



Discover the well known delights of romantic, old-world Porto and the Douro Valley, the world's oldest denominated wine area with its famous vertiginous landscape, then move on south, away from the crowds to lesser-known but enchanting region of Las Beiras.

Discover the fortress towns dotted among the vineyards of the high plains of the Planalto before heading up into the Serra da Estrela, Portugal's highest mountain range.

Take in a Fado show and marvel at the historic University of Coimbra with its stunning views over the city before finishing at delightful Art-Nouveau Aveiro back at the Atlantic coast.

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Porto, Porto	HOPO2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	20mins from Porto airport
2	Day 3 to 6	3 nights	Douro Valley, Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 50mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Planalto and the Fortress Towns, Castelo Rodrigo	HPLA1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 30mins
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Serra da Estrela, Manteigas	HSDE1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs
5	Day 10 to 13	2 nights	Coimbra, Coimbra	HCOI3 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 50mins
6	Day 13 to 15	2 nights	Aveiro and Las Beiras, Viseu	HNBE2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr

Includes:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Porto
- Guide book to Portugal
- [Personal Travel App](#) including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

Excludes:

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point
 - extra driver
 - child seats
 - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

Stage 1

Porto



Highlights

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

HOPO2 3-star Hotel, Porto

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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 away - and the manicured gardens with their stunning "azulejos" provide respite from the hustle and bustle of the city.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double, twin, (castle or garden) superior, suite, family suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (extra charge) • No pets allowed

Stage 2

Douro Valley



Highlights

- Fabulous Douro scenery - take an unforgettable boat trip
- World Heritage Douro vineyards, the World's oldest!
- Romantic Amarante on the River Tamega
- Lamego - famous stairs of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
- Superb gastronomy in the atmospheric "adegas" taverns

HDOU2 4-star Hotel, Vale de Mendiz

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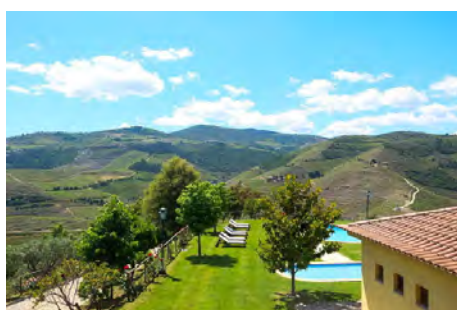
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.

In this unforgettable setting the friendly, efficient and informative staff can organise a wine tasting and tour of their vineyards and trips on foot, by bike, boat and jeep, and will ensure your stay is a special one.



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year) • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only
Room types	• Double, twin, triple • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 3

Planalto and the Fortress Towns



Highlights

- Fortress towns - Trancoso, Almeida, Castelo Rodrigo
- Paleolithic rock-art in the Côa Valley 22000 years old!
- Local wine and olive oil of the Beira Alta
- Faia Brava nature reserve; wild horses and large birds of prey
- Jump the border to Ciudad Rodrigo and Salamanca

HPLA1 3-star Hotel, Castelo Rodrigo

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



In a privileged position in the tiny walled village of Castelo Rodrigo, with the eponymous castle looming large, this delightful guest house is a treasure and makes the perfect base from which to discover the historic fortress towns of the Planalto, once Portugal's first line of defence against the Castilian and the Moor.

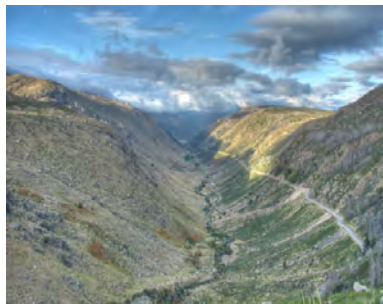
The guest-house is housed in three buildings, each lovingly restored and decorated with great taste and each with its own lounge area. The upper house houses the main dining room with a sunny terrace which leads down to the garden with swimming pool, all of which command wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard double / twin rooms, superior rooms bird series and tree series with modern decor (recommended) ; one suite; 2/3-bedroom villa • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 4

Serra da Estrela



Highlights

Walking, cycling, kayaking and much more in the Serra da Estrela Nature Park

Visit the Burel Wool factory in Manteigas

Scale the Torre peak - Portugal's highest

Manteigas and Sabugueiro - charming mountain villages

Rich Jewish heritage and historic castle of Belmonte

HSDE1 Boutique-Hotel, Manteigas

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



A breath of fresh, mountain air, this delightful small hotel-spa at the heart of the Serra da Estrela is full of surprises and is everything a mountain lodge should be, and more.

Direct from the hotel you can enjoy lovely walks through the boulder-strewn sierra to the lake at Rossin, for which full instructions and a picnic can be provided of course, even a kayak to take out on the lake.

At the very centre of the Serra da Estrela it's a practical base to visit the mountains of course, with its highest point at Torre (2000m), as well as the historic towns and villages below; Belmonte, Sabugal, ... if you ever do venture out!



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (indoor)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public
Room types	• Standard, suites and superior rooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Electric vehicle charging station • No pets allowed

Stage 5

Coimbra



Highlights

- Coimbra University - stunning buildings, views and museums
- Sé Velha, Portuguese Romanesque at its finest
- Take in a fado show - Coimbra style of course
- Jewish Quarter - especially magical by night
- Roman ruins at Conimbriga

HCOI3 3-star Hotel, Coimbra

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This three-star, family run, city hotel is ideally located in central Coimbra just a short walk from the old town, the riverside and the university.

Nearly all the rooms offer wonderful views to the city and the breakfast room and roof-top terrace have one of the best views Coimbra has to offer.

The staff are exceptionally helpful and friendly and will go out of their way to make sure you feel at home from the moment you enter and get the most out of your stay in the city.

The hotel offers free valet-parking, making your arrival even more welcoming!



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard double / twin rooms; Superior rooms on upper floors (recommended) balcony and view; family rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• Garage parking (free) • On-street parking • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 6

Aveiro and Las Beiras



Highlights

- Discover Art-Nouveau Aveiro from a gondola-like 'Moliceiro'
- Sail or kayak in the estuary, go surfing in the ocean
- Gaily-painted seaside houses of Costa Nova do Prado
- Visit the Vista Alegre porcelain factory
- Playa de Barra and the wild dunes of São Jacinto

HNBE2 4-star Hotel, Viseu

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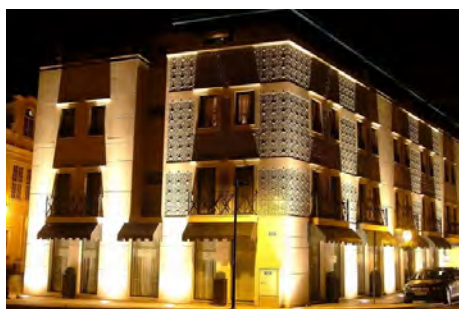
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Right on the water beside the main canal in Aveiro, this elegant, classical hotel with its modernist exterior is a fine example of the Art Nouveau architecture which is the trademark of the city of Aveiro.

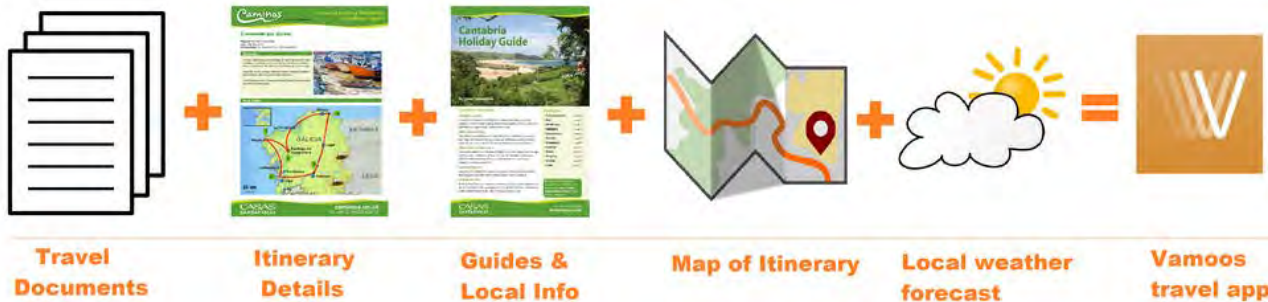
The hotel's interior is charming, with a perfect balance of old and new, creating a very relaxing atmosphere.

Here you're in the very best spot of all, at the heart of the historic old town overlooking the main canal where the colourful, gondola-like 'Moliceiros' come and go. An essential part of any visit to Aveiro these boats offer the best way to discover the city's charming canals and waterways - straight from the hotel door!



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard double / twin rooms; 3 superior and 9 deluxe rooms; 3 suites with private terrace • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

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