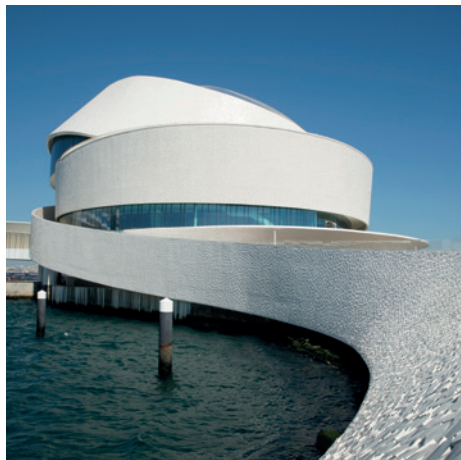




**PORTO CRUISE TERMINAL
AN ICONIC PORT OF ARRIVAL**





AN OPEN DOOR TO PORTO AND NORTH OF PORTUGAL

The Porto Cruise Terminal, located at the south part of the Port of Leixões, is a dedicated port area for cruise operations and one of the main gateways for passengers and crew members from all over the world to Porto and North of Portugal Destination.

It emerges from a dynamic territorial cooperation linking two main objectives: the improvement of port commercial efficiency by maximizing the attractiveness of cruise activity as a high growth potential segment and also a better urban integration.





AN ARCHITECTURAL ICON OF THE REGION

Even if from afar, it is already an undeniable icon of Matosinhos and Porto's waterfront architectural landscape. The building arises from the synthesis of several movements and flows similar to the movement of tentacles: one leading to the ship, other leading to the curve of the south mole of the port, another one to the city and finally a fourth one falling inwards in a helical ramp connecting the internal functions within a quadruple height space. Roofing to house people, a wall that supports a ramp and a flap for buses are laminated elements which are not mischaracterized.

The Porto Cruise Terminal comprises a pier for cruise ships up to 320m long, a main building housing the CIIMAR - Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research of the University of Porto and also a pedestrian access linking the city of Matosinhos and the Terminal.

The project encompasses the main building with several features, including a terminal for cruise ships operation, the CIIMAR and also some dedicated areas for social or corporate events, exhibitions, shows and visits.



VISITS

Seeking to foster the connection with the surrounding community, given the architectural value of the building and its location on the Atlantic Front, the Porto Cruise Terminal is also open to visits, which reveals the perfect symbiosis between the building, the water level and outdoor areas, in a perfect connection.

On a guided tour of approximately 60 minutes, visitors are invited to get in touch and experience the different areas of the building and discover some curiosities about its construction.

The Porto Cruise Terminal welcomes group visits, booked in advance, any day and time. On Sundays, the building is open to the public, in different schedules depending on the time of year, whether summer or winter.

Tickets can be purchased at the Porto Cruise Terminal reception desk and reservations for group visits must be requested via email: cruise.porto@apdl.pt



EVENTS

The iconic and imposing Porto Cruise Terminal of the Port of Leixões has taken a firm walk in the events sector, asserting itself as one of the main venues in Porto and North.

The focus is on the quality and flexibility offered, either in the organization of events or photographic productions, which combined with the beauty singularity of the building, allow to accommodate different types of events such as conferences, congresses, meetings, gala dinners, seminars, exhibitions, among others.



The building includes several areas to host social or corporate events, with a unique background, provided by the uniqueness of the port activity. These different areas, located 700m from the coast, provide a scenery as far as the eye can see, whether to the horizon or to the city.

The unusualness of any event hosted at Porto Cruise Terminal, out at sea, creates a unique sensation similar to a trip aboard a cruise ship being one of the crucial factors for the success of the events taking place here and a pleasure for those who participate in it.



A PRIVILEGED MULTIFUNCTIONAL BUILDING

On the entrance floor, visitors are faced with the imposing atrium, surrounded by the central core illuminated by natural light, from which the building spirals up in a ramp leading to the roof.

In this area, on cruise ship call days, we can find tourist information support for passengers and crews and services connecting to the city are located outside including parking for 25 shuttle buses, 15 shore excursion buses and also for inter port shuttle buses, among others.

Floor 1 is dedicated to cruise operations, including logistics and security areas to passengers during embarkation and disembarkation.

The Passenger Station includes the boarding hall, equipped with a reception area with no limit for transit passengers, and a check-in desk for up to





2.500 passengers in turnaround. This area also features the Borders Services and it is equipped with X-ray for hand luggage. This floor also has a direct connection to the Air Bridge connecting the Terminal to the ship.

Floor 2 is dedicated to CIIMAR - Interdisciplinary Centre for Marine Research of the University of Porto and features several research units with maritime vocation, from Biology to Robotics.

It is equipped with laboratories and technical rooms for cultures, molecular biology, ecophysiology, microbiology, freeze-drying ecophysiology, microbiology, freeze-dryers, chambers at different degrees, among others. Each office responds the specific requirements of its occupant, while maintaining a common matrix in the organization of the space.

The top floor is the social and public vocation area par excellence and a privileged place for holding social and corporate events.



The terrace boasts one of the boldest areas of the building, with a 14-meter sloping wall opening up to a unique view over the ocean, Leça da Palmeira, Matosinhos and Porto. The interconnection between the different floors is made through the central core with full height, under a large skylight, where the spiral ramp is located that serves and connects the different functions of the building.

The Porto Cruise Terminal thus represents one of the most important gateways for visitors to the destination Porto and North of Portugal, definitely boosting cruise activity in the city of Matosinhos, Porto and North of Portugal Region.

This work of imposing architectural value bears the signature by Architect Luís Pedro Silva.



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