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Route covering approximately: 1,8 km





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Leaving the Praça da República, cross the **1** old bridge over the River Gilão; the bridge has been changed over the course of time but has had its present-day appearance since the 17th century. After the great floods of 1989, the bridge became fully pedestrianised. Take a look at the houses adorned with wrought iron fences and hipped roofs standing alongside the river.



Mansions

Keep going along Rua Dr. António Cabreira. The first building on the right houses the **2** **Municipal Archive**, and was given to the municipal council by mathematician and astronomer Dr António Cabreira. At the end of this street turn right onto Rua Almirante Cândido dos Reis and soon after, onto the first road on the left (Rua da Corujeira Pequena) until you arrive at a garden. In this square, you spot the **3** **Chapel of São Brás** (Saint Blaise) of late medieval origin and rebuilt in the third quarter of the 18th century.

Walk around the right-hand side of the church and go to the Largo do Carmo. There you will find the **4** **Church of the Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Carmo** (Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel). This began to be built in 1745 and is decorated in a late baroque style. The interior is an example of rococo splendour with beautiful gilded and polychromatic wood carvings.

Roof of the Church of the Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Carmo (right)





Façade of the Tavira
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When you leave the church, to your left you will see the old Carmo Convent where the **5 Tavira Ciência Viva (Living Science) Centre** is based; it runs activities relating to water and energy.

Besides visiting the exhibition, centre visitors can participate in experimental activities or take tours.

Before returning to the Chapel of São Brás (Saint Blaise), turn right on the Largo do Carmo until you come to the Rua do Óculo, where you find the

6 Parque da Água (Waterpark) Garden. Here you can try some of the water-based activities and apparatus for free, discover some native species and relax a little. It is, without doubt, a lovely place for children.

After this visit, carry on in the direction of the Chapel of São Brás (Saint Blaise), on your way to Rua da Corujeira Grande. Along the way, at number 24, you can see a small house with

7 Manueline stonework. After going down Rua da Corujeira Grande, stop and look to the right.

Here you will see the **8 Alagooa Garden** and the **9 Church of Nossa Senhora da Ajuda or of São Paulo** (Our Lady of Good Aid or of Saint Paul).

Dating from the early 17th century, it was originally part of the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit. Constructed in the shape of a Latin cross, the church is an example of Portuguese *chã* (plain) architecture.

As you leave the church, walk through the garden and carry on until you arrive at Rua João Vaz Corte Real on your right. Continue along this road and take the second turning on the right onto the Calçada de Sant'Anna, where the **10 Chapel of Santa Ana** (Saint Anne) can be found. Of medieval origin,

The bell tower of the
Chapel of Santa Ana



Chapel of Santa Ana

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this church was rebuilt in the 18th century, as the date inscribed on the bell tower (1727) appears to confirm. Inside there are carvings, sculptures and paintings. From the viewpoint beside the church you can admire the magnificent panoramic view over the river and the city. The church served as a private chapel for the Governor of the Algarve, transferred here after the destruction of the city of Lagos in the 1755 earthquake.

Professor Bartolomeu Cid dos Santos Steps (right)

On the right descend the steps named Escadinhas Prof. Bartolomeu Cid dos Santos (visual artist) until you return to Rua João Vaz de Corte Real.

On the right you will find the Tavira House of Arts with the Lagar-Museu (a museum housed in a former olive-pressing facility), which runs cultural initiatives, especially in the summer, notably including contemporary art exhibitions.

If you have children and like extreme sports, we invite you to visit the skate park, located about 200 metres past the Santiago Bridge. If you wish to return to the start of the tour, cross the car park and carry on, southwards along the riverbank.

Continue along Rua Borda d'Água da Assêca and, at the end, you will find the old bridge where you started on your right-hand side.

View from Alto de Santa Ana

