

Geometry at Fine Arts and Design Faculties

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Guided tour: Porto discovered from the Faculty's freguesia, Bonfim

From the old suburban “freguesia” where the Faculty was built in a 19th century urbanization, we will walk across the square built at the entrance to one of the ancient medieval wall gates. Then, along the old road to Valongo, known as the “Estrada do Pão” (Road to get to bread supplier’s region), we will be walking the narrow and sinuous Cimo de Vila Street (already identified in documents prior to the 14th century) and also Loureiro Street, entering the old city and then arriving at the São Bento Train Station.

At the valley between the two main hills of the old city, we descend to its old civic and commercial centre next to the River Douro. We will be doing the main 16th century street of Porto, Flores Street. After descended one exemplar street from the Portuguese Enlightenment, we will be finally getting to the Ribeira Square.

After crossing the 19th century bridge over the Douro, we will have two unique views of the steep city: a [boat view](#) from the River Douro (40% off) and a view from the [Gaia Cable Car](#) (50% off) , which will take us to the D. Luís I Bridge upper deck. From there, we will be on the hill where the city originally settled and from where we can visit the Cathedral.

Coming down the main commercial street of the medieval period, it will be clear for us the dynamics between the two levels of the old city and their strong relationship.

Returning to the Faculty, while we ascend in the [Funicular of Guindais](#) (50% off), we can take the last view of the city. We will be ascending the hill next to what was left of the medieval wall, partially demolished from the end of the 18th century onwards. We will be coming back to our former peripheral “freguesia” crossing the place where the old “Porta do Sol” existed.

