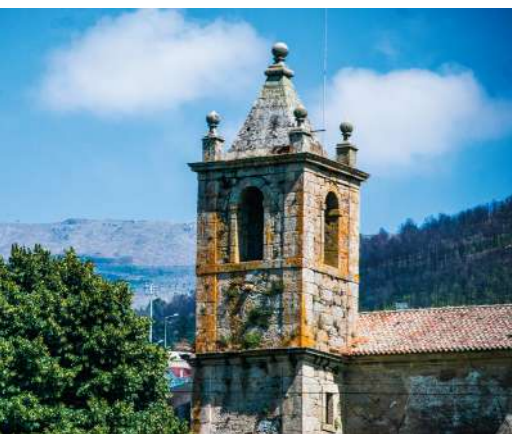




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The Caminhos da Fé (PR) walking trail proposes walking along ancient pilgrimage paths and the rural landscape of the municipality's half-slope, discovering religious traditions and mountain rural landscapes, starting and ending in the centre of the city's devotion site, Senhor do Calvário Hill in Gouveia, crossing the diverse religious and landscape heritage of the parishes of Aldeias, Mangualde da Serra, Moimenta da Serra and Vinhó, on a 16-km circular route.

There are several elements built in the last 500 years that demonstrate the various solutions found by the community to express and feel the religiosity that accompanied the architectural trends evocative of regional devotion, observable in the 10 chapels, 7 shrines, 5 churches, 2 museums, 1 hermitage, 1 convent and 1 former Jesuit college that we cross along the pedestrian path.

We still observe and understand the particularities of these communities in the old paths traversed, which served the circulation, economic and agricultural purposes of the community that explored the territories around the places and villages, but also religious purposes. Not only for the Alminhas that dot the paths, where the living helped the souls that were struggling in purgatory, but also for being used by pilgrims, with the purpose of "shortening the path", for the payment of promises or by virtue of faith. Many of these places have mythological origins of a legendary nature, shrouded in mysteries such as Moorish princesses with promises of wealth, to the apparitions of Our Lady, which the landscape ennobles.

The landscape is still marked by a strong human intervention, where the native species referred to the "basal floor" of Serra da Estrela gave way to cultivated species. Here, where the soils are more fertile, the land was cultivated, dominated by vineyards and olive groves, interspersed with crops of pulses and potatoes that complete this typical family farming picture. This landscape is complete with the presence of some groves of black oak and chestnut trees, where hawthorns and brussels are also present along the route. Together with other shrubs and herbaceous plants, these allow for a balanced and rich ecosystem, which, with the religious architecture and the agricultural fields, shares the richness and diversity of the landscapes covered in this genuinely mountainous environment.

Useful Contacts

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Health Clinic – 238 490 402



distance	16 km
duration	5h00
route type	circular
cumulative gap	420 m
lowest point / highest point	510 m 800 m

When? All year
Difficulty Medium

Field Code

- Right way
- Wrong way
- Footpath turns left
- Footpath turns right

- Safety code**
- Stay within the track
 - Avoid noise or actions against nature
 - Do not throw rubbish away
 - Do not light any fire
 - Do not change or damage the signs
 - Do not take samples of plants or rocks