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## PO2 Discover North Portugal

A longer tour taking in all the highlights of North Portugal yet without too much driving. Start in style in historic Porto and the Douro valley which marks the southern limit of the region, then head north to Guimaraes and Braga, the Lima Valley, and on towards the border with Spain to discover the windswept Costa Verde, Minho Valley fortress towns and Peneda-Geres, Portugal's only National Park.

Vineyards and nature, delicious local food and world-class wine. From start to finish you'll find stunning landscapes, wonderful walking, great cities and lovely, well preserved towns to investigate.

Fall in love with the region and the welcoming people who will quickly win your hearts

**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 5	2 nights	Douro Valley, Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 50mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 5 to 7	2 nights	Braga and Guimaraes, Guimaraes	HBRA1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins
4	Day 7 to 9	2 nights	Peneda Geres, Canicada	HPGE1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr
5	Day 9 to 11	2 nights	Minho Coast, Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins

**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.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twin, (castle or garden) superior, suite, family suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• 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

[See full details](#)

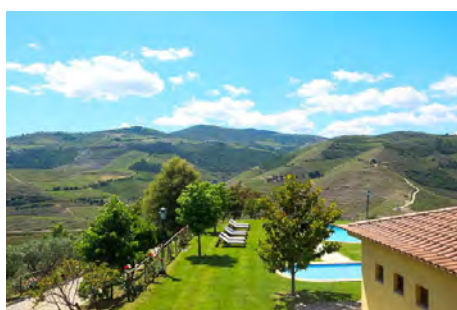
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.



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



## Stage 3

### Braga and Guimaraes



#### Highlights

- 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

### HBRA1 4-star Hotel, Guimaraes

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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 Praca da Oliveira, renowned for its porticoed buildings and C14th Padrao do Salado; its rooms, designer decorated in contemporary style to blend with original features and polished wood floors, have views of the historic centre and square.

Most of the city's famous monuments and landmarks, are within an easy walk from the hotel.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard doubles, Junio Suites and Deluxe Suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

## Stage 4

### Peneda Geres



#### Highlights

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

### HPGE1 Family-run Posada, Canicada

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



On the ridge encircling the stunning waters of Albufeira de Canicada, this country lodge was created from old granite 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. Just sitting on the suntrap terrace with a glass of wine and a good book, will lull you into the tranquil scene.

Canicada is one of the gateways into the impressive Peneda Geres national park where there are numerous walking trails, ancient granite villages, spa towns, waterfalls and thermal springs. Down below the village, the Albufeira de Canicada, is the park's centre for all kinds of water sports.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year) • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double or twin, Superior with balcony. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed



## Stage 5

### 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

[See full details](#)

**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...

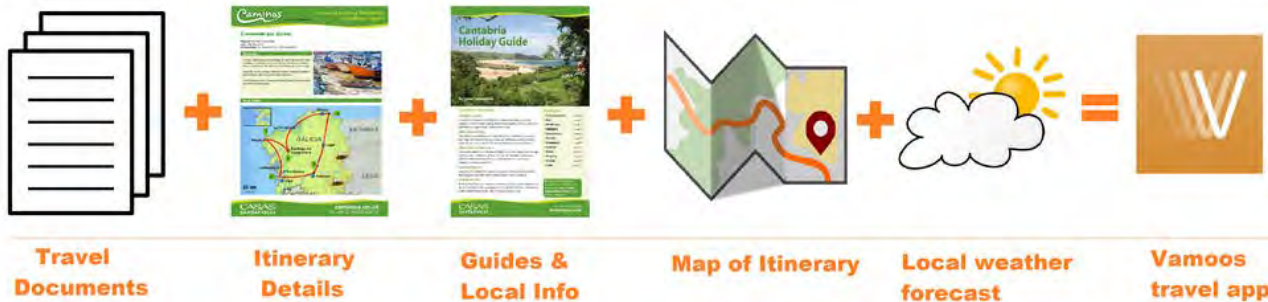
Surrounded by vineyards and woodlands, the delightful grounds with courtyards, lawns, shrubberies, and a lovely pool area create a feeling of total relaxation and serenity. Read a good book or wander in the woods!

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.



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

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