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## Historic Towns and Villages Tour V.N.Cerveira/Melgaço Ref. 25413

### Region



Alto Minho, in the northwest of Portugal, is a region rich in lush green landscapes, ancient traditions and historical heritage. Bordered by the Minho and Lima rivers and the Peneda and Gerês mountains, it combines medieval towns, traditional villages, authentic cuisine and vibrant popular festivals. With highlights such as cities such as Viana do Castelo, Ponte de Lima and Arcos de Valdevez, Alto Minho is ideal for those seeking culture, nature and authenticity in a single destination.

### Route

PORTO  
VILA NOVA CERVEIRA  
VALENÇA  
MELGAÇO  
PORTO  
- Aprox. 340 km  
- 10h trip  
Departure from Hotel  
8am Estimated Arrival  
6pm at Hotel

### Price

Price per person:  
480€ For 1 person  
255€ For 2 people  
185€ For 3 people

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### Description

This 10-hour circular tour departs Porto and heads north to Alto Minho, exploring some of the region's most charming historic villages: Vila Nova de Cerveira, Valença, and Melgaço. Among medieval walls, cobblestone streets, and endless green landscapes, the route immerses you in Minho tradition, with flavor, culture, and authenticity.

The journey begins towards Valença, via the A3. The first stop is its emblematic fortified historic center, one of the largest fortified defensive complexes in Europe. Within the walls, the narrow streets reveal traditional shopping houses, churches, and viewpoints overlooking the Minho River and the neighboring Galician city of Tui, across the border. Here, you can take a short break for coffee and craft shopping.

Moving on to Vila Nova de Cerveira, the artistic town stands out for its Art Biennial, galleries, and medieval center with its pillory, castle tower, and the steps of the Parish Church. It's worth climbing to the Miradouro do Cervo (Cervo Viewpoint), from where you'll enjoy a panoramic view of the Minho River and the surrounding landscape. On weekends, the local market along the river is an excellent spot to experience the region's typical atmosphere.

Continuing to Melgaço, the northernmost village in Portugal, the route enters a mountainous area and vineyards. Melgaço enchants with its castle, well-preserved walls, and the Solar do Alvarinho, where you can taste the region's typical wine. The neighboring villages of Cristóval and Fiães preserve their ancient layout, with stone houses and granaries. The return to Porto is via a panoramic route passing through Monção, another walled village with a strong wine-making and spa tradition. The tour concludes in the late afternoon in Porto, after a memorable day filled with historical heritage, verdant landscapes, and the cultural richness of the border region of Alto Minho.

## Booking

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### Restaurante Solar do Bacalhau Valença

Solar do Bacalhau stands out for its traditional dishes such as cod à lagareiro, accompanied with cornbread or à la Minhota, generously served and well-seasoned. The atmosphere is warm, the service friendly, and the cuisine authentic, reflecting the excellence of Portuguese gastronomy.



### Restaurante dos Arcos Valença

Here's a realistic image of a Mirandese steak, typical of traditional restaurants like Restaurante dos Arcos in Valença. Served generously, well-grilled over charcoal, it's often accompanied by mashed potatoes, sautéed turnip greens, or rice. Ideal for meat lovers with the intense, authentic flavor of Minho.