



Taste for Life

ADVOC



A Day-trip to the enchanted Douro Valley 29 September 2014

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1. Program

08h30 meeting at the client's hotel in downtown Porto with driver/guide
For groups of 7 or more participants, a guide and minibus will be used

08h35 Transfer towards the Douro Valley

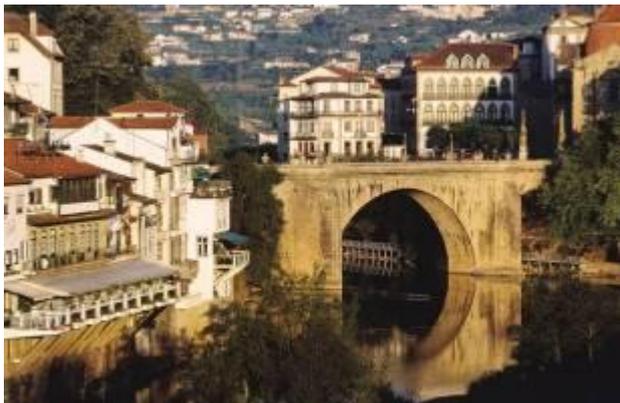
Douro Valley Winemaking Region, classified as a World Heritage Landscape by Unesco

The valley is spectacularly beautiful with the hills falling steeply down to the water's edge becoming more and more sparsely populated and wild the further inland one travels, with more of the land being given over to terraces of vines and, to a lesser extent, olive groves. This is port country and was, in fact, the world's first demarcated wine region being established in 1756. Evidence of the port industry can be seen along the valley with all the famous company names – Cockburns, Taylors, Sandeman and others – appearing on large placards on the hillsides. The colour of the land changes throughout the year as the vines mature.



09h25 Stop for a brief visit to the charming and historic river town of Amarante

Amarante is a land of famous pastries and has a beautiful historic centre, famous for the bridge over the River Tâmega and the 16th century baroque, Portuguese Renaissance São Gonçalo Church. Take this opportunity to discover the rich and famous egg pastry with conventual origin at one of the town pastry shops.





10h00 Continue to the Douro Valley

11h10 Departure by train along the scenic Douro railway line (aprox. 25mins)

The Douro railway line is a remarkable engineering feat, completed in 1887, having twenty-six tunnels and thirty bridges. It is spectacular, as the train follows the side of the Douro River during tens of kilometres. From the train one can appreciate the most unknown and less visited winegrowing area of the World Heritage classified Douro. *Trip in a regularly scheduled train.*



11h45 Short visit to the village of Pinhão, the centre of Douro

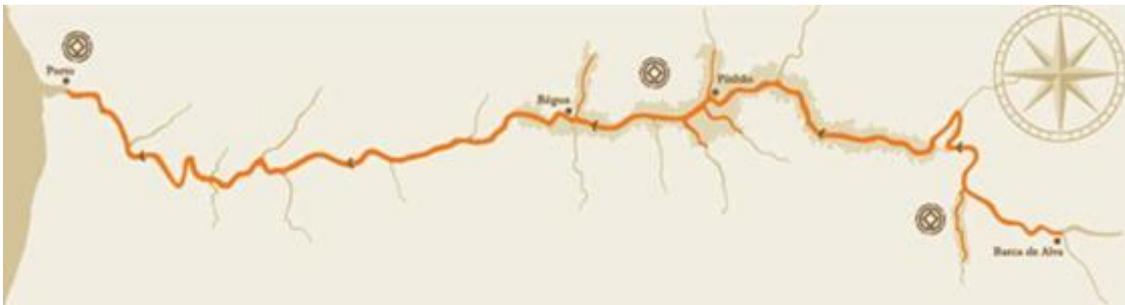
Pinhão is considered to be the geographical centre of the Douro Winemaking Region, and it is here that many of the famous Port Wine estates are to be found. Is a beautiful small village located just at the side of the Douro River and surrounded by vineyards. Worthy of particular attention here is the railway station, built at the end of the nineteenth century, which is entirely lined with panels of azulejos.





12h15 Douro River cruise in a typical Rabelo boat (aprox. 45mins)

One of the most interesting ways to discover the Douro Valley is in an enchanting cruise. The boat is a replica of a traditional Rabelo boat that, for centuries, carried casks of young wine from the Douro Valley downriver to the lodges in Vila Nova de Gaia. From there one can see some of the mythical Quintas producing great wines and part of this unique landscape.



Arrive at the Wine Estate

13h00 Visit and lunch at a traditional Port and Douro wine estate

Arrival at this beautiful estate, with origins in the 18th century, with a total of 120 hectares, 85 of which are planted with grade "A" vines. It is located in the sub-region of the Cima Corgo near Pinhão, This wine estate is one of the most beautiful *Quintas* in the Douro, and it is an example of the true nature of the valley. In this place the history lies in the terrain, in the aromas and in the knowledge of the men who have kept it alive generation upon generation. Here one can feel the real spirit of Douro, a blend between nature and tradition. Over time the historical value of the Quinta has been carefully preserved – the eighteenth century manor house, the baroque style chapel dating back to 1795, and the seventeenth century chapel next to the river, the orchards, the olive press and the 1764 winery, today with wines classified with 95 points by Robert Parker.

You will be guided for a pleasant walk tour by the vineyards and the several interesting sites of the property, the chapel, the guest house and wine cellar. Then you will have the opportunity to savour the tastes of regional Douro region food, with the menu of the day of the quinta's restaurant.

Example of menu:

Starter: *Caldo verde* soup (typical soup with cabbage) Or other

Main course: Quinta style Codfish or Traditional style duck with rice

Desserts: Orange pie, egg pudding, jams from the property and fruit

Coffee or tea

Beverages: Selection of wines from the producer, Mineral water and coffee or tea



After lunch, free time to explore the Quinta or simply relax.

16h30 Return transfer to Porto

18h00 Arrive at client's hotel in downtown Porto

End of program



2. Price and conditions

2.1 Price of the Program for 29 September 2014 for ADVOC participants

- Price per person for small groups:

- 300 Euros for a minimum of 2 participants (car)
- 220 Euros for a minimum of 4 participants (van)
- 185 Euros for a minimum of 6 participants (van)

- Price per person for larger groups (minibus)

- 215 Euros for a minimum of 8 participants
- 170 Euros for a minimum of 14 participants
- 160 Euros for a minimum of 18 participants

Price includes:

- Private service of driver/guide
 - In a Mercedes car or equivalent for groups up to a maximum of 3 participants
 - In a Mercedes van or equivalent for groups from 4 to 7 participants
- Minibus for groups between 8 to 18 participants
 - 1 Tour guide for groups between 8 to 18 participants
- 1 train trip of aprox. 25 minutes in the Douro
- 1 boat trip in the Douro of aprox. 45 minutes
- Visit to a Douro Wine Estate with lunch included and accompanied by selected wines from the estate

Not included in the price:

- Personal expenses and items not described
- Extra hours for the guide and driver (extending past 18h00)
- Extra stops not foreseen in the program and made by the clients

Payment conditions:

- 100% payment up to 15 consecutive days before the start of the program
 - After this time, all bookings without payment will be considered cancelled and subject to new availability and price.

Bank details

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Bookings

- Program subject to availability
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Cancellations:

- Cancellations between 15 to 10 days before the start of the program: 75% fee
- Cancellations up to 9 days before the start of the program and no-shows: 100% fee

Refunds:

- After the start of the program, there will be no refunds of services not used by the clients