

why matosinhos/porto is going to be a stunning place to meet-up...
and host the next Design History Society Annual Conference

Matosinhos is a city and a municipality in the District of Porto, bordered in the south by the city of Porto (8 km from the city centre). The roots of the city lie in fishing and salt production. Matosinhos still remains Portugal's most important fishing port although industrialisation (canning, engineering and wood processing) and diversification means Matosinhos is now home to three of the key components of the regional economy: the Leixões container port, the Petrogal refinery and Exponor, a conference centre and exhibition hall that regularly puts on major international events. Don't miss taking a walk in Leça sea front, from Marina to the Light House. Visiting the tides swimming pool (<https://www.archdaily.com/796767/these-stunning-photos-commemorate-the-50th-anniversary-of-alvaro-sizas-pool-on-the-beach>) and maybe have a dinner at "Casa de Chá" (Tea House) (<https://www.arch2o.com/boa-nova-tea-house-alvaro-siza-vieira/>), both designed by architect Siza Vieira (who was born in Matosinhos). Matosinhos beaches are well known for surf practice, experience diving or sailing. Walk throw the bridge to Matosinhos city and experience the harbour comercial life. Go to "L'Kodac" Bar and enjoy the view on a couch near the sand and sea. Walk in "Quinta da Conceição" gardens or "Quinta de Santiago" gardens and eat the best fresh atlantic fish from the local traditional fishing port at one of the many great specialised restaurants near by (<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/foodanddrink/restaurants/10795330/Worlds-Best-Restaurants-our-experts-pick-their-favourites.html>) (https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants-g652092-Matosinhos_Porto_District_Northern_Portugal.html)

Located along the Douro River estuary in northern Portugal, **Porto** is the second largest city in the country — a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its stately bridges and port wine production. This walkable city has the grandeur and charm of the old (ornate, medieval and baroque, exquisite stonework and decorative azulejos) combined with a love of modern and contemporary design and food (indie, on-trend, Portuguese tapas). Porto is making waves in design, architecture and art and we've put together some links for you to help you explore it more fully in the off-hours, like Porto in a weekend (<https://www.geekyexplorer.com/things-to-do-in-porto-a-weekend-itinerary/>): and NY Times 36-hours in Porto (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/01/28/travel/what-to-do-in-36-hours-in-porto-portugal.html>) as well as some recommendations by Dezeen: slaughterhouse turned cultural centre (<https://www.dezeen.com/2018/05/31/kengo-kuma-ooda-architecture-conversion-porto-slaughterhouse-cultural-centre-art-gallery-portugal/>), a cool sushi bar (<https://www.dezeen.com/2016/11/14/paulo-merlini-suspends-chopsticks-ceiling-basho-sushi-house-portugal/>), contemporary design on the Dom Luis bridge (<https://www.dezeen.com/2016/11/11/concrete-apartment-block-architecture-nuno-melo-sousa-hugo-ferreira-cliff-porto-portugal-dom-luis-i-bridge/>).

STILL CURIOUS ABOUT PORTO?

Planning to stay a few days after the DHS to explore Porto?
Here are a few highlights you might want to check out! Porto is particularly beautiful in September, we hope you enjoy your time in the city!

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