



arts and crafts – Ria de Aveiro

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Are you visiting the Aveiro region and curious about the traditional culture? We suggest a set of unmissable activities for lovers of arts and crafts.

Meet and learn from the masters and artists of the Aveiro region in different fields: from naval construction of the Moliceiro boat, to weaving, painting, or ceramics.

Join us on this unforgettable sensory journey and experience the art of the masters!

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DISCOVER THE XAVEGA TRADITIONAL FISHING

The Aveiro Region is renowned for the tradition of Xávega Art, a practice crucial for the affirmation and valorization of the cultural heritage of the Aveiro Region.

This traditional fishing art brings a unique vibrancy to the beaches of Areão, Torreira, and Vagueira. It is a heritage left by the region's ancestors to the fishing community, who have been instrumental in preserving this art form and ensuring that it remains a living part of the cultural heritage of the Aveiro Region.




1 MAINTENANCE OF FISHING NETS

Go to one of the beaches where you can observe the Xávega Art, such as Torreira, Vagueira, and Areão, and watch closely the preparation and maintenance of the nets and boats used for fishing.

This preparation generally takes place during the winter from the month of November to March.


Enjoy and get to know in depth this art of artisanal fishery!

 Vagos e Murtosa



2 TRADITIONAL FISHING

Discover this artisanal fishing art and witness the tradition of the Aveiro region up close. In this kind of traditional fishing, a purse seine is placed in the sea to collect the fish. Afterwards, it is dragged to land where the fish is gathered and selected. This practice happens with greater affluence during the morning, and each throw overboard lasts from 3 to 4 hours.

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MEET OUR TRADICIONAL BOATBUILDERS

The Moliceiro Boat is more than just a traditional vessel; it is a vital element of the cultural identity of the Aveiro Region, with a rich history deeply rooted in local tradition.

Visit the region's shipyards and meet our boatbuilders working in naval construction.

Currently, there are five active boatbuilders and one Moliceiro Painter. Be captivated by their stories of love for the art and learn how to build a Moliceiro Boat or a "Xávega" fishing boat.

 Pardilhó, Estarreja

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António Esteves



Felisberto Amador



Arménio Almeida

 Torreira, Murtosa

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José Rito



Marco Silva



José Oliveira



BUNHO MATS

Natália de Jesus

In Albergaria-a-Velha, you will find Mrs Natália de Jesus, one of the few people in the Aveiro region who preserves the tradition of the bunho mats, giving you the opportunity to witness one of the most traditional artisanal processes in the area. A conversation with Mrs Natália will enlighten you about the history of this art, the challenges of the past, and how it is now gaining a new dynamic associated with decoration.

 Albergaria-a-Velha

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CERAMICS

Maria João Cravo

At the atelier Pássaro de Seda, you can participate in ceramic workshops led by Maria João Cravo, who will provide you with an unforgettable experience of learning and relaxation. Would you like to decorate your home with a piece produced by you? Here you can do that!

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TILES

Carlinda Santos

Explore the fascinating world of tile painting at Sombra D'Arte Atelier by Carlinda Santos, where you can learn the techniques and secrets of this art form step-by-step. It's an experience suitable for all ages, perfect for families seeking moments of relaxation and fun.

 Oliveira do Bairro



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WEAVING

Anabela Tavares

Explore with Anabela Tavares one of the most traditional crafts of the Aveiro Region: weaving. When you visit the "Casa do Tear", you will feel that it is much more than just a workspace, as it will ignite your desire to try the machines and create your own pieces. Let yourself fall in love with this space and its stories.

 Estarreja



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OFICINA DO DOCE PASTRY

Discover Portugal's first pastry product with Protected Geographical Indication: the delicious Ovos Moles. Visit the Oficina do Doce pastry and learn about the history of this and other regional conventual sweets. Try filling and shaping Ovos Moles and indulge in this delicacy. Enjoy!

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TO TASTE



THE HISTORY OF CODFISH IN THE AVEIRO REGION

Codfish is undoubtedly one of the main elements in Portuguese cuisine.

Your visit to the Aveiro region is incomplete if you don't try our delightful and traditional codfish dishes.

But there is more! Explore the history associated with cod fishing, a decisive economic activity in the Aveiro Region, by visiting the Maritime Museum of Ílhavo and the Santo André Ship Museum.



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