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Porto was once the last stop of adventurers on their way across the Atlantic to the New World. The cliché that Lisbon shows off and Porto just works is a well-worn metaphor that fails to do justice to the city's innumerate charms fully. History dwells around every corner, and more than ever, Porto is a place determined to hold on to its own distinct identity.

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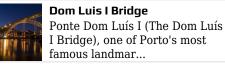


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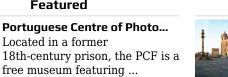
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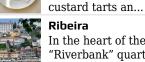
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THE CITY



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Time has seemingly failed to touch some of the hidden corners of Porto, with many of its typical winding alleys full of shops and restaurants looking like a scene straight out of a medieval history book. The city is so soaked in the past that the historic area of Ribeira has been deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Considering the backdrop of wrought-iron balconies full of flowers, the daily washing, and an array of fresh white and blue 'azulejos' tiles, you will have the perfect city for aimless wandering. However, the city does have a few key landmarks that are worth a visit, including the elaborately decorated Palacio da Bolsa (the Stock Exchange Palace), the medieval Cathedral, and The Clérigos Tower.

The other big draw for tourists is the tour of the Porto wine cellars at Vila Nova de Gaia on the other side of the Douro River.

The surrounding suburbs of the city are also compelling: Matosinhos offers great seafood eateries and small beaches stretching down the coastline. Foz do Douro is known as the wealthier area, with nightclubs and restaurants just 5 kilometres northwest of Porto, while Amarantes, a small northern town over the Tâmega River, has everything to win your heart: a preserved historic centre, charming architecture, and the warmth of its inhabitants.

DO & SEE



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In Porto, there is so much to see and do. Be sure to visit the port wine caves, its vibrant open-air markets, historic churches, but remember to set aside some time to admire its beautiful architecture and colorful neighbourhoods.

Porto Cathedral (Sé do Porto)



Built in 1110 in the highest point in the city, Sé do Porto, or Porto Cathedral, is a defining landmark of the city, and the most important

religious building in Porto.

A visit to the cathedral is well worth not only for its historical importance, but also for its remarkable mix of architectural styles that range from Romanesque to Baroque and Gothic, and lastly, for the beautiful views it offers over the city--stretching from the Old Town to the Atlantic coast.

Photo: Vadim Petrakov/Shutterstock.com Address: Terreiro da Sé, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-6:30pm Phone: +351 22 205 9028 Internet: www.diocese-porto.pt/pt/catedral-do-porto

Email: info@diocese-porto.pt More Info: The cloister is closed during service

Douro Valley Tour with Wine Tasting & Lunch



The Douro Valley is not only Portugal's most famous wine region but it's also the oldest demarcated wine-growing area in the world. So,

next time you're in Porto, be sure to include on your itinerary a wine tasting session amid the vineyard-clad hills of the Douro Valley.

You'll savour regional specialities with a traditional lunch in the scenic village of Pinhão then visit two wine estates for an introduction to award-winning local varietals.

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Food & Wine Tasting Tour in Porto



Savour traditional Portuguese dishes like codfish cakes and custard tarts and sample the country's most famous export, port wine, on a

food & wine tasting tour in Porto.

Stroll through some of the city's quaint neighbourhoods like the historic Riberia district and visit generations-old taverns and traditional cafés to try regional delights and taste northern Portugal's wine, all the while learning interesting facts about Portuguese cuisine.

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Ribeira



In the heart of the Old Town, the "Riverbank" quarter of the city contrasts historic winding streets with lively and colourful facades. With

abundant restaurants and galleries, this is a great place to venture out during the day as well as at night, when the array of trendy bars and nightclubs open their doors.

Photo: nathsegato/Pixabay Address: Ribeira, Porto

Clérigos Tower



Torre Dos Clérigos is a 75-meters high granite Baroque tower built by the Italian artist Niccolo Nazzoni in the 18th century. Those who

endure the steep 240-step journey to the top will be rewarded with a fantastic panoramic view of the city.

You should also visit the Igreja dos Clérigos (Church of the Clerics), a true Baroque masterpiece in the city.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de São Filipe de Nery, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm Phone: +351 22 014 5489 Internet: www.torredosclerigos.pt/en





Dom Luis I Bridge



Ponte Dom Luís I (The Dom Luís I Bridge), one of Porto's most famous landmarks, is a 172 metres double-deck metal arch bridge--the longest

of its kind in the world--and links the cities of Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia over the River Douro. It is well worth a visit, especially to admire the sunset.

Photo: Hugo Grilo/Shutterstock.com Address: Ponte Dom Luis I, Porto

São Bento Railway Station



A must-see while in Porto is the São Bento Railway Station. More than just a train station, this place is another architectural jewel, among the many

others this city boasts.

Built by the Portuguese architect José Marques da Silva in 1900, the São Bento Railway Station opened to the public sixteen years later. Its construction took place on the site that once housed a Benedictine monastery, hence the name São Bento.

The architecture has a French Renaissance influence, and even though its facade is already quite impressive, its interior is what leaves visitors truly awestruck. The main hall is beautifully decorated-from the ground to the ceiling — with more than 20,000 "azulejos" (Portuguese tiles), which recount important events of the history of Portugal.

Photo: Rostyslav Savchyn/Unsplash Address: Praça de Almeida Garrett, Porto

Bolhão Market



At the Mercado do Bolhão, you will find a bright and vibrant open-air market brimming with fresh produce such as olives,

cheese, and freshly baked bread. Known for its lively atmosphere, this is a great way to start the day, grab some breakfast or stock up on supplies for a day of sightseeing.

Photo: Anurag Arora/Unsplash

Address: Mercado do Bolhão, Rua Formosa 322, Porto Opening hours: Fresh Market: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-6pm. Restaurants: Mon-Sat 8am-midnight Internet: www.mercadobolhao.pt

Livraria Lello



More than just a bookstore, Livraria Lello is a historical and architectural masterpiece in downtown Porto. Opened in 1906, Livraria

Lello & Irmão as it is also known combines elements of Neo-Gothic, Art Deco, and Art Nouveau styles that comprise intricate woodwork, a large stained glass window bearing the bookshop monogram with the motto "Decus in labore" (dignity at work, in Latin), and a remarkable red spiral staircase, which starts as one set of stairs and splits into two that join in a circular design. The latter is a huge attraction here since it resembles the Grand Staircase from the Harry Potter films, and considering J.K. Rowling was once a Porto resident, there is a high chance this place might have inspired her.

Livraria Lello became so popular with tourists that in July 2015 the store started charging a 5 Euro entrance fee and queues can take over an



hour. You can purchase tickets on their website.

Photo: ivoafr/Pixabay

Address: Rua das Carmelitas 144, Porto Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm Phone: +351 22 200 2037 Internet: www.livrarialello.pt

Church of Santa Clara



One of the most impressive churches in Porto, Igreja de Santa Clara (Church of Santa Clara), started its construction in 1416, and

it was completed in 1457. Its interior is Gothic, but in the 17th and 18th centuries, the temple was decorated in a Baroque style. The church nave is entirely covered in gilded woodcarving a genuine feast for the eyes. From the church patio, it is possible to climb to one of the remains of the Fernandina Wall in the city.

Photo: NaughtyNut/Shutterstock.com Address: Largo Primeiro de Dezembro, Porto More Info: Near Ponte Luís I

Port Wine Caves at Vila Nova De Gaia



Across the Douro River, you can visit the port wine caves of Vila Nova de Gaia. There are over fifty wine companies found in this area, with

wine lodges offering organised tours and tasting sessions.

Photo: Sopotnicki/Shutterstock.com Address: Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto

Soares dos Reis National Museum



Culture vultures will not want to miss this National Museum dedicated to 19th- and 20th-century Portuguese painting and sculpture. After your

visit, you can enjoy a coffee in the museum's café.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Dom Manuel II 44, Porto Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm Phone: +351 223 39 3770 Internet: museusoaresdosreis.gov.pt Email: mnsr@ipmuseus.pt

Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art



If modern art is your scene, don't miss this museum, which hosts some of the best works by contemporary Portuguese painters and sculptors, as

well as pieces from internationally-known artists such as Warhol and Pollock. The building also offers a library, a book shop, a tea house, a restaurant, and an auditorium bar. The opening hours may differ from those of the museum itself and according to the season.

Photo: Nelson M S Silva/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua Dom João de Castro 210, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm Phone: +351 22 615 6500 Internet: www.serralves.pt/en Email: serralves@serralves.pt



Tower of Dom Pedro Pitões



Medieval tower discovered during the demolition work of several buildings around the Sé Cathedral and then reconstructed 15

metres away from its original position. Today, this restored and fortified medieval tower is home to the Porto Tourism Office.

Photo: StockPhotosArt/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de São Sebastião, Porto

Nova Sintra Park (Parque das Águas)



Currently the headquarters of the municipal company Águas do Porto, hence its second name Parque das Águas (Water Park), the

Nova Sintra Park is one of the largest green spaces in Porto, boasting great botanical diversity, dense trees, as well as a peaceful atmosphere--a nice place to relax and take a break by one of its many fountains.

Photo: Rafał Rudol/Unsplash

Address: Rua do Barão de Nova Sintra, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun 9am-7pm Phone: +351 22 519 0800

Aveiro



Known as the Venice of Portugal, Aveiro, located 57 km to the south of Porto, is a charming town surrounded by beaches, lagoons, and beautiful

canals that run through it. It is easy to reach Aveiro: several trains leave Porto to Aveiro every day, and the journey takes about an hour. Photo: Elena Siberia/Shutterstock.com Address: Aveiro, Portugal

Stock Exchange Palace



Built between 1842 and 1870 on the former site of a Franciscan convent, The Stock Exchange Palace, or Palácio da Bolsa, is an impressive

building in Neoclassical style, which currently houses the headquarters of the Porto Commercial Association.

Classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Palácio da Bolsa attracts around 200,000 visitors a year, making it the most visited monument in the north of Portugal.

Take a guided tour to see up close its magnificently decorated rooms, especially the Arab Room, which features the exotic Moorish Revival architecture. This room also serves as a reception hall for heads of state and personalities visiting the city.

Photo: trabantos/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Ferreira Borges, Porto Opening hours: November to March: daily 8am-1pm / 2pm-5:30pm. April to October: daily 9am-6:30pm Phone: +351 22 339 9000 Internet: palaciodabolsa.com/en/intro Email: correio@cciporto.pt

Estádio do Dragão



Estádio do Dragão (The Dragon Stadium), is the home arena for FC Porto since 2003, and it is estimated to have cost €98 million. On this

guided tour, you will see the presidential box, changing rooms, and dugouts.



Photo: Antonio P. Lencastre/Shutterstock.com Address: Via Futebol Clube do Porto, Porto Phone: +351 22 507 0500 Internet: www.fcporto.pt/en/club/estadio-do-dragao More Info: Tours in Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, and Mandarin take place every hour from Mon 3-5pm and Tue-Sun 11am-5pm

Monument Church of St Francis



Near the Stock Palace and the Douro River is another UNESCO World Heritage site that is well worth visit while in Porto, the Monument Church of

St Francis, or Igreja Monumento de São Francisco.

This church built around the 14th century has one of Europe's most sumptuous and extravagant interiors. Here, all that glitter is, in fact, gold! Its interior is covered in gilded woodwork, and rumour has it that it was used around 400 to 600 kg of gold to decorate it. Hence why the St Francis Church is also known as "The Golden Church".

Another highlight of this church is its impressive Tree of Jesse, a wooden sculpture carved by Filipe da Silva and António Gomes in 1718 depicting the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shown in a branching tree — considered to be one of the best in the world of its kind.

Under the church, you will find the catacombs, where the Franciscan monks along with the members of Porto's noble families are buried.

Photo: Martin Lehmann/Shutterstock.com

Address: Igreja de São Francisco, Rua do Infante Dom Henrique, Porto

Opening hours: November to February: daily 9am-5:30pm. March to June: daily 9am-7pm. July to September: daily 9am-8pm. October: daily 9am-7pm Phone: +351 22 206 2125 Internet: www.ordemsaofrancisco.pt Email: geral@ordemsaofrancisco.pt

Guindais Funicular



Porto is a very steep city, so one way to save your legs from doing all the climbing is by taking a funicular. The Guindais Funicular, in particular,

connects you from the Ribeira neighbourhood, situated at the quayside, to Batalha, at the top of Porto. The journey takes about 3 minutes, and it costs around €2,50. Besides being a fun way to get from one part of the city to another, you will also get beautiful views over the Dom Luís I Bridge and the Douro River.

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Address: Rua da Ribeira Negra 314, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-10pm, Fri & Sat 8am-midnight, Sun 8am-8pm

Portuguese Centre of Photography



Located in a former 18th-century prison, the PCF is a free museum featuring exhibitions on both Portuguese and Brazilian photography, as

well as a collection of historic cameras and photography equipment.

Photo: Diege Delso/Wiki Commons(image cropped) Address: Campo Mártires da Pátria, Porto Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun 3pm-7pm Phone: +351 22 004 6300 Internet: cpf.pt More Info: The Portuguese Center of Photography is close to the Torre dos Clerigos and Livraria Lello



Beaches



The city of Porto is advantageously located right on the Atlantic coast, meaning there is no shortage of beaches within easy walking

distance of all the main attractions. For sunbathing or swimming, visit the sandy Praia dos Ingleses or Matosinhos. Watch the sunset while enjoying fine food and a few drinks on the promenade of Gondarem Beach, a rocky shoreline close to the city centre.

Photo: YuriFelixAraujo/Pixabay

Jardins do Palácio de Cristal



These romantic 19th-century landscaped gardens are free to visit and offer spectacular views of Porto, Gaia, and the Douro River. Spend

some time wandering the maze-like gardens, populated with luscious trees and flowers, take a couple of pictures, and then stop by one of the many fountains to admire the free-range peacocks.

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Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm Phone: +351 22 532 0080

DINING



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The people of Porto managed to acquire the name "tripeiros" or "tripe eaters", as they shipped out all their fine cuts of meat in order to feed their armies and traders abroad, conquering across the seas back in the 15th century. However, today there is a lot more on the Portuguese menus than just leftover offal of lower quality, and much port wine to wash it all down with.

Being on the coast, seafood restaurants are both ubiquitous and delicious. The city also has a good array of Brazilian-inspired restaurants, reflecting its former colonial links with the South American country — Brazilian barbecues are a carnivore's heaven!

Chez Lapin



Enjoy some Portuguese fare and other local specialities at this rustic and quirky restaurant, ideally located in the heart of Porto, with a

pleasant outdoor terrace overlooking the Douro River.

Photo: Yulia-Bogdanova/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua dos Canastreiros 40-42, Porto Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-11pm Phone: +351 222 006 418

Luxair

Internet: www.instagram.com/chezlapinporto Email: reservas@douroacima.pt

Churrascão Gaúcho



Typical South American restaurant serving steaks, grilled fish, and an excellent range of seafood dishes. Specialities are the meat

rodízio (all-you-can-eat barbecue) and the famous Brazilian Caipirinha.

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ODE Porto Wine House



Intimate and charming restaurant, in the historic part of Porto, serving Portuguese fare based on high-quality organic food from local products along

with a comprehensive wine list.

Photo: Natalia Mylova/Shutterstock.com Address: Largo do Terreiro 7, Porto Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-10pm Phone: +351 913 200 010 Internet: www.instagram.com/odewinehouse Email: reserve@odewinehouse.com

Lais de Guia



Seaside bar and restaurant, located at Matosinhos beach, featuring a diversified drinks menu, tasty cuisine with Portuguese

and international inspirations, good music, and a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

Photo: altan can/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Norton de Matos 369, Matosinhos Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +351 22 938 1428 Internet: www.laisdeguia.pt

O Paparico



Featured on the Michelin Guide, O Paparico serves traditional Portuguese cuisine with a uniquely contemporary touch, accompanied by a rich

wine list in a rustic and elegant setting.

Photo: Dmitry Kornilov/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Costa Cabral 2343, Porto Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-10:30pm Phone: +351 22 540 0548 Internet: www.opaparico.com/en Email: reservas@opaparico.com

Yeatman's Restaurant



For a truly unforgettable dining experience, head over to the Yeatman's Restaurant at the Yeatman Hotel in Vila Nova de Gaia. Its menu

changes seasonably so as to showcase only the freshest and the best produce the country has to offer. The chef's tasting menu delivers a great combination of flavours, which are perfectly paired with their wide selection of both local and international wines.

If that wasn't enough, the Yeatman's Restaurant also offers stunning views of the city, an elegant atmosphere, and back in 2017, it was awarded 2 stars in the Michelin Guide.

Photo: Suporn Thawornnithi/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua do Choupelo, Vila Nova de Gaia Phone: +351 220 133 100



Internet: www.the-yeatman-hotel.com/en/food/restaurant Email: reservations@theyeatman.com

Cafeína



Even though Cafeína is almost three decades old, it continues to be one of the trendiest restaurants in Porto. Located in a 19th-century manor

house, Cafeína offers a flavourful combination of international and Portuguese cuisine in a cosy and classy atmosphere.

Photo: Belokoni Dmitri/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua do Padrão 100, Porto Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12:30pm-4pm / 7:30pm-midnight; Fri & Sat 12:30pm-4pm / 7:30pm-1am Phone: +351 226 108 059 Internet: www.cafeina.pt Email: geral@cafeina.pt

Praia da Luz



Praia Da Luz is both a restaurant and a beachside café. It offers everything from pancakes for breakfast, afternoon tea, seafood dishes, local

cuisine, and even midnight snacks. In the summer, enjoy their beautiful terrace overlooking the sea, while in the winter, visitors can eat in front of a log fire.

Photo: Olena Bloshchynska/Shutterstock Address: Rua Cel. Raúl Peres, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +351 226 173 234 Internet: www.praiadaluz.pt Email: praiadaluz@praiadaluz.pt

Mauritânia



Seafood restaurant, a couple of minutes from Matosinhos Beach, which besides serving fresh seafood, such as clams, octopus, shrimp, lobster,

and fish, also offers a few meat dishes. The "Bacalhau à Mauritânia" comes highly recommended.

Photo: CroMary/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua Brito e Cunha 119, Matosinhos Opening hours: Daily noon-3pm / 7pm-midnight Phone: +351 229 38 0635 Internet: www.restaurantesmauritania.com Email: mauritaniamatosinhos@gmail.com

Mal Cozinhado



Housed in a charming 14th-century building with stone walls, wooden beams, and a cave-like setting, Mal Cozinhado is a typical Portuguese

restaurant that has been around for hundreds of years, and it was once frequented by the famous Portuguese poet Luís Vaz de Camões. But, the main reason you should visit Mal Cozinhado is to experience the traditional Fado shows, which take place from Monday to Saturday from 9 pm to midnight.

Photo: dduque/Pixabay Address: Rua do Outeirinho 13, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-3:30pm, Fri & Sat noon-10:30pm Phone: +351 2 2208 1319 Internet: www.malcozinhado.pt Email: reservas@malcozinhado.pt



CAFES



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There are many pleasant cafes in Porto where you can get a refreshing drink or coffee. Snack-wise, most cafés will serve you a "francesinha", which is a cholesterol-full delicacy made from meat, bread and cheese finished off with some spicy sauce.

Café Majestic



Café Majestic is claimed to be not just any café: it is an essential stop on any visitor's sightseeing itinerary. Voted in 2011, the sixth most beautiful

cafe in the world, Café Majestic was founded in 1921, and it still retains the original flamboyant glamour of the roaring 1920s, decadently decorated with marble walls, cherubs, and gilded mirrors.

Photo: AntoniusJ/public domain/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Rua Santa Catarina 112, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-11:30pm Phone: +351 22 200 3887 Internet: www.cafemajestic.com Email: info@cafemajestic.com

Café Guarany



Café Guarany is known as the musician's café. This is due to the artistic atmosphere that has existed since its founding in 1933. Today, besides

serving breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner, it also hosts regular fado nights.

Photo: Manuelvbotelho/cc by-sa 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Avenida dos Aliados 85/89, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-11:45pm Phone: +351 223 321 272 Internet: www.cafeguarany.com Email: guarany@mail.telepac.pt

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Photo: Dmitry Kornilov/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua Coronel Raúl Peres, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +351 226 173 234 Internet: www.praiadaluz.pt Email: praiadaluz@praiadaluz.pt

Café Candelabro



Cosy and artsy café, wine bar, and bookshop boasting a bohemian vibe, calm music, dim lighting, and outdoor seating. Café Candelabro was built in a former bookshop, and although the space was restored, it still kept some of its original identity, such as the floor with black and white mosaics as well as its tables and chairs. Here, besides buying books, you can also sell used titles, or even take one with you to the table to enjoy it--most of them are about photography and cinema.

Photo: Oleksii S/Unsplash Address: Rua da Conceição 3, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-10:30pm, Sat & Sun 4-10:30pm Phone: +351 912 216 892 Internet: www.cafecandelabro.com Email: cafecandelabro@gmail.com

Lais de Guia



Seaside bar and restaurant, located at Matosinhos beach, featuring a diversified drinks menu, tasty cuisine with Portuguese

and international inspirations, good music, and a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

Photo: altan can/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida General Norton de Matos 369, Matosinhos Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +351 22 938 1428 Internet: www.laisdeguia.pt

Tavi — Confeitaria da Foz



Gorgeous cafe and restaurant serving sweet and savoury pastries, cakes, and a simple and light lunch menu in a beautiful location

overlooking the ocean.

Photo: Kirsten Drew/Unsplash Address: Rua da Senhora da Luz 363, Porto



Phone: +351 22 618 0152 Internet: www.tavi.pt Email: clientes@tavi.pt

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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In central Porto, the liveliest place to head for is Ribeira

— the vibrant historic heart of the city, which is also a popular students' haunt. For a flavour of traditional Portugal, go to a Fado bar to listen to a form of Portuguese blues with melancholic artists singing of lost loves and regrets.

In Porto, the distinction between bars and nightclubs are slightly blurred, as most bars stay open until the early morning hours. However, if you want to dance the night away, Porto does have a lot to offer. From traditional Fado evenings to dance clubs in converted warehouses.

Pipa Velha Petisqueira



One of the oldest bars in the city, the Pipa Velha Petisqueira has been open in downtown Porto since 1981. The walls are decorated with old

posters and newspapers that count a little bit of Porto's history, while the music is a blend of alternative rock and indie.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua das Oliveiras 75, Porto Opening hours: Daily 5pm-4am Phone: +351 22 208 2025

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Plano B



Plano B is a quite popular nightclub, and maybe even the most popular in town when it comes to live music and DJ gigs. It also has occasional art

exhibitions, and these attract a young audience with aesthetic interest.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Cândido dos Reis 30, Porto Opening hours: Thu-Sat 10pm-6am Phone: +351 22 201 2500 Internet: planobporto.com Email: plano.b.geral@gmail.com

O Arco Da Ribeira



Cosy little bar in the Ribeira area offering an excellent selection of port wines as well as a tapas menu in a lovely location overlooking the Douro

River and Dom Luís I Bridge.

Photo: Natalia Van Doninck/Shutterstock.com Address: Cais da Ribeira 18, Porto Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm Phone: +351 22 208 3917

Taylor's Port



Since 1962, Taylor's has been dedicated to the production of port wine, which you can't simply leave the city without trying. As you tour the

cellars, you will learn all about the history of "vinho do Porto" as well as its production process from a self-guided audio tour. Once you finish the tour, enjoy some wine tasting in an idyllic setting complete with peacocks and roosters.

Luxair

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The Wall Bar



One of the best places in Porto for drinks and/or to go clubbing with your friends is the Wall Bar. A hip and contemporary bar/lounge, in downtown

Porto, which attracts a young crowd and hosts house and guest DJs as well as regular theme parties.

Photo: Tarik Kaan Muslu/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Cândido dos Reis 90, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7pm-4am, Sun 9pm-4am Phone: +351 22 208 6557 Internet: www.instagram.com/thewallbar Email: thewallbar@sapo.pt More Info: Near Lello Bookshop

Hot Five Jazz & Blues Club



Live music club playing jazz and blues, right in the heart of Porto, in an intimate and pleasant atmosphere.

Photo: pxl.store/Shutterstock.com Address: Largo Actor Dias 51, Porto Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10pm-3am Phone: +351 934 328 583 Internet: hotfive.pt/uptown Email: jazz@hotfive.pt

Baixa Bar



Baixa Bar, in downtown Porto, is both an elegant bar with Parisian-like outdoor seating and a buzzing nightclub featuring all kinds of

music and a mirrored ball hanging from the ceiling. So whether you are in the mood for just a few drinks or a full-on night out with your friends, this place has got you covered.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Cândido dos Reis 52, Porto Opening hours: Daily 6am-4am Phone: +351 222 01 5855 Email: baixa.bar@gmail.com

Passos Manuel



Old movie theatre turned into a concert hall, bar, and disco. Visit their Facebook page for a full list of upcoming events.

Photo: Alexander Popov/Unsplash Address: Rua Passos Manuel 137, Porto Phone: +351 22 205 8351 Email: geral.passosmanuel@gmail.com

Ontop Bar



On top of the HF Ipanema Park Hotel, you will find a lovely rooftop bar with beautiful views of the city and the Douro River. From 8pm onwards,

everyone is welcome to join in on the fun and try their signature cocktails as well as the classic ones. From Thursday to Saturday, DJ sets between 5pm-8pm, but sadly, only hotel guests are allowed during that time.



Photo: Prasit Rodphan/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Serralves 124, Porto Opening hours: Daily 11am-8pm (guests only) & 8pm-1am (everyone) Phone: +351 22 532 21 21 Internet: www.hfhotels.com

Bar Labirintho



Alternative bar/art gallery/playhouse/concert hall featuring an eclectic music selection, several unique rooms, and a back garden--great for

socializing and enjoying the hot summer Portuguese nights.

Photo: Tithi Luadthong/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua Nossa Senhora de Fatima 334, Porto Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9pm-1am Phone: +351 22 600 7023 Email: labirintho@icloud.com

Industria Club



Trendy electronic music club, near the Molhe Beach, featuring international acts as well as local ones along with a big crowd who wants to

dance.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida do Brasil 843, Porto Phone: +351 224 102 748 Internet: shotgun.live/pt-br/venues/industria Email: info@industriaporto.club

The Gin House



As you have already guessed from its name, this is a cocktail bar specialising in gin. Ideally located in downtown Porto, The Gin House

offers more than 150 imported brands along with some excellent tonic waters, which in combination with their knowledgeable team of bartenders ensure you will have quite a memorable night out.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua de Cândido dos Reis 70, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7pm-2am, Fri & Sat 7pm-4am, Sun 9pm-2am Internet: www.instagram.com/theginhouseporto Email: geral@theginhouse.pt

SHOPPING



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Porto's main shopping street is the pedestrianised Rua de Santa Catarina in the city centre, where you will find famous international brands as well as the large Centro Comercial ViaCatarina Shopping Center. However, the small streets off the main streets are also worth a visit, brimming with independent shops selling fresh bread, cheese, and cakes, interspersed with bookstores and traditional shoe shops.

Gold jewellery is another speciality of Portugal, a



reflection of its colonial past and its conquests of gold-rich lands in South America.

For a taste of daily Portuguese life, pay a visit to one of Porto's many open-air markets to mingle with the locals and try some local delicacies.

Rua de Santa Catarina



Porto's main shopping street is the pedestrianised Rua de Santa Catarina in the city centre. Here you will find from the usual

international brands, such as H&M and Zara to local shops and street vendors. Along the way, you will also find several restaurants and cafes, including the renowned Café Majestic--featured on our guide--as well as other points of interests such as the Mercado do Bolhão, the Church of San Antonio de los Congregados, and another important shopping centre, the Centro Comercial Via Catarina.

Photo: Krzysztof Golik/cc by-sa 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Rua de Santa Catarina, Porto

Centro Comercial Via Catarina



The Centro Comercial Via Catarina is an elegant mall, ideally located in Porto's main shopping thoroughfare, offering everything you would

expect from a usual shopping centre, including many international fashion brands, numerous restaurants and cafes, all spread over its four floors.

Photo: Denisse Leon/Unsplash Address: Rua de Santa Catarina 312-350, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm, Sat & Sun 9am-7pm Phone: +351 22 207 5600 Internet: www.viacatarina.pt/en/home Email: info@adm.viacatarina.pt

Open-air Markets



There is no better way to get a glimpse of daily Portuguese life, than by paying a visit to one of the many open-air markets this city has to

offer.

So, here's a list of the three ones worth visiting when in Porto:

- Mercado do Bolhão

One of the most popular and lively markets in Porto, the Mercado do Bolhão and its several floors of fresh fruit, vegetables, and meat are a true feast for the eyes, nose, and palette. Centrally located, this market is also a nice place to hunt for souvenirs. Address: Rua Formosa, Porto Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-6pm

- Mercado Porto Bello

Although more compact than its namesake market in London, the Mercado Porto Belo still boasts the same hipster vibe from its Notting Hill's distant cousin. Here you will find antiques, vinyl records, vintage clothing and accessories, organic goodies such as homemade jams, olive oil, and soap, as well as a few food stalls. It takes place every Saturday from 10am-7pm at Praça de Carlos Alberto.

- Vandoma Fleamarket

Even if you are not searching for anything to

buy, a visit to this flea market is worth just the experience alone. Started in the 1970s by students who would sell their old clothes and books, now this traditional and eclectic flea market offers a vast array of second-hand goods that range from clothes, vinyl records, and books to stamps, electronics, and household utensils. It is held every Saturday, from 8am-1pm at Avenida 25 de Abril.

Photo: Nikola Đuza/Unsplash

Arcádia



Temple dedicated to chocolate and other sweet treats, such as macarons, almond cake, and línguas de gato, small chocolate bars shaped

like a cat tongue. Arcádia is such a popular patisserie that it has other nine shops across the city.

Photo: KjellTjetland/Pixabay Address: Rua do Almada 63, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 11am-7pm Phone: +351 22 043 7310 Internet: arcadiachocolates.com Email: apoiocliente@arcadia.pt

A Pérola do Bolhão



Founded in 1917 and boasting a beautiful Art Nouveau-inspired facade covered in Portuguese tiles referencing the spice route, A Pérola do Bolhão

in downtown Porto is a traditional grocery store offering a large variety of quality products. From mountain cheeses to sausages, from dried fruits and caramels to regional wines--a great place to pick up a few local delicacies and take them



home with you.

Photo: Jorge Franganillo/WikimediaCommons(image cropped) Address: Rua Formosa 279, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-1pm Phone: +351 22 200 4009

Jewellery



Gold jewellery is a speciality of Portugal, the country boasts a great collection of antique and modern gems, a reflection of its colonial past and its

conquests of gold-rich lands in South America. Recommended jewellers are David Rosas (Avenida da Boavista 1471) and Pedro A Baptista (Rua das Flores 235).

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Portosigns



If you are looking for unique and genuine Portuguese souvenirs made locally by Portuguese artisans, come to Portosigns in the

Ribeira district. Here you will find items, such as hats, clothing, bags, wallets, and home decor, all to remind you of your wonderful time in Portugal.

Photo: ingehogenbijl/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua do Infante Dom Henrique 71, Porto Opening hours: Mon 2:30pm-6pm, Tue & Wed 2:30pm-7pm, Thu 11am-7:30pm, Fri 2:30pm-7pm, Sat & Sun 11am-7pm Phone: +351 966 628 720 Internet: www.portosigns.pt Email: portosigns@portosigns.pt



Casa Da Guitarra (House of Guitars)



Casa da Guitarra is a string instruments shop specialising in traditional Portuguese string instruments. Assembly, sale, promotion, and

learning about string instruments all happen here, with extra room for cultural events--the perfect shop for buying something genuine and Portuguese.

Photo: Diego Cervo/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Vimara Peres 49, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-1pm / 2:30pm-7pm Phone: +351 22 201 0033 Internet: www.casadaguitarra.pt Email: geral@casadaguitarra.pt

Livraria Lello



Book lovers will feel as though they have slipped between the pages of a fantasy novel in this lovely bookstore in downtown Porto. With

magical architecture rumoured to have inspired J.K. Rowling, Livraria Lello is considered one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world and has thus become a major tourist attraction. The building itself is stunning, boasting elements of Neo-Gothic, Art Nouveau, and Art Deco embellishments that comprise intricate woodwork, a large stained-glass skylight, and an impressive spiral staircase, which starts as one set of stairs and splits into two that join in a circular design.

Photo: Cristina Gottardi/Unsplash Address: Rua das Carmelitas 144, Porto Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm Phone: +351 22 200 2037 Internet: www.livrarialello.pt/en More Info: Tickets to visit the bookstore can be bought on their website.

Garrafeira do Carmo



Small bottle shop featuring a variety of drinks including liqueurs, whiskey, and last but certainly not least ports and regional wines. You

can either buy a bottle or come here for a tasting. The staff is incredibly knowledgeable, friendly and will carefully pack everything for you to bring home.

Photo: Scott Warman/Unsplash.com Address: Rua do Carmo 17, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-1pm / 2pm-10pm; Fri 10am-1pm / 2pm-10pm; Sat 10am-1pm Phone: +351 22 200 3285 Internet: www.garrafeiracarmo.com Email: garrafeira_carmo@hotmail.com More Info: 3-min walk from Livraria Lello

Mercado Bom Sucesso



Housed in a historic building in the centre of Porto, Mercado Bom Sucesso is an indoor market featuring food and clothing stalls as well

as cultural events — a great place to bring your family and experience the Portuguese cuisine.

Photo: lakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: Praça do Bom Sucesso 74-90, Porto Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-10pm Phone: +351 933 238 609 Internet: www.mercadobomsucesso.pt/en Email: geral@mercadobomsucesso.pt



Taylor's Port



Since 1962, Taylor's has been dedicated to the production of Port wine, which you can't simply leave the city without trying. As you tour the

cellars, you will learn all about the history of "vinho do Porto" as well as its production process from a self-guided audio tour. Once you finish the tour, enjoy some wine tasting in an idyllic setting complete with peacocks and roosters.

Photo: Cozy Home/Shutterstock.com Address: Rua do Choupelo 250, Vila Nova de Gaia Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm Phone: +351 22 374 2800 Internet: www.taylor.pt

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Passport / Visa



Portugal can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE, and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



Porto provides mild weather throughout the whole year. The winter months, in particular, can be dominated by heavy rain — do not forget the

typical coastal weather that can change quite fast. To experience the typical Portuguese life, however, the best time to visit might be in the summer months, when the open-air markets fill with crowds and the city hosts many festivals, such as Serralves em Festa and Festa de São João.

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Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)



The Porto Airport is called Aeroporto Francisco Sa Carneiro and is situated 11 kilometres north of the city. To reach the airport

you can use the lightrail. It departs every 30 minutes.

From the airport, you can also take buses number 601, 602, 604 and 3M into the city centre. There are also shuttle buses and taxis available at the airport.

Luxair

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Porto Airport, Porto Phone: +351 229 432 400 Internet: www.aeroporto.pt/en/opo/home

Public Transport



Porto has a good bus and tram network with routes serving all the key tourist spots. The city also has a Metro system that is both clean and efficient. You

can buy a metro ticket at the station and in other sale spots, or you can buy tourist cards that allow you to get around Porto on all means of transportation: daily tickets and 3-day tickets.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: www.stcp.pt More Info: www.metrodoporto.pt

Taxi



900 www.raditaxis.pt

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



To find a post office in Porto, look for the red sign saying CTT. Letter boxes are also red.

Taxis in Porto are very convenient and also great

for airport transfer. Taxis Invicta +351 22 507 64

00 www.taxisporto.com

RadiTaxis: +351 225 073

Photo: Andy Fuchs Internet: www.ctt.pt

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are normally open 9am-1pm and 3pm-7pm. All areas have one shop open all night or on Sunday. A white cross on a green background

marks out the pharmacies.

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Farmácia Sá da Bandeira, Rua de Sá da Bandeira 236/54, Porto Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:15am-7:30pm Phone: +351 22 207 4040

Telephone

Country Code: +351 Area Code: 022



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 V/50Hz with with a Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population 231,800 (2021)

Currency 1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are usually open from Mon–Fri from 10 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 7 pm. On Saturdays, most shops close down at 1 pm. Shopping centres tend to be open from 10 am to 11 pm or even until midnight all week.

Internet

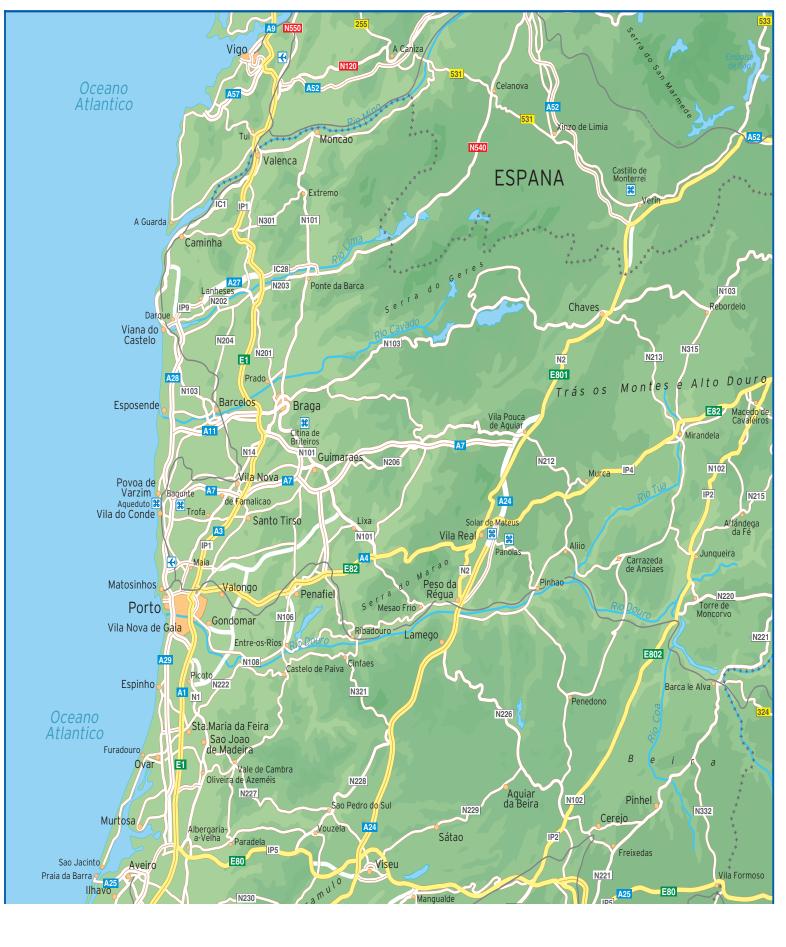
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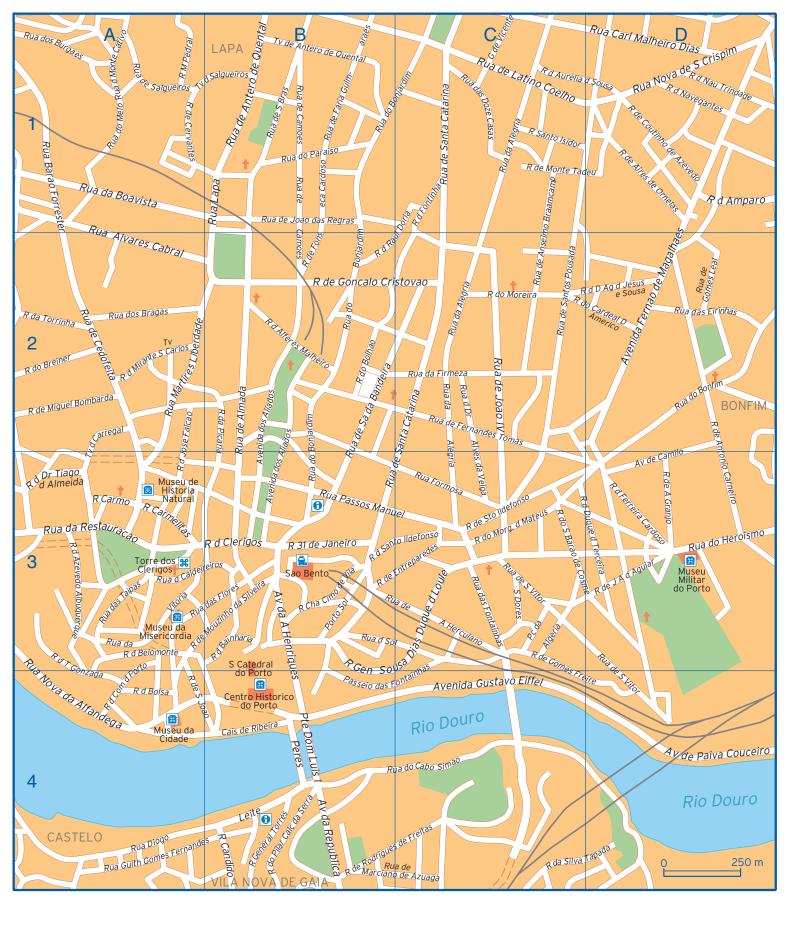
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Emergency numbers European Emergency Number: 112

Tourist information Porto Tourism Office Calçada Dom Pedro Pitões 15, Porto +351 935 557 024 Daily 9am–6pm







Avenida da A Henriques	B3 B4	Rı
Avenida da Republica	B4	Rı
Avenida de Camilo	D3	Rı
Avenida de Paiva Couceiro	D4	Rı
Avenida dos Aliados	B2 B3	Rı
Avenida Fernao de Magalhaes	D1 D2	Rı
Avenida Gustavo Eiffel	C4	Rı
Cais de Ribeira	B4	Rı
Gil de Vicente	C1	Rı
Passeio das Fontainhas	B4 C3	Rı
Pc da Algeria	C3	Rı
Peres	B4	Rı
Porto Sol	B3	Rı
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Rua Carmo	A3	Rı
Rua Cha Cimo de Vila	B3	Rı
Rua d Alferes Malheiro	B2	Rı
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Rua d Aurelia d Sousa	C1 D1	Rı
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Rua d Dr Alves da Veiga	C2	Rı
Rua d Dr Tiago d Almeida	A3	Rı
Rua d Duque d Terceira	C3 D3	Rı
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Rua d Jose Falcao	A2 A3	Rı
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D3	Rua d Sol
D4	Rua d T Gonzaga
B3	Rua da Alegria
D2	Rua da Boavista
C4	Rua da Firmeza
B4	Rua da Picaria
C1	Rua da Restauracao
C3	Rua da Silva Tapada
C3	Rua da Torrinha
B4	Rua da Vitoria
B3	Rua das Doze Casas
B4	Rua das Eirinhas
B3	Rua das Flores
A2	Rua das Fontainhas
A1	Rua das Taipas
B4	Rua de A Granjo
D1	Rua de A Herculano
A3	Rua de Aires de Ornelas
A3	Rua de Almada
B3	Rua de Anselmo Braamcamp
B2	Rua de Antero de Quental
D1	Rua de Antonio Carneiro
D1	Rua de Camoes
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B3	Rua de Cervantes
A3	Rua de Coutinho de Azevedo
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B3	Rua de Faria Guimaraes
B3	Rua de Fernandes Tomas
A4	Rua de Fons eca Cardoso
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C2	Rua de Gomes Freire
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D3	Rua de J A d Aguiar
A3	Rua de Joao das Regras
A2	Rua de Joao IV
A1	Rua de Latino Coelho
D1	Rua de Marciano de Azuaga
D1	Rua de Miguel Bombarda



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B1	Rua do Paraiso	B1
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A2	Rua dos Bragas	A2
A1	Rua dos Burgaes	A1
D1	Rua Formosa	C3
B3 C3	Rua Gen Sousa Dias Duque d Loule	B3 C3
B1	Rua General Torres	B4
C2	Rua Guith Gomes Fernandes	A4 B4
B1 B2	Rua Lapa	B1
C1	Rua Martires Liberdade	A2
C3 D4	Rua Monte Pedral	A1
D2	Rua Nova da Alfandega	A3 A4
B2 C2	Rua Nova de S Crispim	D1
D3	Rua Passos Manuel	B3 C3
B1	Rua Santo Isidor	C1
C2	S Dores	C3
C1	Tv d Carregal	A2 A3
B4 C4	Tv d Salgueiros	A1 B1
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