

A Taste of North Portugal PO1

Minho Coast – Porto – Douro Valley Tour

The perfect introduction to north Portugal - wonderful scenery, wines and gastronomy - and so much more!

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Summary

Discover the charm of Northern Portugal: from its wild coastline, world famous wines and mesmerizing Douro vineyards to enchanting towns of Oporto or Guimaraes. From golden sandy beaches to the West to rivers deep in gorges to the East.

A region full of Art, Culture and History – 4 Unesco World Heritage sites in the region.

Historic manor houses and mansions with coats of arms amongst vineyards and old kept towns.

Enjoy the fantastic wines, hearty gastronomy and the hospitality everywhere.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Fascinating Porto - World Heritage Site Old Town
- Famous Port Wine Lodges
- Captivating Douro valley, the world's oldest demarcated vineyards
- Wonderful gastro "adegas" taverns
- Superb train ride from Pinhao to Pocinho

Travel tips:

Fly directly to Porto from:
Gatwick or Heathrow with TAP Portugal
Gatwick with British Airways
Stansted, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Birmingham or Dublin with Ryanair
Gatwick, Luton, Bristol or Manchester with Easyjet

Please consult for other travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Porto airport		
1	Day 1 & 2	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, 1 x Standard double - Castle (2 sharing)	20mins from airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Minho / Costa	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast, One bedroom cottage (2 sharing)	50mins
3	Day 5 to 7	Douro Valley	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Winery hotel with superb views and pool, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
			Departing Porto airport		1hr 40mins to Porto airport

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

Your Quotation

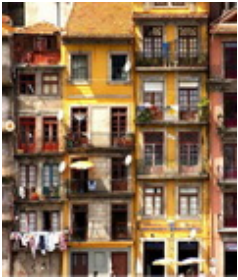
What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- Economy class hire car for the duration
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Portugal
- Our own 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: 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](#)



Stage 2



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

Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast

As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, home to the Abreu Teixeira family for the last three hundred years, you immediately feel a certain magic, the pull of the past... Surrounded by vineyards and woodlands, the delightful grounds with courtyards, lawns, shrubberies, and a lovely pool area create a feeling of total relaxation and serenity. No better place to read a good book or wander in the ...[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

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](#)



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