



# MUSEU DO PARLAMENTO AÇORES

The Azorean Parliament Museum aims to provide to the visitors a deeper understanding of the role of the parliament in the construction of the azorean political autonomy and in the development of democracy.

The Parliament Museum's main objective is to preserve the memory of the Azorean Parliament, promoting the understanding of the history of autonomy, the azorean politics and the democratic values.

The Museum offers an enriching and informative experience to its visitors, promoting an effectively understanding of the democratic system and how its institutions work.

An informed society is a fairest and more equitable society, more participatory and, therefore, more democratic.

**Galeria dos  
Presidentes/ Gallery of  
Presidents**

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**Sala da  
Autonomia/Autonomy  
Room**

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**Sala do  
Parlamento/Parliament  
Room**

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**Biblioteca/Library  
Álvaro Monjardino**

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**Exposições  
Temporárias/  
Temporary exhibitions**

**EVERY DAY OPEN  
FREE ADMISSION**

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# RECEPTION

The Reception is dedicated to the history of the building, an heritage in the service of global communications and, afterwards, in the service of the community.

Built at the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by the German submarine cable company, *DAT*, it served as the residence of the company's director. With the reestablishment of democracy and the formation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Government, several Regional Secretaries worked here. Since 1989, it became the head office of the Regional Conservatory of Horta, where several generations of music and ballet students have attended.



## The Carnation

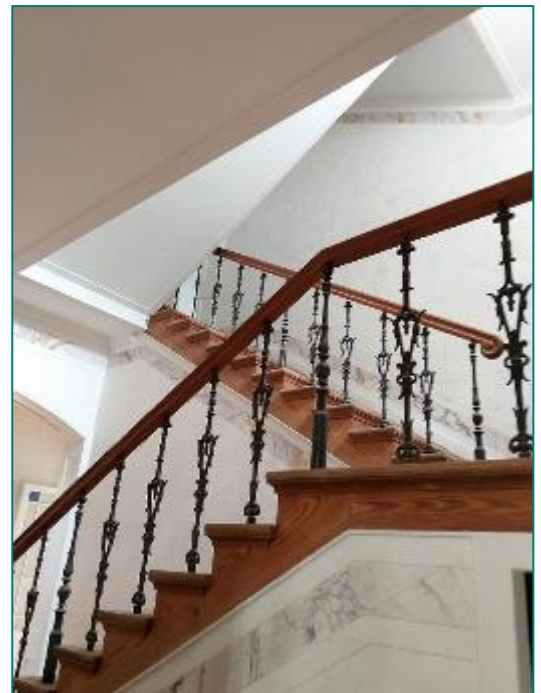
Symbolizes the 25<sup>th</sup> April Revolution and the establishment of democracy in Portugal. A powerful element in the collective memory of the Portuguese. It is a way to express commitment to democratic values and the ongoing pursuit of a fair and free society.

# LIBRARY

## ÁLVARO MONJARDINO

The Álvaro Monjardino Library of the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021, in a session chaired by His Excellency, the President of the Republic, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

The library is a space dedicated to honor the first President of the Legislative Assembly. During the inaugural session of the Legislative Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1976, Álvaro Monjardino stated that the intention is to preserve history and to remind the importance of past events that shaped the democracy of the Region.



# GALLERY OF PRESIDENTS

The Gallery of Presidents aims to honor and acknowledge the contribution of each President to the Legislative Assembly. This tribute extends not only to their leadership in parliamentary proceedings, but also to their role as representatives of all Azoreans.

In this way, the Gallery provides visitors an opportunity to reflect on the political history of the Region and to appreciate those who have held the position of President, ensuring the well-functioning of the democratic process.

Within the display cases are institutional gifts that reflect the diplomatic relations associated with the Legislative Assembly. They symbolize the importance of the President's position, the promotion of culture, diplomacy and the recognition from different countries and organizations.



# AUTONOMY ROOM

This space is dedicated to understanding the Regional Autonomy of the Azores and deepening knowledge about the history and political evolution of the Azorean islands.

Throughout the exhibition, visitors can develop a better understanding of the context in which Autonomy was achieved and the challenges faced along the way.



Regional Autonomy is based on its geographical, economic, social and cultural characteristics, as well on its historical aspirations for autonomy by the Azorean people.



# PARLIAMENT ROOM

Here the visitors have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about the Legislative Assembly, understanding how it is organized, who the main protagonists are, how representatives are elected, as well as understanding the functioning of parliamentary work.

The Parliament Room allows the reflection on how political decisions are made in the Region. It also helps to understand how the legislative body plays a fundamental role in representing citizens and establishing policies which affect the lives of all Azoreans.

Understanding the regional political dynamics, the challenges faced by elected representatives and the importance of dialogue and active citizenship participation in the democratic process contributes to a fair, inclusive, and democratic society.

