

Spain & Portugal: Coastal Camino de Santiago

Post-Trip-Extension - Douro River Valley Wine Region & Porto

3 Nights from \$745.00 per person, double occupancy

- 1 night at The Vintage House Hotel Douro or Quinta Nova Nossa Senhora do Carmo in the Douro River Valley Wine Region & 2 nights at the Pestana Vintage Porto in Porto, Portugal
- Daily breakfast
- Transfers to Douro River and Porto
- Douro River cruise, lunch and port wine tasting
- Airport transfers

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Transfer to Pinhão / Douro River cruise with lunch and port wine tasting

After breakfast, transfer (approximately 2 hours) from Viana do Castelo to the heart of Portugal's Douro Valley wine region and the small town of Pinhão. Many of the most renowned wine producers in the valley operate *quintas*, or wine estates, in and around this scenic town. Get your exploration under way during a privately chartered boat cruise on the Douro River. You pass through one of the most breathtaking stretches of the Douro – steeply terraced vineyards rising up the river's banks around you – and cross the Douro's Ferrão Lock. During your scenic cruise, enjoy an included lunch of local specialties and a port wine tasting. You disembark right at the waterfront of the historic Vintage House Hotel*, where you enjoy spectacular views of the Douro River Valley. Just steps away, you can explore the small shops and restaurants of the small town of Pinhão.

This evening, enjoy dinner in your lovely hotel. Or stroll into Pinhão to find a special spot.

*Note: Select departures feature the Quinta Nova Nossa Senhora do Carmo, located in the Quinta Nova vineyards. The small boutique hotel offers stunning views of the Douro River Valley's vineyards. From the riverside, it is a short transfer to the hotel. The Quinta Nova has a small dining room; dinner reservations should be made at check-in. It is approximately 25 minutes from the town of Pinhão.

Accommodation: The Vintage House Hotel, Pinhao, Portugal

Alternate Accommodation: Quinta Nova Nossa Senhora do Carmo

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 2: Transfer to Porto

This morning, you transfer from the Douro wine region to the city of Porto, the hub of Portugal's wine production and a cultural capital dripping with authentic charm. Your hotel – the Pestana Vintage Porto – is built within the walls of 16th- and 18th-century buildings. You'll enjoy its location directly on the banks of the Douro River in the heart of the historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Step out onto the Praça da Ribeira square next to the quayside of the Cais da Estiva. Here, wonderful outdoor cafés line the riverfront. This afternoon, explore the city's magnificent neoclassical architecture and admire the traditional *rabelos barcos* on the river that once transported wine here from the valley.

Accommodation: Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel, Porto, Portugal

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3: Full day in Porto

Portugal's second largest city is rich in history, culture and architectural treasures. It has been called one of the most charismatic cities in the world for its old-world authenticity and genuineness. You might start your exploration in the Cathedral District, crowning the city's upper level. Admire its stunning centerpiece and the gilded interior of the smaller Santa Clara church, and stroll the Barredo district, a maze of ancient alleys and balconied houses clinging to the hillside. Later, cross the Douro on the famed Ponte de Dom Luis I, designed by an assistant to Gustave Eiffel, to visit Vila Nova de Gaia's port lodges that store the city's wines before they're shipped out. To experience the city's culinary scene, be sure to stop in a *petiscaria*, a Portuguese-style tapas bar.

Accommodation: Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel, Porto, Portugal

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Depart for home

After breakfast* this morning, you will transfer to the airport for your departing flight **. Please ensure that you are ready in the hotel reception area at the designated time.

*Please note: For guests with early-morning departures, breakfast at the hotel may not be available. Please check with the front desk to verify the times that breakfast is served.

**VBT recommends that you check your transfer time in your Transfer Reminder. VBT transfer times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests. Transfer times are about 30 – 45 minutes to the Porto International airport. If you extend your stay beyond the scheduled program dates, return transportation to the airport will be at your own expense.

Accommodation: N/A

Included Meals: Breakfast