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**INDUSTRIAL AND
BUSINESS TOURISM**

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FAMALICÃO A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

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The north of Portugal is the European most relevant region for the textile and clothing sector, and Famalicão is the main epicentre of the region. Holder of the "Famalicão, Textile City" brand, already with national and international prominence, Famalicão combines tradition, innovation and creativity, all of them part on the textile and fashion industry, by having its eyes always set on the future. Therefore, our commitment to industrial tourism, with memorable experiences to visitors, allows the participation in the production process of a company with the historical industrial heritage preserved in the territory, along with knowing the future technological trends, production processes and products.

The variety of experiences that you can find in Vila Nova de Famalicão, from the textile sector to the agrofood industry, is an invitation for

you to visit the city, with the certainty of finding unforgettable routes, places and touristic activities. The connection between the city, the companies and its people ensures a distinguishing contact with the local community and culture. The industries open their doors to tourists. Here, you will find great and prestigious brands. These are all excellent reasons for an unforgettable experience in Vila Nova de Famalicão.

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE



Textile Industry Museum of the Ave River Basin

Besides the historical context of the Ave River Basin industrialization, and a particular focus on people's labour experiences, namely in the cotton industry, this museum has a fascinating exhibition of working historical textile machines, from spinning to weaving, among others.

National Railway Museum – Lousado Centre

Installed in the *Companhia dos Caminhos de Ferro de Guimarães (Guimarães Railway Company) (1883-1927)* original building, the museum is today an important element of the Portuguese industrial archaeology, due to the quality and uniqueness of its estate. The locomotives, wagons and exhibited vehicles were built between 1875 and 1965, therefore representing almost a century of Railway History. It integrates the European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH).

Automobile Museum

The Automobile Museum of Vila Nova de Famalicão is a representation of the evolution of automobile design and technique throughout the 20th century. The Museum exhibits a collection that belongs to several owners, holding about 130 cars and old motorcycles of different brands, models and periods. Within such a vast collection of relics with wheels and engine, the museum highlights the Ford-T, the first car ever to be produced in series, as well as a VEL microcar, the only one of its kind in the world, and two unique copies of a Rolls Royce model.

These places are a must visit to better understand the process of industrialization over time.

THE INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS OF VILA NOVA DE FAMILIÇÃO IS INSEPARABLE FROM ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO FROM THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY.



LIVING INDUSTRY



VILA NOVA DE FAMALICÃO IS WELL KNOWN TODAY FOR ITS INDUSTRIAL DYNAMICS, WITH A STRONG BET ON INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY AND QUALIFIED HUMAN RESOURCES.



Textile Industry

The city of Vila Nova de Famalicão is home to more than 800 companies from the textile sector, the result of a great investment in technology and human resources qualification. From the wiring process to the final product, you can find a wide range of products, made in a complete and structured production chain.

Agrofood Industry

Vila Nova de Famalicão is considered one of the most important Portuguese municipalities for the agrofood industry, with national and international recognition for its technological and innovation skills. Meat, biscuits, chocolate, cheese, jam, wine, among others, these are the products that keep Famalicão at the forefront of agrofood production.

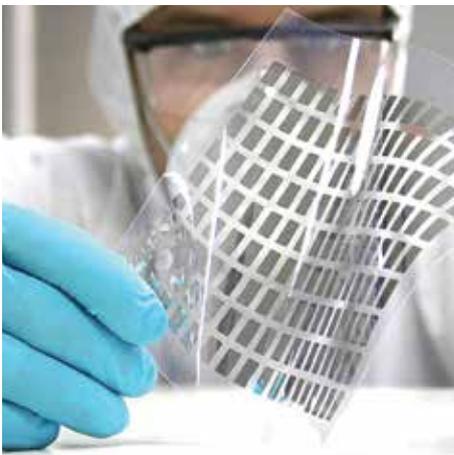
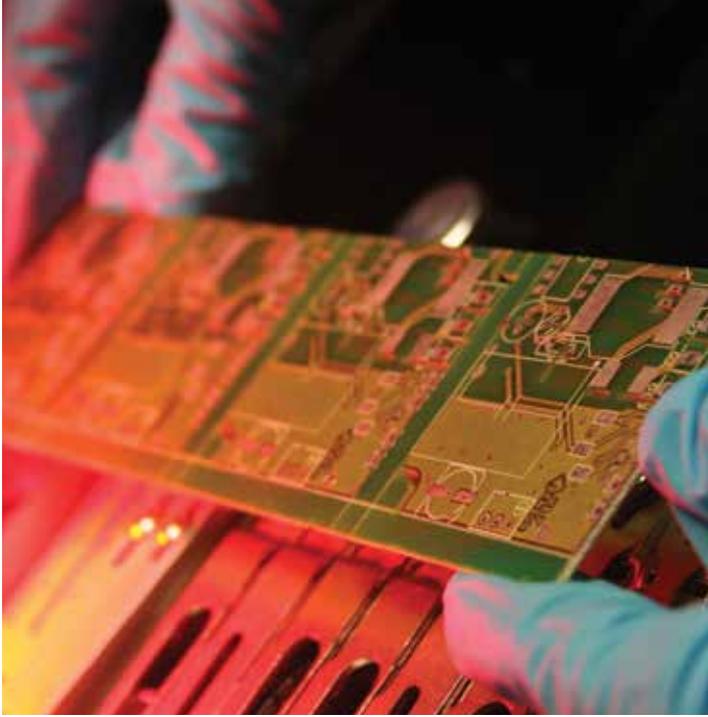
Automotive Components Industry

The continuous growth in the turnover of Vila Nova de Famalicão and its exports is largely due to the high dynamism of the automotive components industry, which make large investments to better respond to the challenges of an ever-changing industry.

Metal mechanics Industry

This industrial sector is in a competitive forefront of worldwide scale, through the production of machinery for sectors such as textile, naval, military, chemical, oil industry, automotive and other products.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS WORK DAILY FOR INNOVATION IN VARIOUS SECTORS, COMING FROM VILA NOVA DE FAMALICÃO.



INNOVATION



CITEVE

The CITEVE – Technological Institute Centre for the Textile and Clothing Industries of Portugal, founded in 1989, is based in Vila Nova de Famalicão. It has trade delegations in Asia, Africa, North America and South America, and provides Textile and Clothing companies with a portfolio of services that includes laboratory tests, product certification, fashion and design, technical and technological consulting, R&D+ Innovation and training. It is a very well recognized organization in the national and European panorama, concerning innovation and new materials' development for the Textile and Clothing Industry.

CeNTI

The CeNTI – Centre of Nanotechnology and Smart Materials is an Institute of New Technologies with multisectoral orientation, equipped with the most advanced technology and that develops research activities, technological development, innovation and engineering in the fields of smart and functional materials and systems. It stands out at a European level for dominating the functionalization and “smartising” of substrates of great importance for the relevant industries in Portugal, particularly in textiles, polymers, leather, paper, glass, ceramics, natural stone, concrete, cork, wood, among others.

ATELIERS / MANUFACTURING



The industry of Vila Nova de Famalicão doesn't stand out only because of technology. The production of *premium* segment items, often unique and exclusive, is also an important factor for the local economy, because, from fashion to furniture, the offer is sophisticated and complete. This context makes the city a destination with an industry that deserves to be visited, with the certainty that it will not be forgotten. Here you can discover the most exquisite side of this territory, that gives you the possibility of personalizing your own shirt or tuxedo, tasting the best flavours, and meeting the most sophisticated products.

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Vigo-VN Famalicão
A3 121 km / 1h22 min

Braga-VN Famalicão
N14 20 km / 24 min

Porto-VN Famalicão
A3 41 km / 33 min

Lisboa-VN Famalicão
A3 343 km / 3h50 min



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