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## *Douro-Valley with Charm*

### CULTURE AND ENJOYMENT IN THE VALLEY OF ENCHANTMENT.

The Douro is the third-longest river in the Iberian Peninsula. It springs in the Spanish province of Soria and flows through northern Spain and northern Portugal. From Porto you can get to know this unique cultural landscape and the Douro Valley. You will find out that it is not called the "Valley of Enchantment" for nothing.

Alongside the tasty Douro wine, such as Port wine, the river meanders through the picturesque hillsides and a unique cultural landscape. Along the blue glittering Douro lie the villages and museums of this Portuguese region and invite you to visit them.

Let yourself be enchanted by the local wineries, the award-winning table wines and the unique charm!

### *Details of the hiking holiday in the Douro Valley*

Whether the western slopes of the Pinhão Valley or through the villages of São Cristovão do Douro - the views of the surrounding vineyards are more than worthwhile! This is accompanied by home-cooked dinner from the warm hosts and a deep red port wine, matured in barrique barrels. How wonderful!

On day five, a circular tour including a detour to the village of São Mamede da Ribatua awaits you, from where you can see the spectacular rocks and mountains of Portugal. Return in the shade through dense pine forests to Alijó.

**Tip:** Be sure to order a Pastel de Nata with your coffee. This puff pastry treat with custard cream is typical of Portugal and a real taste sensation!

### *The highlights of the hiking tour*

- **Picnic on the riverbank:** A small raffia picnic basket, Portuguese delicacies and a delicious wine – could it get any better? At the Pinhão River, you can not only feast but also enjoy the magnificent views of the countryside.

- **Porto:** Historical sights or charming neighbourhoods and streets like Rua das Flores or the Ribeira district - Porto has postcard charm!

## *Useful information about hiking in the Douro Valley*

Over eight days you hike through wonderful Portugal. You travel over good, unpaved paths for a maximum of six hours per day. From time to time, you may have to cover longer ascents and descents.

Nevertheless, Portugal is a real pearl and has an impressive landscape to offer. After all, nowhere else will you see idyllic vineyards paired with magnificent river deltas.

## *Active holidays with Charm*

On our 'Hiking Tours with Charm' you can enjoy the full service of our individual active holidays while staying in very special accommodation with that extra something in the best location. That means you can look forward to luxury furnishings and decor in the local style, as well as cuisine at the highest level. Many of our hotels with charm also offer large pools and a wellness area where you can relax after a lovely day of hiking.

- Find all information about our [Hiking Tours with Charm](#).

### *Walking*



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum of participants: 2 people

### **To the online version**



# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Pinhão*

After your arrival in Pinhão, take a stroll around the vineyards, sample their wines or take a boat trip along the river. In the evening, take the chance to enjoy tasty local dishes in the splendid restaurants of this charming village.

DAY  
2

## *Pinhão – Vilarinho de São Romão*

Today you explore the western slopes of the Pinhão-valley, as you climb to the hillside villages of São Cristovão do Douro and Provosende. The views of the surrounding vineyards will more than compensate your efforts. End the day with a warm welcome and a home-cooked meal at Casa de Vilarinho de São Romão, where a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool or a nap in the comfortable guest lounge await you.



approx. 3 to 4 hours



9 km



590 m



260 m

DAY  
3

## *Circular walk river Pinhão*

With Vilarinho de São Romão as your base, today's circular route winds down to the Pinhão River via a couple of small villages and wine estates and along the opposite hillsides, through the vineyards, with varied landscapes and splendid views throughout. Relax at a riverside picnic spot before making your way uphill to the village of Celeirós, where you can stop to taste the wines at Quinta do Portal before returning to your delightful accommodation.



approx. 4 to 5 hours



13 km



510 m



510 m

DAY  
4

## *Vilarinho de São Romão – Alijó*

Enjoy views across the valley on your way towards the pretty village of Sabrosa. Follow an ancient road between here and Favaio, as you head down through the vineyard terraces to the river. Wend your way uphill again between grape vines and olive groves towards a distinctly different landscape. Taste traditional wood oven-baked bread and moscatel wine in Favaio, then continue to the small, historical town of Alijó.



approx. 5 to 6 hours



16 km



630 m



630 m

DAY  
5*Circular walk São Mamede de Ribatua*

Today's walk is a circular route from Alijó that undulates through an ever-changing patchwork of vineyards and fields towards the ancient village of São Mamede de Ribatua, with spectacular views of the surrounding rock-strewn mountains. Return to Alijó in the shade of the pine forests



approx. 4 to 5 hours



15 km



370 m



370 m

DAY  
6*Alijó – Casal de Loivos*

Spend the day walking through vineyards, perhaps calling in at a wine estate or two for a tour and tasting session before reaching the ridge at the top of the eastern slopes of the Pinhão Valley. Look back at the terraced slopes opposite to identify the villages you passed by earlier in the week. You'll have magnificent views of the Douro river, before reaching the last village of the day. Once there, take the chance to visit the nearby olive oil museum.



approx. 4 to 5 hours



14 km



230 m



450 m

DAY  
7*Casal de Loivos – Porto*

Today's rather short but stunning walk down to Pinhão leaves you with time for a final winery tour and tasting session overlooking the Douro River. Enjoy lunch in the village or a picnic in the vineyards, before taking the train back to Porto for a night in the heart of the city. Take your time to explore the city's historical monuments, but also revitalised areas such as Rua das Flores and the riverside Ribeira district. If you have some time left, cross the river and visit at least one of the port wine cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia to see and smell where the barrels of aging wine are stored – and raise your glass to an unforgettable hiking journey!



approx. 2 to 3 hours



6 km



60 m



470 m

DAY  
8*Departure or extra days*

# *Tour character*

You are hiking on solid, unpaved trails. For walking times up to max. 6 hours and the sometimes a little bit longer ascents and descents, a good basic fitness level is enough to feel comfortable.

# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Pinhão

	<b>Season 1</b> 01.03.2023 - 30.04.2023   16.10.2023 - 31.10.2023   Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> 01.05.2023 - 15.10.2023   Arrival daily
<b>Douro-Valley, 8 Tage, PO-NOWPP-08X</b>		
Base price	1,089.00	1,189.00
Surcharge single room	389.00	449.00

Category: see description

You can book extra nights for any day of your tour. Prices upon request!

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Pinhão

	<b>Season 1</b> Mar 1, 2023 - Apr 30, 2023   Oct 16, 2023 - Oct 31, 2023   Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> May 1, 2023 - Oct 15, 2023   Arrival daily
<b>Porto</b>		
Double room p.p.	95.00	95.00
Surcharge single room	85.00	85.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

## Services

### Included:

- Accomodations as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (English)
- 2 evening meals (Vilarinho de São Romão)
- 5 Lunch packages (2nd to 6th day)
- Luggage transfer
- 1 Transfer Airport Porto – Station Porto
- 1 Transfer Hotel Porto – Airport Porto
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- GPS-data available (GPS-device on spot included)
- Service hotline

### Optional:

- Transfer from Porto center/airport to Pinhão (max. 3 people), cost per trip EUR 260, reservations required, payable in advance.

## Infos

### Arrival / Departure:

- Airport Porto and organized transfer to the station Porto-Campanhã. You continue by train ([www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt)) to Pinhão, duration approx. 2,5 hours. Return transfer from your hotel in Porto to the airport at the end of your trip, transfer included in the tour package.

### Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Train journey Porto – Pinhão (1st day) and Pinhão – Porto (7th day), approx. EUR 25 per person
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

# Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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