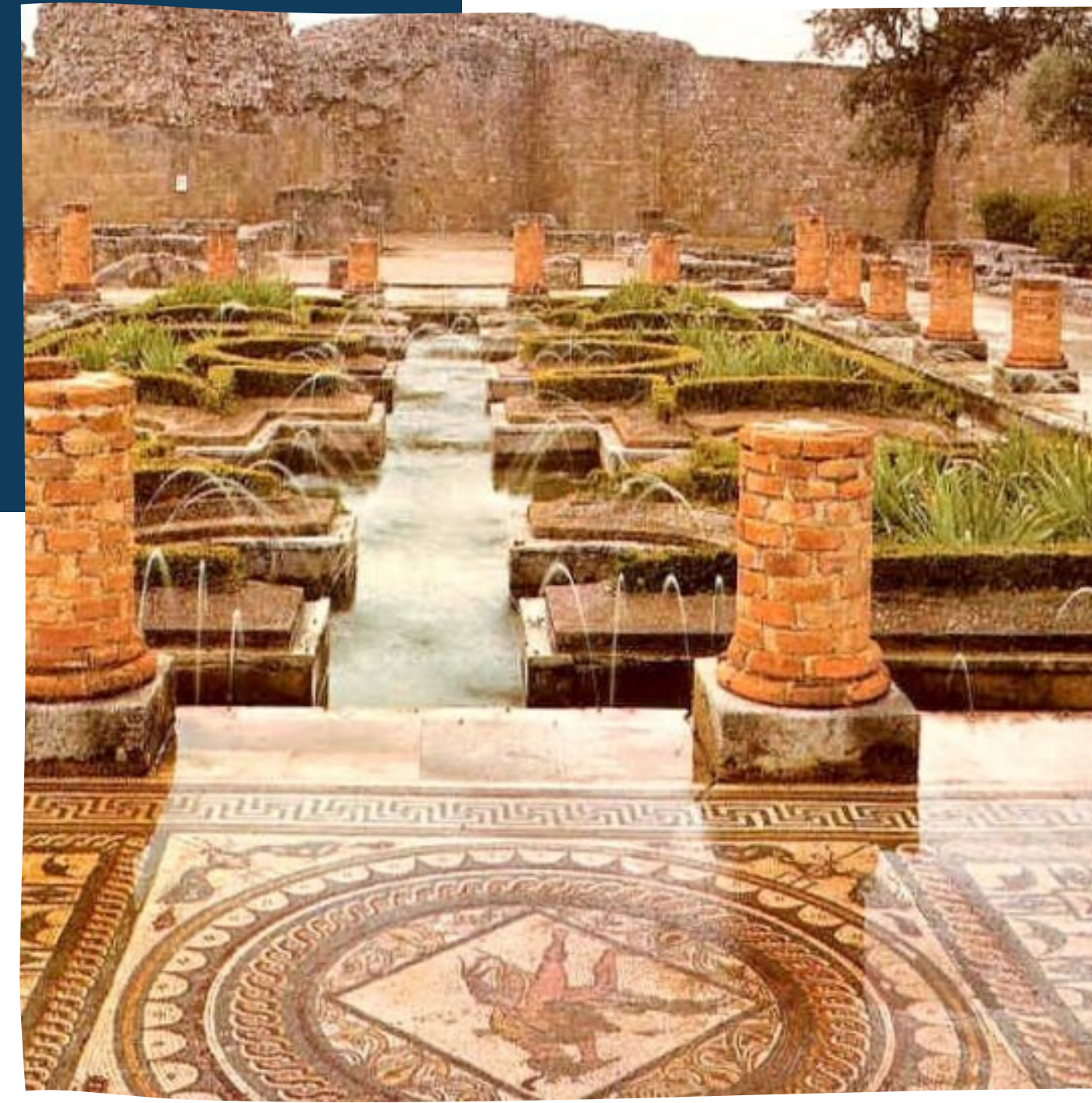
Location: Conimbriga, Condeixa-a-Velha, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 941 177

Hours: Monday to Sunday 10 am to 7 pm. Closed on January 1st, Easter, May 1st and December 25th.

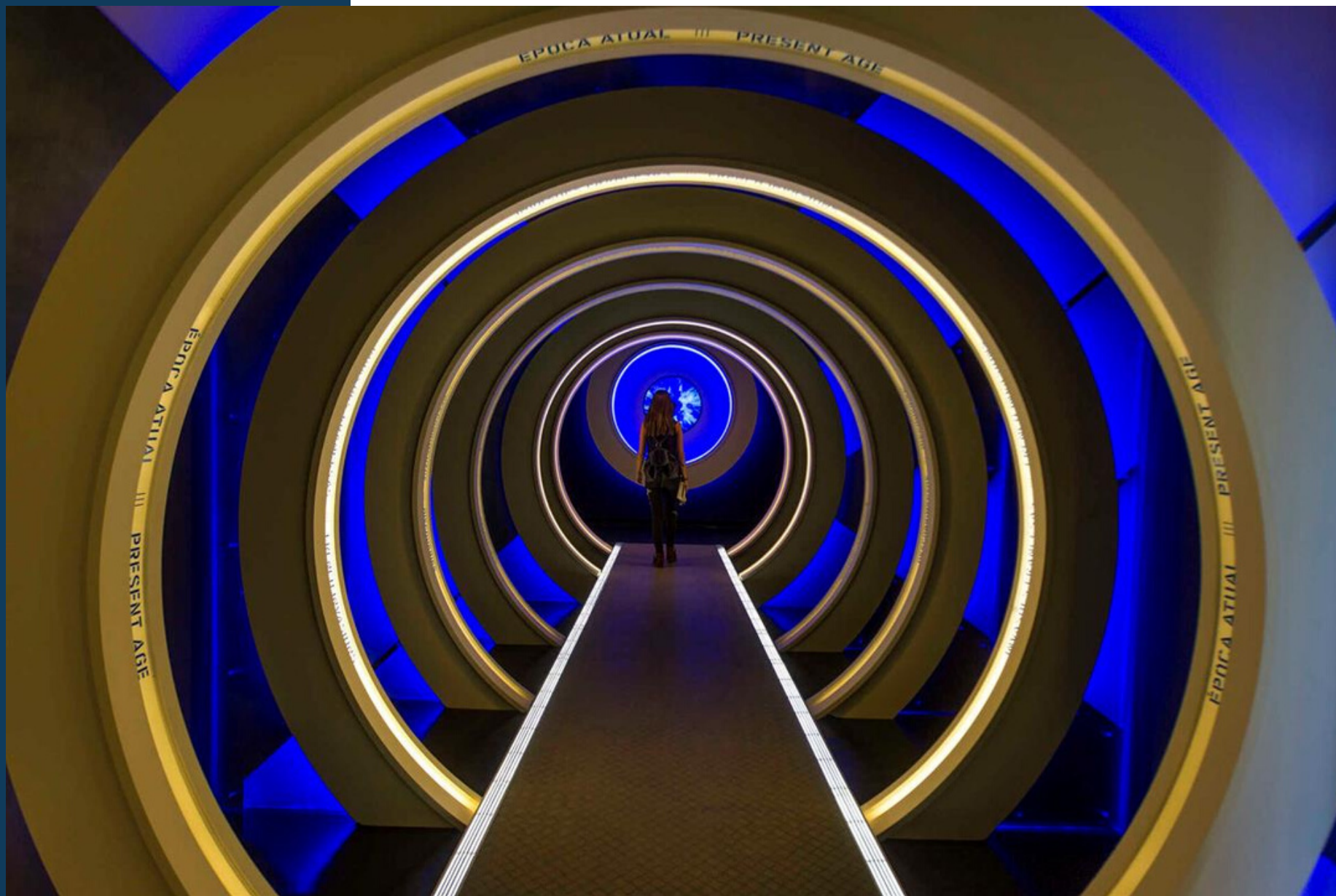
Price: 4,50€

Conímbriga



P.O.R.O.S

PO.RO.S, Portugal Romano Museum in Sicó, occupies the old manor house of Quinta de São Tomé. This museum allows the visitor to have the opportunity to know and experience, in three dimensions, the epic of Lusitania's romanization.



Location: Quinta de S. Tomé, Av. Bombeiros Voluntários de Condeixa-a-Nova, nº 41, Condeixa-a-Nova

Phone: 239 949 122

Hours: from Oct 1st to Mar 31st 10 am to 6pm. From Apr 1st to Sept 30rd 10 am to 7 pm. On Mondays the garden is closed.

Prices: individual (13 – 64 years old) 5€ | jr (6 to 12 years old) 3€ | student (upon ID presentation) 3,50€ | senior (+65 years old) 3,50€ | group/family (2 adults + 2 children) 12,50€ | family plus (2 adults + 4 Children) 17,50€ | group with more than 15 people (price per person) 3,50€.



Exploratório

In a 2500 m2 complex, the Exploratory assumes itself as an entity promoting scientific culture for the Centro Region. The Ciência Viva Center of Coimbra is the place where there are a set of programs, activities and actions aimed at different audiences.

Location: Rotunda das Lages, Parque Verde do Mondego, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 703 898

Hour: closed on Monday | From tuesday to friday 9h30 am to 5h30 pm| On Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.

1 Exploration 4,00€ (1 to 2 people) 3,00€ (3 to 15 people) 3,50€ (+ than 15 people). **2 Explorations** 7€ (1 to 2 people) 5€ (3 to 15 people) 6€ (+ than 15 people) **3 Explorations** 9€ (1 to 2 people) 5€ (3 to 15 people) 7,5€ (+ than 15 people) **normal daily ticket** 12€ (1 to 2 people) 8€ (3 to 15 people) 10€ (+ than 15 people) – prices per person.

Fado ao Centro

Fado ao Centro is a Cultural Center where Fado de Coimbra is present daily: 1 Voice + 1 Portuguese Guitar + 1 Viola.

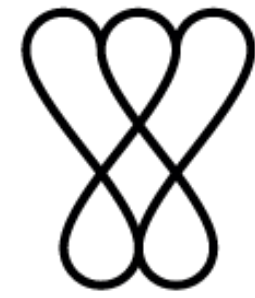
Location: Rua Quebra Costas 7, Coimbra.

Phone: 239 837 060

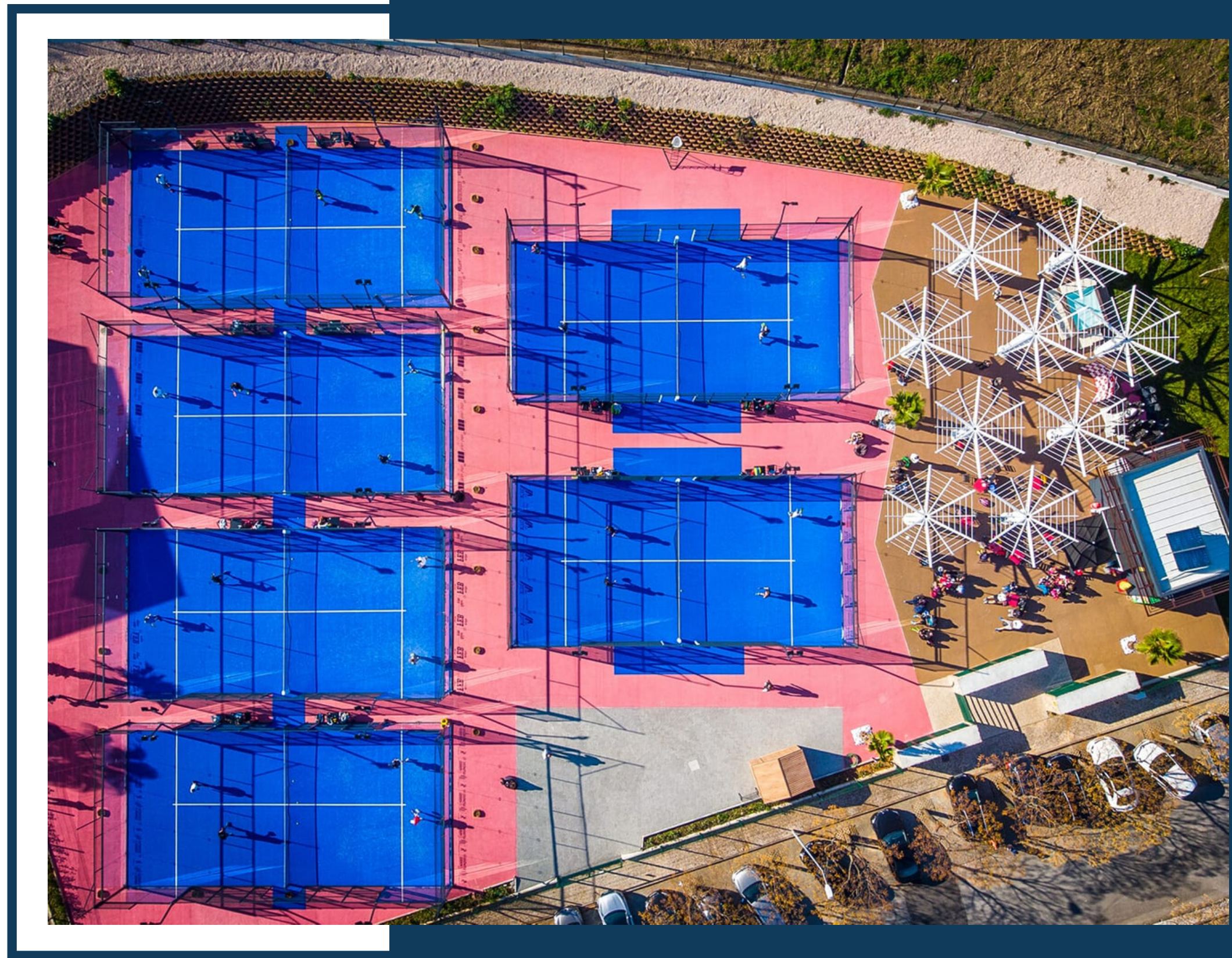
Hour: everyday at 6 pm.

Others sessions are available upon demand.





Activities



Location: R. Dom Dinis, Coimbra
Hour: 9am to 11pm
Phone: 919 191 877

Star Padel

Trans Serrano

Adventure, leisure & tourism

Location: Bairro S. Paulo,
23330 – 304 GÓIS.

Phone: +351 235 778 938 or +351 961
787 772

Hour: Monday to Friday from 9am
to 6 pm.

website: www.transserrano.com





Go Walks Portugal

Location: R. Visc. da Luz nr 75
1º andar – loja 10, 3000-414 Coimbra

Hour: Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm and 2pm to 4pm.

Phone +351 910 163 118 / +351 239 198 472
E-mail booking@gowalksportugal.com
website: www.gowalksportugal.com

Tuk a Day

Location: Ladeira da Paula, 68 CV – Dt^a 3040-574
Antanhol Coimbra

Phone: +351 964 486 445 / 962 826 855

email: am.tukaday@gmail.com

website: <http://www.tukaday-coimbra.com>



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