

Day 2

Portugal

Today we will head to the Fonseca Port Wine Cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia on the otherside of the Douro river. The Douro wine region is divided into three subregions : Douro Superior (Alto Douro), Upper Corgo and Lower Corgo (Baixo Corgo), by the town of Oporto (Vila Nova de Gaia, where the Fonseca winery is based, lies in this subregion), Porto wine's name comes from Oporto (Porto in Portuguese).

There we will enjoy a private visit and wine tasting which will include an Introduction to Fonseca: tasting of several different styles of port such as Fonseca Siroco Extra Dry White Port, Fonseca Bin N°27 Port, Fonseca 20 year Old Tawny Port, Fonseca Vintage Port 2009).

We will enjoy lunch at Taylor's wine cellars, a 3 minute walk away.

Lunch includes welcome drink, starter, main course, dessert & drinks including wine.

Afternoon at your leisure. Perhaps you may wish to re-visit the atmospheric streets of Rua de Belomonte and Rua das Taipas or do a spot of shopping at the Merceria de Bolhão . Specialising in local and regional products, these shops have been serving customers for 100 years.



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The Douro region of northern Portugal takes its name from the Douro river, which flows east to west from the Spanish border to Oporto, where it meets the Atlantic Ocean. Though Douro is best known for its fortified wines such as Port, total production here is fairly evenly split between Port and non-fortified table wines.

Today we will take a tour out of the city further into the Douro valley to visit a winery where we will enjoy a private tasting and lunch. The Douro Valley is often called the enchanted

valley, such is the beauty and magic that its landscapes offer. Many Douro wines (table wines and Port wine), are produced on its hillsides and this region is one of the oldest demarcated wine regions in the world. The Douro river carved the deep valleys out of the land and then man transformed the schist mountains into soil and walls and planted the vines, which are green in summer, flame-coloured in autumn.

Day 4

Departure Day

Your wine weekend in Portugal comes to an end today. Time to make some last minute purchases, or simply soak up the atmosphere of Oporto before heading home.

Enjoy some free time in the city before being transferred to the airport for your flight home.

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