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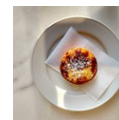
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Time has seemingly failed to touch some of the hidden corners of Porto, with many of its typical winding alleys full of shops and restaurants looking like a scene straight out of a medieval history book. The city is so soaked in the past that the historic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



religious building in 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

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.

Photo: Rach Sam/Unsplash

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



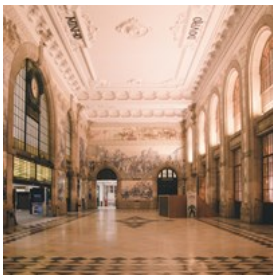
Ponte Dom Luís I (The Dom Luís I Bridge), one of Porto's most famous landmarks, is a 172 metres double-deck metal arch bridge--the longest

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

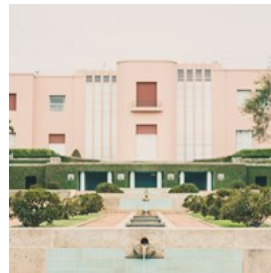
Soares dos Reis National Museum



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

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.

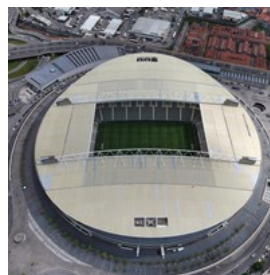
Classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Palácio da Bolsa attracts around 200,000 visitors a year, making it the most visited

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
Phone: +351 22 206 2125
Internet: ordemsaofranciscoporto.pt/igrejas

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.

Photo: christinak93/Pixabay
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: BobNoah/shutterstock
Address: Campo Mártires da Pátria, Porto
Phone: +351 22 004 6300
Internet: cpf.pt
More Info: The Portuguese Centre 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.

Photo: Ludovic des Cognets/shutterstock

Address: Rua de Dom Manuel II, Porto

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

Internet: www.instagram.com/chezlapinporto

Email: reservas@douroacima.pt

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

Yeatman's Restaurant

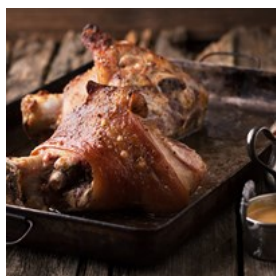


For a truly unforgettable dining experience, head over to the Yeatman's Restaurant at the Yeatman Hotel in Vila Nova de Gaia. Its menu changes seasonably so as to showcase only the freshest and the best produce the country has to offer. The chef's tasting menu delivers a great combination of flavours, 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

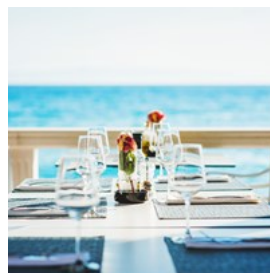
Cafeína



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 Bloschchynska/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

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 9pm 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: malcozinhado.com

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: Ana del Castillo/shutterstock

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: ceeceee/shutterstock

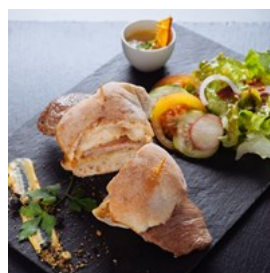
Address: Avenida dos Aliados 85/89, Porto

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11:45pm

Phone: +351 223 321 272

Internet: www.cafeguarany.com

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

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
Phone: +351 966 741 757
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

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

Internet: www.instagram.com/cafecandelabro

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

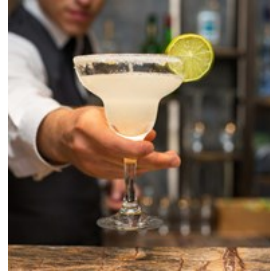
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 10pm-6am

Phone: +351 22 201 2500

Internet: planoporto.com

Email: plano.b.geral@gmail.com

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

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: Rua de Guerra Junqueiro 495, Porto

Phone: +351 934 328 583

Internet: 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

Bar Labirinto



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: labirinto@icloud.com

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: Krakenimages.com/shutterstock
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: barmalini/shutterstock

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: ingehogenbijn/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

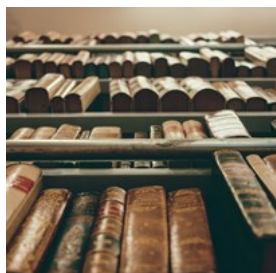
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-1pm / 2:30pm-7pm

Phone: +351 22 201 0033

Internet: www.casadaguitarra.pt

Email: geral@asadaguitarra.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: Iakov 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 10am–6:15pm

Phone: +351 22 374 2800

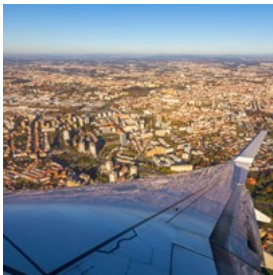
Internet: www.taylor.pt

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)



The Porto Airport, officially called Aeroporto Francisco Sá Carneiro, is located about 11 kilometres north of the city. To reach the airport, you can take the Metro Line E (Purple), which runs every 15–30 minutes depending on the time of day.

From the airport, several bus lines (such as 601, 602, and 604) connect to the city centre. Shuttle services and taxis are also available.

Photo: DaLiu/shutterstock

Address: Aeroporto Sá Carneiro, Pedras Rubras, Vila Nova da Telha

Phone: +351 229 432 400

Internet: www.aeroportoporto.pt/en/opo/home

Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Portugal, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom,

United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

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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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.

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Internet: www.stcp.pt

More Info: www.metrodoporto.pt

Taxi



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www.raditaxis.pt

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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

Post



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Internet: www.ctt.pt

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

Pharmacy



marks out the pharmacies.

Photo: C-R-V/shutterstock

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

Phone

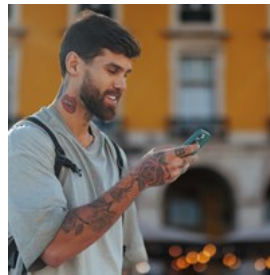


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Country code: +351 Area code: (0)22

Electricity



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

Population

252.000 (2026)

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

visitporto.travel

Newspapers

Jornal de Noticias: www.jn.pt

Emergency numbers

European Emergency Number: 112

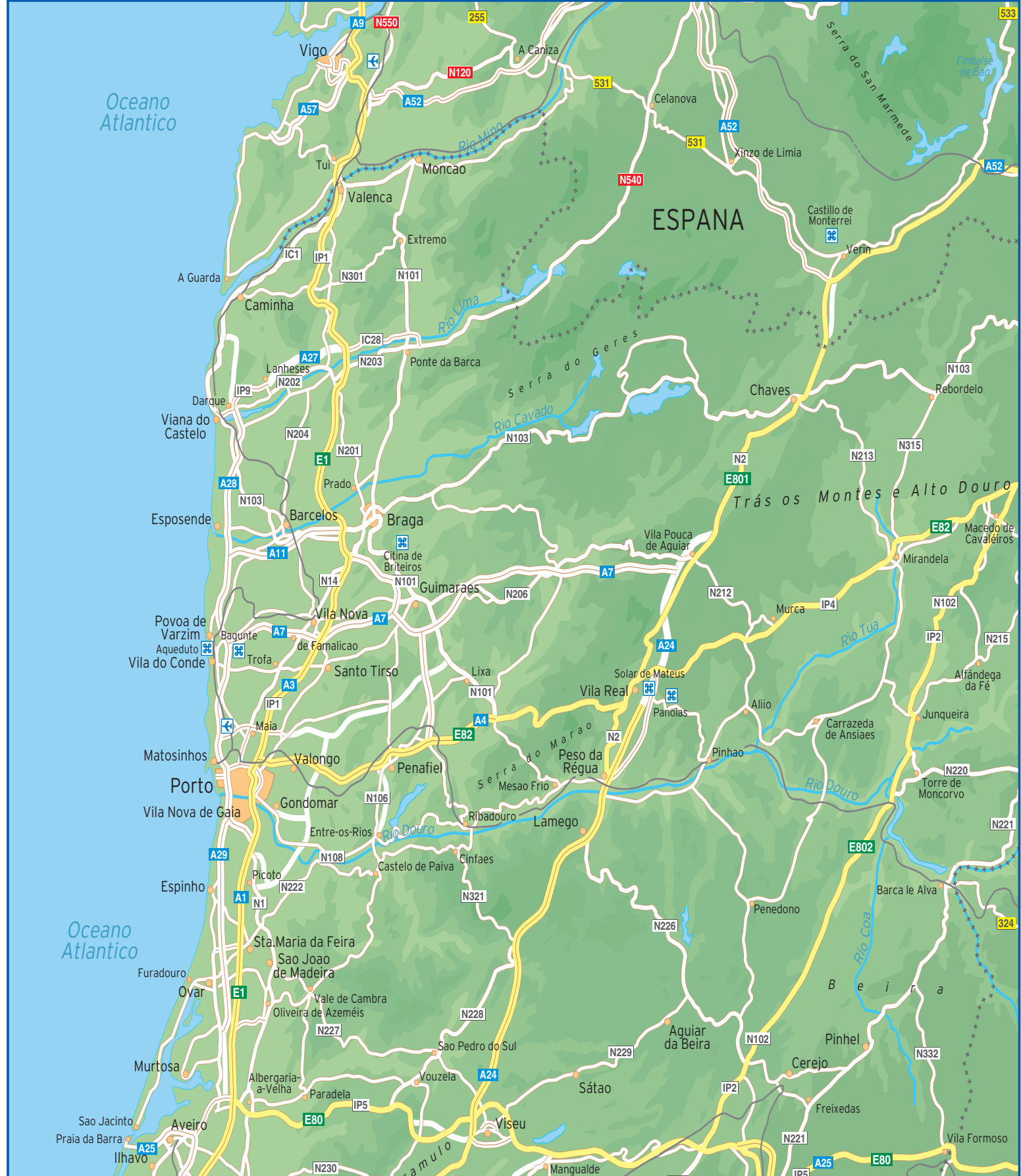
Tourist information

Porto Tourism Office

Calçada Dom Pedro Pitões 15, Porto

+351 935 557 024

Daily 9am–6pm



Avenida da A Henriques	B3 B4	Rua d Raul Doria	B2 C1	Rua de Monte Tadeu	C1 D1
Avenida da Republica	B4	Rua d Santo Ildefonso	B3 C3	Rua de Mouzinho da Silveira	A3 B3
Avenida de Camilo	D3	Rua d Sol	B3 C3	Rua de Rodrigues de Freitas	B4 C4
Avenida de Paiva Couceiro	D4	Rua d T Gonzaga	A3 A4	Rua de S Bras	B1
Avenida dos Aliados	B2 B3	Rua da Alegria	C1 C2	Rua de S Joao	A4 B4
Avenida Fernao de Magalhaes	D1 D2	Rua da Boavista	A1	Rua de S Vitor	C3 D3 D4
Avenida Gustavo Eiffel	C4	Rua da Firmeza	C2	Rua de Sa da Bandeira	B2 B3
Cais de Ribeira	B4	Rua da Picaria	B2 B3	Rua de Salgueiros	A1
Gil de Vicente	C1	Rua da Restauracao	A3	Rua de Santa Catarina	B3 C1 C2
Passeio das Fontainhas	B4 C3	Rua da Silva Tapada	C4 D4	Rua de Santos Pousada	C2
Pc da Algeria	C3	Rua da Torrinha	A2	Rua de Sto Ildefonso	C3
Peres	B4	Rua da Vitoria	A3	Rua Diogo Leite	A4
Porto Sol	B3	Rua das Doze Casas	C1	Rua do Bolhao	B2
Pte Dom Luis I	B4	Rua das Eirinhas	D2	Rua do Bonfim	D2
Rua 31 de Janeiro	B3	Rua das Flores	A3 B3	Rua do Bonjardim	B1 B2 B3 C1
Rua Alvares Cabral	A1 A2	Rua das Fontainhas	C3	Rua do Breiner	A2
Rua Barao Forrester	A1	Rua das Taipas	A3	Rua do Cabo Simao	B4 C4
Rua Candido	B4	Rua de A Granjo	D3	Rua do Cardeal D Americo	C2 D2
Rua Carl Malheiro Dias	D1	Rua de A Herculano	B3 C3	Rua do Heroismo	D3
Rua Carmelitas	A3	Rua de Aires de Ornelas	D1	Rua do Melo	A1
Rua Carmo	A3	Rua de Almada	B2 B3	Rua do Moreira	C2
Rua Cha Cimo de Vila	B3	Rua de Anselmo Braamcamp	C1 C2	Rua do Morg. d Mateus	C3
Rua d Alferes Malheiro	B2	Rua de Antero de Quental	B1	Rua do Paraiso	B1
Rua d Amparo	D1	Rua de Antonio Carneiro	D2 D3	Rua do Pilar Calc da Serra	B4
Rua d Aurelia d Sousa	C1 D1	Rua de Camoes	B1	Rua do S Barao de Cosme	C3 D3
Rua d Azevedo Albuquerque	A3	Rua de Cedofeita	A2	Rua dos Bragas	A2
Rua d Bainharia	B3	Rua de Cervantes	A1	Rua dos Burgaes	A1
Rua d Belmonte	A3	Rua de Coutinho de Azevedo	D1	Rua Formosa	C3
Rua d Bolsa	A4	Rua de Entreparedes	B3 C3	Rua Gen Sousa Dias Duque d Loule	B3 C3
Rua d Caldeireiros	A3 B3	Rua de Faria Guimaraes	B1	Rua General Torres	B4
Rua d Clerigos	A3 B3	Rua de Fernandes Tomas	C2	Rua Guith Gomes Fernandes	A4 B4
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Rua d D Ag d Jesus e Sousa	C2 D2	Rua de Fontinha	C1	Rua Martires Liberdade	A2
Rua d Dr Alves da Veiga	C2	Rua de Gomes Freire	C3 D4	Rua Monte Pedral	A1
Rua d Dr Tiago d Almeida	A3	Rua de Gomes Leal	D2	Rua Nova da Alfandega	A3 A4
Rua d Duque d Terceira	C3 D3	Rua de Goncalo Cristovao	B2 C2	Rua Nova de S Crispim	D1
Rua d Ferreira Cardoso	D3	Rua de J A d Aguiar	D3	Rua Passos Manuel	B3 C3
Rua d Jose Falcao	A2 A3	Rua de Joao das Regras	B1	Rua Santo Isidor	C1
Rua d Mirante S Ty Carlos	A2	Rua de Joao IV	C2	S Dores	C3
Rua d Monte Cativo	A1	Rua de Latino Coelho	C1	Tv d Carregal	A2 A3
Rua d Nau Trindade	D1	Rua de Marciano de Azuaga	B4 C4	Tv d Salgueiros	A1 B1
Rua d Navegantes	D1	Rua de Miguel Bombarda	A2	Tv de Antero de Quental	B1