

### Wines of Portugal PO14

#### Wines of Alentejo - Dão - Douro - Minho - Porto

*A wine-lovers delight and a wonderful way to discover small-town and rural Portugal in a trip full of contrasts.*

#### Summary

From the medieval delights of the Alto Alentejo to historic, granite-built Viséu, heart of the Dão, on to the vertiginous vineyards of the Douro Valley dotted with pristine white adegas and north to the verdant hills of the Minho in the far north – there's so much to see along the way!

Finish with a small city-break in Porto, centre of Portugal's wine trade built up over centuries and with a strong history of links with Britain.



#### Your Route

##### Tour Highlights:

- Historic Évora and the potteries and vineyards of the Alto Alentejo
- Viséu, centre of the Dão region
- The stunning Douro Valley – the world's oldest wine region
- Minho – Viana do Castelo, Ponte de Lima, Braga, Guimaraes – plenty to do between tastings!
- Porto's wine lodges, Old Town and Ribeira

##### 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 Lisboa		
1	Day 1 & 2	Alentejo	Aldeia da Serra	HEVO4 A living museum among the potteries and vineyards, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 50mins
2	Day 3 & 4	Viseu	Viseu	HNBE1 Historic city hotel at the heart of the Dão wine region. Double room (2 sharing)	3hrs 50mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Alto Douro	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Lovely winery hotel with superb views and pool, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
4	Day 7 & 8	Minho / Costa	Seixas, Caminha	HMIN1 Elegant Quinta with pool overlooking the river Minho and sea, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 40mins
5	Day 9 & 10	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, Standard double - Castle (2 sharing)	1hr 20mins
			Departing Porto		20mins to Porto airport

\* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

### 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

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

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: Alto Alentejo

World Heritage Évora, Roman ruins, medieval walls  
Alentejo wines, Portugal's finest  
Hilltop fortress towns of Monsaraz, Marvão and Castelo Vide  
Pottery towns among the vines El Corval and Redondo,  
"Marble towns" of Vila Viçosa and Estremoz  
World Heritage Elvas with its magnificent Roman aqueduct

#### A living museum among the potteries and vineyards

Nestling in the hills of the beautiful Serra d'Ossa in the Alto Alentejo with spectacular views over a fertile valley, this remarkable C12th Convent, now a hotel, enjoys the perfect, tranquil spot cleverly chosen by monks those many moons ago. Carefully and sympathetically restored without fancy touches, but with modern day comforts, the Convent boasts an extraordinary collection of 54,000 blue and white decorative tiles ...[Read More](#)



### Stage 2



#### 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 Sierra 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](#)



### Stage 3



#### Region: Alto Douro

Take an unforgettable boat trip from Peso de Regua upriver to Pinhao  
Or an historic steam train journey on the same route  
Pinhao and its delightful train station, decorated with beautiful azulejos – tiles  
Magical walks and stunning views among terraced vineyards  
Picnic at the beauty spot of São Salvador do Mundo  
Take a trip to see the Paleolithic rock-art in the valley of Côa

#### 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 4



#### Region: Minho/Costa

Imposing Viana do Castelo with its long, surfy windswept Atlantic coastline  
Delightful towns and villages along the river Minho: Caminha, Valença, Monção and Melgaço  
Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way  
Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge  
Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

#### Elegant Quinta with pool overlooking the river Minho and sea

This elegant, beautifully presented manor house is in the parish of Seixas, two kilometres from the seaside town of Caminha in the Alto Minho. It could not command a better position, with spectacular views of the magnificent River Minho, and across to the mountains of Spain and the Atlantic Ocean. Not long ago the manor stood almost in ruins: the owner, Ilya, a true perfectionist, saw its potential and turned it into the gem of a hotel it is t...[Read More](#)





### Stage 5



#### Region: Porto

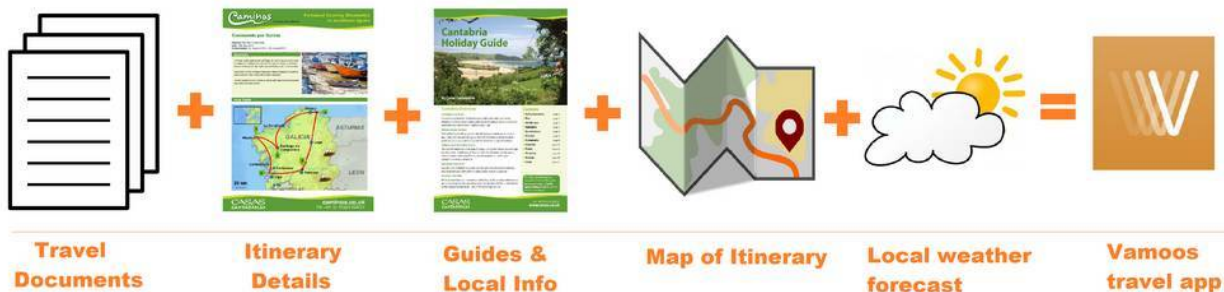
Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site  
Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges  
Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries  
Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto  
Ferry to Afurada and the golden beach of Estrela

#### 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 a...[Read More](#)



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