



8 days / 7 nights

Possibility of self drive

From the wonders of Douro to the Algarvian coast, across the mystic EN2



1st day – Porto

Arrival at Porto Airport and transfer to the hotel.

2nd day – Porto / Vila Real / Chaves

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and departure towards Peso da Régua.

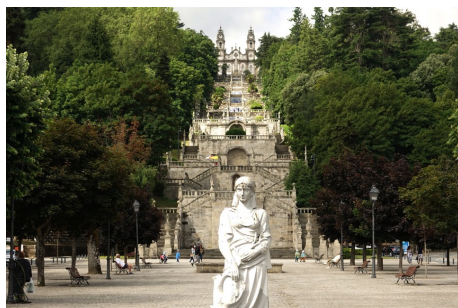
Brief visit to this city where in the past the Rabelo boats were loaded, which transported the barrels with Douro wine to cellars in Gaia, where it was aged to make the famous Port Wine. Continue to Vila Real and visit to the Casa de Mateus, including a visit to the gardens and a Port Wine aperitif.

After the visit, lunch.

In the afternoon, continue to Chaves, thermal spa known since Roman times, and visit the old part of the city with its medieval houses and layout, the Tower of Menagem, Roman Bridge and Camões Square.

Free time to taste the famous "empadas de Chaves".

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



3rd day – Chaves / Bisalhães / Lamego / Viseu

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Start the descent of the EN2 towards the south, starting by crossing the beautiful mountains of Trás-os-Montes until Bisalhães. Brief stop to admire the famous pieces of "Barro Preto de Bisalhães", declared by UNESCO as World Heritage.

After the visit, we continue towards the river, being able to admire the steep slopes and the vineyards, where the grapes used to make the famous Douro wines are harvested. Visit to Quinta da Pacheca, with wine tasting and lunch.

After lunch, continuation to Lamego. Visit to the historical center and the Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios.

We continue through the beautiful Paiva Valley to Viseu. Arrival and walk through the historical part, passing through the Rua Direita with its old houses and its traditional commerce, the Cathedral, the Misericórdia Church and the old town walls.

Dinner and overnight.

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4th day – Viseu / Vila Nova de Poiares / Abrantes

Breakfast and check out.

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Out to Caramulo via the EN2 with a visit to the museum, recognised as one of the most interesting in Europe, where painting and the beauty of vintage cars blend together

We proceed through the Massif Central with its landscapes and reservoirs of dams until Penacova. Visit to the viewpoint over the Mondego river and continuation to Vila Nova de Poiares. Break for lunch.

Continue through the forest heart of the country, following the course of the Ceira river up to Góis, Álvares, Pedrogão Grande and the Nossa Senhora da Confiança viewpoint, from where there is a panoramic view of the Cabril dam. Brief stop.

We continue to Sertã, to visit the Picoto da Melriça, geodesic center of mainland Portugal, continuing through Vila de Rei to Abrantes. Visit to the Outeiro Valley, an ancient defensive stronghold and from where you can admire a beautiful panorama over the Tagus River.

Dinner and overnight.



5th day – Abrantes / Montemor-o-Novo / Évora

Breakfast at hotel and check out.

Departure towards Ponte de Sor to visit the Municipal Museum, dedicated to rice, installed in the center of Arts and Culture.

After the visit, we will go around the reservoir of the Montargil Dam on the way to Montemor-o-Novo, with a brief stop in Cíborro, where we will find the milestone that marks the kilometer 500 of the EN2. Arrival in Montemor-o-Novo and visit to the castle, with a magnificent view over the Alentejo plain.

After the visit, continuation to Évora, through Santiago de Escoural and São Sebastião da Giesteira. Arrival and regional lunch.

In the afternoon, city tour, including the Roman Temple of Évora, also known as the Temple of Diana, the Cathedral and the Church of São Francisco, where the Chapel of Bones is located, followed by a visit to a wine and olive oil production cellar, with tasting.

Dinner and overnight.

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6th day – Évora / São Brás de Alportel / Estói

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Back on the EN2, crossing the Alentejo plain and passing through its villages of white houses decorated with blue or yellow bars, and skirting the reservoirs of the Odivelas and Roxo dams until Aljustrel, with a brief panoramic view of the mining area.

After the visit, we continue to the road that is considered "Heritage Road" with the crossing of the Serra do Caldeirão, with brief stops in Cortelha and Barranco do Velho, two typical villages of the Algarve hills where you can taste the ham and the medronho brandy. Continue to São Brás de Alportel and a typical mountain lunch.

After lunch, visit of the Algarvian Traje Museum, where in its eighteen rooms you can admire the different costumes of the Algarve. After the visit we continue to Estói and visit the Roman Villa of Milreu, a village built in the 1st century and occupied until the 11th century.

Proceed to Faro. Arrival, dinner and accommodation.

7th day – Faro / Olhão / Ria Formosa / Faro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit to the old part of the city including the Arco da Vila, Porta Nova and the Cathedral.

After the visit, continuation to Olhão, city known as the "Cubist City" (in the

historical part of the city, the houses have a cubic shape with traditional roofs and worked chimneys). Free time to walk around and visit the Municipal Market, one of the city's landmarks. Proceed to the pier and embark on a beautiful boat ride through the Ria Formosa, with its channels and islands, with a typical fish-based lunch on one of the islands.

After the tour, return to Faro.

Dinner and overnight.

8th day – Faro

Breakfast at the hotel.

At a time to be established, transfer to Faro airport and boarding on the chosen flight.

Included:

- Accommodations at 4* hotels, or similars, on Half Board basis;
- Transfer from the Airport to the hotel and vice versa;
- Lunches mentioned (5) in local restaurants;
- Transportation for the entire itinerary with a tour driver/guide or by self-drive;
- All the visits indicated in the itinerary.



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