
Museums, Monuments and Sites

Lisboa Region

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Timetable:

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays: 11a.m. - 7p.m.;
Closed: Mondays, 1 January, 24, 25 and 31 December.;

Accessibility:

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Characteristics and Services:

Shops;

The Pavilion of Knowledge - Living Science is an interactive museum that was created with the goal of fostering knowledge and disseminating technological and scientific culture. To achieve this goal, various exhibitions and activities have been set up so that visitors can actively explore a variety of themes in a relaxing and fun atmosphere.

The building which houses the museum was designed by architect João Luís Carrilho da Graça to be used as the Knowledge of the Seas Pavilion at the 1998 Lisbon World Exposition (Expo '98) and it was one of the most-visited venues at the event. This work resulted in Carrilho da Graça winning the Grand Jury Prize at the 1999 FAD awards in Barcelona, in recognition of the high standard of his architectural design that combined simplicity and complexity in a single space.

In the words of the architect himself, the Pavilion's overall design, which he describes as megalithic, results from the combination of two structures, one vertical and the other horizontal. However, while the vertical component rests directly on the ground, the horizontal one does not. From a tectonic point of view, shape and construction are combined to produce a building that also signifies permanence, which has always been one of the basic concepts of architecture.

Science and Knowledge

Algarve

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Timetable:

1 July / 15 September: 2pm - 10pm (from Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays);

16 September / 30 June: 10am - 5pm (from Tuesday to Friday);

11am - 6pm (Saturday, Sunday and public holidays);

Closed: Monday, 1 January, 1 May and 24, 25 and 31 December;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops;

Accessibility:

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With the Ria Formosa and the Atlantic Ocean so close at hand, the Living Science Centre of the Algarve features an exhibition devoted to the sea. How old are the bottoms of today's oceans? Why does the earth shake? What colour is the sea and why is it salty? How are waves formed? Is coral an animal, a plant or a mineral? These are just a few of the many questions you will find the answers to as you accompany "Sal and his friends" on an educational adventure to learn about the nature and biodiversity of the sea.

And at the very heart of the exhibition area, visitors can also take advantage of the Cyber Café to surf the net for information while observing the inhabitants of the neighbouring coral aquarium. There is also a multipurpose area with lots of scientific goings-on and which can be used as a workshop, laboratory or a venue for birthday parties. Here you can experiment with the magic of electricity, "unravel" DNA, cook with solar energy, follow the paths of light, investigate the world with a magnifying glass or live the adventure of the senses, among many other activities.

The centre also features a greenhouse laboratory, a roof terrace where astronomy activities are held regularly and an additional space that can be used for talks or small exhibitions.

Azores

Ilha do Pico

Centro de Artes e de Ciências do Mar

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Timetable:

Monday-Sunday: 10 a.m.-6p.m.;

Public holidays: 10a.m.-12.30p.m. /1.30 p.m. -6p.m.;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Bar;

Accessibility:

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The Centre is housed in the old SIBIL whale factory, an industrial plant dedicated to the processing of these large sea mammals into oils and flours. It fell into disuse in the early 1980s, but between 2005 and 2007 the SIBIL building was restored by the Municipal Council of Lajes do Pico.

In this current phase of the Centre's existence, visitors can see a permanent exhibition of the factory equipment, as well as multimedia exhibitions about the factory and the biology and ecology of the large cetaceans. The Centre also hosts a range of different artistic and cultural events and provides some exciting educational activities for visitors. It is open to the public every day and is equipped with a shop, bar and open-air leisure area. In its second phase, a Marine Sciences Centre will also be opened, geared towards applied research and enjoying the academic support of the University of the Azores.

Owned by the Municipal Council of Lajes do Pico, the Centre is managed by CULTURPICO, a Municipal Company.

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Planetário Calouste Gulbenkian - Centro de Ciência Viva

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Timetable:

- Thursdays at 4 pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 3 pm: sessions for the general public last for 30 minutes and are available in Portuguese, Spanish, French and English.

- Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 11.30 am: sessions in Portuguese for children over 5 years of age.

- Sundays at 4 pm: sessions on "O Céu de Portugal" (The Sky in Portugal) lasting for 50 minutes;

Characteristics and Services:

Bar;

Accessibility:

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Situated in Belém next to the Museu de Marinha (Maritime Museum) and the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, the Calouste

Gulbenkian Planetarium was opened in 1965 and holds regular information sessions, with projections that help the general public to develop an understanding of astronomy.

Recently redesigned, the Planetarium has the most modern equipment including a central sphere with 32 projectors of fixed stars. This makes it possible to present more than 9,000 stars in both of the celestial hemispheres, as well as the Milky Way, star clusters and nebulae. Also shown are the figures that are drawn by the constellations, and there are a number of auxiliary educational features.

Amongst other events, there are regular sessions given in various languages, special exhibitions for younger audiences and presentations related with certain periods of the year.

Other services provided in this building include a Library with roughly a thousand different volumes and the Commander Conceição Silva Observatory, equipped with the most modern facilities, which can be used by amateur astronomers.

Porto and the North

Santa Maria da Feira

Visionarium - Centro de Ciência do Europarque

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Timetable:

Tuesday to Friday: 9am - 6pm; Weekend and public holidays:
2pm - 7pm;

Closed: Mondays, 1 January, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, 24, 25
and 31 December. ;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Bar;

Accessibility:

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At Visionarium we are invited to enter a universe of emotions and experiences worthy of a scientific adventure. By making use of different and up-to-date technologies, we set out on a journey that stimulates our senses and knowledge.

Our journey is set to begin with a multimedia show where we embark on the adventures of the Portuguese Navigators during the Discoveries. Like Henry, the Navigator, Vasco da Gama or Ferdinand Magellan, and using different technologies, we sail away on the discovery of 5 fantastic Odysseys related to the domains of the Earth, Matter, the Universe, Life and Information.

This adventure, however, doesn't stop here. On both Experimentarios we engage in live demonstrations of the scientific principles displayed on the 5 permanent exhibition rooms. At Laboratorio, we are encouraged to engage actively in experiments on biology, microbiology, biochemistry, chemistry and ecology. On the Temporary Exhibitions' Room, we can discover scientific views from all over the world.

We can also take a walk through the exterior gardens, dedicated to scientific games, where we can watch a watermill or step on a scalemodel of the solar system, 87 million times smaller than the actual one.