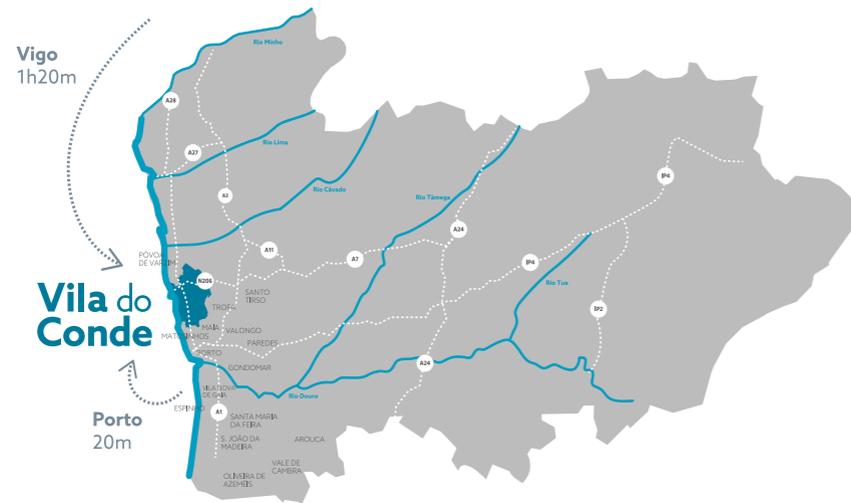
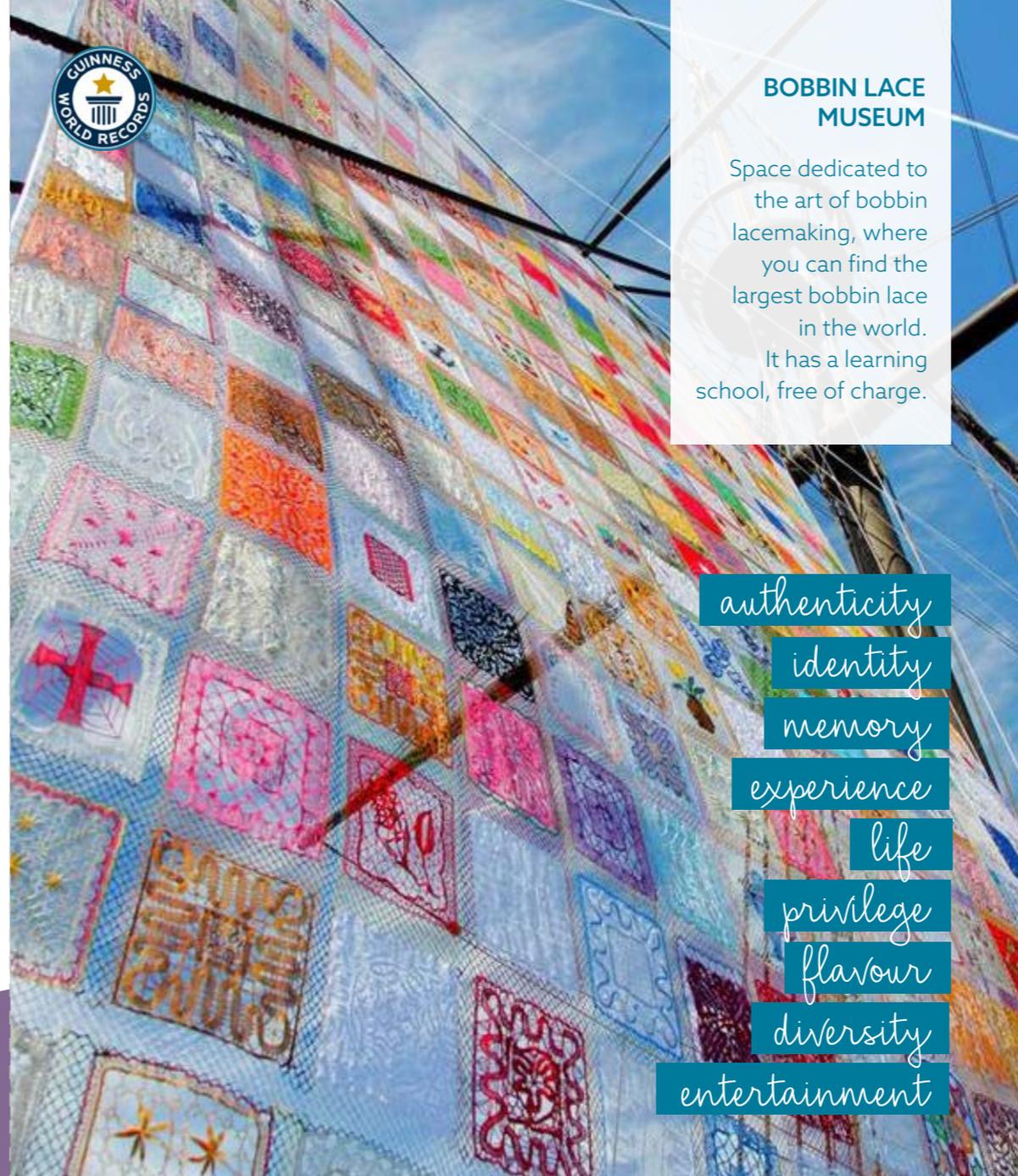


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LAND OF HISTORY AND TRADITION

Vila do Conde is a patrimonial city, located in the north coast of Portugal, just 20 minutes away from the second largest city of the country - Porto - with optimal air links to the whole of Europe.

With a well preserved historical centre, punctuated by granite sidewalks and narrow streets, Vila do Conde is a light filled city, of mild climate, good food, centuries old traditions and welcoming people, who learned to live between the land and the sea, whilst keeping their ancestral knowledge alive.

The touristic experience of Vila do Conde lies in the richness of its heritage and in the stories created therein.

WHAT NOT TO MISS

The **Hillfort of Bagunte** is one of the most important archaeological sites of the Iron Age of the north of Portugal. It is a pre-Roman classified settlement, classified as a National Monument, inhabited by the Galicians between the fourth century BC and the fourth century AD.

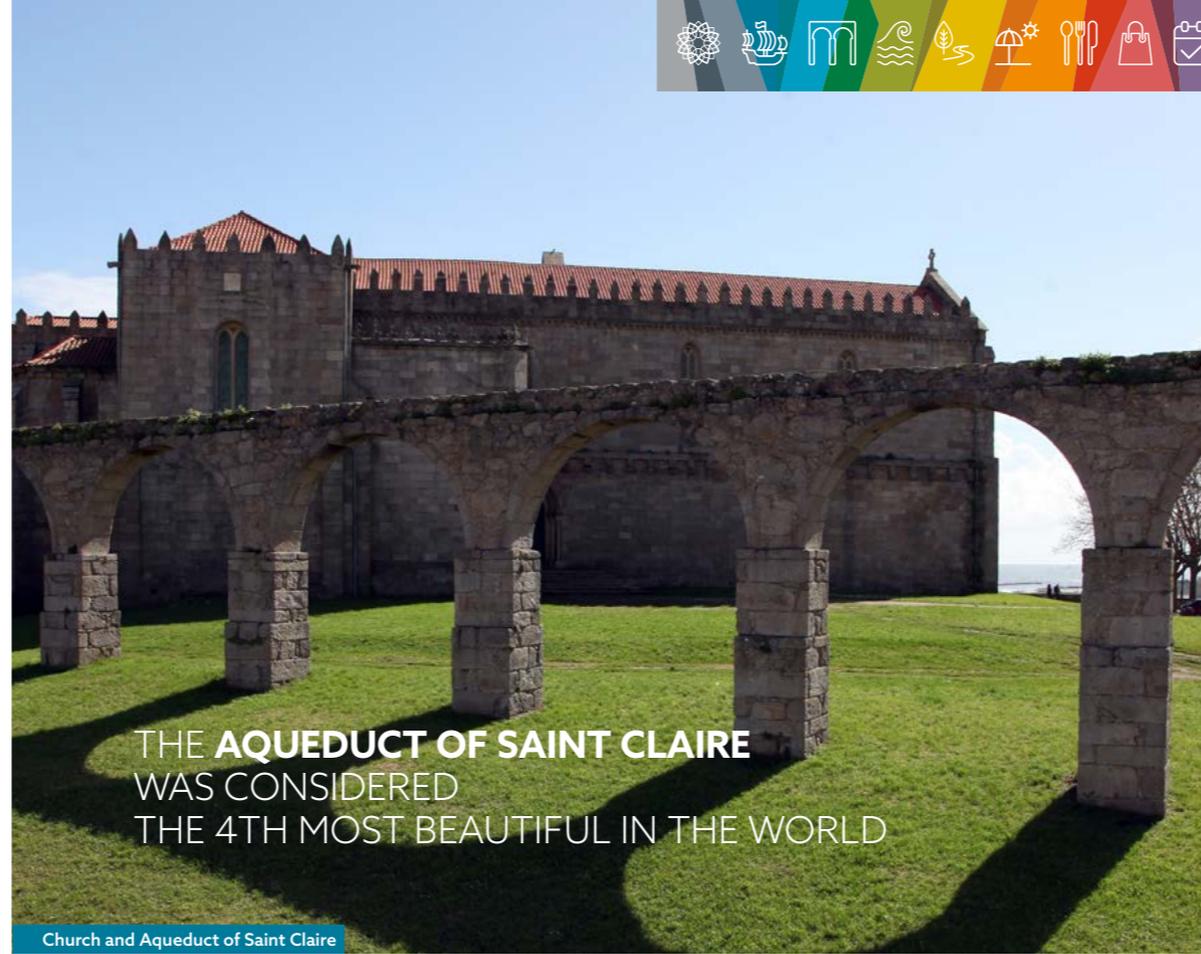
The **Convent of Saint Claire** welcomes all foreigners to Vila do Conde. It was founded in 1318 and behind its walls, many centuries of stories, legends and traditions can be traced to this day.

The **Mother Church** (16th century) is one of the most emblematic monuments of the county. Its portal constitutes a magnificent example of manueline decoration in Portugal, presenting elements of gothic and renaissance architecture.

During the 16th century, Vila do Conde reached its commercial and maritime golden age with the shipbuilding industry, in direct connection with the Portuguese Discoveries. Memories of those times can be seen in the **16th century ship replica** that the town built and is an attraction definitely not to be missed.

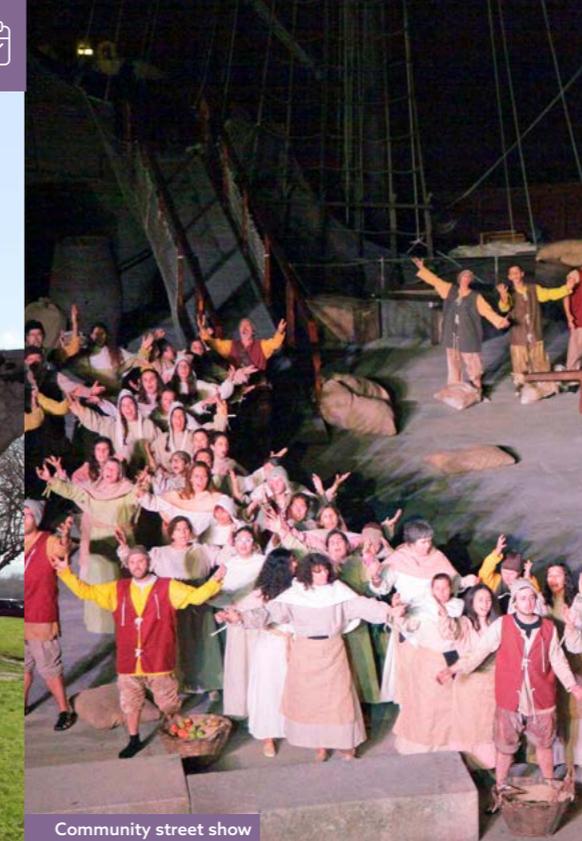
The **Aqueduct of Saint Claire** is the second longest in the country. National Geographic magazine considered it the 4th most beautiful in the world. It was built in the 18th century and is classified as a National Monument since 1910.

The **house Museum José Régio** (20th century Portuguese writer) where one of the most important figures of Vila do Conde lived, exhibits sculptures, furniture, paintings and books of great value and cultural importance.



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Church and Aqueduct of Saint Claire



Community street show

Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Fish and seafood dishes



NATURAL PATRIMONY AND FINE QUALITY GASTRONOMY

The natural heritage of Vila do Conde is both relevant and diversified. Of note is the coastal protected regional landscape and the ornithological reservoir of Mindelo. Here, one can enjoy the natural beauty of the beaches by using the boardwalks close to the sea, and by observing dunes, rocks, wetlands and small forests.

Do not miss the gastronomy of this region.

Pick a restaurant among the many available options, all of very good quality. Try exceptional fish and seafood dishes, freshly fished, and surrender to the typical conventual sweets.

WAY OF ST. JAMES

The **Way of St. James** are pilgrim's routes leading to Santiago de Compostela dating as far back as the 9th century, to worship the relics of the apostle St. James the Major.

The connection of Vila do Conde with these pilgrimages is long and throughout the county, two itineraries can be found. Both have distinct histories, settings and chronological affiliations.

*Between pine trees, river and sea!
When I think of Vila do Conde,
a sigh comes from me.*

José Régio



Sea walkway