

ENTERTAINMENT...

Port wine is what the city is best known for. Opposite Ribeira there are ancient boats that were used to transport the wine at the storage cave situated on this side of the river. 15 important brands promote the wine and you mustn't miss a visit in those storage Caves where you may have also a taste of Port wine.



Porto's wine



Estádio do Dragão

Football is the principal sport in the city: the teams of the city are Porto and Boavista and the major pitch in Porto is Estádio do Dragão.

FOOD AND EVENTS...

Porto is home to a number of dishes from traditional Portuguese cuisine. A typical dish from this city is "**Tripas à Moda do Porto**", which still can be found everywhere in the city today. "**Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá**" is another typical fish dish born in Porto. Porto's most popular event is St. John (**São João Festival**) on the night of 23 to 24 of June. In this season it's a tradition to have a vase with basil bush decorated with a small poem. During the dinner of the great day people usually eat sardines and boiled potatoes together with red wine.



Tripas à Moda do Porto

HOTELS:

Residencial Costa do Sol Hotel: Rua Santa Catarina 143-2, phone +351(0)225093344
Sheraton Porto Hotel And Spa: Rua Tenente Valadim 146, phone +351(0)220404000
Grande Hotel de Paris: Rua de Fabrica 27-29, phone +351(0)222073140

TRANSPORT:

Airport: Aeroporto Francisco Sa Carneiro - 11 km from the city. Buses of the 601, ZA, 602 and 604 Line link various parts of the city to the airport.

Public transport: Porto has a good bus and tram network with routes serving all the key tourist spots and operated by STCP. Single tickets cost € 1,45.

The city has a Metro system which is clean and efficient, with single journeys costing between € 1,20 and € 3,45.

RESTAURANTS:

O Mal Cozinhado, is a traditional eating place with regular performances from Fado artists located in the historic area of Ribeira. Address: Rua do Outerinho, 11.

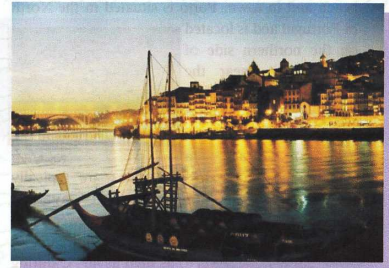
Cafeína, one of the top restaurant in the city set in a charming villa from the early XX century. Address: Rua do Pradão, 100 4150-557

SHOPPING CENTER:

Centro Comercial Via Catarina, Rua Santa Catarina.



Porto



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THE CITY...

Porto is the second most important town in Portugal and offers a lot of sites to visit on the coast as much as in the heart of the city. Here you will find modern shops and elegant restaurants and you can do many activities on the beach and in town. Porto is situated in the North of Portugal and is located on the northern side of Douro river, near the Atlantic Ocean. The population is about 220.000 inhabitants. Porto has a Mediterranean climate: summers are typically sunny with average temperatures between 15 °C and 27 °C but can rise to as high as 40 °C during occasional heat waves. Winter temperatures typically range between 5 °C during morning and 14 °C during afternoon but rarely drop below 0 °C at night.



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Porto by night



Ponte de Dom Luis I

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...

The history of this town began in the **V century** during Roman times and the city developed its importance as a commercial port, taking the name Portus Cale. Before **Arabian occupation**, Portugal became an independent Kingdom and in the **14th and the 15th centuries**, the shipyards of Porto contributed to the development of the Portuguese fleet. On **1754** an Italian architect, Nicola Nasoni made a project of a tower that became the icon of the town (Torre dos Clérigos). During **XVIII and XIX century**, Porto became a very important industrial center and increased its dimension and population.



Torre dos Clérigos



Ancient portuguese war ship



Avenida dos Aliados

WHAT TO SEE IN PORTO!

Ribeira, known as the historical center, is the most interesting part to visit in Porto. The principal street is "**Avenida dos Aliados**", an important XVIII century avenue where you can find restaurants, ancient book shops, shops that offer typical products. "**Torre dos Clérigos**", is a good place to admire all the city from high, with its 240 steps. **The bridges**, that connect the two sides of river, are excellent reference points when strolling around. The first is the modern "**Ponte de Arrabida**". The second is the beautiful bridge "**Ponte de Dom Luis I**", built in 1866 by an assistant of Gustave Eiffel, on two levels which is a perfect site to see Porto by night. A very important sight to visit, is also the **Cathedral of Porto**, built on XII and XIII century and one of the most ancient buildings in the town.



Ribeira



Ponte de Arrabida



Cathedral of Porto

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