Cities and towns

Come get to know some of the main cities and towns throughout the Vinhos Verdes region. These are spots where history and the work of generations past and present have left their mark—special places that should not be missed

Amarante

How easy it is to fall in love with Amarante! Few places can boast the natural beauty afforded by the magnificent mountains of Aboboreira and Marão,not to mention the Tâmega River, with its banks dotted with willows, alders, and refreshing river beaches.

Braga

Located in the green heartland of the Minho region, Braga is one of the oldest cities in Portugal and in the Christian world, with more than 2,000 years of history. The mark of time and human endeavor are among the city's greatest triumphs.

Guimarães

Guimarães is a symbol of Portuguese identity, due to its association with the birth of the Portuguese nation. What is more, it has not only managed to value its past, but also to take advantage of that legacy and bring it into the present. One example of this is the classification of the city's historic center as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Ponte de Lima

If any Portuguese town truly deserves to be called picturesque, Ponte de Lima is it. At every turn, visitors will discover vestiges of its thousand-year history—a Romanesque church, popular wayside shrines called alminhas, mansions, the ruins of a pre-historic village, huge granite crosses, ancient artifacts, and the emblematic half Roman-half Medieval bridge.

Monção and Melgaço

Small towns on the Spanish border, Monção and Melgaço have a lot in common: a rich history spanning over a thousand years intertwined with the very history of the Portuguese nation, and a landscape displaying an endless palette of greens. They share their breathtaking beauty, full of picturesque nooks designed by nature and further transformed by the hand of the local people. Both towns have a strong relationship with the neighboring Spanish region of Galicia and the Minho River, which not only marks the border, but has also helped to establish a microclimate of unparalleled abundance.

Viana do Castelo

In Viana de Castelo, Nature graced the landscape with a lavish hand. Few cities are lucky enough to combine a beautiful river, the Lima, with the white sandy beaches of the Atlantic coast, and hills that watch over the town and free visitors' gaze to chase their dreams.