



Romantic Itinerary 4 DAYS

Among Vineyards, Palaces and Stories:
Discover the Essence of Romance

What is the Romantic Route and what makes it unique?

Did you know that 19th-century Romanticism refers not only to love, but also to a cultural movement that exalted nature, palaces, gardens, and rural traditions, and that this is exactly what the Route of the Romantics in Northern Portugal invites you to discover?

The Route of the Romantics in Northern Portugal was born from the appreciation of the landscapes and heritage that, in the 19th century, enchanted travelers, painters, and writers linked to the European Romanticism movement.

It does not refer to "romantic love," but rather to the aesthetic sensibility that favored bucolic nature, medieval history, manor houses, exotic gardens, and rural traditions.

The route includes wine estates, mansions, viewpoints, monasteries, and villages surrounded by the idyllic scenery of the Douro, Minho, and Tâmega rivers.

What characterizes it is the fusion of cultural heritage and the natural environment, evoking the romantic fascination with authenticity.



01 Day The Romantic Porto

The morning tour of the banks of the Douro River and Foz River, observing chalets and mansions built by the Romantic bourgeoisie along the Atlantic.

Visit the Crystal Palace and its 19th-century gardens with viewpoints over the Douro River, a classic example of Porto's Romanticism.

Lunch at a typical and traditional restaurant to experience the region's gastronomy.

After lunch, visit Quinta dos Cónegos in Maia, a manor house with a chapel and gardens, a bucolic-inspired space.

Return to the hotel at the Freixo Palace, another living symbol of Romanticism in Porto and Northern Portugal.



02 Day Porto/Celorico de Basto/ Vila Real/Amarante

Morning departure from Porto and visit to Celorico de Basto, visit to Arnoia Castle, a small medieval castle linked to the Romantic imagination, and a stroll through the local gardens and mansions.

Lunch in Vila Real at a typical restaurant, and then visit Mateus Palace, one of the icons of the Romantic Route, a stroll through the Baroque and Romantic gardens, with surrounding vineyards.

Visit to the city of Amarante, stroll through the Historic Center, São Gonçalo Bridge, São Gonçalo Convent and Church, and the Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Museum, and free timeto enjoy the views of the Tâmega River.

Dinner and stay at Casa da Calçada Palace, another icon of Romanticism in the North and with a Michelin-awarded restaurant.



03 Day Baião/Régua/ Pinhão

Departure towards Baião to visit the Ancede Monastery, a monastic landmark with medieval features and a romantic atmosphere.

Then we continue to Peso da Régua in the heart of the Douro wine region, with a visit to the Douro Museum to understand the UNESCO-listed landscape.

Lunch at a Port wine estate, Quinta de Santa Eufemia, a visit to the winery, and then a visit to Pinhão, traveling along the EN 222, considered one of the most beautiful roads in the world.

In Pinhão, visit the train station, another symbol of the Romantic period, as well as a one-hour boat ride through the Douro hills.

Arrival at the Quinta da Pacheca Hotel for overnight stay and dinner, a beautiful palatial manor house.





04 Day Lamego/Tarouca Cinfães /Porto

Depart for Lamego and visit its Cathedral, with Gothic and Renaissance elements, much appreciated by 19th-century travelers.

The Lamego Museum, housed in the former Episcopal Palace, features collections of sacred art and tapestries, and another stroll through the picturesque streets, mansions, and fountains.

Lunch at a typical regional restaurant, featuring goat roasted in a wood-fired oven.

Head towards Tarouca and visit Monastery of São João de Tarouca, monastic ruins evoking the romantic taste for memories of the past.

Then, visit the Monastery of Cárquere in Resende, associated with the formation of the Portuguese monarchy, with its surrounding romantic landscape, and return to Porto.

This playbook provides travelers with a guiding principle: culture, nature, spirituality, gastronomy, and wine tourism, always through the lens of Romanticism in Northern Portugal.

Playbook – Romantic Route (4 days)

Day 1 – Romantic Porto

Morning - Stroll along the banks of the Douro River and the estuary, observing 19th-century chalets and mansions. Visit the Crystal Palace and its romantic gardens with viewpoints over the Douro River.

Lunch - Typical restaurant (O Fernando or Mercearia do Bacalhau)

Afternoon - Visit Quinta dos Cónegos (Maia), a manor house with a chapel and bucolic gardens.

Late Afternoon & Overnight - Check-in at the Freixo Palace, one of the living symbols of Romanticism in Northern Portugal.

Day 2 – Celorico de Basto, Vila Real & Amarante

Morning - Visit Arnoia Castle (Celorico de Basto), a medieval fortification associated with romantic imaginary. Stroll through the region's gardens and manor houses.

Lunch - Typical restaurant in Vila Real (Tasca da Alice or O Transmontano)

Afternoon - Visit to Mateus Palace, an icon of the Romantic Route, with baroque gardens and vineyards.

Followed by a visit to Amarante: São Gonçalo Bridge, Convent and Church of São Gonçalo, and free time by the Tâmega River.

Dinner & Stay - Check-in at Casa da Calçada Relais & Châteaux (Amarante), an iconic hotel with a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Day 3 – Baião, Régua & Pinhão

Morning - Visit the Ancede Monastery, with its bucolic and romantic atmosphere.

Continue to Peso da Régua and visit the Douro Museum, exploring the landscape a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lunch - Wine experience at Quinta de Santa Eufémia: winery tour + traditional lunch.

Afternoon - Drive along the EN 222, a scenic road considered one of the most beautiful in the world to Pinhão, visit the train station with tile panels depicting the grape harvest, and a 1-hour boat ride along the Douro's vineyards.

Dinner & Overnight - Check-in at Quinta da Pacheca Wine House Hotel, a palatial mansion in the heart of the Douro.

Day 4 – Lamego, Tarouca & Resende

Morning - Visit to Lamego Cathedral (Gothic and Renaissance elements) and the Lamego Museum (former Bishop's Palace), with a stroll through the picturesque streets, mansions, and fountains.

Lunch - Typical regional restaurant: (O Cantinho da Sé or O Filipe).

Afternoon - Visit to the Monastery of São João de Tarouca, ruins evocative of the romantic spirit, then visit to the Monastery of Cárquere (Resende) – linked to the founding of the Portuguese monarchy and surrounded by bucolic scenery.

End of the day with a return to Porto, concluding the itinerary.

Romantic Itinerary 4 days 3 nights 2670,00 Euros

What's Included

Private transfer from the airport to your hotel upon arrival.

Private transportation with a driver-guide for the 4 days of the tour.

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

24-hour assistance by a specialized professional.

Travel in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle, with fuel and tolls included, and a one-hour boat ride in Pinhão.

What's Not Included

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

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

Services not specifically mentioned in the program.



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