

Windows and Portals

Tomar has a wide range of windows and portals of historic and architectonic interest, and the care many private people have for their conservation is praiseworthy. Some examples can be seen on a pleasant walk through the town.

Start by **Rua dos Arcos** where, above the tip of the second arch of the Inns, you can see the oldest and only original window from the 15th century. Right in front, in **Rua Torres Pinheiro** you will find an upper beam window with decorative elements. In **Avenida Cândido Madureira** there is a noble 16th century house with balcony and parapet windows with a rounded apron.

At the end of this avenue there is the Tourism Office building, from the 1930's but with windows and portals from the Renaissance, parts of old demolished constructions. The portal is from the end of the 15th century; the corner window and three windows, two of them geminated, one original,

Council Square where you will find palace windows and portals with floral motifs in the stonework. In **Rua Silva Magalhães** there are balcony and parapet windows and corner windows with bolsters, in an easily identifiable Renaissance house. Return to **Rua Serpa Pinto**: there you can admire balcony windows, parapets and decorated portals on a building from the 1920's. Also in this street there are various

buildings with tiles partially or entirely covering their facades. Halfway along this street, go into Rua dos Moinhos and further on you will find **Rua Dr. Joaquim Jacinto**, and a trimmed upper beam Manueline window. Also in this street, at n.º 63, there is a portal with two

profession of its occupant - stonemason, joiner.. At the end of your walk look out for two 15th century plain apron windows and a portal from the same period in **Rua D. Aurora de Macedo**.

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