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PO14 Wine Regions of Portugal

A wine-lover's delight and a wonderful way to discover smalltown, rural Portugal in a trip full of contrasts.

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 on 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.

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Stage	ltinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Alentejo Central, Évora	HEVO1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins from Lisboa airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Aveiro and Las Beiras, Viseu	HNBE5 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 50mins
3	Day 5 to 7	2 nights	Douro Valley, Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins
4	Day 7 to 9	2 nights	Minho Coast, Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 10mins
5	Day 9 to 11	2 nights	Porto, Porto	HOPO2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr

Includes:

Itinerary Overview:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire
- 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

Stage 1

Alentejo Central



Highlights

World Heritage cities of Évora and Elvas, Roman ruins, medieval walls Alentejo wines, Portugal's finest Hilltop fortress town of Monsaraz and nearby wine centre Reguengos

Pottery towns among the vines El Corval and Redondo

"Marble towns" of Borba, Vila Viçosa and Estremoz

HEVO1 4-star Hotel, Évora

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Tucked inside the medieval city walls near the aqueduct, in the enchanting and fascinating city of Evora 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, it retains the charm of an old house.

The amazing breakfasts too, using locally sourced organic produce, from five different types of bread to free range eggs, are among the region's best.



Main facilities	24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Classic and Prestige doubles and twins; Suites (all doubles) and family room. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	Garage parking (extra charge) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

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Stage 2

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

HNBE5 4-star Hotel, Viseu

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

Porto Pinhao Douro Valley Viseu Viseu O Centro De PortUGAL Serra da Estrela 20 km

Situated right in the heart of Viseu old town, in a building of great architectural and historical-cultural value, this charming hotel is part of one of the seven doors of the old Afonsina city walls, Porta de Soar de Cima. It was opened in 2007 and has been completely refurbished with modern facilities while maintaining its original facade.

Straight from the door you have all the main sights of Viseu; the Cathedral, the Grao Vasco Museum, the Roman walls. The Jewish Quarter and the Old Town are a pleasure just to wander around and offer plenty of shopping and fine eateries.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public
Room types	Single, Double or Twin, Superior. Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking Public parking nearby (pay locally) No pets allowed

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Stage 3

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

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 4

Minho Coast



Highlights

Delightful Caminha and the fortress towns of Valença, Monção and Melgaço

Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way

Viana do Castelo with its windswept Atlantic coastline

Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge

Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

HMIN2 3-star Hotel, Vila de Punhe

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, 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. Read a good book or wander in the woods!

Its charming and enthusiastic owners, Joao and Ana, transformed the old farm buildings on the estate into cosy traditional cottages and then with flair and imagination added two more very modern minimalist properties - very chic - all blending in happily with the lush vegetation.



Main facilities	Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	Breakfast only
Room types	One and two-bedroomed cottages Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) No pets allowed

Stage 5

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

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

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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

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