

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### ACCESS FROM THE AIRPORT TO PORTO AND VILA NOVA DE GAIA

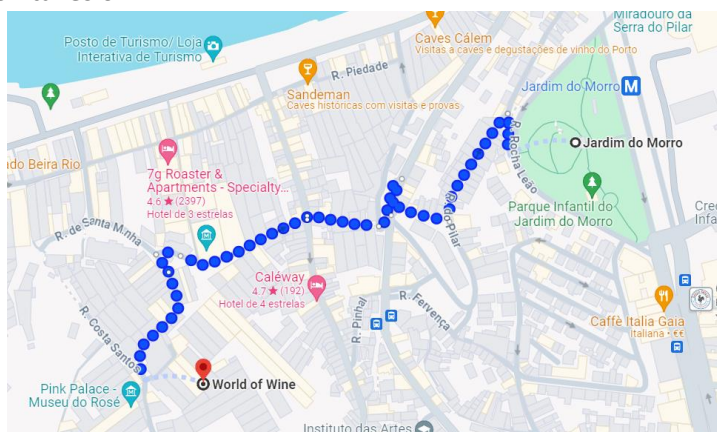
- **By Metro:** Line E (Violet) – There is a Metro station right next to the airport (“Aeroporto” station) that connects to some stations near the Porto centre and to a Porto central station (“Trindade” station). The journey from the “Aeroporto” station to “Trindade” station takes 30 min and is scheduled every 30 min from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. To connect with Vila Nova de Gaia, the Line D (Yellow) should be caught at “Trindade” station with direction “Santo Ovídio”.



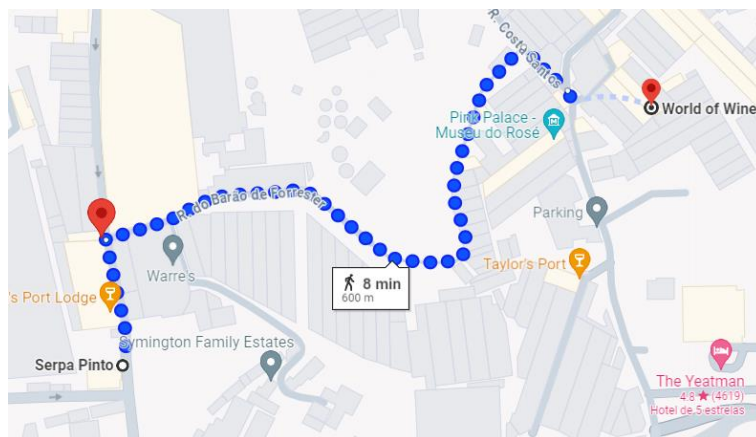
- **By Bus:** STCP Buses – Lines 601, 602 and 3M connect the airport (“Aeroporto” stop) to the Porto center. Lines 601 and 602 operate from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. and connect to “Cordoaria” stop (located 10-15 min walking distance from Porto city centre), with the journey taking ~1 h. Line 3M operates from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. and connects to “Trindade” and “Aliados” stops, with the journey taking ~30 min.
- **By Taxi / Uber / Bolt:** the price varies from 10 € to 25 € from the Airport to Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia city centres and other zones close to the centre. Uber and Bolt are cheaper than Taxi.

### ACCESS TO WOW

- **By Metro:** Line D (Yellow) – The nearest metro station to WOW is “Jardim do Morro” (700 m, 11 min walking to the WOW). The Metro journey from “Trindade” station to “Jardim do Morro” station takes 6 min.



- **By Bus:** STCP Buses – Line 901 (Destination: “Valadares”) or Line 906 (Destination: “Madalena”); Bus stop: “Serpa Pinto” (600 m, 8 min walking to the WOW). The bus journey from central stops to “Serpa Pinto” stop takes 15-30 min.



- **By Taxi / Uber / Bolt:** the price varies from 2 € to 10 € from Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia city centres and other zones close to the centre to the WOW. Uber and Bolt are cheaper than Taxi.

**Tickets (for Metro and STCP Bus):** The most common ticket is ANDANTE AZUL ticket (blue), which is a rechargeable ticket with any kind of journey title. The journey title depends on the length of the journey, i.e., number of zones. From the “Aeroporto” station to “Trindade”, “Jardim do Morro”, and most central stations, the title is Z4 (4 zones) and has a cost of 2.25 €. A card (blue card) needs to be purchased for the first journey, which has a cost of 0.60 €. Alternatively, you can purchase an ANDANTE TOUR ticket, which is non-rechargeable and allows traveling for 24 h (ANDANTE TOUR 1, cost of 7.50 €) or 72 h (ANDANTE TOUR 3, cost of 16.00 €) after the first validation in all the zones. ANDANTE 24 ticket is another available ticket but it is not a good option for traveling from/to the airport (need for Z4 journey title, which is more expensive than Z2 journey title).

All ANDANTE tickets can be purchased and recharged in the Automatic Machines available at all Metro stations, Andante Ticket Offices (e.g., right inside the Porto Airport), Porto Tourism Office, and all STCP and Train Ticket Offices. If you do not have an ANDANTE ticket and want to catch a STCP bus, you can purchase the ticket on board with the driver, which is valid for the trip of purchase and is a little bit more expensive than ANDANTE tickets. You can also buy the ANDANTE TOUR 1 ticket on board STCP buses.

Please remember to validate your ticket at the yellow machines before each journey and whenever you transfer to another Metro line!

For more detailed information about public transportation in the Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia area you can visit the respective websites for Metro (<https://www.metroporto.pt/>) and STCP Bus (<https://www.stcp.pt/pt/>).

## ABOUT PORTO AND VILA NOVA DE GAIA

The city of Porto, known as *Cidade Invicta* (invincible city), is the second largest city of Portugal, the capital of the Porto district and the northern region country. Porto is built along hillsides overlooking the mouth of Douro River and it is an outstanding urban landscape with a 2,000-year history. Its continuous growth is related to the sea (the Romans gave it the name Portus, or port). It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996 and considered the European Best Destination in 2014 and 2017.

Explore the enchanting city of Porto, along the charming Douro River. Porto boasts a unique blend of historic charm and modern vibrancy, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in its rich culture and lively atmosphere.

As you wander through Porto's cobblestone streets, indulge in one of its most beloved culinary treasures, the Francesinha. This hearty sandwich is a must-try for any visitor seeking an authentic taste of Porto. Don't forget to sample Portugal's renowned bacalhau dishes and treat yourself to a decadent pastel de nata, a creamy custard tart with a crisp, flaky crust.

Discover Porto's architectural marvels, from the imposing Sé Cathedral and Clérigos Tower to the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge, offering breathtaking city views. Lose yourself in the narrow alleys of the Ribeira district, where colorful buildings and bustling cafes create a vibrant backdrop for exploration.

On the other side of the Douro River, the charming sister of Porto, Vila Nova de Gaia, emerges. Renowned for its historic wine cellars and breathtaking views of Porto's skyline, Vila Nova de Gaia invites visitors to explore its rich maritime heritage and scenic beauty.

Embark on a journey through Vila Nova de Gaia's wine cellars, where you can sample exquisite port wines while learning about the region's winemaking traditions. Each cellar offers a unique glimpse into the art of winemaking and the history of port wine production, from the historic lodges to the modern tasting rooms.

Don't miss the opportunity to witness the stunning sunset from Jardim do Morro or visit the Serra do Pilar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site offering panoramic views of Porto and the Douro River.

With its rich history, vibrant culture, and wine culture, Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia cities promise an unforgettable experience for all who visit.

Detailed information about accommodation, public transport, sightseeing tours, gastronomy, nightlife and culture may be found in the [Official Portal of Porto Tourism](#) and [Visit Porto and the North Portal](#).

## RESTAURANTS

Some suggestions can be found in:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/L7GkNs8gBA5nCpaw9>

## PORTO TOP ATTRACTIONS

- *Cais de Gaia* (Gaia's Pier) - The city's postcard skyline and the birthplace of one of the World's most famous wines. A place with wonderful esplanades, restaurants and bars, with a great view over the Porto's historic centre. It is the destiny of wine production to be aged in the Cellars of the more than 50 wine companies. The famous Douro River Cruises depart nowadays from the Gaia quay.
- *Serralves* Museum - Two buildings that are as much a work of art as the collections they exhibit inside, surrounded by a magnificent park.
- *Casa da Música* (House of Music) - An architectural masterwork by world-renowned architect Rem Koolhaas.
- São Francisco Church - One of Europe's most extraordinarily lavish church interiors, completely covered in gold.
- *Ribeira* - Atmospheric, colourful, World Heritage riverfront medieval district.
- *Sé Catedral* (Porto Cathedral) - One of the main and oldest monuments of Portugal, this 12th-century fortress-cathedral is located in the heart of the historical centre.
- Clerigos Tower - Designed by the Italian architect Nasoni, this iconic baroque church is a popular tourist attraction to overlook the city (76 meters up, after climbing 240 steps).
- *Palácio da Bolsa* - This 19th-century building with a vast neoclassical front is the former Stock Exchange Palace, where the ornate Arab Room could be taken by a royal place.
- Dom Luis Bridge - Designed by Gustave Eiffel, this Porto's iconic bridge opened in 1886. The lower level can be used by pedestrians to cross the river between the centre of Porto and Gaia, providing a great view of *Ribeira* and port wine warehouses.
- *Soares dos Reis* Museum - A notable national art museum named after one of the country top artists.

## PORTO TOP EXPERIENCES

- Lello Book Store - Go inside the *Lello & Irmão* bookshop, a historic space with a Neo-Gothic interior where J.K. Rowlings inspired herself to write Harry Potter.
- Majestic Café - Have a drink at *Café Majestic*, a classic European Art Nouveau café and a city landmark.
- Gigantic Tile Murals - Admire the gigantic tile panels inside *São Bento* railway station and on the façades of *Carmo* and *Capela das Almas* churches.
- Douro Cruise - Take a cruise or a tour down the World Heritage Douro Valley.
- Art Galleries Street - Check out the art galleries down *Rua Miguel Bombarda*.
- The Atlantic - Take a stroll by the sea in Foz.
- The Monumental Heart of the City - Watch the world go by on *Avenida dos Aliados*.
- Parque da Cidade (city park) - is the biggest urban park in Portugal (more than 80 hectares) and the ideal place to have a nice relaxed walk, do your workout, have a picnic or even some birdwatching. It is located on the western end of Avenida da Boavista, facing the ocean and with a direct access to Praia Internacional (the beach).
- *Palácio de Cristal* gardens - This beautifully landscaped park is dominated by a huge domed pavilion built in 1956 which replaced the 19<sup>th</sup> century iron-and-glass "Crystal Palace" (1865 — 1951), modelled on London's Crystal Palace and authored by the English architect Thomas Dillen Jones. Today's pavilion serves as a venue for concerts and sporting events. It is surrounded by a lake, flowerbeds, and roaming peacocks, all overlooking the Douro River, of which there are superb views.
- Romantic Museum - Located next to *Palácio de Cristal* gardens, this 19<sup>th</sup> century mansion recreates characteristic interiors of the bourgeoisie of the time.
- FC Porto Museum and *Estádio do Dragão* - The FC Porto Museum traces the history of the football club since its formation in 1893. *Estádio do Dragão* is a great stage of emotions, entertainment, spectacle, and an unavoidable reference of the city of Porto.
- The Local Market - Browse through the colourful *Mercado do Bolhão*.
- *Bom Sucesso* Market - An urban concept that combines a fresh market, diversified gastronomic offer (44 coloured stalls with a wide variety of gastronomic delights from various Portuguese regions and from other parts of the world) and cultural activities.
- Hard Rock Cafe - Located near the vibrant town square *Avenida dos Aliados*, Hard Rock Cafe Porto is housed in a 19<sup>th</sup> century building, combining Porto's strong sense of history with the irreverence and character of Hard Rock brand.
- Time-warp Shops - Shop at the retro shops downtown, many preserving wonderful Art Nouveau façades. Recommended: *A Vida Portuguesa* and *Pérola do Bolhão*