

Day 1 Porto

Transfer from Porto Airport.

Your chauffeur will be waiting for you as you exit custom with a sign with your name.

Maison Albar Le Monumental Palace 3 Nights

Meals Today - There are no meals included today.

Day 2 Porto

Porto Walking Tour and Private visit to Lello Library before opening hours.

8:15 AM Start Time - Meeting Point: At Hotel

Walk the narrow streets of Porto with a local friendly tour guide who will reveal all its secrets and hidden gems in a pleasant and fun stroll.

Discover why this small city in the north of Portugal was, for many centuries, one of the most important cities in the world, and from here, the Portuguese ruled world's navigation routes and trade.

Find out about "Henry - the Navigator" and "Dom Pedro I - King of Portugal and Emperor of Brazil" and Port Wine. Or just learn about our culture and traditions, and how we, the "tripe people" live. (Porto's locals are called "tripe people" "Tripeiros" in Portuguese)

You will visit a lot of beautiful places and monuments with your guide. Some of these places include: Cathedral, Clerigos Tower, São Bento train station, Lello Bookshop, river front, and Eiffel's iron bridges.

Enjoy Lello library before opening hours.

Livraria Lello was founded in 1869 by the French publisher and bookseller Ernesto Chardron. At the time, it was called Livraria Internacional de Ernesto Chardron and was steps away from its current location, in Rua dos Clérigos. After the owner's death, the business passed into the hands of Lugan & Genelioux, which expanded it. In 1894, the bookstore was sold to José Lello, who owned commercial space in Rua do Almada. A few years later, José entered into partnership with his brother (irmão, in Portuguese) Antonio and hence the name Lello e Irmão.

The brothers decided to change their identity to create a literary salon for men of culture of the time. The library, as we know it today, was inaugurated on 13 January 1906 and collected the approval of the main Portuguese intellectuals and politicians. «Erecting a temple to the cult of ideas is an act of merit that, due to its results, will link the names Lello and Irmão to national recognition», declares the writer and diplomat Abel Botelho, at the inauguration ceremony. The project is not entrusted to an architect but to the engineer Francisco Xavier Esteves, known for being a fan of literature he realizes an eclectic building that merges neo gothic influences with liberty. It was named property of public interest in 1994.

What's included? A 4-hour private tour, entrance fees to St Francis Church, 45 minutes Private visit before opening hours of Livraria Lello with an expert guide, book of Livraria Lello Collection.

Downtown & Bolhão Market Food Tour – Porto

4:00 PM Start Time/ 7:30 PM End Time --3hr 30min Duration

Meeting Point: Rua de Fernandes Tomás 701 Porto 4000-218 Porto PT

You have seen Ribeira, Luis I Bridge, Clérigos Tower and have tasted Porto's cholesterol bomb (Francesinha). Now let us take you beyond the tourist attractions for a taste of the real Porto with our Downtown & Bolhão Market Food Tour the oldest Food Tour in Porto.

Like taking a walk with a friend, your tour guide will introduce you to 5 unique tasting locations. At each tasting location on our Downtown & Bolhão Market Food Tour, you will taste an important element of the cuisine of Porto and the North of Portugal.

You will also learn about the families and the history behind each of the restaurants, cafes, and specialty food shops that you visit. In between tasting locations you will hear about the history, architecture, and culture of the area while you walk around the charming streets of Porto.

Our Downtown & Bolhão Market Food Tour was designed to welcome as many travelers as possible so it's where we can accommodate more dietary requirements.

This will be a great insight into Porto's food, history, architecture, and culture. You will also have an overview of the old Jewish Porto History.

What's included? 3.5 hours guided walking tour, visit to 5 unique family-run tasting locations, a hand-selected tasting menu: 9 food tastings (a perfect balance of sweet and savory) and 5 beverage tastings (a wine tasting led by a wine expert), a visit to the bustling Bolhão Food Market.

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel and several tastings in the evening during your food tour.

Day 3 Porto

Coimbra + Aveiro Day Trip

9:00 AM Start Time - Meeting Point: At your hotel

First, you'll go to Coimbra where you'll have a complete visit to the University of Coimbra which is the oldest university in Portugal and one of the oldest in Europe, followed by a walk downhill through the old neighborhood to the commercial area of the city. Visit the church of Santa Cruz, that holds the tombs of Portugal's 1st and 2nd kings.

After the city center, we'll head towards the enchanted "Jardim das Lagrimas" garden with a short visit. There you'll take a lunch on your own at "Arcadas Gastro Bar".

In Aveiro, you'll have a visit to the Costa Nova area (beach area in a peninsula/island surrounded by the sea and a lagoon), where the guests will take lots of pictures of the fisherman's typical houses. The tour proceeds to the center of Aveiro, stopping first at the sea salt production fields (salines), and then the canals and the gondolas that make Aveiro "the Venice of Portugal". All this with the Art Nouveau houses in the city. In Aveiro, there's always the option (already included) for the cruise in the canals.

What's included? 9-hours with an expert local guide, transportation, entrances fees to the University of Coimbra + Joanina Library, church of Sta Cruz, tasting of Ovos Moles and shared cruise for the canals.

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel. Lunch is arranged but at your own expense.

Day 4 Porto to Douro Valley

Private Visit to a Family Owned Collection and Serralves Foundation.

8:30 Start time - Meeting Point: At your hotel

Your driver will pick you up and drive you to the private house we will be at the house around 9 AM.

Private visit to a family owned Villa.

This Portuguese family owns the Faience, ceramic, pottery, private and greatest collection from an old significant factory from Porto, one of the most significant companies in Portugal.

The house belongs to the last owner of the Carvalhinho Company, that recently passed away, as well, as his wife. This is his private and greatest collection of the carvalhinho pieces in the country.

Founded in 1841 the Cerâmica do Carvalhinho Factory used to produce shaped/molded faience, tiles and ceramics. Fábrica de Cerâmica do Carvalhinho was an important company in the 1950s. Its real value as an industrial organization has become an authentic "ex-libris" of the Portuguese ceramic industry.

Located first in Porto and later on in Vila Nova de Gaia, it produced notable pieces of national ceramics, such as white or colored tiles, but above all famous and unmistakable old-style tiles, copied in Convents, Monasteries and Manor Houses, from the 17th and 18th centuries, where there are scattered valuable examples. The other specialty is the well-known artistic faience / earthenware from Fábrica do Carvalhinho, hand-painted, piece by piece, with a high level of perfection.

This place is not opened to visits for the general public.

After this visit we will head to the Serralves Foundation.

Located in the city of Porto, the Foundation has a rich historical and cultural heritage, including the Museum, designed by the architect Álvaro Siza, winner of the 1992 Pritzker Prize, the Serralves Villa, a unique example of art deco architecture, and the Serralves Park, designed by the French architect Jacques Greber, which was awarded the "Henry Ford Prize for the Preservation of the Environment" in 1997.

In 2012, Serralves' Park and buildings were jointly classified as a "National Monument". This is the most important heritage classification level, and was granted in recognition of Serralves' cultural, architectural and landscape value and the investment in the enhancement, animation and dissemination of the Foundation's heritage assets.

Serralves aims to be recognized nationally and internationally as a centre of excellence in the field of contemporary art and, in general, in terms of reflection about key contemporary social issues, thus promoting the diversity of the cultural offer, through an innovative intervention that will steadily attract diverse audiences and induce greater community support.

What's included: 4 hour activity, Private visit to a family owned private collection, Serralves Foundation Entrance Fees, Transportation.

Transfer · Transfer from Porto to Douro Valley 3:30 Departure

Octant Hotel Douro (2 nights)

Dinner at Raiva Fine Restaurant- Octant Douro 8pm

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel and Dinner included at Octant Douro Hotel.

Day 5 Douro Valley

Douro Valley & Port Wine Tour

9:00am Start time - Meeting Point: At Hotel

You chauffeur and guide will pick you up at your Hotel.

Let me "open the doors of Douro" to you, and present you the best of two worlds: NATURE and WINE.

I know the places with the BEST VIEWS, the SCENIC ROUTES and the BEST ESTATES (traditional, modern, commercial or family estates). I'll carefully select and plan for everything, including the place for lunch. You'll try the AUTHENTIC LOCAL FLAVORS, in a non-touristy place, in a village deep in the valley.

The best way to really experience PORT WINE is to taste several different types of Port, from different years (different aging) and compare how they aged and evolved. That's why I'll offer you to taste the full range - Ruby, Tawny, Vintage Ports, and the others.

And ... lets not forget that Douro also has amazing red and white wines.

It can be quite a shock, but in Porto the only thing we have regarding Port Wine are the big warehouses where the wine is stored and aging - the lodges. Everything else takes place 120 Kms (85 miles) from Porto - in Douro Valley.

Douro Valley is the oldest demarcated wine region, with a denomination of origin, in the world. Land of the Port Wine, its heritage belongs not only to the Portuguese, but also to the British. Still?

This is really a hidden place surrounded and protected by mountains that, besides preserving nature and people's simplicity, also creates the perfect micro climate necessary to grow the Port Wine grape varieties (all native).

Douro started to produce extremely good red wines that were shipped out, from Porto. But, then Port Wine happened ... Since then, an industry was born changing the life of Douro and Porto until today.

What's included? 9-hour private guided tour, transportation, visit to a wine estate in Douro with wine tasting, shared Boat ride

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel.

Day 6 Douro Valley to Spain

Transfer from Douro Valley to Porto Airport

5:45 AM Departure

Porto, Porto Airport to Barcelona, Barcelona-El Prat Airport

Transfer from Barcelona Airport - Your chauffeur will be waiting for you as you exit customs with a sign with your name to take you to your destination.

A Special Afternoon at Costa Brava!

2:00 PM Start Time / 7:30 PM End Time--5hr 30min Duration

Meeting Point: At Tamariu Beach

Program:

- 2:00-2:15 PM Welcome at Tamariu Beach in Palafurgell: We will begin the day with a warm welcome at Tamariu Beach.

- 2:30-4:30 PM Lunch on the terrace of Hotel Hostalillo: Lunch will be served on the terrace of the Es Portió restaurant at Hotel Hostalillo. This restaurant offers an excellent gastronomic selection based on traditional cuisine with locally sourced products. Additionally, lunch will be enjoyed on the terrace with stunning sea views.
- 4:30-5:00 PM Walk along the coastal path: After lunch, there will be a short stroll along the coastal path by the sea, allowing participants to admire the beauty of the local landscape while learning about the territory they will be exploring.
- 5:00 PM Transfer to Sant Sebastià de la Guarda Hermitage
- 5:30-7:00 PM ViViVi at Sant Sebastià de la Guarda Hermitage: ViViVi activity, which stands for wine, cello, and violin in Spanish. A musical tasting experience in a magical space, a 15th-century hermitage. Clara (from the company) will share the stories behind some soulful wines, while a violin and cello take participants on a journey through the history of music. A dance of wines and sounds that will touch the soul. Genuine, vibrant, and flavorful.
- 7:00-7:30 PM Sant Sebastià de la Guarda Monumental Complex: Next, we will explore the surroundings of the hermitage, a monumental complex with a fascinating history and breathtaking views. It is a space that bears witness to occupation dating back 2,600 years, featuring an Iberian archaeological site (6th to 1st century BC), a 15th-century watchtower (a National Cultural Heritage site), an 18th-century hostel, and a 19th-century lighthouse. All this from the top of a mountain with cliffs overlooking the sea, offering one of the best panoramic views of the Costa Brava.
- 7:30 PM Transfer to La Gavina: We will conclude the day, and the transfer will take participants back to La Gavina to rest.

What's included: Half day activity with a professional guide, lunch, transportation.

Hostal se la Gavina – S'Agaró, Spain (3 nights)

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel. Dinner hosted by the Hotel also.

Day 7 Barcelona

Cadaques, Port Lligat & Girona Day Trip

9:30 AM Start Time - Meeting Point: At your Accommodation.

Your chauffeur and guide will pick you up at your hotel to take you to Cadaques.

It is a fishing village that still maintains its charm, and to reach it, is passed by a narrow and curvy road. It offers great views and is an excellent place to eat.

After lunch in Cadaques, you will go to Port Lligat to visit Dali's house.

Then you will go to Girona to visit its wonderful medieval town and Old Jewish Area where you will get to pay a visit to the Museum of Jewish History.

The bright colors of the houses by the river will welcome you to Girona. This is a twice-millennarian city and walking its streets will make you feel like you've traveled back in time. Girona has one of the best medieval centers in Catalonia and was the home of an important Jewish community, who enriched the social, political, cultural, and economic life of the city.

The Girona Cathedral, dedicated to Santa Maria, is located at the highest point in the city and has the widest Gothic nave in the world.

What's included? Full day private tour (10 hours), entrance fees to the Dali Museum and Girona's Cathedral, and transportation.

Day 8 Barcelona

Enoturism in Catalonia: The Penedes Area + Sitges Tour

9:00 AM Start Time - Meeting Point: At your hotel

Meet with your guide and chauffeur at your hotel and head to the Penedes Area.

You'll go to the Albet i Noya cellar, in order to know all about the ecological wine production.

Get to know the cellar and some of its most emblematic wines, tasting them right in the place where they come from.

We start the activity explaining the beginnings of ecological viticulture. Then we continue our visit through the different spaces of the winery tasting each wine in the area they're produced. The barrel room, the old cellar and the cement eggs area are some of the corners that hide the stories of some of Josep Maria Albet i Noya's most emblematic wines.

The activity ends with a lunch based on a tasting menu at one of the most avant-garde restaurants in Sant Pau d'Ordal, Cal Pere del Maset.

This activity offers the best of both worlds where you can enjoy 8 of our wines with the most authentic local gastronomy.

After lunch you will go to Sitges, known far and wide for its heritage and for being a cosmopolitan town that continues to entice people of culture and the arts from all over the world.

Here you will discover the colonial-style homes built in the late 19th century by Sitgetans who left to make their fortune in America. The return of those who were successful in their overseas adventure strongly marked their hometown.

To discover Sitges' origins you have take a walk around its old quarter. You'll discover remains of ancient ramparts, the Raco de la Calma (Quiet Corner), the old fishermen's homes, the cannon.

What's included? Private tour with a expert local guide (9 hours), entrance fees to visit the cellar with tasting, lunch at Cal Pere del Maset, transportation.

Meals Today -You have breakfast included at the hotel and lunch at one of the stops.

Day 9 Departure from Barcelona

Transfer to Barcelona Airport

Meals Today - You have breakfast included at the hotel.

