

7-DAY PREMIUM GUIDE

PORTO

Portugal, Europe

Port wine, azulejos, bridges & the soul of northern Portugal

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Welcome to Porto

Porto is Portugal at its most authentic and photogenic. The city rises steeply from the Douro River in a cascade of terracotta rooftops, baroque church towers, and azulejo-covered facades. Vila Nova de Gaia across the river is the home of port wine — its lodges open for tours and tastings. The city's food scene is exceptional, the wine is extraordinary, and the people are among the warmest in Europe. Porto feels like a city on the rise — but one that hasn't lost its soul.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

April–June & Sept–Oct

TYPICAL BUDGET

\$90–\$160/day

COUNTRY

Portugal, Europe

GUIDE LENGTH

7 Days

7-Day Overview

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Days 1 & 2

DAY 1	Arrive & Ribeira	DAY 2	Livraria Lello & Downtown
● Arrive Porto airport, transfer to centre (30 min) ● Ribeira waterfront UNESCO district ● Dom Luis I bridge walk (upper or lower level) ● Vila Nova de Gaia — first port wine lodge visit ● Dinner in Ribeira with river views TIP: Taylor's and Graham's lodges in Gaia are the best for a first port wine tasting experience		● Livraria Lello — world-famous bookshop (buy ticket online) ● Clerigos Tower climb for panoramic views ● Sao Bento station — azulejo panels ● Majestic Cafe for coffee & history ● Bom Jesus escalator neighbourhood walk TIP: Book Livraria Lello entry tickets online — the queue without one can be 2+ hours.	

Days 3 & 4

DAY 3	Douro Valley Day Trip	DAY 4	Bolhao Market & Food Trail
● Drive or train to Douro Valley (1.5hrs) ● Quinta do Crasto or Ramos Pinto winery tour ● Lunch at a quinta overlooking the terraced vineyards ● Boat or river cruise back towards Porto ● Evening in Foz (Porto's coastal neighborhood) TIP: The Douro Valley train from Porto's Campanha station is one of Europe's great scenic routes		● Bolhao Market — the restored heart of Porto ● Francesinha tasting at Cafe Santiago ● Matosinhos seafood neighborhood ● Grilled seafood lunch in Matosinhos ● Foz do Douro beach & coastal walk TIP: The Francesinha at Cafe Santiago is the city's signature dish — a must on day 4 when you're in the area	

Days 5, 6 & 7

DAY 5Azulejos & Tile Art	DAY 6Serralves & Contemporary Art	DAY 7Final Morning & Departure
● National Tile Museum (train journey worth i ● Santo Ildefonso Church azulejo facade... ● Chapel of Souls (Santa Catarina) ● Street art in Bonfim neighborhood ● Natural wine bar evening in Cedofeita... TIP: Porto's azulejo tradition is extraordinary — the t	● Serralves Foundation & Casa de Serralves ● Serralves Park & sculpture garden ● Crystal Palace Gardens ● Rua de Miguel Bombarda gallery strip... ● Final farewell dinner in Boavista TIP: The Serralves Foundation is one of Europe's fir	● Morning walk along the Douro ● Last galao at a corner cafe ● Casa Guedes for a traditional pork sandwich... ● Porto airport transfer (25 min) ● Fly home or onward TIP: Casa Guedes near Praça dos Poveiros makes the city's be

Where to Stay in Porto

The Yeatman Hotel★★★★★ Vila Nova de Gaia\$450–\$800/night Wine hotel in the port lodges with a Michelin-starred restaurant and infinity pool over the Douro.	Infante Sagres Hotel★★★★★ City Centre\$300–\$520/night Porto's grand belle epoque dame. Stained glass, azulejos, and elegant traditional interiors.
Hotel Monumental Palace★★★★ Avenida dos Aliados\$160–\$260/night Beautifully restored early 20th-century palace hotel on Porto's grandest boulevard.	Guesthaus Porto★★★ Bonfim\$80–\$120/night Friendly, design-conscious guesthouse in the up-and-coming Bonfim neighbourhood.

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Where to Eat in Porto

Cafe Santiago, Cedofeita Francesinha Institution	Must order: Francesinha — Porto's signature molten-cheese sandwich
DOP Restaurant, Palacio das Artes Ricardo Costa Michelin Star	Must order: Modern Portuguese tasting menu with Douro wines
Taberna dos Mercadores, Ribeira Traditional Porto Petiscos	Must order: Bacalhau a bras & presunto with Vinho Verde
O Antigo Carteiro, Cedofeita Neighborhood Tasca	Must order: Daily specials, local wine, no tourists
Casa Guedes, Praça dos Poveiros Famous Sandwich Shop	Must order: Slow-roasted pork sandwich with Serra cheese
Adega e Petiscaria Mercado, Matosinhos Seafood Grill	Must order: Grilled red mullet & whole roasted sea bream
Portologia, Ribeira Port Wine Bar	Must order: Guided port wine flights from across the Douro Valley

Tips & Logistics

Getting There:	Porto Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport (OPO) — Metro Purple Line to city centre in 30 min.
Getting Around:	Porto is very walkable downtown. Andante transport card covers metro, bus, and tram.
Port Wine:	Book at least 2 lodge tours in Gaia — each one is different. Taylor's and Ramos Pinto are excellent.
Hills:	Porto is extremely hilly. The Escadas do Guindais funicular saves the climb back up from Ribeira.
Vinho Verde:	Don't skip white Vinho Verde with seafood — young, slightly sparkling, and perfect with fish.
Day Trip:	The Douro Valley train from Campanha station is one of Europe's top railway journeys.
Value:	Porto offers extraordinary food, wine, and culture at prices well below most Western European cities.

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