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## Mosteiro de Santa Maria de Cós

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### ABOUT



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Founded in the 13th century by the Abbot of Alcobaça, the Monastery of Santa Maria Cós was one of the most important monastic complexes in the region and the most important monastery for Cistercian nuns.

The current simple building is the result of works undertaken primarily in the 17th century. The sober appearance of the exterior contrasts with the lavish baroque interior. The 50m-long church reveals the grandeur of the old monastery, including a wooden boxed ceiling, 17th and 18th century azulejo tiles and altars with gilded woodwork. The monks' choir, incorporating a row of 106 chairs, accentuates the perspective and scale of the interior.

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