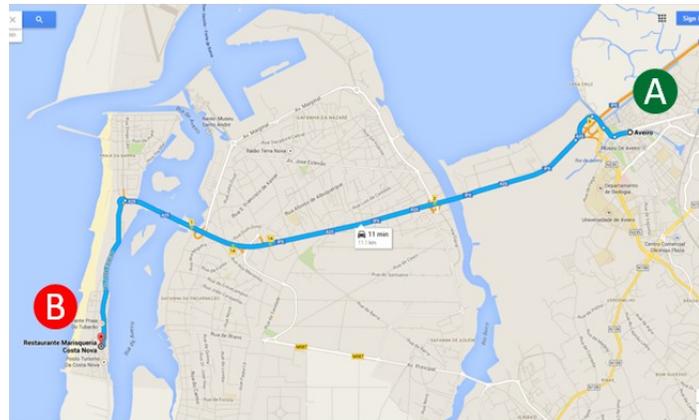


# Directions & Maps

## To Aveiro



## To Costa Nova from Aveiro



## Venice of Portugal, Salt Pans and the Seaside

Day Trip to Aveiro and Costa Nova  
Drive 88 km, 55 min



<b>A</b> Quinta dos Três Rios Bed and Breakfast, Rua Padre Francisco de Oliveira 239	
Get on IP3 from N337	4.2 km / 6 min
Continue on IP3 to Coimbra. Take exit 11 from A1	8.4 km / 9 min
1. Head southwest on N337 toward Rua Dr. Tomaz Ribeiro de Melo	2.8 km
2. Turn right onto N2	5.3 km
3. Turn left onto the ramp to V. Real/A24/Aveiro/Espanha/A25 <i>Partial toll road</i>	220 m
Follow A25 to N235 in Aveiro. Take exit 3 from A25	78.5 km / 44 min
4. Merge onto IP3 <i>Toll road</i>	1.3 km
5. Take exit 17 to merge onto A25 toward Aveiro/A1/Porto <i>Toll road</i>	70.7 km
6. Keep right to stay on A25, follow signs for Aveiro/Zona Portuária <i>Partial toll road</i>	6.2 km
7. Take exit 3 toward Aveiro <i>Toll road</i>	350 m
Continue on N235. Take Rua do Clube dos Galitos to Rua João Mendonça in Aveiro	1.0 km / 2 min
8. Merge onto N235	230 m
9. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Rua do Clube dos Galitos	600 m
10. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Rua João Mendonça <i>Destination will be on the right</i>	150 m
<b>B</b> Museu da Cidade de Aveiro, Rua João Mendonça	

<b>A</b> Museu da Cidade de Aveiro, Rua João Mendonça 9-11	
Get on A25 from Rua do Clube dos Galitos and N235	1.3 km / 2 min
1. Head east on Rua João Mendonça	62 m
2. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Rua do Clube dos Galitos	260 m
3. Keep right to stay on Rua do Clube dos Galitos	240 m
4. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto N235	260 m
5. Take the ramp onto A25 <i>Toll road</i>	160 m
6. Merge onto A25 <i>Toll road</i>	7.4 km / 5 min
Drive to Av. José Estevão	500 m / 1 min
7. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Av. José Estevão <i>Destination will be on the right</i>	500 m
<b>B</b> Restaurante Marisqueira Duna do Meio, Avenida José Estevão	



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# Venice of Portugal, Salt Pans and the Seaside

## Day Trip to Aveiro and Costa Nova

This day trip is recommended for everyone. Minimal walking is necessary.

Your day in Aveiro will take you to the Atlantic coast where you will spend some time in the coastal barrier lagoon of the Ria de Aveiro and at the beach in Costa Nova. Nicknamed “the Portuguese Venice”, the city of Aveiro is criss-crossed with canals, lending it character and charm.



*Aveiro—  
The Venice of Portugal*



*Casa de Cha Arte Nova*

You will start the day in Aveiro and park near the city center. Most of the activities in Aveiro are based on the abundance of water in the landscape. To get yourself oriented, go to the Museu Arte Novo, one of many Arte Nouveau buildings in the city center, and its Casa de Cha. Here you can sit down to have a cup of tea and try ovos moles, the regional specialty, while you set your course for the day.

As you walk around the city, you will see the canals and the brightly patterned gondola-shaped boats called moliceiros. These boats have played an important role in the city’s history and economy for centuries and were originally developed for gathering seaweed in the estuary. They are commonly used these days to transport tourists around the city, propelled by a pole. You may want to take a moliceiro trip around the city or lagoon. Check with the tourist office on the Praça da Republica for current schedules and prices.

Walk or drive to the salt pans to see how sea salt is “harvested.” Salt pans are rectangular ponds adjacent to the estuary that are connected by small channels. The water levels are controlled by the



*Salt Pans*

marnoto (salt pan worker) whose knowledge has been handed down through the generations. The art of making salt is tied to the history of the city and, today you can explore first hand at the Troncalhada Ecomuseum, one of the salt pans that still operates in the area.

It is a short drive to the coast and Costa Nova where you will see the iconic multicolored striped houses once used by fishermen. They painted the houses in bright stripes to stand out against the pale tones of the sand as they approached from the sea.



*Costa Nova Restaurante & Marisqueira*

As you might expect, seafood is featured heavily in the local gastronomy. Eat lunch at Costa Nova Marisqueira Restaurante whose large windows open to the main street and beyond to the bay. Try local specialties like the eel stew (caldeira de enguias)!

There is also a fantastic seafood market next door. You might ask Hugh and Jane at the Quinta about bringing some fresh seafood back to cook for dinner.



*Costa Nova Fish Market*

There is a boardwalk on the beach on the Atlantic Ocean to walk or you can dip your toes in the water. During the summer months, an assortment of water sports is also available.

If you have time left enough time at the end of your day, consider traveling to the little town of Vista Alegre, about 8 km south of Aveiro on the N109. A factory producing fine porcelain and bearing the name of this village can be found here. Vista Alegre porcelain is well-known throughout the world and is sold in shops throughout Portugal. The museum which shows the history of pottery manufacturing also provides guided tours of the pottery factory.

