

# THE 10 BEST EXPERIENCES TO DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGION



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# TRÁS-OS-MONTES





## • Tour Chaves

01

LOCATION  
Chaves

DURATION  
Customised for the client

Chaves is one of the most important cities in Trás-os-Montes and it boasts many charms. It is known for the two streets in its old town, its riverside area and the curative powers of its thermal springs. During this tour you will get to know the region in an entertaining, enriching way with the aid of an experienced guide.

**INCLUDED:** Transport by car or van with a driver; Tourist guide; Tickets to museums/ monuments selected for the programme; Lunch or dinner.

**Price:** from **90€** per person

## • Guided Tour of Pitões das Júnias

02

LOCATION  
Montalegre

DURATION  
7-8 hours

Come and get to know one of the most picturesque villages in Trás-os-Montes and forms an integral part of the Peneda-Gerês Nature Park. Visiting this village with a guide and in an all-terrain vehicle shall be the best option to get to know the local culture through the eyes of its people. In the all-terrain vehicles you'll get the adrenaline boost of driving whilst discovering a territory packed with cultural, natural and landscape attractions.

**INCLUDED:** Lunch and Local Guide.

**Price:** from **60€** per person



## • Nadir Afonso Contemporary Art Museum

03

LOCATION  
Chaves

DURATION  
Unlimited

An important contemporary art museum which provides a platform for the works of the painter Nadir Afonso. Immerse yourself in this space with the colours and forms present in the beautiful paintings of this artist from Chaves. In this space you can also find some temporary exhibitions by other well-respected artists like Paula Rego that was once exhibited here.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum's facilities and to the exhibitions.

**Price: 5€** per person

## • Miranda Donkey Valorisation Centre

04

LOCATION  
Miranda do Douro

DURATION  
1 hour

Come and get to know one of the approximately 60 animals that the valorisation centre houses. During the visit find out the story of the Miranda Donkey, what the daily care tasks are, their life cycle and their skills. The little ones will love the experience. Also understand the importance that this centre has for the preservation of the Miranda donkey and to prevent their extinction.

INCLUDED: Guided tour of the Centre adapted to the visitor's interests .

**Price: 5€** per person

## • Land of Miranda Museum

05

### LOCATION

Miranda do Douro

### DURATION

Unlimited

Situated in the historic centre of the city, the Land of Miranda Museum depicts the social and cultural life of a region with a strong identity. Its theme is essentially ethnographic and it seeks to describe the lifestyle of the population in terms in ancient times. Here you can also discover the importance and the specific nature of the Mirandese language and its role in the construction and recognition of the identity of the region. The collections in the museum are mainly linked to ethnography.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum.

**Price: 2€** per person

## • Bragança Castle

06

### LOCATION

Bragança

### DURATION

Unlimited

Bragança conserves a unique heritage in a compact, well-conserved historic centre, proof of which is the Castle and the Military Museum. A monument endowed with great historic value whose interior includes important military armament pieces going back to days gone by. Make the most of this opportunity to take an enriching guided tour where you will be shown all the pieces. Get to know the most frequently visited military museum in the country.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Castle and the Military Museum .

**Price: 1€** per person

## • Casa do Careto

07

## LOCATION

Macedo de Cavaleiros

## DURATION

Unlimited

Get to know the whole history and mysticism of the “Caretos de Podence”, declared in 2019 an Intangible Heritage of Humanity. At the Casa do Careto you will understand the importance of this tradition through permanent exhibitions of the colourful costumes, bells, masks, paintings and artefacts.

INCLUDED: Visit the exhibition hall .

**Price: 1€** per person

## • Barroso Ecomuseum

08

## LOCATION

Montalegre

## DURATION

Unlimited

A space that seeks to promote the collective memory, the natural, cultural and ethnographic heritage of the region. On the visit you will gain a perception of the identity of Barroso and the best that this region has to offer, its people and its important heritage. Here you have the first contact with the various realities that make up the region, which is intended to be the aperitif for the exploration of Trás-os-Montes.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum's facilities .

**Price:** free



## • Casa de Camilo - Friúme

09

LOCATION  
Ribeira de Pena

DURATION  
Unlimited

Come and discover the place where Camilo Castelo Branco lived during his time in Ribeira de Pena. It was here that the writer enjoyed his first years of freedom and today it serves as the point of contact with Camilo's works, with Ribeira de Pena being ever present. It houses the permanent exhibitions "Camilo and Ribeira de Pena" and "Perspectives of Camilo" which introduce the visitor to the chamber of Camilo and Joaquina, his first wife.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum's facilities

**Price:** free

## • Olive Tree and Olive Oil Museum

10

LOCATION  
Mirandela

DURATION  
1 hour (Requires prior appointment)

On the Olive Oil route you can find spaces where it is possible to discover the secrets behind Olive Oil from Trás-os-Montes. At the Olive Tree and Olive Oil Museum you will find out about the main trivia about the production of olive oil in the region about the characteristics, making it a unique product of Portuguese origin with Protected Designation of Origin (DOP). You will also find about the importance of this ingredient for the development of the city and you will end your visit, taking the opportunity to taste some of the delicacies made from the famous olive oil from Trás-os-Montes.

INCLUDED: Visit to the museum.

**Price:** free

# DOURO



## • Douro Premium Tour

01

LOCATION  
Douro Valley

DURATION  
10 hours

Come and get to know the wine-growing Upper Douro through the eyes of those who know the region best. On this visit you can behold the terraces carved out along the river, whilst enjoying a trip on the A-road Nacional 222 or an amazing boat trip on the waters of the River Douro, discovering along the way some vantage points with breath-taking views. And let's not forget lunch on a *Quinta* (wine estate) where you can try out the local gastronomy and the wine that has brought worldwide fame to the region.

**INCLUDED:** Pick-Up & Drop-Off at the accommodation in Greater Porto and Vila Real, Wine tasting, Olive oil tasting, Lunch with Wine tasting, Boat Trips, and Water.

**Price: 130€** per person

## • Casa de Mateus

02

LOCATION  
Vila Real

DURATION  
50 min + self-guided tour to the gardens

Visit the landmark of Vila Real. A historic foundation related with one of the Portuguese wines which is best known abroad: Mateus Rosé. Take a relaxed stroll around the gardens and make the most of the visit to the house and the chapel to discover the work of the famous architect Nicolau Nasoni and one of the most beautiful examples of the Baroque style in Portugal. Become immersed in this cultural icon of Vila Real, whilst savouring a glass of Mateus Rosé.

**INCLUDED:** House + Chapel + *Frasqueira*

**Price: 20€** per person



## • D'Origem - Olive Oil Museum

03

LOCATION

Casal de Loivos

DURATION

50 mins. to 1 hour

The wine-growing Upper Douro has more to offer than its wines. At the D'Origem Museum you can understand the importance of Olive Oil for the region and how it is produced. Talk directly to those who produce olive oil and find out about this ancestral technique. Round your visit off with some olive oil and wine tasting to awaken your palate to new, refined flavours.

**INCLUDED:** Guided Tour of the Olive Oil Museum and wine tasting.

**Price:** 10€ per person

## • Douro Museum

04

LOCATION

Peso da Régua

DURATION

Unlimited

Come and visit the Douro Museum, one of the main cultural icons of the city of Régua where tradition lives in harmony with modernity. Find out about the main instruments for valuing activities associated with winemaking, cultural tourism and wine tourism and the main point of promotion of the history of Port Wine, situated right in the heart of the Douro Valley.

**INCLUDED:** Access to the facilities of the Museum and a Port Wine Glass.

**Price:** from 7,5€ per person

## • Varosa Valley

05

### LOCATION

Lamego

### DURATION

Unlimited

Boasting unique heritage, the territory of the Varosa region - partially integrated into the region of the Douro's World Heritage Site - includes traces of the presence of the Cistercian Order, as well as traces of Roman presence and Mozarabic architecture. Take a closer look at the contribution made by the Cistercian Order to the winemaking development of the region which today is recognised by UNESCO. Take a trip back to ancient times and be whisked away by the stories that these sites have to tell you.

**INCLUDED:** Admission, self-guided, to the Monastery of São João de Tarouca, the Monastery of Santa Maria de Salzedas, the Convent of Santo António de Ferreirim, the Fortified Bridge of Ucanha and the Chapel of São Pedro de Balsemão.

**Price:** 7€ per person

## • Côa Park

06

### LOCATION

Vila Nova de Foz Côa

### DURATION

1 hour or more

Regarded as the largest and oldest museum open in the world regarding the Palaeolithic, the Côa Museum is an actual open-air gallery where you can witness primitive art through a rare concentration of rock art comprising stone engravings dating back to the Upper Palaeolithic and situated along the banks of the river Côa. A spot you can't afford to miss on the route of Portuguese museums, it is endowed with architecture that respects the two world heritage sites: prehistoric art and vineyard landscape. Be blown away by all the wonder and surprises that the museum and the park have to offer.

**INCLUDED:** Visit to the Museum / Visit to the Park and Rock Engravings.

**Price:** from 7€ per person

## • São João da Pesqueira Wine Museum

07

## LOCATION

São João da Pesqueira

## DURATION

2 to 3 hours

A museum that is well worth a visit. Entering the São João da Pesqueira Wine Museum means entering a universe dedicated to wine. As well as a permanent exhibition related with the wine theme, you can also find a tasting room, a wine store, a wine bar, as well as other cultural and leisure spaces. If the name has already got your tastebuds going, imagine a visit!

INCLUDED: Access to the Museum's facilities.

**Price: 4€** per person

## • Lamego Museum

08

## LOCATION

Lamego

## DURATION

Unlimited

Visit one of the age-old museums in the country in the city of Lamego. Here you can witness the greatness of this museum through its collections of paintings, tapestry, furniture, jewellery, means of transport and much more. Collections spruced up by objects dating from the 1st century to the 20th century, which make this museum one of the main cultural icons in the region.

INCLUDED: Access to the Museum's facilities.

**Price: 3€** per person



## • Bread and Wine Museum

09

LOCATION  
Favaios

DURATION  
50 mins. to 1 hour

Come and get to know the Bread and Wine Museum housed in one of the most important buildings in the Wine-growing Village. Make the most of this opportunity to get to know Muscatel wine and Bread and its history, as well as all the traditions and processes associated with these products and their importance for the village of Favaios to be registered as a town.

INCLUDED: Guided Tour of the museum and Muscatel wine tasting.

**Price: 2€** per person

## • Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Shrine

10

LOCATION  
Lamego

DURATION  
Unlimited

Lamego is known for the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Shrine and its imposing staircase with 686 steps. The various landings of the stairway make this monument unique and enriched by interesting sculptural works to alleviate the long ascent. Once at the top, as well as the Shrine, visitors are offered the breath-taking view of the city.

INCLUDED: Access to the Shrine.

**Price:** free

# MINHO



## • Guimarães Tour – Half-day

01

LOCATION  
Guimarães

DURATION  
4 hours

Here is the birthplace of the nation. An iconic city which is so important for the history of Portugal. Take a guided tour around the historic centre and the most important spots of the city, declared World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO.

INCLUDED: Pick-up and Drop-off in Porto and guided tour of Guimarães.

**Price: 65€** per person (minimum 2 people)

## • Braga Tour – Half-day

02

LOCATION  
Braga

DURATION  
4 hours

Known as the Archbishops' city, Braga has many secrets hidden away which make it worth a guided tour. At the start of your visit you'll have the chance to go up the imposing staircase of the Bom Jesus Shrine and to discover the wonderful view over the city of Braga. You can visit the Cathedral and the historic centre too, spots you can't afford to miss.

INCLUDED: Pick-up and Drop-off in Porto and guided tour of Braga.

**Price: 65€** per person (minimum 2 people)



## • Jeep Tour of Castles and Granaries

03

## LOCATION

Peneda-Gerês National Park - Lindoso

## DURATION

9 hours

Visit this picturesque village in the Minho region with a guide, right in the heart of the Peneda Gerês National Park. Immerse yourself in the greenery of its nature and the blueness of the river Lima, soak up the grandeur of the Lindoso Castle and enjoy the route in the company of dozens of granaries (*espigueiros*). A guided tour not to be missed around the most hidden treasures and charms of the region.

INCLUDED: Guided tour of the castles and granaries and lunch.

**Price:** from **60€** per person

## • Brejoeira Palace

04

## LOCATION

Monção

## DURATION

45 minutes

Come and get to know the landmark of the Monção region, a glorious construction in Neoclassical style from the start of the 19th century. As well as the experience afforded by the visit to the Palace, you can take a walk around the woods, gardens and vineyards too, letting yourself be whisked away to the ancient times of nobility.

INCLUDED: Visit to the interior of the Palace, Gardens, Old Winery and Chapel.

**Price:** **7,50€** per person

## • Costume Museum

05

## LOCATION

Viana do Castelo

## DURATION

Unlimited

At this renowned museum you can get to know the ethnographic wealth of traditional costumes from Viana. A unique opportunity to see up close the typical costumes of Viana, as well as vast collection of tools used to make clothing garments. In addition to this collection of items, you can also take a look at the permanent exhibitions also on show in this space.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum.

**Price: 4€**

## • Toy Museum

06

## LOCATION

Ponte de Lima

## DURATION

Unlimited

At the Toy Museum, the fun never stops. Find out the stories behind the toys, their manufacturers, as well as the manufacturing techniques used, the raw materials and the tools used to create the toys. Come along with your family and show the little ones some of the toys from your childhood. The visit also includes a walk around the garden with free access to the Fun Room, the Toy Workshop and the temporary exhibitions' room. Make a date with fun at the Toy Museum.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Museum, walk around the garden with free access to the Fun Room, the Toy Workshop and the temporary exhibitions' room.

**Price: 3€**

## • Santa Luzia Shrine

07

### LOCATION

Viana do Castelo

### DURATION

Unlimited

Magnificent temple situated at the top of *Monte de Santa Luzia* and with a breath-taking view of the Sea and the city of Viana do Castelo. One of the most impressive monuments in the country where you can enjoy the landscape and the perfect symbiosis between nature and built heritage. At the top of the shrine, 60 metres high, visitors will have a breath-taking panoramic view which makes any visit unforgettable.

INCLUDED: Entry into the shrine and ascent to 60 metres.

**Price: 2€** per person

## • Braga Cathedral

08

### LOCATION

Braga

### DURATION

Unlimited

Come and visit the oldest religious temple in Portugal where you can appreciate a wonderful set of architectonic styles, including Romanesque, in its structure, Manueline in its cladding or Baroque in its magnificent ornaments. As well as the Cathedral, you can also pay a visit to the Treasure-Museum to be found there. Note: during mass times, tourist visits are not allowed.

INCLUDED: Visit to the church and to the Treasure-Museum.

**Price: 2€** (Cathedral); **3€** (Treasure-Museum)

## • Guimarães Castle

09

LOCATION  
Guimarães

DURATION  
Unlimited

Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is acknowledged by many as the castle which, *par excellence*, is related with the very origins of Portugal. There are plenty of reasons to visit Guimarães Castle and its seven towers with an incredible view over the city of Guimarães. More than just a visit, it is travelling back in time through the history of Portugal and its first king, Afonso Henriques.

INCLUDED: Visit to the Castle.

**Price: 2€** per person

## • Bom Jesus do Monte Shrine

10

LOCATION  
Braga

DURATION  
Unlimited

An impressive shrine designated World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2019, also known as Bom Jesus de Braga. The originality of its architecture, the authenticity, the symbolism and the unprecedented monumentality are features of an exceptional value which formed the basis for this honourable designation. We would suggest a break here to enjoy the view over the city.

INCLUDED: Entry into the Basilica.

**Price:** free

# PORTO



## • Filigree Route

01

LOCATION  
Gondomar

PICK UP AND DROP OFF:  
Porto

DURATION  
4 hours

Get to know the art of twisting gold or silver wires in a unique, creative manner. During the visit you will visit some family workshops where you will get to know all the ancestral techniques of the production process and you'll also get the chance to try out part of making a real work of art.

**INCLUDED:** an experienced guide, visit to two workshops, visit to the themed exhibition on Filigree at *Casa Branca de Gramido*, workshop when available and insurance.

**Price: 175€** per van (maximum of 7 participants)

## • Romanesque Route

02

LOCATION  
The guided tour starts in Amarante

DURATION  
8 hours

We are proposing a trip on a route packed with the memories, flavours and stories of the Romanesque. To discover the vast territory of the Route and its 58 monuments, you can take a guided tour with a specialised company which will allow you to experience local traditions and flavours, also affording gastronomic memories through a convent sweets workshop. Or set off on an adventure and create your own Route, there's a whole world of impressive monuments and stories to discover.

With so many options to choose from, there are more than enough reasons to get to know the Romanesque Route.

**INCLUDED:** Transport, specialised guide, entry into monuments, lunch, Convent Sweets workshop and insurance.

**Price: 90€** per person

**OPTION:** create your own Route | **LOCATION:** you can start your visit in one of the 12 municipalities of the valleys of Sousa, Douro and Tâmega (Amarante, Baião, Castelo de Paiva, Celorico de Basto, Cinfães, Felgueiras, Lousada, Marco de Canaveses, Paços de Ferreira, Paredes, Penafiel and Resende).

**DURATION:** Unlimited **INCLUDED:** possible guided tour **PRICE:** on request



## • Jewish Heritage Walking Tour

03

LOCATION

Porto

DURATION

3 hours

Get to know the places marked by the Jewish presence and find out everything about the contribution of this community to the development of Porto in the first few centuries of the foundation of the country. The tour will start alongside Porto Cathedral, continuing along the street Rua da Pena Ventosa until reaching the Ribeira area. Witness the vital role of the Jews in the Portuguese discoveries and in the times of the Inquisition it was endeavoured to do away with these traces. At the end of the tour, you'll get the chance to appreciate the hues and shades of the age-old houses of Ribeira.

INCLUDED: experienced guide and insurance.

**Price:** from **25€** per person (minimum of 2 participants)

## • Contemporary Art Museum – Serralves Foundation

04

LOCATION

Porto

DURATION

Unlimited

The Serralves Foundation has asserted itself as one of the main cultural icons in the city of Porto, serving to promote contemporary art and architecture through the Contemporary Art Museum, the work of one of the most important Portuguese architects, Álvaro Siza Vieira and also promoting nature through its park and its most recent attraction: the Treetop Walk. Come and find out everything that the Serralves Museum has to offer and take a stroll around the wonderful landscapes of its park.

INCLUDED: access to all the spaces of the Serralves Foundation: Contemporary Art Museum, Serralves Park, Treetop Walk, Serralves Villa and *Casa do Cinema Manoel de Oliveira*.

**Price:** General ticket – **20€** per person

## • Visit to *Palácio da Bolsa*

05

LOCATION  
Porto

DURATION  
30 minutes

Monument in the Neoclassical style whose construction dates back to the 19th century. Located in Porto's historic centre, designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996, it is an unmissable, unique spot for visitors to the city. During your visit you'll get the chance to visit the famous *Salão Árabe* (Arabian Hall), known for the presence of gilded woodwork in its interior. Come and discover the most visited monument in the North of Portugal and the living room of the city.

INCLUDED: experienced guide.

**Price: 10€** per person

## • Visit to the Clérigos Church and Tower

06

LOCATION  
Porto

DURATION  
40 minutes

The landmark of the city, the Clérigos Tower is 75 metres high and it affords a panoramic view from the Ribeira to Foz. The work of the famous architect Nicolau Nasoni, in this monument you can also admire various collections of religious art, with pieces stretching from the 13th to the 20th century, including paintings, furniture, sculpture, goldsmithery and ecclesiastical vestments. It has been a National Monument since 1910 and it has become an unmissable place to visit, so take a deep breath to go up the 225 steps and be blown away by the 360° view over the city.

**Price: 6€** per person

## • Livraria Lello

07

LOCATION

Porto

DURATION

30 minutes

The age-old *Livraria Lello* has stood out, year after year, as one of the most beautiful bookshops in the World. The Neogothic building is filled with unique architectural details, the iconic staircase and the stained-glass window embellishing the ceiling dazzling any visitor with the beauty and magic of the place.

Venture into the world of books and travel back in time.

**Price: 6€** per person

## • Casa da Arquitetura

08

LOCATION

Matosinhos

DURATION

1 hour or more

Come and get to know this renowned space of contemporary architecture which has been asserting itself with the volume of creating content programmes for the dissemination of projects by various architects such as Álvaro Siza Vieira or Eduardo Souto Moura. Visits can be made to various cultural and architectonic spaces such as *Piscinas das Marés* or *Quinta da Conceição*. These visits are done with specialised guides who will immerse you in the history of each one of the buildings.

**INCLUDED:** Access to the Museum spaces and various exhibitions.

**Price:** from **6€** per person

## • Serra do Pilar Monastery

09

### LOCATION

Vila Nova de Gaia

### DURATION

access limited to a  
maximum period of 1 hour

The Serra do Pilar Monastery is part of the area designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and it is one of the main spots to visit in Vila Nova de Gaia and one of the best vantage points from which to behold the city of Porto. As well as the view it offers visitors, they can also visit the circular-shaped cloister, a unique example in Portugal.

**INCLUDED:** Access to the Serra do Pilar Monastery and the *Património a Norte* (Northern Heritage) exhibition

**Price:** 2€ per person

## • Xávega Art Museum

10

### LOCATION

Espinho

### DURATION

Unlimited

Take the plunge in this Xávega Art Museum, (Xávega - beach seine net fishing), and find out about the family nature of the fishermen through a permanent exhibition where you'll find out further details and come into contact with a series of everyday objects used in this age-old artisanal fishing art. Get up close to these fishing people and all their history.

**INCLUDED:** Access to the Museum spaces and various exhibitions.

**Price:** general ticket 1,20€



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