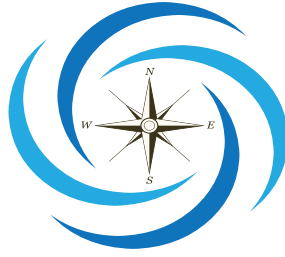


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PORTO - AN UNDENIABLE CHARM!

Porto, - 4 Days/3 Nights

Porto is one of the most ancient cities in the country, it has an undeniable power of transporting us to two distinct and delightful realities. Embark on a medieval quest by appreciating its majestic monuments in the historical center, ultimately gazing at the splendid architecture of unique eras like baroque, art nouveau and rococo. Hop on a tram or walk down to the riverbank quarter, experience navigating the waters of the Douro River on board of the famous “Rabelo” boats. You’ll see the city from a different perspective whilst admiring the city’s six bridges. We’re quickly brought back to the present, as we feel the pulsing energy of the modern Porto. Wander through the modern quarter of Boavista, admire the avant-garde building of Casa da Música, enter the unique market of Bom Sucesso, and don’t leave this quarter without seeing the Con-

temporary Art Museum. However, a visit to the “Invicta” city is not complete without tasting the famous Porto wine in one of the many cellars. A truly unforgettable experience that will awaken your senses, as you enter the barrel room and breathe in the smell of French oak aging, slowly arousing your taste buds as we sip the different kinds of Port wine.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival at the Porto Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestions: unveil the famous Lello bookstore, considered to be one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world, or visit a Port Wine Cellar in Vila Nova de Gaia with a wine tasting in the end. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within

the same category.

Day 2: Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we’ll slowly discover the enchantments of Porto, a fascinating city that combines in a unique manner the contemporary and ancient, giving the city a distinct glow. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its staggering monuments and historical buildings, during the morning we’ll stroll through picturesque streets with typical houses and fascinating monuments. In the afternoon, we’ll see the city from a different perspective, navigating the waters of the Douro River in a typical boat called “Rabelo”. In the past, these boats used to carry Porto Wine Barrels from the Douro Region to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto), where the wine was stored.





Porto

Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Day 3: Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestion: Unveil Guimarães, a historical city with medieval origin, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. Considered to be the Nation's birthplace as it played an important role in Portugal's history. The first King of Portugal, D. Afonso Henriques, after winning the São Mamede battle in 1128 chose this ancient Roman city to be the Capital of the Portuguese Kingdom. Guimarães, undoubtedly is an enchanting place with delicious narrow roads and ancient houses that will lead you to the city's beautiful main square and Ducal Palace.

During the afternoon, visit Braga, one of the more ancient cities in Portugal, known for its baroque churches, manor

houses from XVIII and stunning parks and gardens. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Legend

B Breakfast





Porto

PORTO & THE DOURO

Porto, Amarante, Peso da Régua, Lamego, Ucanha, Pinhão 8 Days/7 Nights Itinerary

Day 1 Porto

Arrival at the Porto Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure

Day 2 Porto - Penafiel - Amarante

Breakfast at the hotel. Our journey through the most famous wine region begins, Douro. We'll uncover what's behind the high granite walls that safeguards one of the most beautiful wine estates, you'll be amused by exuberant flora and fauna, swan lake, picturesque Victorian style teahouse, not to mention the 120 hectares of vineyards that produce the notorious "vinho verde" (green wine) among others. After delighting ourselves with this enchanted world, we'll proceed to Amarante, a beautiful town in the riverbanks of the Tâmega River with a rich historical center and endless Middle Age and Romanic monuments. Lunch on your own, and in the afternoon, we'll unveil the secrets of Amarante with a lovely stroll

before your dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 3 Amarante - Peso da Régua - Lamego - Ucanha - Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart to Peso da Régua, considered to be the capital of Douro Demarcated Region. This town has a unique beauty and glow, starting with the calm waters of the Douro River, the vines terraces sloping steeply towards the river with viewpoints to delight the visitors. Peso da Régua surroundings have a rich heritage with manor houses, renowned wineries and charming small palaces. We'll commence our journey through the world of wine by visiting a unique museum that offers a perfect introduction to the Douro Region. Then we'll continue to a beautiful wine estate in the heart of the Douro, surrounded by vineyards and history, apart from sipping its delicious wines we'll also awaken the

palate in its restaurant. In the afternoon we'll visit the famous Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary in Lamego, as well as, tasting a unique sparkling wine produced with the finest grape varieties. After the visit, proceed to Pinhão, along the way we'll stop in a unique place to appreciate one of the best views of Douro. Diner in a local restaurant in Pinhao and overnight. **(B, WT, D)**

Day 4 Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. The day will be dedicated to slowly unveil the enchantments of the Alto Douro Region, a true paradise by the riverside with steep valleys and magnificent vineyards, producing the genuine nectar of the Gods, the Porto and Douro wines. This Portuguese pearl is classified as a World Heritage Site in 2001. We'll start the day appreciating its beauty by navigating the water of the Douro River, a matchless tranquility





Pinhão

that's enhanced with the endless shades of green from the vineyards.

In the afternoon, we'll visit two unique wineries; one is situated on top of a hill, the Portuguese Tuscany, and the other, situated by the riverside bubbling with stories and charm. Overnight in Pinhão. **(B)**

Day 5 Pinhão - Foz Côa - Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll discover one of the best well-kept secrets in Portugal, Foz Côa, a small and peaceful village that survived through the different eras. Always safeguarding a unique art engraved in stones from different ages that can be appreciated outdoors. Foz Côa was recently enriched with the opening of a museum. After lunch in a farm with local specialties, we'll continue to a typical village of the Alto Douro region that preserves its own treasure. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Pinhão. **(B, L)**

Day 6 Pinhão - Favaios - Vila Real - Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll uncover another facet of the Douro, the origin of the Galego Branco Muscatel, known worldwide. Favaios is a small village with

breathtaking sceneries, archaeological trademarks, manor houses and religious monuments. We'll finish our morning, tasting the famous muscatel whilst appreciating the distinct beauty of the village. Slowly make our way out of the Douro Region, to discover a palace built in XVIII century, one of the most beautiful baroque style in Portugal.

Apart from its singular beauty, this palace is also surrounded by vineyards that produce a smooth wine. After the visit, we'll continue to Porto. Dinner in your elegant hotel and overnight in Porto.

Day 7 Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we'll discover Porto, a fascinating city that combines in a unique manner the contemporary and ancient, giving the city a distinct glow. We'll stroll through picturesque streets with typical houses and fascinating monuments. During the afternoon, we'll satisfy the desire of the wine lovers by visiting a wine cellar in Vila Nova de Gaia, followed by a special candle light dinner in the cellar. Overnight in Porto. **(B, D)**

Day 8 Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Airport **(B, WT)**

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting





Ponta da Piedade near Lagos in Algarve, Portugal

ALGARVE'S HIDDEN SECRETS

Faro, Albufeira, Vilamoura - 4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

The Algarve Region is composed by vivid colors from the mountain, sea and cliffs that stand out as golden highlights. A true eye drops for the eyes with iconic sceneries, endless beaches and hidden islands and lagoons. Besides, it's blessed with a Mediterranean weather becoming a welcoming and appealing destination throughout the year.

We can say there's an Algarve to satisfy every taste, with lively cities like Albufeira, Vilamoura, Armação de Pêra and Praia da Rocha, fulfilled with luxurious resorts, delicious restaurants and energetic nightlife. Its countryside is sprinkled with calm villages, situated in lush green sceneries that offer an unmatched tranquility. A paradise for nature lovers forests with oak and cork trees that was once one of the main habitats of the Iberian Lynx. Not to mention, the famous thermal baths in Monchique, perfect to

relax after a day walking through the Monchique Mountain. This region is also known for its endless combinations of golf courses, situated on the seaside or inland, plain or mountainous, it's a diverse choice. It's not by mistake that the Algarve has won various golf awards.

Day 1: Faro - Albufeira

Arrival at the Faro Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestion: discover the charming city of Silves, former capital of the Algarve during the Moorish era. Visit the majestic Silves Castle from the XI century, located atop of a cliff, where we can appreciate breathtaking views of the surroundings. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category.

Day 2: Albufeira

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure.

Sight-seeing suggestion: visit the capital of the Algarve, Faro, a cosmopolitan city with shops and restaurants; however, it carefully preserved its charm and historical traits in the medieval rampart. The Village Arch is the entrance to the ancient city, known as "vila adentro", right as you go in, there's an Arab door from the XI century, the oldest horseshoe arch in Portugal, and it was the main entrance to the rampart from the seaside. Lose yourself in the narrow and cobblestone streets, you'll find a few monuments along the way, such as, Cathedral, Nossa Senhora da Assunção Convent, São Francisco and Nossa Senhora do Carmo Churches.

In the afternoon, explore the Ria Formosa Natural Park with a boat trip, a place with a unique and mesmerizing beauty surrounded by lagoons, dunes and magnificent beaches. Accommodation at the



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Old Town of Faro, Portugal

selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Day 3: Albufeira - Vilamoura - Albufeira
Breakfast at the hotel. For golf lovers, the Algarve is the ultimate paradise; our morning will be reserved to relax whilst playing golf in one of the most sophisticated golf courses of the region, 18 holes and various lakes. Afternoon at leisure. At night, we'll dine in a delicious restaurant in the Marina of Vilamoura, with a cozy and modern ambient, perfect location for a farewell dinner. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category.

Day 4: Albufeira - Faro
Breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to the Faro Airport. **(B)**



Praia da Marinha

Legend

B Breakfast





LISBON

LISBON, A PRECIOUS AND COSMOPOLITAN JEWEL

Lisbon 4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: Lisbon

Arrival at the Lisbon Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Sightseeing suggestion: Explore the “baixa” area in Lisbon, the Rossio Square is known as the heart of the city, continue walking down the famous Augusta Street until the Commerce Square. The last viewpoint is a must, appreciating mesmerizing views of the city by going up the Santa Justa Elevator. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category.

Day 2: Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel. Our morning will be dedicated to visit Lisbon, highlighting the historical quarter of Belém and center of town. Alternatively, and optionally, we suggest a visit to the famous Saint George Castle, built by the Arabs situated on the highest hill in Lisbon, besides being a historical trait mark with phenomenal views of Lisbon and the Tagus River. Then, we'll unveil the charming

Alfama quarter with its narrow streets full of history. Passing by “Baixa” and reaching the “Chiado” area, the urban and cosmopolitan heart of the city, where the modern and ancient are blended in perfect harmony. This cool neighborhood is fulfilled with stores, delicious restaurants, beautiful churches and iconic cafes, such as “A Brasileira” an unforgettable café. Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestion: another unique and adventurous manner to unveil the city, is riding a GoCar. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Day 3: Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Sightseeing suggestions: Discover the picturesque village of Sintra, a unique place that's bubbling with splendor, an authentic fairy-tale town. Sintra has majestic palaces, a marvelous castle and fascinating manor houses, surrounded by endless shades of green from the forest.

Explore the charming streets of the city center with local shops. Continue through the Sintra Mountain until you reach the elegant village of Cascais, situated by the seaside, its bay is full of colorful fishing boats, have lunch in one of the local restaurant and taste the freshness of the fish. Or cross the 25th of April bridge towards Azeitão, a paradisiac place with lush green sceneries, but it's also known for the famous muscatel, a liquorish white or purple wine, that's only produced here. After a small stop to savor the muscatel, continue to Setúbal, a charming small town with enchanting stories sitting on the riverbanks of the Sado and Tagus River. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Day 4: Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to the Lisbon Airport. **(B)**





Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

MADEIRA, AN UNFORGETTABLE DESTINATION

Funchal- 4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

A lost paradise in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, Madeira Island has breathtaking sceneries, mountains with unique viewpoints, famous “levadas” trails that are sprinkled around the island. In fact, the fauna and flora of this archipelago are phenomenal, and easily carries us to an enchanted green world. Hence, unveiling one of the best kept secrets of Madeira, that’s classified as UNESCO World Heritage Site. However, the richness of Madeira unwinds in its streets, unique monuments bubbling with heritage and distinct beauty and distinctive color scheme can be seen in the municipal market. Not to mention, its gastronomy that consists of a combination of fresh regional products and traditional traits from their ancestors resulting in an explosion of tastes in your mouth. Compliment this experience, with a glass of Madeira wine, a wine that’s produced on the island with complex aromas and a

distinct taste, gaining worldwide notoriety.

Day 1: Funchal

Arrival at the Funchal Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestion: Discover the Santa Clara Convent, built for the Clarissa Nuns in the end of the XV century. The convent walls are covered in beautiful blue typical Portuguese tiles from XVII century. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category.

Day 2: Funchal

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we’ll unveil a famous market in Madeira, a true feast for the senses, a mesmerizing and endless color schemes, a unique variety of exotic fruits, vegetables, fishes and flowers. Continue through the narrow

streets of the Zona Velha quarter, fulfilled with charming ancient houses, this quarter has great historical value with its architecture and heritage. Finishing our morning gazing at one of the post-card views of the city, we’ll go uphill to Vila do Monte, a stunning place with a panoramic view of the Funchal Bay. For the most adventurers, go downhill aboard traditional toboggans (optional activity to be paid locally). Before returning to the hotel, we’ll visit a wine cellar to discover the secrets of the Madeira Wine and tasting. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B, WT)**

Day 3: Funchal

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure. Sight-seeing suggestions: Explore a small village called Curral das Freiras, surrounded by mountains in the heart of the island, place where most of the locals



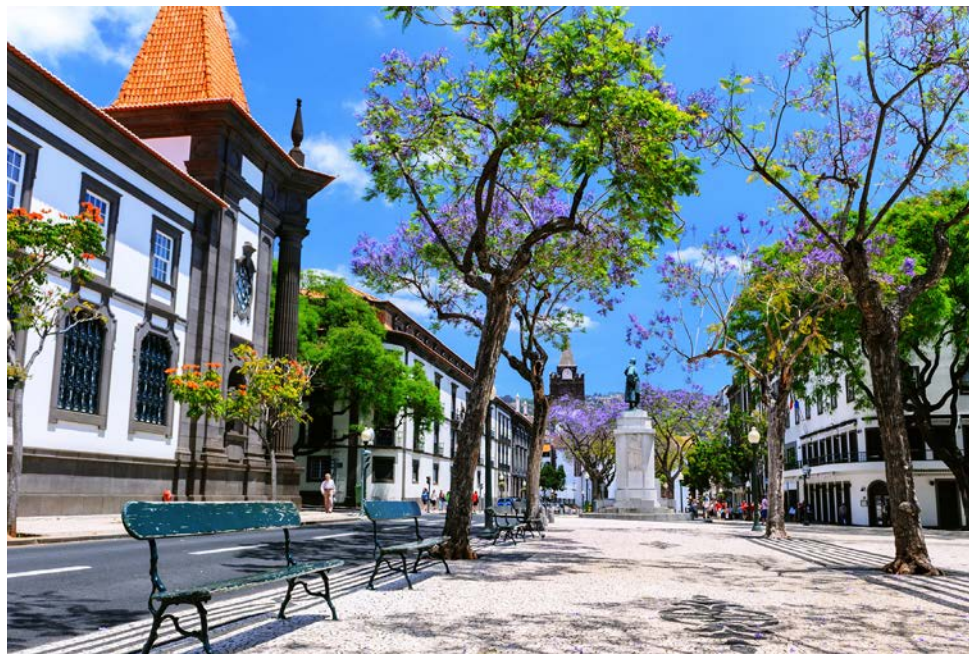


FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL - FARMERS MARKET

live and feed themselves from the crops harvest. One can say this location played an important role in the island history, in 1566, the nuns from the Santa Clara Convent took shelter here with the convent's treasure due to the pirates that were attacking Funchal. Or, for the adrenaline lovers, appreciate the magnificent views of Câmara de Lobos and from Funchal to Cabo Girão. Recently, a glass skywalk was built (580m high), allowing visitors to fully admire one of the world's largest ravines. Accommodation at the selected hotel or similar - within the same category. **(B)**

Day 4: Funchal

Breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to the Funchal Airport. **(B)**



Funchal Cityscape

Legend

B Breakfast
WT Wine Tasting





Lisbon

TREASURES OF PORTUGUESE INTERIOR

LISBON, TORRES VEDRAS, OBIDOS, COIMBRA, ANADIA, CURIA, SANGALHOS, CAREGAL DO SOL, VISEU, SANTAR, AVEIRO, PORTO 8 Days/7 Nights Itinerary

Day 1 Lisbon

Arrival at the Lisbon Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check in. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight Lisbon.

Day 2 Lisbon - Torres Vedras - Óbidos - Coimbra

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll leave Lisbon towards Torres Vedras, to visit a winery that's surrounded with 40 hectares of vineyards, besides being a wine temple, its contemporary architecture will amaze you, at the end of the visit will savor their wines. Continuing to Óbidos, one of the most beautiful villages in Portugal with a captivating medieval history. After lunch, will discover what makes this village special, starting with an arch from the XVIII covered with Portuguese tiles called "azulejos", its narrow and maze like streets with white houses and terraces fulfilled with flowers, dozens of temples, a well preserved castle and handicraft

stores. In the end of our stroll, try a local speciality : Ginjinha, liquor served in a chocolate glass. Our last stop will be Coimbra, a mystical city that has one of the most ancient universities in the World. Overnight Coimbra.

Day 3 Coimbra - Anadia - Curia

Breakfast at the hotel. Our morning will be reserved to carefully unveil the wonders of Coimbra, a charming city situated on the banks of the Mondego River, calmly walk through its narrow streets, passing by the fascinating ruins of Santa Clara Monastery and other enchanting historical traits. At the end of the morning, we'll proceed to another wine region called Dão, we'll have lunch and visit at a unique winery considered to be one of the most modern, due to its avant guard architecture from cellar to the restaurant, and were you will have a taste of Portuguese nouvelle cuisine. Then, we'll visit

another winery with a more traditional background, 16 hectares of vineyards that's been producing wine since XVIII, finishing our visit with a wine tasting. We'll continue to Curia, a city known for its magnificent hot springs, as well as, being surrounded by lushes gardens and forest. Overnight Curia.

Day 4 Curia - Sangalhos - Carregal do Sal - Viseu

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll begin our day jumping into the world of wine and art in a unique manner, appreciating eight art collections with the most diverse themes, that's been carefully blended with the wine universe, finishing with a wine tasting. Then we'll unveil another relic in the heart of the Dão, a place that combines two pleasures in life, wine and gastronomy.





Viseu

This wine estate is well known in the region, its restaurant offers succulent and regional dishes and its cellar produce renowned wines. After lunch, we'll visit the cellar to learn more about the characteristics of the wine. We'll proceed to Viseu, a city that's surrounded by mountains and rivers, besides playing an important role in the Portuguese history, its known for its sacred art and religions architecture. Overnight Viseu.

Day 5 Viseu - Santar - Viseu
Breakfast at the hotel. Our day will be reserved to uncover a beautiful village, that's been preserving its architectural heritage, where the granite reigns with imposing houses, and throughout the years, the wine production has imprinted the lifestyle in Santar . The first visit will be to a property from XVII century, recently renovated, beginning with a stroll in the vineyards, passing by a small garden and finishing with a wine tasting. After lunch, we'll walk down the street to discover another property that's over flowing with history, a magical garden that carefully blends with the vineyards leading to the wine cellar. Dinner at the cellar before returning to Viseu to visit a unique place

that embraces the local wines in a special manner. Overnight Viseu.

Day 6 Viseu - Aveiro - Porto
Breakfast at the hotel. We'll make our way to the coast to Aveiro, known as "Portuguese Venice" due to a set of canals that are intertwined with Aveiro streets. Spending the morning appreciating its pastel colors art nouveau buildings, visiting its monuments and museums, and a lovely trip aboard a typical boat called "moliceiros". During the afternoon, we'll visit a distinctive place that produce a famous pastry made from egg yolk and sugar among other sweets from the region, besides tasting these delicacies; you can roll up your sleeves and make the delicious dough. Continuing to Porto, an enchanting city situated at the banks of the Douro River. Dinner with local specialties and Port tasting. Overnight in Porto.

Day 7 Porto
Breakfast at the hotel. We'll visit the enchantments of Porto, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its staggering monuments and historical buildings. During the morning we'll stroll through picturesque streets with typi-

cal houses and fascinating monuments. In the afternoon, we'll see the city from a different perspective, navigating the waters of the Douro River in a typical boat called "Rabeloâ." In the past, these boats used to carry Porto Wine Barrels from the Douro Region to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto), where the wine was stored. Afternoon at leisure. Sight seeing suggestion: unveil the famous Lello bookstore, considered to be one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world. Farewell dinner in a special typical restaurant with Portuguese wine paring. Overnight in Porto.

Day 8 Porto
Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Airport.

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting

