



Dreaming of Portugal

Wine, Food & Culture in the Porto & Douro regions

April 13-21, 2024

Join a small group tour and unforgettable journey through the breathtaking Porto and Douro regions of Portugal, where you'll discover the rich history, delicious cuisine, and world-renowned wines that make this area so special. Our journey will begin in the charming city of Porto, where you'll explore the ancient streets and taste the traditional cuisine that has been perfected over centuries. You'll enjoy freshly caught seafood, succulent meats, and hearty stews, all expertly paired with local wines that reflect the unique terroir of the region.

From there, you'll venture into the Douro Valley, where the stunning landscape of rolling hills and vineyards will take your breath away. You'll visit historic wineries and sample some of the finest port wines in the world, gaining an appreciation for the art of winemaking that has been passed down through generations.

Throughout the tour you'll be immersed in the rich culture of Portugal, meeting the locals and learning about their way of life, gaining insights into the traditions and customs that make this region so unique.

Tour Overview

- 9 days, 8 nights
- 3 nights in Porto ([Oca Flores Hotel](#))
- 4 nights in the Douro Valley ([Quinta de la Rosa Hotel](#))
- 1 night in Porto ([Oca Flores Hotel](#))
- Arrival airport: Porto (OPO)
- Departure airport: Porto (OPO)

Rate

- **\$3,600** per person (double occupancy)
- **\$4,100** per person (single occupancy)

Includes

- 3 nights at the 4-star [Oca Flores Hotel](#) in Porto. Breakfast included
- 4 nights at the 4-star [Quinta de la Rosa Hotel](#) in Pinhao. Breakfast included
- 1 night at the 4-star [Oca Flores Hotel](#) in Porto. Breakfast included
- Transportation via private bus as per program and timing below
- 5 private wine tastings
 - a. Port wine tasting in Porto
 - b. Vinho Verde, Quinta de Santa Cristina winery. Vineyard tour and wine tasting with lunch
 - c. Douro Valley winery tasting with lunch



- d. Favaios wine tasting
- e. Douro Valley sparkling wine cellar tour and tasting
- 3 dinners with wine selections
- 5 lunches with wine selections
- Porto sunset cruise on the river
- 3 hour local walking tour in Porto's old town
- Private guided tour of the WOW Museums in Porto
- Cellar tour of Quinta de la Rosa winery
- 1 hour private Douro Valley river cruise with aperitif tasting
- Scenic train ride on the Douro River
- Off road day on 4x4 Jeeps, exploring in the Douro Valley
- Farewell dinner at a rooftop seaside restaurant in Porto

The rate does not include:

- Airfare



Program

Day 1 – April 13 (Sat)

ARRIVAL IN PORTO / SUNSET CRUISE & DINNER

Meals included: dinner

Group transfer from Porto airport to your hotel.

3:00 PM Check-in at 4-star [Oca Flores Hotel](#) in the city center, within walking distance of major attractions, dining, and shopping

5:30 PM Meet Sam and our local guide for an orientation talk in the lobby of the hotel.

6:00 PM Walk down to Ribeira Pier for a Sunset Cruise on the River Douro.

7:30 PM Group welcome dinner at Restaurante Traça, in the heart of the city



Day 2 – April 14 (Sun)

PORTO – WALKING TOUR

Meals included: Breakfast; light snack

9:30 AM

Walking tour of Ribeira and the old town. A three-hour walk through the neighborhood of Ribeira and downtown Porto will take us to the city's main attractions. We will pass historical monuments such as the Church of S. Francisco, the Cathedral, and S. Bento Station. We will walk through the city's medieval streets, discover the streets with the most commerce. During the tour we will stop for a traditional snack

As an option, we can visit Livraria Lello, one of Europe's most famous and beautiful bookstores. (On site ticket purchase required)

1:00 PM

Free time to explore the city, shop or just relax in our hotel's panoramic garden.

Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.





Day 3 – April 15 (Mon) PORTO & WOW MUSEUMS

Meals included: Breakfast; Port Wine tasting

10:00 AM Private transfer from your hotel to the WOW Museums. Guided visit and entrance fee to 2 museums: World of Wine and The Cork Planet. We will organize both visits in the morning, and then there's free time for lunch in one of the nearby restaurants and visiting other museums and shops. The WOW Museum is a cultural quarter with seven museums, eight restaurants, interesting shops, and great views.

After lunch: Visit a Port wine lodge, including Port wine tasting.

Later on walk back to the hotel, take the cable car up and cross the upper trail of the bridge; or take a water taxi to the Porto side.

Dinner on your own and/or option to join a "dutch" dinner organized by Sam at one of the restaurants on the shore of the river, on the Gaia side of Porto.

Day 4 – April 16 (Tue) HEADING TO DOURO

Meals included: Breakfast, Wine Tasting, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast and checkout

9:30 AM After a few days exploring the city, we will head off to the Douro Valley.

11:30 AM The first stop will be at a wine estate that produces Vinho Verde. Vinho Verde is a refreshing, light, and slightly effervescent white wine from the Minho region in northern Portugal. Its name literally means "green wine," but it refers to the youthfulness of the wine, not its color. Vinho Verde is usually made from a blend of local grape varieties. It's a great choice for a lively and easy-drinking wine. Guided tour to the vineyards and the winery + 3 wines tasting paired with regional products (vegetarian option available).

12:00 PM Traditional lunch served next to the winery, paired with two wines from the producer.

1:30 PM Departure to our charming Quinta located next to the River Douro, next to Pinhão village. On our way, one last stop at the small town of Sabrosa, to see the house where Fernão de Magalhães (Magellan) was born.

3:30 PM Expected arrival time to our hotel. Check-in and time to relax, before gourmet dinner at the Quinta, overlooking the River Douro

Four nights stay at Douro Valley, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

7:00 PM Dinner at Quinta de la Rosa.



Day 5 – April 17 (Wed)

THE DOURO VALLEY

Meals included: Breakfast, Wine Tasting, Lunch with wine pairing, and Aperitif

9:30 AM

The *Quinta*, where we are staying, is also a very good producer of Douro wine. After breakfast, we will visit the winery and aging cellar (no tasting included).

After the cellar tour, we will head to one of the beautiful villages in the region to visit another wine estate. During this visit, we will see the vineyards and learn the tricks to make the vineyard more ecological, as well as the entire process of the grape from the vine to the glass. Traditional lunch with wine paired with the producer's wines.

The day will end with a 1-hour private cruise on the Douro River, enjoying an aperitif. The cruise starts and ends at Pinhão, a small town next to our hotel. There are several options for dinner on your own in Pinhão. Our Quinta is a short 8-10-minute taxi ride away from town.





Day 6 – April 18 (Thu)

DOURO – 4X4 ADVENTURE

Breakfast, picnic lunch, Bread Tasting and Wine Tasting.

9:20 AM

Transportation to Pinhão train station for a short 15-minute scenic train ride. 4x4 jeeps will be waiting for us for an off-road day, visiting vineyards, learning about Douro wines and grapes, enjoying the views, and visiting traditional bakeries.

We will also taste another of Douro's sweet wines, the Favaios wine. Picnic lunch during the tour.

The tour will end at our hotel.

Dinner on your own in Pinhão. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.





Day 7 – April 19 (Fri) DOURO – TRADITIONAL VILLAGES

Breakfast, lunch and Sparkling wine tasting

10:30 AM

On the last day in Douro Valley, we propose a free morning to relax on the Quinta.

Mid morning, depart to discover a few more local villages and visit a sparkling wine cellar, including tasting. During this tour, we will travel on a section of two of the most iconic Portuguese roads: the EN 2 and the EN 222 and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.



Day 8 – April 20 (Sat)

BACK TO PORTO

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

10:00 AM

10:00 am – Departure to Porto.

12:00 PM

Expected arrival time at Oca Flores Hotel, in Porto. Leave your luggage with the concierge (your room will be available at 03:00 PM or earlier) and enjoy your last day in Porto.

7:00 PM

Dinner: Transfer on our bus to Restaurant O Valentim, located in the neighboring town of Matozinhos, for a farewell dinner on the restaurant's

