



## TOURISM AND MONUMENTAL

### Port of Leixões

In each of its piers, still bears the so-called "Titan" which are large cranes used to build this port and are very rare machines worldwide.

### Quinta da Conceição

A large green park with lush forest that borders one of the docks at the port of *Leixões*. There it, may be seen the ruins of a Manueline door, part of a collection of different styles.

### Quinta de Santiago

The *Casa da Quinta de Santiago* is a beautiful building from the end of the century. Century, with elements revivalists, restored and adapted to by the City Art Museum.

### Leça da Palmeira Church

Temple, of the end of the XVII century, where you can admire their altars and a remarkable carved image of the Madonna and Child.

### Boa Nova's lighthouse

Built in 1927, is one of the highest in Portugal, with a range of 20 miles.

### Boa Nova's Tea House

A piece of architecture designed by the well known Siza Vieira, built between 1958 and 1963, beautifully integrated into the landscape and the rocks.

### Leça's Beach

One of the biggest beaches of northern Portugal Includes a saltwater pool (Pool of Tides), designed by the architect Siza Vieira, carved out in the rocks.

### Senhora das Neves Fortress

Built in front of the entrance of the port of Leixões, next to the *marina*, this type of construction dates of the XVII century and it was an important element of defense and is now the headquarters of the Port captaincy .

## WELCOME TO LEÇA DA PALMEIRA !

It is one of the ten parishes of Matosinhos. It is planted by the sea, with 5.97 km <sup>2</sup> and 15,388 inhabitants (2001 Census). Density: 2 883.6 inhabitants / km <sup>2</sup>.



Leça da Palmeira is a charming seaside resort located along the north coast line of Oporto, Portugal's second largest city. Traditionally a fishing town, the population increases during the summer months on account of its long sandy beach.

Today, it is a land of Surf, Bodyboard and good music too, with bands like Secret World, Souls of Fire and Expensive Soul.

In this town, there are two industries of national importance: the Petrogal oil refinery and the fair Exponor.

In the late 19th century, the main structures of the Port were already completed and many boats were sheltering here.

This industry employed around 2000 workers and resulted in several changes in the town. Nowadays, Leça is also one of the busiest ports in Portugal.

## LAND WITH HISTORY

During the medieval ages , its population, mostly rural, turned into the sea and river activities therefore fishing and naval construction developed.

By the 19th century Leça was experiencing a turning point in its economical and cultural life.

The custom of sea baths transformed this fishermen's village into one of the most requested seaside resorts of their time.

The construction of the sheltered port first and the commercial port in the 20th century granted it with a different and international charisma.

## ATTRACTIVE AND MULTICULTURAL

The first swimmers have started to arrive at Leça da Palmeira around 1820, when the parish was a small fishing village included in Matosinhos and Porto jurisdiction. It was from the 50s on, after raising the quality of the town, that the social life of beach began to gain more highlight especially due to the presence of the British.

However, after 1920 there was a visible decrease of the British residents, partly due to the resumption of works at the Port of Leixões, but also as a result of the democratization of air transport and telecommunications.

Leça "learned to make" a new space for leisure and took advantage from its geographical settling and the busy life of passengers coming in and out Leixões Harbour to develop a new identity. It combined well, leisure and residential function.

Nowadays Leça is a modern and developed town.

Even if little is left from the former small and typical fishermen village, it keeps its magic and natural beauty.

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**Centro de Saúde - 229 980 000**

**Leça da Palmeira School- 229 997 420**

**Family -**

**Teachers -**



"Leça da Palmeira the most beautiful land of Portugal"

*Expensive Soul*



*On the beach there's good news, one day, I have built (this was the great evil) High Castle, which is fantasy, All of lapis lazuli and coral!*

*One day (do not know when, I do not know where) A dry wind of bad sestro and spleen He lay on the ground, the dust that hides everything,*

*Those surrounding there was Who boasted a field equal to: Castle Oh so high! seemed The territory of a feudal Lord!*

*My county, my county, yes! Because I've been a powerful Count, At the age at which Earl is so ...*



António Nobre, 1876—1900



# Legend

-  Tide Pool
-  Registration António Nobre
-  Leça da Palmeira Marginal
-  Senhora das Neves Fort
-  Fire Services Museum
-  Drawbridge
-  Corpo Santo Chapel
-  Boa Nova's Lighthouse
-  Museum / Quinta de Santiago
-  Quinta da Conceição
-  Boa Nova's Chapel
-  Leça da Palmeira Church
-  Santana's Chapel
-  Titan's Water
-  Boa Nova's Tea House

Ema Anjos

Gonçalo Pinto

Francisca Alves

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# Map of Leça da Palmeira

