

Porto, Douro & Dão PO13

Wine Valleys of Northern and Central Portugal

A 7 night tour taking in the main wine highlights of northern and central Portugal.

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Summary

Visit the wine lodges of Porto and explore the history of the Port wine trade with its strong British links before travelling into to the Alto Douro, with its stunning scenery and picture-postcard villages, where the wines are produced.

Head south to finish in Viseu, the granite-built capital of the Dão wine region. Though lesser known, Viseu occupies an important place in Portuguese history offering plenty to see and do.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Old Town and Ribeira of Porto
- Wine lodges on the banks of the Douro
- Vineyards and pretty villages in the stunning Alto Douro
- Viseu - granite built with delightful gardens
- Grão Vasco Museum and Sé Cathedral of Viseu
- Wonderful wine from start to finish

Travel Tips

Fly to Porto or Lisboa from most airports in the UK. Rent a car and enjoy the hidden gems this region has to offer.

Please consult for travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Porto		
1	Day 1 & 2	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, Standard double - Castle (2 sharing)	20mins from airport
2	Day 3 to 5	Douro valley	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Lovely winery hotel with superb views and pool, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
3	Day 6 & 7	Viseu	Viseu	HNBE1 Historic city hotel at the heart of the Dão wine region, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Porto		1hr 30mins to Porto airport

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class hire car for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and regional guidebook
- Our own regional guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

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If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Porto

Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto
Ferry to Afurada and the golden beach of Estrela

Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto

This gorgeously romantic, Baroque castle, full of character, set in its own beautiful gardens, is the perfect base to visit historic Porto. Built in 1887 as a private house, this listed building with its imposing tower is wonderfully atmospheric and, being set on a vantage point, commands lovely views of the city. The location is excellent - fairly near the centre (a twenty minute walk) with on site parking and the metro just a short walk ...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Douro Valley

Fabulous Douro scenery – take an unforgettable boat trip
World Heritage Douro vineyards, the World's oldest demarcated wine region!
Romantic Amarante on the River Tamega
Lamego – famous stairs of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
Superb gastronomy in the atmospheric “adeegas” taverns

Lovely winery hotel with superb views and pool

Perched high above the Douro in the delightful Vale de Mendiz (known as the valley of gold), with the most stunning views of the surrounding hills and terraced vineyards snaking their way down the valley to Pinhao, this lovely, small rural hotel makes a perfect base for exploring the region. At one time the Magalhaes family home and estate, producing port since 1870, it was transformed into a hotel with all modern comforts in 2005. With a w...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Viseu & the Dão wine region

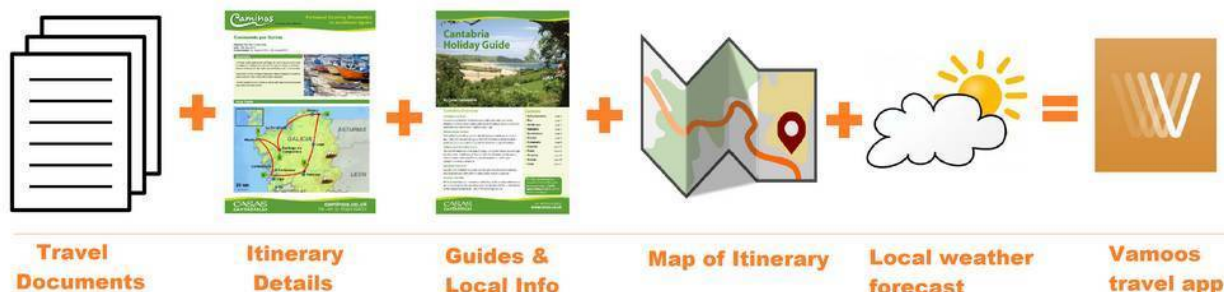
Delightful Viseu, historic centre of the Dão wine region
Grão Vasco museum, Portuguese Renaissance at its best
Viseu's imposing granite-built Sé cathedral
Dão wine route, historic vineyards, velvety reds
Hike the Serra de Caramulo and visit the Caramulo car museum
Visit historic Vouzela and take a bike ride down the via verde

Historic city hotel at the heart of the Dão wine region

Facing the Cathedral at the heart of Viseu's old town this grand 18th century house has been converted into a delightful small hotel retaining all its original charm and feeling. Owned by a family dealing in antiques and fine-art, the furnishings and décor are truly first-class and give the hotel a very authentic feel - with the added curiosity is that every item in the hotel is for sale should you be interested! Each room is like a small...[Read More](#)



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