

Porto, a city of charms, of narrow streets of grey pavements, of people who feel proud to belong here. Synonymous with being nice and the soul of revolution. A city that welcomes those who visit it with open arms, inviting them to the table in a genuine and warm way of life.

A port of refuge, with picturesque scenery and sweeping landscapes. The city that gave its name to Portugal is one of the oldest tourist destinations in Europe with World Heritage status since 1996.

Porto is more than its monuments, museums, places or gastronomy, but is that familiar feel at each corner, the warmth of feeling at home and the joy of being welcomed as family.

Along the river and the sea, you can see Porto rising with its tile-covered buildings, its character and personality, its customs and marked accent. It is as hospitable and conservative as it is contemporary and creative.

This unique identity can only be understood in one way, which is to experience Porto to the full, by diving into its streets, talking to its people, trying its food and its Wine.

Come here. Porto is more than a city, it is the soul of living to the full.



Porto World Heritage Site



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Porto From the River, Sea and the Open Air



Porto Wine Capital



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Porto International



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Porto Essential



### Porto World Heritage Site

The Historic Centre of Porto is the oldest part of the city. It was listed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996, here we find traces of the medieval origins of the city. Walking through the characteristic alleyways of this area, at each step we find ourselves at a monument of inestimable value. The renowned hospitality of the people of Porto and a breath-taking view over the town and the river Douro make the Historical Centre a must. Here you can find the roots of the city's history, go shopping or enjoy the region's Gastronomy and Wine. If you want to get to know Porto, the Historical Centre of the city is the right starting point!

#### Torre dos Clérigos

This is considered the landmark of the city, 76 metres in height and with more than 200 steps. Designed by Nicolau Nasoni, it was inaugurated in 1750. When you are lost look up to the skies and you'll easily be able to orientate yourself.







### São Bento Railway Station

Considered one of the eight most beautiful train stations in the world, São Bento Railway Station stands at the heart of the Historic Centre, offering visitors a concourse with more than 1500 tiles depicting historical scenes from the Northern region, such as King João I and Queen Filipa de Lencastre entering the city in 1387.



# Porto Undefeated City

Old, Very Noble, Always Loyal and Undefeated, thus is the City of Porto known! Authentic in its way of being, it is the spirit of its people and the history of its streets that give it the traits that characterise it.

The downtown of Porto, the central part of the city, where we can easily and pleasantly walk on foot. That is the location of the civic centre of the city, in the Avenida dos Aliados, topped by the City Hall.

It is here, in the heart of Porto, that we find emblematic places such as the Café Majestic, one of the best examples of Art Nouveau in the city, and the Chapel of Souls (Capela das Almas) with its magnificent blue-tiled façade.

Downtown unveils its numerous charms with a fitting intense rhythm which should be shared, whether day or night.

Aliados





### Lello Bookshop

Do bookshops enchant you? Are buildings with a story to tell part of your essential to-do list? The *Livraria Lello* is certainly then one of your must-see places.

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### Porto Cultural

### Casa da Música

The perfect symbiosis between music and architecture is here translated into a beautiful building, the work of Pritzker Prize winner Rem Koolhaas.

Culture, which has always been part of the city, has increasingly been taking on a greater role in Porto. After being European Capital of Culture in 2001, this mantle was assumed and nowadays there is an extensive programme of exhibitions, concerts and plays throughout the year. The city is full of cultural life and an example of this is the focus on its theatres, the numerous works of renowned architects and Pritzker Prize winners, the international exhibitions mounted here or the corners and streets showing their urban art. Seek and find to understand how you breathe culture every step you take in Porto.





### Serralves

One of the must-see places, whether for the beautiful pink Villa, the Museum of Contemporary Art designed by Siza Vieira, or for its beautiful gardens.

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Street art



Bathed by the Atlantic, from Foz to Matosinhos, and by the river Douro, from Freixo to Foz, it is easy to see that water is part of this city, through its way of being and the manner in which it lives. River and Sea beckons for a stroll which is always a pleasure renewed and where you can find waves for surfing, blue flag beaches, terraces facing the sea, a busy seaside promenade, whether for a leisurely walk, running or a pleasant bike ride, or the fishermen from Foz, the sea fortresses, shops, restaurants, gardens and two docks that welcome recreational and tourism boats, and from there, where you can enjoy water sports or or go on a bridges cruise.

Let yourself be intoxicated by the sound of the waves and enjoy contact with nature in the city.





Fort of São Francisco Xavier Pérgola da Foz



Praia Homem do Leme

### **City Park**

The city park that has a seafront which makes it unique, with more than 83 hectares of green space to enjoy.



# Porto<sup>®</sup> Wine Capital

Gastronomy and Wine go hand in hand and form the best complement to your Porto trip. In fact, the city is one of the world's Wine Capitals, forming part of the Great Wine Capitals Global Network, along with cities like Bordeaux, Napa Valley or Mendoza.

If you do not wish to forego a great experience, try one of the Michelin Star restaurants in town - here you can find an explosion of flavours that you will not easily forget.

Coming to Porto is also eating and drinking and your experience will never be complete without sitting at a table trying the best we have to offer here. Gastronomy and Wine are a mirror of our cultural wealth. **Cellars** Discover the history to be found in a glass of Port while enjoying

the wine tasting.

#### Wine Shops

Do not miss out on the opportunity to take some Port with you. Look for one of the typical wine shops and buy the city in a bottle. You can even choose a wine from the year you were born.







### Porto Gastronomy and Flavours

Porto is also a place of gastronomy and flavours and there are several dishes that form part of its culture and the day-to-day life of the people of Porto. Try a Francesinha, Tripas à Moda do Porto (tripe) or Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá (salted cod). You won't regret it! Especially if you complement this experience with a good Port, Douro or Vinho Verde.



(Octopus à la Lagareiro)

(Salted Cod Gomes de Sá style)



Today, Porto has a large number of infrastructures that allow us to receive all those who come, by air or sea, as well as rail and land, whether to visit, do business, live or study, such as the Airport with more than 80 connecting flights, or the Cruise Terminal of the Port of Leixões. In addition, there are various venues here to host your events, with Porto ranked 27nd in the ICCA ranking in 2022.

This is also a city of knowledge and research. The University of Porto, together with the Polytechnic Institute, its laboratories and international projects, has long contributed to putting Porto on the reference map for students from all over the world. Knowledge is buzzing in these centres and Porto is now the ideal platform to undertake research and make investments, with more and more companies having their head office here and the stage for many successful start-ups.

**INESC TEC** 







Christmas decorations

Bars, popular parties such as São João, organised races, music festivals, street fairs or switching on the Christmas illuminations. Porto is full of life and has a diverse range of events and venues that will make your visit much livelier. Do not miss this opportunity and always consult the city diary. Your experience will certainly be unforgettable.

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#### São João

São João is celebrated on the night of 23 June and this is considered to be the largest party in the city and the longest night of the year.

Nightlife

**Primavera Sound Porto** A festival that is identified through a unique setting. Held every year in the City Park, Primavera Sound brings concerts you will not want to miss.

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Street markets



Porto Airport | Francisco Sá Carneiro, 11 km away

Local holiday | 24 June - S. João

### **Opening Hours**

Banks | Mon. to Fri. → 08.30 to 15.00 Shops | Mon. to Fri. → 09.00 or 10.00 - 19.00 Some stores open on Saturday all day. Shopping Centres | Everyday → 10.00 - 23.00 Restaurants | Lunch→ 12.00 - 15.00 / Dinner→ 19.00 - 22.00 Chemists | Mon. to Fri. → 09.00 - 19.00 / Saturday → 09.00 - 13.00 List of pharmacies open late posted on window of all pharmacies. Metro | Every day → 06.00 - 01.00

Before coming over, please confirm the operating hours with the various entities

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