

Wine Regions 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.



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Summary

From the medieval delights of the Alto Alentejo to historic, granite-built Viseu, 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 pottery and vineyards of the Alto Alentejo
- Viseu, centre of the Dão regio
- The stunning Douro Valley – th world's oldest wine region
- Minho – Viana do Castelo Ponte de Lima, Braga, Guimaraes
- plenty to do between tastings - Porto's wine lodges, Old Tow and Ribeira

Travel Tips

Fly to Porto or Lisboa from most airports in the UK (please ask us for information).

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	Évora	HEVO1 Delightful hotel within city walls of historical Évora, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 50mins from Lisboa airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Dão	Viseu	HNBE1 Historic city hotel at the heart of the Dão wine region, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	3hrs 50mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Douro	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Winery hotel with superb views and pool, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 30mins
4	Day 7 & 8	Minho / Costa	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast, 1 x One bedroom cottage (two sharing)	2hrs 20mins
5	Day 9 & 10	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, 1 x Standard double - Castle (2 sharing)	1hr
			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 tour includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class hire car for the duration
- 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

Delightful hotel within city walls of historical Évora

Tucked inside the medieval city walls near the aqueduct, in the enchanting and fascinating city of Évora with its vast array of historical sights, this 16th century olive mill is now a delightful small, elegant and friendly hotel. With well-appointed spacious, modern rooms, lovely sitting areas with just the right blend of antique and contemporary furniture, a pleasant garden patio and many original parts of the building still intact, the ret...[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 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 smal...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Alto Douro

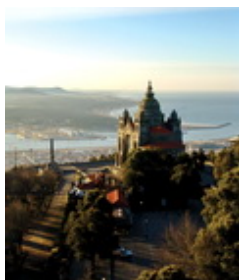
Take an unforgettable boat trip from Peso de Regua upriver to Pinhao
Or an historic steam train journey on the same route
Pinhao and its delightful train station, decorated with beautiful azulejos – tiles
Magical walks and stunning views among terraced vineyards
Picnic at the beauty spot of São Salvador 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](#)



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

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 5



Region: Porto

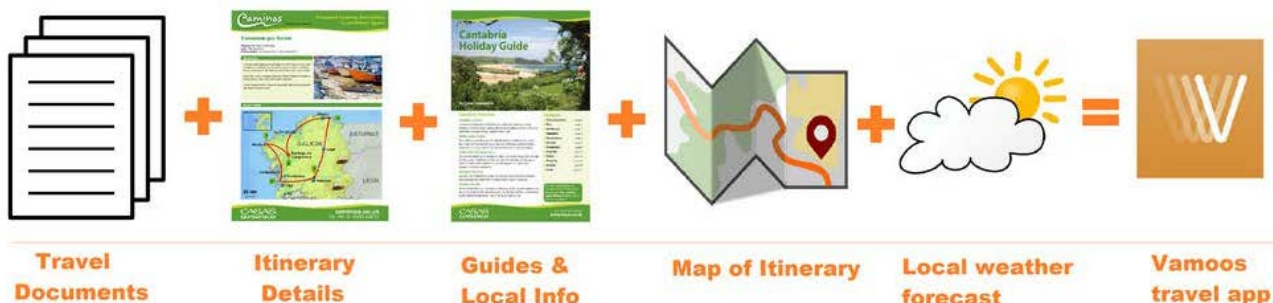
Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto
Ferry to Afurada and the golden beach of Estrela

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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