

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

2024

**Porto.**

**MUSIC**

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# Porto dressed to perfection for the happiest time of the year

Every year, history repeats itself, always at the same time, always with the same magic. Christmas has the power to transport us to an (almost) parallel reality, a place where, every day, we are even happier, surrounded by an atmosphere of unity, sharing, and constant friendship. Christmas itself is the time of year when the chill in the air is diametrically opposed to the warmth of human connection experienced everywhere.

This year, Porto becomes Christmas once again, in the truest sense of the word. We once again invite the entire city to gather around the large tree that ‘grows’ annually in the heart of Avenida dos Aliados. This continues to be the place everyone visits throughout the month, in a ritual that has become part of the lives of all Porto residents (and beyond).

Avenida dos Aliados will once again be the stage for the key moments of this Christmas, with concerts by Fernando Daniel, Marisa Liz, and Rodrigo Leão. There will also be time to celebrate ‘Desporto no Bairro’ in a grand show that brings together four sports on stage, and the most eagerly awaited moment of all: the switching on of the Christmas lights, which will be marked by a colour, movement and animation show projected on the façade of the Porto City Hall.

The spirit of the season spreads across the entire city, with special emphasis on the Christmas Market that will once set up at the João Chagas Garden, commonly known as Cordoaria Garden. On the other side of the street, at Largo do Amor de Perdição, there will be a ‘tent’ that promises lots of surprises, as well as the much-anticipated ice skating rink which, once again, will be an attraction for the whole family.

From 30 November to 6 January, Porto will be dressed to perfection to welcome this Christmas, which promises to be the happiest of our lives.



# Christmas lights around the city



**30 NOV–6 JAN**

Sunday to Thursday: 05:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday: 05:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.



# SHOWS

## **Avenida dos Aliados**

All performances will include interpretation in Portuguese Sign Language.



Saturday  
30 NOV

Avenida  
dos Aliados

4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

# Gospel Collective

Led by singers and conductors Anastácia Carvalho and Manuela Oliveira, this group of 70 Portuguese-speaking voices has been bringing various forms of gospel to audiences in Portugal and countries such as Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy, and the United Kingdom since 2010. To Porto, they bring yet another blend of energetic and contemplative moments.

## Christmas Tree and Lights Switch-On

+ **“The Rebirth of a Star”**  
*Videomapping and fireworks*

This videomapping show, created by Grandpa's Studio, transforms the façade of the Porto City Hall into a magical experience, where a star from outer space brings the Christmas spirit to the city. The harmonious combination of visuals with a choreography of lights, lasers, and pyrotechnics enhances the immersion, bringing the performance to a dazzling close with the switch-on of the Christmas tree in the square, enveloping everyone in the true spirit of Christmas.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

# Fernando Daniel

Since rising to fame in 2016 after winning the TV show 'The Voice Portugal', Fernando Daniel has been racking up achievements: he has performed over 350 concerts, garnered more than 100 million total views on YouTube, and surpassed 50 million streams on Spotify. A true phenomenon of Portuguese music, performing in Porto with both classic hits and newer songs.



Sunday  
8 DEC  
6:00 p.m.  
Avenida  
dos Aliados

# Marisa Liz

After several albums and concerts with the bands *Amor Electro* and *Donna Maria*, and gaining popularity as a mentor for ten seasons of 'The Voice', Marisa Liz released her first solo album in 2023.

In Porto, the singer will be accompanied by a quartet of musicians who are accompanying her in this new phase of her career: Vasco Duarte on guitars, Penthy Roussies on bass, Ariel Rosa on drums, and Gui Salgueiro on keyboards and programming.

Sunday  
15 DEC  
6:00 p.m.  
Avenida  
dos Aliados

# Desporto no Bairro

CLOSING  
SHOW

Dozens of young participants, supported by experienced professionals, will present on stage a demonstration of the collective work carried out over the last few months of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition, directed by Max Oliveira. The soundtrack for this unique show will be performed live by some of the biggest names in the city's urban culture and Portuguese rap – Ace, Dealema, Deau, Keso, and Rato54 – with curation and musical coordination by Maze.

Sunday  
22 DEC  
6:00 p.m.  
Avenida  
dos Aliados

# Rodrigo Leão e os Jovens do Porto

It was in 1993 that Rodrigo, then still a member of Madredeus, released his first solo album: 'Ave Mundi Luminar', which explored creative corners that didn't fit within his previous projects. These thirty years of extensive repertoire are now available in a unique show that will vary according to Rodrigo Leão's choice of songs and is set to fill Avenida dos Aliados. This concert will feature the participation of several young people from Porto who are attending various music academies and schools, and will be conducted by Maestro Francisco Ferreira.



**Saturday, 7 DEC, 6:00 p.m.**

São José das Taipas Church

**PORTO  
SOUNDS  
SECRET**

# Júlio Resende

## *Fado Meets Jazz in Porto*

The São José das Taipas Church, in Cordoaria, is the fourth and final venue to host *Porto Sounds Secret* in 2024; this is a municipal cycle of concerts held in more or less unusual locations.

The final guest is Júlio Resende, who offers a journey between fado and jazz. In this concert, in addition to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 25 April Revolution, the aim is to honour the rich 'cultural tapestry' that is Portuguese music and its connection with Africa.

Free admission, subject to availability.



GENERAL PROGRAMME

**João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria)  
Largo do Amor de Perdição**





**i** INFORMATION DESK

**🛼** ICE SKATING RINK

**🎡** PARISIAN CAROUSEL

**★** CHRISTMAS TENT

**🎨** CRYSTAL TENT (Workshops)

**👴** SANTA'S HOUSE

**🎁** CHRISTMAS MARKET

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- 2 Portucalé Fine Wines
- 3 Maria Restivo Jewelry
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- 5 AC
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- 7 Flor de Lótus
- 8 Flor de Lótus
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- 12 Contradição
- 13 Good Fries
- 14 Aroma Ibérico
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## Christmas Market

### João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria)

The João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria) will once again be the place for sharing and meeting with merchants and artisans who, during this festive season, showcase the best Christmas gift ideas.

#### Opening Hours

- Monday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- 30 November: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.

## Ice Skating Rink

### Largo do Amor de Perdição

#### Free admission

Individual use limited to 30 minutes.  
Vouchers must be collected in advance at the Information Desk on the same day.

#### Opening Hours

- Monday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- 30 November: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.

## Parisian Carousel

### Largo do Amor de Perdição

#### Free admission

Use allowed up to 10 years of age  
Vouchers must be collected in advance at the Information Desk on the same day.

#### Opening Hours

- Monday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
- 30 November: 11:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.

**Saturdays and Sundays:  
03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.**

## Santa's House

### João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria)

## Santa Claus

**Arrival: 03:00 p.m.**

**Departure: 06:00 p.m.**

Once again, the old man with the white beard sets up shop in the Christmas Market to hear the wishes of the little ones for this festive season. Santa Claus will open the door to everyone, both young and old, for a special word and countless photos.

## Christmas Toy Soldiers Furor Iminente

### Accompany the Arrival of Santa Claus

Together since 2016, this group of professional musicians brings to life four toy soldiers who liven up all kinds of venues, events, and audiences with their performances and good mood. In their travelling Christmas version, they spread the magic of the season from north to south of the country, playing festive music as they stroll through the streets.

**16 to 20 DEC:  
03:00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.**

**Santa's House / João Chagas Garden  
(Cordoaria)**

## Live caricatures

### Caricas

Drawing since he was a child and making caricatures since he discovered this art as a way of sharing joy, Caricas began in his classroom and today takes part in major events, always with the same challenge: exceeding expectations and seeing a smile on the faces he draws.



# CHRISTMAS TENT

## Largo do Amor de Perdição

**30 NOV: 06:00 p.m.**

### Classical Christmas Concert 2024

Ages 3 and up

#### Real Associação do Porto

Christmas-themed pieces by Tomaso Albinoni, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Johann Sebastian Bach, John Wade and Georg Friedrich Händel, among other classical composers, will be performed in this concert by the musicians of Real Orquestra do Porto, conducted by maestro Paulo Nunes.

**1 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

**22 DEC: 06:30 p.m.**

### Circus Time

Ages 3 and up

#### Mimo's Dixie Band

Mimo's Dixie Band is a group made up of six pantomime artists with extensive experience entertaining on stages and streets across Portugal and abroad. In their show 'Circus Times', designed for indoor venues, they combine traditional 1920s jazz, circus arts, and theatrical comedy.

**1 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

### I Have No Idea How I Did This

Ages 8 and up

#### Zé Mágico

In this show, the audience is the great conductor of everything that happens on stage and decides every move. A trapeze exercise without a net, with no room for falls or breakdowns in illusion. And he himself admits: he has no idea how he's going to do this!

**7 DEC: 02:30 p.m.**

### THE SHOAL

Ages 3 and up

#### Histórioscópio

A puppet theatre play about an octopus who, after discovering a beautiful pearl at the bottom of the sea, is overcome by greed and can only think of collecting more and more pearls. In this underwater fable for the whole family, the audience is immersed in a magical, sensory ocean to the sound of original songs.

**7 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

### Orquestrina

Ages 3 and up

#### Seistopeia

A small orchestra of clowns entertains the audience with iconic songs and hilarious antics. The repertoire includes circus classics with a strong influence of ragtime, dixieland, jazz manouche, and popular music standards from the era.

**7 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

### The Crisis of Imagination

Ages 4 and up

#### Rauxa Cía

If every action or decision passes through our imagination, if we project ourselves in thought, how important is imaginative power when it comes to paving a path? What would happen if one day imagination disappeared? These questions form the basis of this surrealist dance and puppet show, where two characters dive into a world of dreams while simultaneously entering a tragic-comic realm.



**8 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

## The Last Firefly Ages 6 and up

### NÓMADA Centro Artístico

Imagine losing the map that showed the way to save the last firefly on Earth. Now imagine that finding this mysterious creature of light was your greatest Christmas wish. This is the challenge presented to the two protagonists of this story, created based on the idea of the infinite constellations that unite us through the relationships we form throughout life.

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**8 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## The Strambotik Kabaret

Ages 4 and up

### Rauxa Cía

The Spanish company Rauxa presents a disjointed and catastrophic cabaret in Porto's Christmas celebrations, simultaneously magical and poetic. In this show, two characters or masters of ceremonies invite the audience to experience a refreshing and dynamic experience, with a series of numbers performed by virtuoso puppets.

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**14 DEC: 02:30 p.m.**

## A Tale of Two Villages

Ages 6 and up

### Teatro da Palmilha Dentada

Using puppets and animated figures, this parable revives the tradition of folk tales with everyday scenes, easily recognisable by the audience, focused on an essential resource: water. With its language, the performance aims to create a strong connection with the audience and to explore the themes addressed in a playful manner.

**14 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

## Pot Pourri Steals Christmas Ages 3 and up

### Mica Paprika

Pot Pourri, a thief with a particular dislike of Christmas, breaks into a house to steal the presents. But, as time passes, he starts to transform with the objects around him and begins to realize that Christmas has its charm. Will he give up on the heist?

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**14 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## The Greatest Showman

Ages 6 and up

### New Dance Project / Cruz Vermelha

The vibrant and enchanting universe of the musical 'The Greatest Showman', inspired by the story of the legendary Phineas Taylor Barnum, one of the first millionaires in the entertainment industry, comes to life in this performance. With a combination of infectious music, exuberant dancing, and an inspiring narrative, the show promises to transport the audience to an era of wonder and spectacle.

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**15 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

## Into the Wild Ages 3 and up

### Pina Polar

A circus woman combines clowning and physical comedy techniques with fakir tricks, knife and hoop juggling, hat manipulations, ropes, and puppets, always engaging in constant improvisation with the audience. The protagonist enjoys making people believe she is the strongest and most dangerous woman, so she surprises, shocks, and entertains them with her terrifying toys, tiger dance, or her children's rock'n'roll band.



**15 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## The Gentleman Ages 3 and up

### Mica Paprika

From the golden age of vaudeville theatre comes a gentleman who, with his peculiar madness, fills the stage with virtuosity and magic. He brings us a multidisciplinary proposal made of juggling, balancing, and a touch of humour, featuring various techniques for manipulating unconventional objects, such as a broom and cane, glasses, bottles, cigars, or ping-pong balls.

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**16 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## Echoes of Dance Ages 3 and up

### Escola de Ballet do Porto

In this performance, the audience is transported to a world of enchantment and beauty, where tales of love, courage, and magic come to life through classical dance. With carefully crafted costumes and set designs, it invites the audience to immerse themselves in timeless tales immortalised through classical dance, bringing to life the magic of works that have spanned centuries and continue to inspire generations.

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**17 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## The Movement of Emotions Ages 6 and up

### Academia em Movimento

Emotions are the greatest, best, and worst companions of our lives. They accompany us minute by minute and emphasise in us what makes us tick. Life without emotions has no life, and so, in this performance, we showcase the Movement of a ballerina's Emotions through Dance.

**18 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

Ages 6 and up

### Academia de Artes de Palco do Porto

Students from different dance disciplines – classical ballet, modern jazz, and contemporary dance – come together for an on-stage demonstration of the training programmes offered by Academia de Artes de Palco do Porto.

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**19 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## Kids Combo Ages 6 and up

### RockSchool Porto

Bands formed by young students from RockSchool Porto come together for a series of mini concerts. With their energy, they will try to captivate the audience by performing well-known rock songs.

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**20 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## Christmas Concert – Utopia, the Beginning of Everything Ages 6 and up

### Curso de Música Silva Monteiro

The word 'utopia', formed from the Greek prefix 'ou' (meaning 'not') and the term 'topos' (meaning 'place'), refers to a non-place or an ideal place, which does not exist in the present but can be built in the future. It also serves as the foundation for this performance, created from the poetry of Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen, with music and arrangements by Hugo Simões, and performed by a choir and a guitar orchestra made up of students from Curso de Música Silva Monteiro.



**21 DEC: 02:30 p.m.**

## Christmas Mission Impossible Ages 3 and up

**Marionetas Rui Sousa**

In this story told by puppets, climate change threatens to jeopardise Christmas. A terrible snowstorm has covered Lapland and is preventing the reindeer from flying, leaving millions of children unsure if they will receive their presents. Desperate, Santa Claus sees only one solution: go to the Enchanted Forest and ask for help from Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and Puss in Boots.

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**21 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

## Fado Mimado Ages 6 and up

**d'Orfeu Associação Cultural**

A spoiled clown, not from the pampering he gets, but from the mimicry he performs, joins a gifted singer, an instrument in hand, and life in a time of peace. The clown and the singer are together in the same arena. She is beautiful and seductive, as for him... we can only feel sorry!

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**21 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## The Philharmonic at Christmas in Porto

Ages 6 and up

**Banda Marcial da Foz do Douro and Vozes do Porto**

Under the direction of conductor Manuel da Costa, Banda Marcial da Foz do Douro joins the Vozes do Porto choir to perform the most beautiful Christmas melodies. Festive themes to be sung by everyone, together, with neighbours, friends, or family.

**22 DEC: 03:00 p.m.**

## Concert Ages 6 and up

**Coro 8x4 / A-K Grupo Coral Acapela / Coro Mille Voci Coro do Colégio do Rosário Orfeão Universitário do Porto / Coro Comunitário / Orquestra Porto Ensemble**

In this musical performance, a set of classical Christmas compositions blends with more traditional carols, arranged for a small orchestra.

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**22 DEC: 04:30 p.m.**

## La Nuit Blanche Ages 8 and up

**Zé Mágico**

On a seemingly quiet night, a baker rests while waiting for the time to prepare the orders. But suddenly, and mysteriously, chaos and disorder take over the bakery. Only the imagination of this lonely man, caught off guard, can give wings to his work.

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**23 DEC: 05:00 p.m.**

## 2024 Christmas Special

Ages 6 and up

**Wallow Choir**

The Wallow Choir is a gospel choir created in Porto in 2020. It presents a vibrant repertoire, blending American gospel with Christmas songs that celebrate hope, faith, and joy. Accompanied by live piano and wearing their signature copper-coloured tunics, the choir members create a unique experience where music becomes a powerful message of emotion and spirituality.



# CRYSTAL TENT

João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria)

## WORKSHOPS

11:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m. / 03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.

**30 NOV, 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21  
and 22 DEC**

### Letter to Santa Claus and Drawing Workshop

An opportunity to write down your Christmas wish list and collectively build a Christmas present by hand.

**30 NOV**

### Screen Printed Tote Bags

Ages 4 and up

**Oficina Mescla**

In this activity, participants will create a screen print based on a design of their own on a tote bag that they can take home.

**Capacity:** 6 participants at a time

**1 DEC**

### Histórias-Presentes

Ages 4 and up

**Thiago Franco**

In this artistic activity, participants will be invited to create and narrate a Christmas book while seated around a workshop table equipped with the necessary materials.

**Capacity:** 20 participants per hour

**7 DEC**

### 3D Christmas Card

Ages 6 and up

**PortodArte Formação**

In this workshop, participants will create postcards using recycled materials and repurposed metal cans, which will then be engraved with 3D Christmas motifs.

**Capacity:** 6 participants at a time

**8 DEC**

### Eco-Christmas Trees

Ages 6 and up

**PortodArte Formação**

This activity will involve the creation of decorative elements for Christmas trees. In this activity, participants will create Christmas tree decorations using recycled metal cans. They will apply a variety of techniques, including cutting, gluing, painting on paper, cardboard, and cardstock, as well as using fire techniques on metal.

**Capacity:** 6 participants at a time

**14 DEC**

### Figures and Wrappings

Ages 5 and up

**Garatuja Oficina**

In this creative workshop, participants will personalise wrapping paper using stamps and ink, creating symbols and patterns that reflect their individual vision of the holiday season.

**Capacity:** 12 participants at a time



# CRYSTAL TENT

João Chagas Garden (Cordoaria)

## WORKSHOPS

11:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m. / 03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.

**15 DEC**

### Puppet Construction

Ages 5 and up

**Cátia Vidinhas**

Using cutting, shaping, and paper collage techniques, participants will create articulated puppets, brought to life by their own imagination.

**Capacity:** 10 participants at a time

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**21 DEC**

### Wood Elves

Ages 5 and up

**Heitor Corrêa**

The activity will involve creating and customising small elves, gnomes, or other fantastic creatures inspired by Christmas and other festive celebrations in December.

**Capacity:** 12 participants per hour

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**22 DEC**

### Christmas Tree 'Brigadeiros'

Ages 6 and up

**Sweet Crops - Doces Artesanais**

Assembling 'brigadeiros' into Christmas trees and finishing the gift box.

**Capacity:** 24 participants at a time



# TRAVELLING EVENTS

**Mercado de Natal**

(João Chagas Garden)

**Start:**

**Largo do Amor de Perdição**



**30 NOV / 14 DEC: 07:00 p.m.**

## Pescadores da Lua

### Seistopeia

Two clowns travel on their tricycle-boat, carrying a giant, magically illuminated flying moon, fished out of the sky with a net. They bring to life a travelling circus performance where poetry, imagination, and clowning come together in perfect synergy.

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**1 DEC: 07:00 p.m.**

## Aukera

### Bambolea Producciones

Recycling, repurposing, and fantasy come together in a visual spectacle with water as the key element. Characters dressed in cans, books, and other recycled materials will parade with their magical umbrellas, spreading smiles and soap bubbles, proving that 'another world is possible'.

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**2, 9, 16 and 23 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## Travelling Choral Concerts

Performances by travelling choirs among the Christmas Market stalls, featuring a programme focused on traditional Portuguese music, not just Christmas themes.

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**3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## Porto's Folk Dance Groups

A parade full of tradition and holiday surprises. With the participation of Rancho Folclórico do Porto, Grupo Folclórico de Lordelo do Ouro, Grupo Folclore da Escola Secundária Infante D. Henrique, Academia de Danças e Cantares, and Rancho Típico do Ilhéu.

**7 DEC: 07:00 p.m.**

## Elves on the Loose

### Rodopio

A troupe of Musical Elves with brass and percussion instruments play a Christmas and traditional repertoire, accompanied by a playful elf who will enchant the city with circus performances.

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**8 DEC: 11:00 a.m.**

## Charanga sem dó

Formed in late 2022 in Lourinhã, it consists of five members with diverse musical backgrounds, all rooted in the West region of Portugal. With a unique combination of brass and percussion instruments, the brass band creates a festive and engaging atmosphere at any event.

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**13 DEC: 06:00 p.m. Parade**

**22 DEC: 06:00 p.m. Christmas Parade**

## Batucada Radical Christmas Parade

### Ass. Cultural Batucada Radical

Batucada Radical returns to the streets of Porto this Christmas, bringing joy and warmth to its cold nights. With their drums and contagious energy, they promise a spirit-lifting parade.

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**14 DEC: 05:00 p.m. / 08:00 p.m.**

**15 DEC: 07:00 p.m. / 07:00 p.m.**

## Christmas Elves

### WETUMTUM

Directly from the magical kingdom of Elfland, where snow sparkles like diamonds and joy fills the air, come four talented and charming elves. The four creatures will perform music from their enchanted land and test their skills in various challenges and adventures along the way.



**15 DEC: 11:00 a.m.**

## **Folhas de Pêssego Brass Band**

A group of 8 young musicians, whose sole goal is to bring good music to those who seek it. They perform various genres, drawing influences primarily from other brass bands, as well as from great musical figures such as Stevie Wonder, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Bruno Mars, and others.

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**20 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

## **Banda Marcial da Foz do Douro**

Banda Marcial da Foz do Douro will be performing at a parade at the Christmas Market to celebrate the season with festive songs.

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**21 DEC: 07:00 p.m.**

## **Orquestrina**

### **Seistopeia**

From the dreamlike world of the Seistopeia company comes Orquestrina, a small orchestra of clowns who entertain the audience with iconic songs and hilarious antics. The repertoire includes circus classics with a strong influence of ragtime, dixieland, jazz manouche, and popular music standards from the era.

**23 DEC: 04:00 p.m. / 06:00 p.m.**

## **The Fable**

### **Lamas Movediças**

This proposal brings characters from fables and fantasy realms, who appear as a group of visitors looking to enjoy the events. These characters will interact with the public in different spaces and contexts, whether it's a line of people waiting to buy a snack, an audience awaiting a show, or a crowd strolling along a street or garden.

**1 DEC – 6 JAN**

## **2024 Christmas Tram**

### **Museu do Carro Eléctrico**

Inspired by the journey of life, the users of Albergues do Porto, with the support of artists Oaktree and Heitor Corrêa, joined the team from the Tramcar Museum to bring to life this Christmas' most famous vehicle.

The tram will run from 1 December to 6 January, on line 1, during the week, between Infante and Passeio Alegre, and on line 18, at the weekend, between Clérigos and Passeio Alegre.

If you travel on the Christmas Tram on Thursdays (12, 19, and 26 December and 2 January), between 03:00 p.m. and 06:00 p.m., you'll find entertainment on board.

Adverse weather conditions may require the temporary suspension of service.



CHRISTMAS  
AROUND  
THE  
CITY



**30 NOV: 11:00 a.m. / 03:00 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m.: Praça do Bom Sucesso**

**11:00 a.m.: Campo 24 de Agosto**

**11:00 a.m.: Parque Infantil da Areosa**

**11:00 a.m.: Largo da Estação de Campanhã**

**03:00 p.m.: Foz Market**

**03:00 p.m.: Rua Ferreira de Castro**

## Christmas Choirs

**Coro 8x4 / Coro Mille Voci Orfeão Universitário do Porto**

Choral music will be one of the means of bringing the Christmas spirit to the city of Porto, through its iconic streets, gardens, squares, and cafés.

**30 NOV: 05:00 p.m.**

**21 DEC: 04:00 p.m.**

**Bolhão Market**

## Ópera de Bolso

Challenging the notion that opera belongs only on grand stages, the 'Ópera de Bolso' project has brought this art form to unexpected locations in recent years, including building façades, gardens, and even garages.

Its members return this Christmas to the Bolhão Market for a performance featuring arias from some of the most famous operas: 'La Traviata', 'Rigoletto', 'Giuditta', 'The Elixir of Love', 'Gianni Schicchi', 'The Merry Widow', as well as other special pieces for the season.

**7 DEC**

**11:00 a.m.: Praça Soares dos Reis**

**03:00 p.m.: Rua S. Roque da Lameira**

## Dixie Gringos Jazz Band

The Dixie Gringos Jazz Band spreads the traditional jazz of New Orleans in concerts and parades, at parties, bars, street performances, and other events, accompanying the music with moments of great joy, energy, and a sense of humour. In a season traditionally associated with unity, peace, and family, the Gringos embrace the Christmas spirit and aim to promote among their listeners not only traditional jazz but also the creation of a fraternal and sharing spirit, highlighting the best in each of us.

**7 DEC**

**11:00 a.m.: Arca d'Água Garden**

**03:00 p.m.: Rua Central de Francos**

## Portable Xmas Carols

The magical Christmas classics are back this holiday season, from 'Christmas Song' to 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree', from 'Presépio de Lata' to 'Peúgas e Pijamas'.





**7 DEC**

**11:00 a.m.: Praça do Bom Sucesso**

**03:00 p.m.: Foz Market**

**05:00 p.m.: Bolhão Market**

**Elves on the Loose****Rodopio**

A musical troupe of elves, with wind instruments (bagpipes and flutes) and percussion instruments (snare drum and bass drum), will play a traditional Christmas repertoire. A playful companion will join them and charm the market visitors with energetic circus performances.

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**8 DEC**

**03:00 p.m.: Arts Market (Avenida D. Afonso Henriques)**

**06:00 p.m.: Batalha Craft Market (Praça da Batalha)**

**Charanga sem Dó**

Charanga sem Dó was formed in late 2022 in Lourinhã, it consists of five members with diverse musical backgrounds, all rooted in the West region of Portugal. With a unique combination of brass and percussion instruments, the brass band creates a festive and engaging atmosphere at any event.

**14 DEC**

**11:00 a.m.: Rua de Martim Moniz**

**03:00 p.m.: Largo da Maternidade**

**06:00 p.m.: Porto Belo Market (Praça de Carlos Alberto)**

**Cottas Club Jazz Band**

The Cottas Club Jazz Club comes from the West region of Portugal. The group was formed in 2003 and focus on Dixieland (or Traditional Jazz), the sound that was played during the 1920s and 1930s in the birthplace of Jazz – New Orleans. They play songs from the era, mixed with timeless tracks, in a surprising performance.

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**14 DEC**

**11:00 a.m.: Belém Garden**

**03:00 p.m.: Campo 24 de Agosto**

**07:00 p.m.: Sol Market (Praça Parada Leitão)**

**Snow Flow Beat**

This is a troupe of snowman musicians with wind and percussion instruments, playing a well-known Christmas repertoire that everyone will recognise! Full of music and energy, everyone will want to experience the magic of these travelling snowmen.





**14 DEC****11:00 a.m.: Rua do Pinheiro Manso****03:00 p.m.: Parque Infantil dos Miosótis****06:00 p.m.: Batalha Craft Market (Praça da Batalha)****Zimbre Brass**

This is a band consisting of two trumpets, a French horn, a tenor trombone, a bass trombone, a saxophone, and a drum set. Together, they create a symphony of sound that captivates audiences of all styles and ages. With a repertoire that ranges from popular music, street music, jazz to classical music, they make any event even more festive.

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**14 DEC****04:00 p.m.: Bolhão Market****Into the Wild****Pina Polar**

A circus woman combines clowning and physical comedy techniques with fakir tricks, knife and hoop juggling, hat manipulations, ropes, and puppets, always engaging in constant improvisation with the audience. The protagonist enjoys making people believe she is the strongest and most dangerous woman, so she surprises, shocks, and entertains them with her terrifying toys, tiger dance, or her children's rock'n'roll band.

**15 DEC****03:00 p.m.: Ribeira Market****06:00 p.m.: Família Desce à Rua (Praça de Carlos Alberto)****Folhas de Pêssego Brass Band**

Folhas de Pêssego are a group of 8 young musicians, whose sole goal is to bring good music to those who seek it. They perform various genres, drawing influences primarily from other brass bands, as well as from great musical figures such as Stevie Wonder, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Bruno Mars, and others.

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**From 16 to 20 DEC****11:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.: Bolhão Market****Live Caricatures****Caricas**

Drawing since he was a child and making caricatures since he discovered this art as a way of sharing joy, Caricas began in his classroom and today takes part in major events, always with the same challenge: exceeding expectations and seeing a smile on the faces he draws.

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**21 DEC: 02:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.****23 DEC: 10:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.****Bolhão Market****Santa Claus**

Before arriving at every family's home, Santa Claus will stop by the Bolhão Market for a very special meeting – and to hand out a handful of surprises. Take this opportunity to make your last-minute wishes for the holiday season!



**21 DEC****11:00 a.m.: Praça de D. Afonso V****03:00 p.m.: Foz Market****06:00 p.m.: Rua de Alexandre Braga****Simply Hybrid Syncopators**

Simply Hybrid Syncopators are a 'pop jazz' band that focuses on a simplified version of various timeless songs, ranging from the golden jazz swings of the 1920s (dixieland) to the pop rock of the 90's and even current hits! The quartet consists of trumpet, sousaphone, trombone, and banjo, with vocals being one of the band's strong points.

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**21 DEC****11:00 a.m.: Rua Senhora do Porto****03:00 p.m.: Quinta do Covelo****06:00: MarketPlace  
(Praça do Marquês de Pombal)****100 Batuta**

100Batuta are a street brass band, united by a passion for music and the desire to spread joy wherever they go.

Their repertoire is a musical journey across the four corners of the world, offering a contagious mix of rhythms and melodies from various musical genres.


**21 DEC****11:00 a.m.: Antiques and Vintage Market (Praça do Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro)****03:00 p.m.: Praça da Corujeira****06:00 p.m.: Arts Market  
(Avenida D. Afonso Henriques)****SevenDixie**

Influenced by the social 'craze' of the 1920s, SevenDixie recreate that energy and excitement on stages and streets, inviting audiences to travel back to that era. Louis Armstrong and Dukes of Dixieland are some of the group's influences, revisited in songs such as "Hello Dolly", "When The Saints Go Marching In", and "Tiger Rag".

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**21 DEC****09:30 p.m.: Clérigos Church****Orquestra XXI**

Orquestra XXI and flutist Adriana Ferreira are part of Porto's Christmas programme with a concert dedicated to the music of the Bach family. Founded in 2013, Orquestra XXI is an artistic project that brings together Portuguese musicians based abroad, with the dual aim of strengthening the connection between these instrumentalists and their home country and bringing excellent musical performances to as diverse an audience as possible.

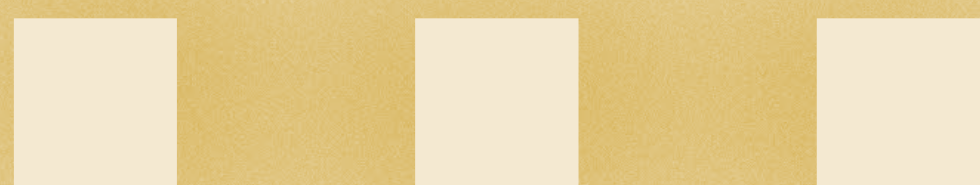




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## BATALHA CENTRO DE CINEMA

**21 Dec: 09:15 p.m.**

### Christmas Remix

**Hugo van der Ding and Martim Sousa Tavares**

Hugo van der Ding and Martim Sousa Tavares are teaming up again for Batalha's Christmas tradition - this year, with a new project developed specially for this session!

### *Bell, Book and Candle*

**Richard Quine**

Gillian Holroyd (Kim Novak), a modern witch living in New York with her Siamese cat, uses her powers to try to win over her neighbour, publisher Shepard Henderson (James Stewart), who is engaged to another woman. However, as witches cannot truly fall in love, Gillian begins to lose her powers as her feelings for Shepard grow stronger.

**21 DEC: 03:15 p.m.**

**Family Christmas Special:**

### *The Iron Giant* Ages 6 and up

**Brad Bird**

This critically acclaimed science fiction animated classic – and one of the first successes of director Brad Bird (Ratatouille and The Incredibles) – is the Batalha's proposal for a family Christmas screening, celebrating the spirit of the season that promotes truces among all.

## PORTO MUNICIPAL GALLERY

**26 OCT 2024 → 23 FEB 2025**

### Electric Jungle Fever

**Vivian Caccuri**

The Brazilian artist, based in Rio de Janeiro, has been using sound to intertwine sensory perception experiences with historical and social issues, creating experiences that go beyond the auditory realm and encompass the visual, the corporeal, and the technological realms.

**26 OCT 2024 → 16 FEB 2025**

### Surface Disorder

**Jonathan Uliel Saldanha**

A musician, visual artist, sound and stage creator, his artistic practice unfolds at the intersection of sound, gesture, voice, installation, performance, and video, merging pre-language, otherness, and science fiction.

**7 DEC: 04:30 p.m.**

**BMAG Auditorium**

### Book launch

### "Surface Disorder"

**Jonathan Uliel Saldanha**

In the context of the exhibition 'Surface Disorder' by Jonathan Uliel Saldanha, curated by João Laia, a publication about the exhibition project will be launched.

**7 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

**BMAG Auditorium**

### MAU SANGUE – HHY & The Macumbas + Lunar Ring

As part of the exhibition at the Porto Municipal Gallery, there will be a performance by Jonathan Uliel Saldanha's musical group and guests.



## CULTURA EM EXPANSÃO

**7 DEC: 05:00 p.m.**

Associação da Pasteleira Torres Vermelhas

### Desassossegar

**Liliana Abreu & Conjunto da Alegria**

This is the name of the ongoing project, promoted by Liliana Abreu with the 'gymnastics group' from Associação de Moradores do Bairro Social da Pasteleira, which throughout this year has organised different initiatives, with the 'adufe' drum and singing as the theme and reason for gathering. This meeting gave rise to Conjunto da Alegria, which also features the collaboration of Mafalda Saloio, who will bring physical theatre and the relationship with the body in performance.

**8 DEC: 05:00 p.m.**

Conservatório de Música do Porto

### Grupo Operário do Ruído

Grupo Operário do Ruído is a community group open to the participation of people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and domesticated animals and plants, aimed at the collaborative creation of music with unusual, tedious, fun, and adaptable musical instruments that suit the physical qualities and attributes of all participants.

**14 DEC: 07:00 p.m.**

São José das Taipas Church

### ENXERTO: Coro Sénior da Fundação Manuel António da Mota & Rita Campos Costa

After the performances by Banda Marcial da Foz do Douro with Nuno Aroso, and Rancho Folclórico de Paranhos with Daniela Leite Castro, in this final moment of the project, we will be able to learn about the work developed by Coro Sénior da Fundação Manuel António da Mota with the artist, mentor, and artistic and pedagogical coordinator of Frenesim, Rita Campos Costa.

## MUNICIPAL THEATRE OF PORTO

**6 / 7 DEC: 07:30 p.m.**

Rivoli

**4/4** Ages 12 and up

### Chunky Move

Eight dancers perform a rigid symphony of fascinating movement in a minimalist setting. As the episodes unfold, each based on the previous one, quartets and duets converge and diverge into increasingly hypnotic configurations. The individuality of each dancer stands out, despite the constraints of choreographic sobriety.



## MUNICIPAL THEATRE OF PORTO

**13 & 14 DEC: 07:30 p.m.**

Rivoli

### Summer Night + Winter Night Ages 14 and up

**Luís Mestre / Teatro Nova  
Europa**

On the third night of the Tetralogy of the Seasons, identity, stories, and their origins are vague. The tension fluctuates as the drama and secrets unfold, shifting the distribution of energy. In *Winter Night*, a biographical text, Luís Mestre outlines a journey along the delicate territory between the public and private spheres.

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**20 DEC: 07:30 p.m.**

Campo Alegre

### Strata Ages 6 and up

**Joana Gama & Luís Fernandes**

In 2024, the piano and electronics duo made up of Joana Gama and Luís Fernandes celebrates ten years of activity. The five albums they have released encompass work as a duo, trio, quintet, and with an orchestra. In *Strata*, the duo returns to its initial configuration, inviting filmmaker Eduardo Brito – with whom they had previously worked on two films – to create the visual imagery for this performance, in collaboration with Frederico Rompante, who has been responsible for the light design of their concerts from the beginning.

## SIMULTANEOUS INAUGURATIONS AT MIGUEL BOMBARDA

**14 DEC: 04:00 p.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

Rua de Miguel Bombarda

### Christmas Special

The city's Cultural District will once again come together for new inaugurations in its galleries. The event also includes a programme with activities designed for the whole family.

## OTHERS

**29 DEC: 06:00 p.m.**

Avenida dos Aliados

### 30.ª Lidl S. Silvestre City of Porto Race

The Lidl S. Silvestre Cidade do Porto Race returns to Avenida dos Aliados.

The city will once again be lit up by the thousands of athletes who will be running through the city's iconic streets. In addition to the 10 kilometre race, the event also includes a 5 kilometre non-competitive walk. An initiative by Runporto and Porto City Council.



**4 JAN: 03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.**

Various locations

**Singing the 'Janeiras'**

Once again, the city's folklore groups and associations are taking to the streets to celebrate the New Year and the end of the festive season.

**→ Route 1 Grupo Folclórico de Lordelo do Ouro**

Departure from Terreiro da Sé, Largo do Colégio, Rua de Santana, Travessa da Bainharia, Rua Mouzinho da Silveira, Rua Trindade Coelho, Largo dos Loios, Praça da Liberdade, Av. Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 2 Rancho Folclórico do Porto**

Departure from Rua de Cedofeita (corner with Miguel Bombarda), Praça Carlos Alberto, Rua Ator João Guedes, Praça Guilherme Gomes Fernandes, Rua Santa Teresa, Rua Avis, Praça Filipa de Lencastre, Rua da Almada, Rua Dr. Artur de Magalhães Basto, Av. dos Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 3 Academia de Danças e Cantares do Norte de Portugal**

Departure from Praça Parada Leitão, Jardim da Cordoaria, Largo da Cadeia da Relação, Passeio dos Clérigos, Rua Galeria de Paris, Rua Santa Teresa, Rua Cândido dos Reis, Rua do Clérigos, Av. Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 4 Orfeão do Porto**

Departure from Praça da Batalha, Rua Cimo de Vila, Rua Chã, Rua do Loureiro, Av. D. Afonso Henrique (Praça Almeida Garrett), Rua Sá da Bandeira, Praça D. João I, Rua do Bonjardim, Rua Guilherme Costa Carvalho, Av. Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 5 Rancho Folclórico de Danças e Cantares de Campanhã**

Departure from Praça dos Poveiros, Rua de Passos Manuel, Rua de Santa Catarina, Rua Formosa, Rua Sá da Bandeira, Rua Fernandes Tomás, Rua do Bonjardim, Rua do Alferes Malheiro, Rua dos Heróis e dos Mártires de Angola, Av. dos Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 6 Grupo Folclore da Escola Secundária Infante D. Henrique**

Departure from Praça da Ribeira, Rua de São João, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Jardim do Infante D. Henrique, Rua de Ferreira Borges, Largo de São Domingos, Rua das Flores, Praça Almeida Garrett, Av. Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 7 Rancho Folclórico de Ramalde Ass. Recr. Cult. Conjunto 26 de janeiro**

Departure from Capela das Almas (Rua de Santa Catarina), Rua de Santa Catarina, Rua 31 de Janeiro, Rua Sá da Bandeira, Rua do Bonjardim, Rua de Bruno Sampaio, Av. dos Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 8 Rancho Típico do Ilhéu**

Departure from Praça da República, Rua de Gonçalo Cristóvão, Rua do Bom Jardim, Rua de Guedes Azevedo, Rua do Bolhão, Rua Fernandes Tomás, Rua do Bonjardim, Rua de Rodrigues Sampaio, Av. dos Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.

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**→ Route 9 Rancho Folclórico de Paranhos**

Departure from Rua de Miguel Bombarda, Rua de Cedofeita, Travessa de Cedofeita, Rua da Conceição, Rua da Picaria, Praça D. Filipa de Lencastre, Rua do Almada, Rua de Ramalho Ortigão, Av. dos Aliados, and arrival at Espelho D'Água.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS



In addition to the Christmas Market, set up in the heart of Cordoaria, the city's streets and gardens also feature other street markets to further brighten up and warm up this time of year

## Sol Market

**10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

**Praça Parada Leitão**

The Sol Market is a themed urban market dedicated to selling handmade and semi-industrial objects, which may have either traditional or contemporary features.

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## Arts Market

**10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

**Avenida de Dom Afonso Henriques**

This is a market aimed at promoting artistic expression, providing an outdoor space for the exhibition and sale of works and creations by local artists.

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## Batalha Craft Market

**09:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

**Praça da Batalha and Rua de Santo Ildefonso**

This market is dedicated to the sale of handcrafted items, such as bags, belts, and various types of jewellery.

## Alegria Market

**- Christmas Market**

**Monday to Thursday and**

**Sundays: 10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

**Fridays and Saturdays:**

**10:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m.**

**Praça da Batalha**

The main aim of the Alegria Market is to support and promote the work of small artisans, creators, and traders from the city and its surroundings.

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## Arts and Crafts Market – Christmas 2024

**20 NOV–23 DEC / 26–29 DEC:**

**11:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.**

**24 DEC: 11:00 a.m. – 03:30 p.m.**

**Closed on 25 DEC**

**Avenida Dom Afonso Henriques**

Exhibition and sale of handmade products, including textiles, ceramics, plant-based items, wood and cork, stone and metal work, and other arts and crafts.

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## Porto Belo Market

**30 NOV / 7, 14, 21, 22, 23  
and 24 DEC**

**09:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.**

**Praça Carlos Alberto**

The Porto Belo Market is an urban market specifically focused on paper, music, and organic products. This market aims to promote unique projects and products developed by the participants.



## Antiques and Vintage Market

**21 DEC: 08:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.**

**Praça do Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro**

The Antiques and Vintage Market aims to protect and promote the appreciation for testimonies of the past, translated into objects of symbolic value, considering their period of production or manufacture.

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## Família Desce à Rua

**1, 15, and 29 DEC:**

**10:00 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.**

**Praça de Carlos Alberto**

This market promotes urban crafts and emerging creators. It is held on Sundays, two to three times a month. You can find items such as jewellery, clothing, various accessories, and decorative pieces.

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## Alegria Market – Passeio Alegre Garden

**1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 DEC:**

**09:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.**

**Jardim do Passeio Alegre**

The Alegria Market is an urban market with sales activities organised by a group of artisans, aiming to promote their work.

## MarketPlace – Casual Style

**7 and 21 DEC:**

**12:00 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.**

**Praça do Marquês de Pombal**

In this market you'll find various types of items, both new and used, including clothing and footwear, jewellery and accessories, handicrafts, furniture and vintage pieces, as well as gourmet products and both traditional and conventual sweets.

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## Clérigos Market

**8 and 22 DEC**

**10:00 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.**

**Praça de Carlos Alberto**

Praça de Carlos Alberto is one of the most popular places in the city for fairs and other related events, as is the case with this small market, sought after for its designer products, handicrafts and, especially, antiques.



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