

GUIMARÃES & BRAGA

YOUR PRIVATE, TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Daily Departures

One-Day Trip

Departure from your hotel (or a meeting point in the Porto/Gaia area) at 8:30 AM, heading to Guimarães—Portugal's "Birthplace City" and the designated European Green Capital for 2026.

Upon arrival in Guimarães, we begin at the Castle, commissioned in the 10th century and traditionally linked to the birth of Afonso Henriques, the first king; the famous plaque reading "Here Portugal was born" stands right at the entrance. Nearby, the small Romanesque Church of São Miguel do Castelo is traditionally associated with his baptism. We then proceed to the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, built in the 15th century and now a museum.

From the lower town, we take the cable car up to the Penha plateau, enjoying free time to take in the 360-degree view of Guimarães and the Minho Valley before returning to the historic center—a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. We pass through Largo da Oliveira and Praça de Santiago, followed by a traditional lunch.

In the afternoon, we travel to Braga, one of the country's oldest cities, founded as Bracara Augusta over two thousand years ago. The Archdiocese of Braga is the oldest in Portugal and, during the Middle Ages, rivaled Santiago de Compostela in power. We visit the Cathedral—the oldest in the country—and the historic center before ascending to the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte via the Bom Jesus Funicular (the world's oldest water-counterweight funicular, dating back to 1882), located next to the Baroque staircase depicting the Stations of the Cross. We continue to the Sanctuary of Sameiro for a final panoramic view of the Minho region before returning to Porto. Estimated arrival in the Porto/Gaia area is around 6:00 PM.

Included Services

- Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel in the Porto/Gaia area;
- Private tour in a tourist van with an accompanying guide;
- Combined ticket for Guimarães Castle and the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza;
- Penha Cable Car (round-trip);
- Admission to Braga Cathedral;
- Bom Jesus do Monte Funicular (round-trip);
- Visits as per the itinerary.

Services Not Included

- Lunch, personal expenses, and anything not listed as included in the program.

Price per Person

Adults from: € 155.00 per person

Children (ages 4–12): 50% discount

Infants (ages 0–3): Free

Minimum number of participants: 4 to 8 passengers

Obs. Groups of 2-3 people, available upon request.



Guimarães & Braga in a single day

Cradle, Faith, and Wine — A Day Between Two Founding Cities

A day spent between the city where Portugal was born and the country's oldest center of Christianity: the castle and the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, a cable car ride offering views across the Minho region, Portugal's oldest cathedral, and the Baroque sanctuaries of Bom Jesus do Monte and Sameiro.

What you'll experience:

- The legend of Guimarães, "the Cradle of Portugal," and the "Here Portugal Was Born" plaque near the castle
- Guimarães Castle, originally built in the 10th century
- Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, residence of the first Duke of Braganza in the 15th century
- Penha Cable Car, offering 360° panoramic views of the city and the Minho region
- Historic center of Guimarães, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Braga Cathedral (Sé de Braga), the oldest cathedral in Portugal
- Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including a ride on the world's oldest water-powered funicular
- Sameiro Sanctuary, with panoramic views over the Minho Valley

Included:

- Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel in the Porto/Gaia area
- Private van tour with a certified guide
- Combined ticket for Guimarães Castle + Palace of the Dukes of Braganza
- Penha Cable Car (round trip)
- Admission to Braga Cathedral
- Bom Jesus do Monte Funicular (round trip)

Not included:

- Lunch, personal expenses, and anything not explicitly listed as included in the program.

Duration: Approximately 9 hours and 30 minutes.

