

Caminando North Portugal PO2

Round tour of Northern Portugal

A round tour taking in the very best of north Portugal from Porto and the Douro Valley to the Minho and the border with Galicia.

Summary

A full tour of the whole of North Portugal.

From the coast on the north-west to the Douro valley on the east, National Parks in the north and the charming Oporto bordering the south.

Vineyards and nature, food and wine.

From start to finish you'll find striking scenery, great walking, superb food and wine, great cities and lovely, well preserved towns to investigate as well as the legacy of hundreds of years of pilgrimage.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- World class wines and gastronomy
- Historic Porto and its charming old quarter
- Architecture, Art and Culture
- Breathtaking valleys and mountains
- The Camino Portugues – St James' Way – steeped in history
- Magnificent cities, unspoilt villages

Travel Tips:

Fly directly to Porto and hire a car – the best options are:

Gatwick: TAP Portugal or Easyjet

Stansted: Ryanair

Heathrow: British Airways

Edinburgh: Ryanair

Liverpool & Birmingham: Ryanair

Manchester: Ryanair, TAP or Easyjet

Luton & Bristol: Easyjet

Dublin: Ryanair and TAP

Please consult for other travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Days	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Porto		
1	Day 1	Douro	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, 1 x Double room (Garden or Castle, two sharing)	20mins from airport
2	Day 2	Douro	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Winery hotel with superb views and pool, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 40mins
3	Day 3	Douro	Guimaraes	HBRA1 Comfortable boutique hotel in the historic centre of Guimaraes, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 40mins
4	Day 7 & 8	Trás-os-Montes	Canicada	HPGE1 Country lodge style hotel with pool and own lake, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 10mins
5	Day 9 & 10	Trás-os-Montes	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast, 1 x One bedroom cottage (two sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Porto		50mins 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 car hire 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

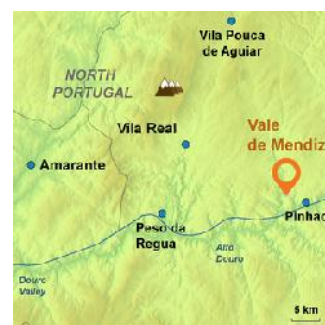


Region: Alto Douro

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](#)



Stage 3



Region: Braga/Guimaraes

Stunning Guimaraes – World Heritage Site, full of culture and art
Historic Braga with Portugal's oldest Cathedral
Bom Jesus del Monte with its famous baroque staircase
Lively Barcelos – oldest market in the north, a must!
Celtic Citania de Briteiros, 2500 years of history

Comfortable boutique hotel in the historic centre of Guimaraes

A beautifully restored old pousada, now a charming boutique hotel, offers very comfortable, stylish accommodation in the medieval heart of the beautifully preserved city of Guimaraes, a Unesco World Heritage site. The pousada is in a privileged spot, on the lively and atmospheric Praca da Oliveira, renowned for its porticoed buildings and C14th Padrao do Salado; its rooms, designer decorated in contemporary style to blend with original featur...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Peneda-Geres

National park Peneda – Geres: boulder strewn granite peaks, forests and waterfalls
Hiking, biking, horse riding, routes and water sports
Spa town of Geres at the heart of the park
Swim in turquoise rivers; marvel at the waterfalls in the Arado valley
Visit the “espigueiros” grain stores in striking Soajo

Country lodge style hotel with pool and own lake

On the ridge encircling the stunning waters of Albufeira de Canicada, this comfortable country lodge, once a busy farm, was created from old granite farm buildings early this century. It stands in beautiful lush very well maintained grounds, with two swimming pools, a creek and a lake, surrounded by forests and with stunning views onto the mountains beyond, the rush of modern life a world away. Just sitting on the suntrap terrace with a glass...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Minho/Costa

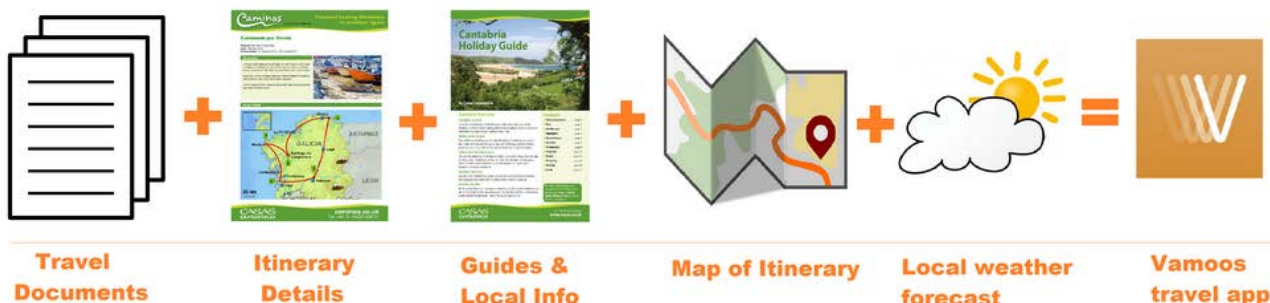
Imposing Viana do Castelo with its long, surfy windswept Atlantic coastline
Delightful towns and villages along the river Minho: Caminha, Valença, Monção and Melgaço
Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way
Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge
Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty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



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