



porto e norte

Let yourself go. Find a way.



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World Heritage

Admire works of world art, kept within century-old buildings and fairytale castles, at each step of your way through Porto and Northern Portugal.

Admire with your own eyes the riverside landscape of the Douro river, the great river of Porto and the North of Portugal, travelling by train. Let your eyes take you on a trip through time, and look for representations of a world already lost, but that may always be revisited, in the drawings left to us by the first inhabitants of this region. Take a stroll through the century-old streets in the historical centres of cities such as Guimarães – where the country was born - or Porto. Visit the churches, the palaces, the museums and the monuments, and leaf through the pages of the History of Portugal, Europe and the World, as you follow the track of an ever-present past.

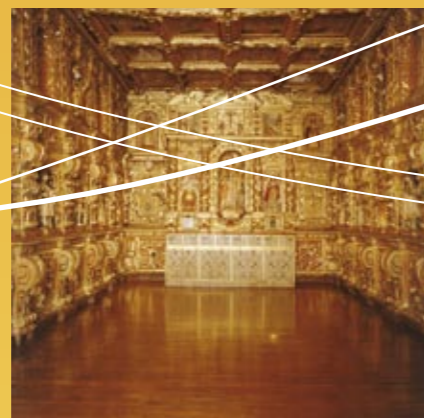


The Cult of Culture



Climb to a look-out point and grab the best view forever. Life awaits you down there, in the eyes of the folk and in the reflections of their culture.

Participate in the popular celebrations, where you will find beautiful girls and handsome boys, dressed in rich and colourful regional costumes. Join in by dancing and having fun to the sound of melodies that the land has whispered into the ear of a local composer. Get in touch with the soul of the people who mould their spirit into delicate works of linen and gold, or handcrafted clay and tin utensils. Enjoy the religious events, where religion has found itself mixed with old beliefs, and where time has fused faith and superstition into unique cultural manifestations. Discover, by hopping from one village to another, the different ways of living and feeling this same sensation: being in Porto and Northern Portugal.

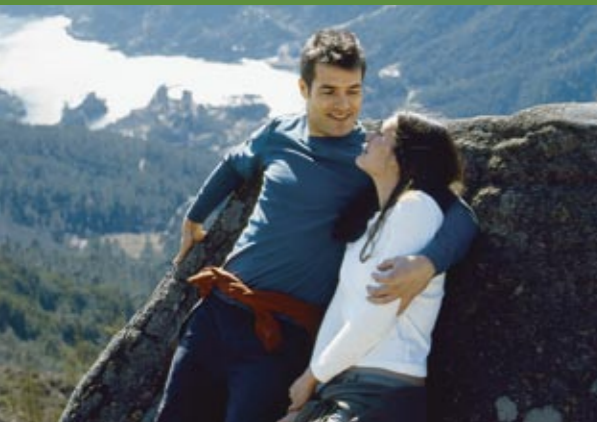


Nature's Paths



Pack your bags. Only bring the essential: spirit of adventure and a desire for fun.

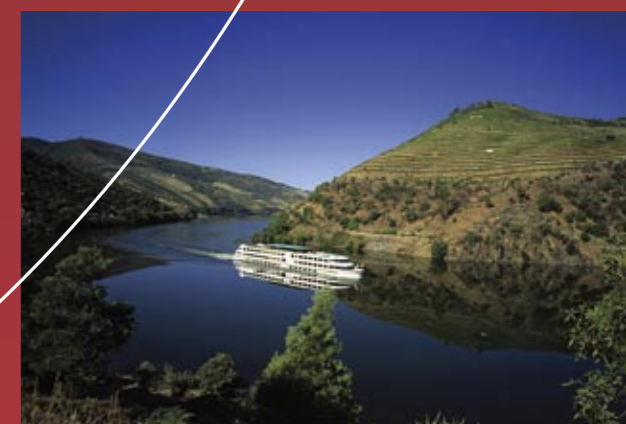
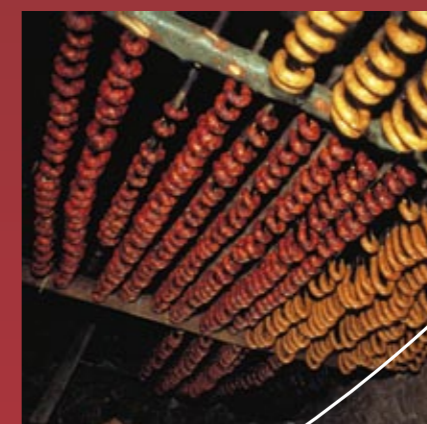
In Porto and the North of Portugal you will find all you need for the most perfect moments, side by side with those you love the most and surrounded by the most perfect nature. Put aside some time for yourself and quietly enjoy the surrounding beauty. The region abounds with a wealth of greenery amidst rivers of crystalline waters, large natural parks, and villages that time has forgotten. Whilst walking, biking or driving around, from the sea to the mountain, from the inland to the seaside, the opportunity is there for you to leave behind the stresses of daily life and get in touch with what really matters.



The Flavour of Tradition

Take a trip through the flavours of Port Wine, one of the oldest and most appreciated fine wines in the world.

The art and knowledge of generation after generation have given the world a drink that inebriates men and gods alike. Travel along the Douro River and let the gentle sway of the Rabelo boats, which take the wine to its cellars at the mouth of the river, make your imagination slide through this nectar's history. Enjoy the sight of the vineyards planted in steps carved into the mountainsides and visit the century-old farms, where grapes are selected and crushed by the experience of centuries, to yield their precious juice. Discover the true meaning of a Port wine, flanked by the Douro banks, in a glass of this drink that enchants the most exquisite palates. Unravel the mysteries of traditional gastronomy, as you experience the most succulent meats and the freshest river fish, prepared in a thousand ways that make your mouth water. Taste the Green, or the much-appreciated Douro wines, as you experience the flavours and aromas of Porto and Northern Portugal. Finish off great meals, enjoyed in the best company, with the sweet flavour of a convent-made dessert.



Follow your Own Rhythm



Make time for yourself and relax. Allow your body and spirit a true warrior's rest.

Book yourself into a SPA to enjoy contact with nature in its purest form. The waters that run here have been used to heal body and spirit since Roman times. Enrol in a SPA beauty programme and feel renewed. Free your mind from worries and relax as you find yourself surrounded by all the nature you may conceivably imagine. Regain your natural balance and enjoy, in utmost relaxation, a glorious stay in one of the most beautiful regions of Europe.

