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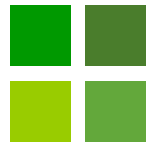


## 26 July - Historical Porto Full Day Visit with Lunch

09h30 Departure from Congress Venue for a visit to Porto, the "Cidade Invicta" (unvanquished city). Porto is history, is architecture, culture, gastronomy, trade, encounters and discoveries.

Visit to Torre dos Clérigos, built by the Italian architect Nicolau Nasoni between 1754 and 1763. It is constructed in a splendid baroque style and became an emblem of the city. We continue for a visit to Lello Bookstore the oldest in Portugal. In 2011, the Australian Travel Guides and Guidebooks editor Lonely Planet classified Livraria Lello as the third best bookshop in the world.



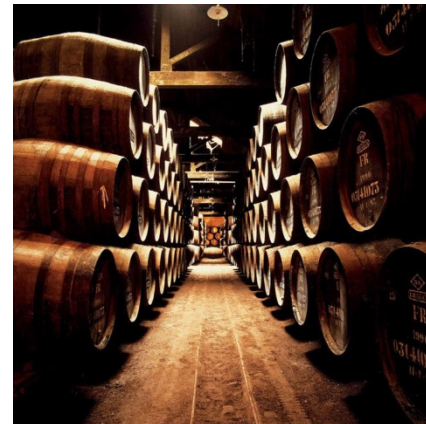


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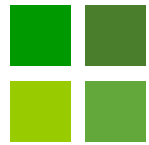
Next stop S.Bento Train Station known for its tile (azulejo) panels that depict scenes of the History of Portugal. We will continue to Ribeira Quarter, a crumbling but fascinating place ending at a riverfront square ("Praça da Ribeira"). With photogenic traditional boats floating at the quayside overlooked by colorful ancient houses, this is the most picturesque spot in the city and the place everyone loves – UNESCO did too, and declared it a World Heritage Site. Lunch on a typical Restaurant.



At the afternoon, visit to the Stock Exchange Palace, an imposing building of the 19th century and famous for its marvelous Moorish Hall a reproduction of the Alhambra Palace. Continuing to the other side of the river and visit to a Port Wine Cellars. Return to Congress Venue around 17h00.



Price per person, valid for a minimum of 20 participants: 55,00 €

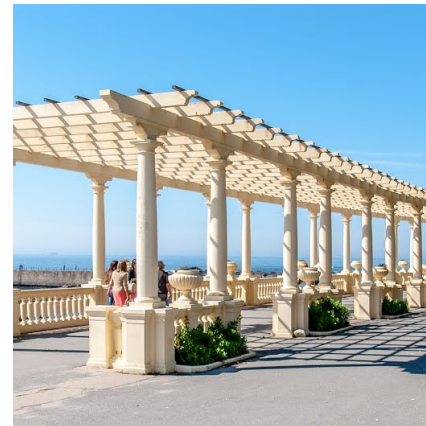


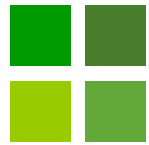
## 27 July – Porto Panoramic Half Day Visit

09h30 Departure from Congress Venue.

This walking tour will be like going on a journey through time and history as you are escorted through the historical center of Porto, classified as a World Heritage site. Porto presents itself as a city of contrasts; traditional tiled houses appear to nestle against each other, interspersed by monumental churches, grand palaces and the Douro River at its feet. During the tour there will be the opportunity to have a coffee break & enjoy the famous traditional delicacy, the Pastel de Nata. Return to Congress Venue around 12h30.

Price per person, valid for a minimum of 20 participants: 40,00 €





## 28 July – River Cruise Full Day

07h30: Meeting at Estiva Quay in Vila Nova de Gaia. 07h45 On board for a Cruise towards Régua to enjoy a delightful journey along the river Douro, through an untouched landscape of wonderful high hills, lush Porto vineyards, picturesque villages and traditional towns.

We will go through the dams in Crestuma and Carrapatelo, the highest in Europe at 36 metres.

We will have Breakfast and Lunch on board, including old friend Port Wine appetizer in the middle of the morning and at lunch.

Arrival to Régua scheduled at 15h00

Return to Porto by train (arrival around 18h50).

Price per person, valid for a minimum of 20 participants: 78,00 €





## 28 July – Excursion Minho Full Day

09h00 Departure from Congress Venue for a visit to one of the most beautiful and historical cities of Portugal, Guimarães - the Nation's birthplace. Surrounded by parks and a 15th century Palace, stands the Castle of Guimarães. Simple, but yet a remarkable site, a place full of story. Continuing with a visit to the 15th century Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, a massive and imposing building with distinctive turrets and brick chimneys. It was built in 1401 by the first Duke of Bragança and rehabilitated in the last century. The Tour proceeds to the historic center of Guimarães classified as World Heritage by UNESCO, with its medieval streets. Stop at Largo da Oliveira one of the central points. Free time for a calm stroll. Lunch on a local Restaurant. The tour will be headed to Braga, the town of the Archbishops. Climbing to Bom Jesus de Braga, one of the most important sanctuary's in Portugal. After this visit it's now time to go to the historical city center for a walking guided visit to this place full of history.

Price per person, valid for a minimum of 20 participants: 65,00 €

