

Jolly Good Tours

Portugal 2017

The route, a basic 'first' outline:

North of the River Douro, Portugal is less visited, rural and unspoilt, and could almost have been designed for people who enjoy driving in out-of-the-way places, generally in classic cars, with friends both old and new.

From Porto, the suggested route will head north via Barcelos to overnight at Viana do Castelo. Next day, further north along the coast, before turning inland, along the River Lima valley. Then to the first of two nights in the mountains of the magnificent Peneda-Geres, one of Portugal's greatest natural attractions.

After a leisurely day exploring the park, and/or relaxing at your Pousada (a one-time hunting lodge), we leave the park and head further east to the attractive town of Chaves, with its first-century Roman bridge. Perhaps lunch here, then south through almost endless mountain scenery to the first of two nights at Pinhao, on the banks of the River Douro. Now in wine country, so a gentle day might be spent mooching around the local wine estates.

After Pinhao, we follow the Douro further west, before turning north for our last two nights in Guimaraes., the city where the kingdom of 'Portucale' was founded in the early 12th century, and where the country's first monarch was born.

Guimaraes is a charming city, with cobbled streets, medieval monuments, pretty squares and an ever-present feeling of self-importance! It has UNESCO World Heritage status, and in 2012 was named European Capital of Culture, so there should be enough here to keep us amused before we end our tour and start heading for home.

A motor tour for car and travel enthusiasts through Northern Portugal, organised by Jolly Good Tours who, in the past 22 years, have organised similar tours to Czechoslovakia, Provence, Scotland, Picos de Europa, Ireland, Tuscany, Loire Valley, Dordogne, Pyrenees, Alps, Burgundy, Monaco, Normandy & Brittany, North West Spain, the Italian Lakes, the United States and Canada.

Supporting





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PORTO

Tue 23rd & Wed 24th May
Pousada Palacio de Freixo



VIANA do CASTELO

Thurs 25th
Pousada de Viana do Castelo



PENEDA - GERES

Fri 26th & Sat 27th
Pousada de Geres Canicada



PINHAO

Sun 28th & Mon 29th
Vintage House Hotel



GUIMARAES

Tue 30th & Wed 31st
Pousada de Guimaraes

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