

## Between Vineyards and Borders: A Journey to the Heart of the International Douro

Between endless vineyards and rivers that draw borders, a rare journey emerges, where Portugal and Spain meet in silence and beauty. This is not just a journey, but a celebration of the senses. Wine, guardian of centuries of history, invites us to taste the soul of the land in every glass.

At the table, authentic flavors parade, from Mirandesa steak to roast lamb, from the intense cheeses of Hinojosa to the golden olive oil from the estates.

And in the stone villages, time breathes slowly, reminding us that authenticity is discovered in the sublime details, in the people, in the nostalgia of bucolic beauty.

Along the Douro and Duero rivers, each viewpoint opens windows to the sublime. The vertiginous cliffs elevate the gaze, the secret valleys reveal serenity, and the horizons seem endless.

History isn't just read: it's felt in the walls of Castelo Rodrigo, in the engravings of the Côa that connect the remote past and the present, and in the living traditions of Miranda, where language and music echo ancestral roots.

From Porto to Castilian villages, this cross-border route is an invitation to those seeking more than tourism: soul, authenticity, and emotion. It's an exclusive experience where wine tourism, gastrotourism, culture, and landscape intertwine, inviting you to toast life before one of the most beautiful rivers in Europe.

Because at Universe, the Journey Never Ends, travelers take back memories and experiences that endure.







#### Day Porto/Pinhão Foz Côa

Morning - Departure from Porto, direct to Regua, brief stop and then on to Pinhão for a 1-hour boat ride to see the vineyards.

Lunch at a typical restaurant and trip continues with a visit to Freixo de Numão, a historic village on the slopes of the Douro River, and a visit to the Salvador do Mundo Viewpoint to admire the Douro cliffs.

Afternoon - Continue to Foz Côa, and visit the historic center and visit the Côa Museum or the rock carvings at sunset, and shops selling regional products, wines, and sausages.

Dinner and accommodation at Casa do Rio Wine Hotel – Quinta do Vallado, visit the winery, and typical cuisine and tasting of traditional regional dishes and wines from the Alto Douro, including regional sweets.



## Day Mazouco/Freixo Espada á Cinta/Miranda

Morning - Departure from Mazouco, taking a panoramic road along the Douro International, and stopping at the Historic Village of Mazouco, visiting the Mazouco Wine Cellar and tour of the historic center.

Ascend to Freixo de Espada à Cinta for lunch and visits to viewpoints such as Vilarinho dos Galegos and do Contrabando, with endless views of the cliffs, a stroll through the historic center, and a regional lunch.

Afternoon - travel to Miranda do Douro with a visit to the Fraga do Pulo Viewpoint, arrival in the city to visit the historic center and visit the cathedral, walls, and viewpoints.

Overnight in Miranda do Douro at the Hotel Parador Santa Catarina, with regional and traditional cuisine such as the famous Posta à Mirandesa.





## Day Mieza/Perêna/ Hinojosa do Duero

Morning - Departure towards the Mirador del Picón de Felipe (Mieza) for an iconic view of the Cliffs: granite cliffs with the Duero embedded in the background.

Brief visit to the village of Mieza, a small, rustic, and authentic village, and a visit to the La Code Lookout.

Lunch in the historic village of Perena de La Ribera at a restaurant serving local cuisine and regional wines, and a visit to the Arribes winery, where Perena wines are served.

Afternoon - Departure to Hinojosa del Duero stopping at the La Perena de La Aguia Lookout, then a stroll through the historic town and a visit to traditional shops (cheese, wine, olive oil, honey, and sweets).

Dinner and overnight in Hinojosa del Duero, at the Posada Real Quinta de la Concepción, regional cuisine.



### Day Figueira Castelo Rodrigo/Porto

Morning - Departure towards Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, already in Portugal, but with a visit to the Mirador de S. João das Arribas (São João das Arribas Viewpoint) to finish off the views of the Douro Cliffs.

Lunch in Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, a historic town, with a stroll through the old town and shops selling regional products, olive oil, honey, wine, jams, and cold cuts.

Lunch at a typical regional restaurant featuring local cuisine and wines from the Upper Douro region, and a visit to a cooperative winery for tastings and purchases of regional wines.

Afternoon - Departure towards Porto and the end of the tour.

# Douro Cliffs Tour 5 days 4 nights 3950.00 Euros - price per person

#### What's Included

Private transfer from the airport to your hotel upon arrival.

Private transportation with a driver-guide for the 5-day itinerary.

3 nights' accommodation in 4- or 5-star hotels for one person, including daily breakfast in a double room, low season.

24-hour escort by a specialized professional.

Travel in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle, with fuel and tolls included.

#### What's Not Included

Personal expenses for lunches, dinners, drinks, and individual extras.

Entrance to museums, monuments, wine or snack tastings, or optional experiences.

Services not specifically mentioned in the program.



A cross-border itinerary that combines wine tourism at farms and wineries, gastrotourism with authentic regional dishes, visits to historic villages, and cultural immersion. Sublime landscapes of the Douro and Duero cliffs complete the experience, revealing iconic viewpoints that combine tradition, wine, history, and nature on an exclusive route between Portugal and Spain.

Day 1 – Porto / Régua / Pinhão / Freixo de Numão / Foz Côa

Morning - Departure from Porto towards Régua (brief stop).

Pinhão: 1-hour boat ride to see the vineyard's hillsides.

Lunch at a typical restaurant in Pinhão.

Afternoon - Visit Freixo de Numão (a historic village on the slopes of the Douro).

Stop at the Salvador do Mundo Viewpoint for the first great views of the cliffs.

Arrival in Foz Côa: visit the historic center, the Côa Museum, or see the rock carvings at sunset, and shops selling regional products (wines, olive oil, and sausages).

Evening - Accommodation at Casa do Rio Wine Hotel – Quinta do Vallado.

Wine dinner with traditional cuisine and a tasting of Gaucho wines.

Day 2 – Foz Côa/Mazouco/Freixo de Espada à Cinta/Miranda do Douro

Morning - Departure via the panoramic road of the Douro International.

Visit Mazouco: historic center and Mazouco Wine Cellar.

Ascent to Freixo de Espada à Cinta, stopping at the Vilarinho dos Galegos and Contrabando viewpoints.

Lunch - Typical restaurant in Freixo de Espada à Cinta.

Afternoon - Travel to Miranda do Douro.

Stop at the Fraga do Pulo viewpoint.

Tour of Miranda's historic center: cathedral, walls, and viewpoints.

Evening - Accommodation at the Parador Santa Catarina Hotel.

Dinner with regional dishes (Mirandesian Steak).

Day 3 – Miranda do Douro / Fermoselle / Ciudad Rodrigo / Almendra (Spain)

Morning - Departure towards Spain.

Stop at the Mirador de Picón de Felipe (Mieza) – one of the most impressive views of the cliffs.

Arrival in Fermoselle: visit the historic center (one of the "Most Beautiful Towns in Spain"). Lunch - Regional tavern with typical Zamora dishes and Arribes DO wines.

Afternoon - Travel to Ciudad Rodrigo: tour the walls and historic center, visit cheese and wine shops.

Continue to Almendra, with a stop at the Mirador del Code.

Evening - Accommodation at Casa Rural La Fuente y Zapatero.

Typical regional dinner.

Day 4 – Almendra / Mieza / Pereña de la Ribera / Hinojosa del Duero

Morning - Departure for the Picón de Felipe Viewpoint (Mieza).

Brief visit to the village of Mieza and the Code Viewpoint.

Lunch - Restaurant in Pereña de la Ribera, with regional dishes and Arribes DO wines.

Visit a local winery.

Afternoon - Head to Hinojosa del Duero, with a stop at the Peña del Águila Viewpoint.

Visit the historic center of Hinojosa and traditional shops (cheese, wine, honey, olive oil).

Evening - Accommodation at the Posada Real Quinta de la Concepción.

Dinner with regional cuisine.

Day 5 – Hinojosa del Duero / Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo / Porto

Morning - Stop at the São João das Arribas Viewpoint for a final view of the cliffs.

Arrival in Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo: visit the historic center and shops selling regional products (olive oil, honey, jams, sausages).

Lunch - Typical restaurant in Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo.

Visit to the cooperative winery for a wine tasting.

Afternoon - Travel back to Porto via the quickest route.

Arrival in Porto and end of the tour



