

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### SOCIAL EVENT 1, SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

#### Walking Tour through Historic Places of Vila Nova de Gaia and Porto

Meeting point: Main Square of the World of Wine (see WOW map)

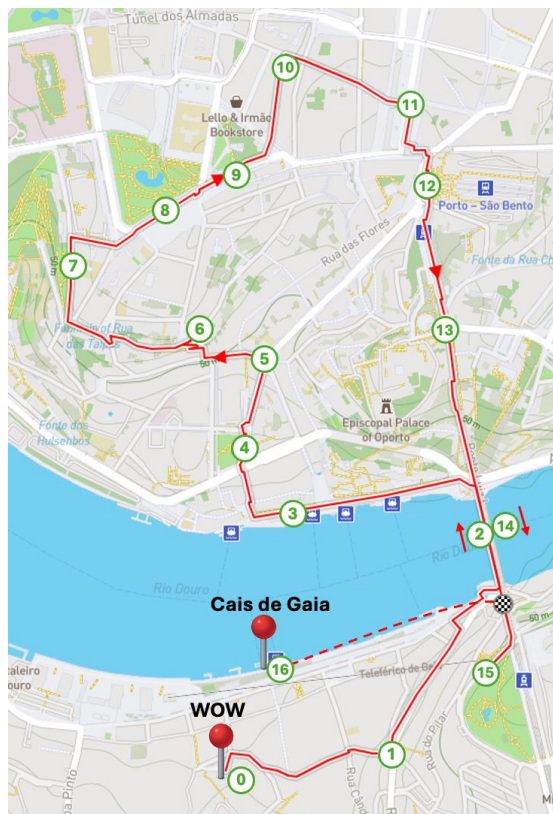
Time of departure: 13 h

Time of return: 17 h

Cost: 7-10€ for Gaia Cable Car, a fascinating trip over the historic area of Gaia and its Port wine lodges

Registration: please make your reservation in the registration form (the ticket for the Gaia Cable Car can be acquired in the day of our tour)

0. Meeting Point at Main Square of WOW
1. Historical Centre of Gaia
2. Dom Luiz I Bridge (lower deck)
3. Riverside of Porto - Ribeira do Porto
4. Stock Exchange Palace - Palácio da Bolsa
5. Flowers Street - Rua das Flores
6. Vitória ViewPoint - Miradouro da Vitória
7. Virtudes ViewPoint - Miradouro das Virtudes
8. Doomed Love Square - Largo Amor de Perdição
9. Clérigos Church
10. Galeria de Paris Street
11. Liberty Square
12. São Bento Railway Station
13. Porto Cathedral
14. Dom Luiz I Bridge (upper deck)
15. Morro Garden - Gaia Cable Car Ride
16. Finish at Riverside of Gaia – Cais de Gaia



### 1. Historical Centre of Gaia



The historic centre of Gaia lies between the contemporary cityscape and the more tranquil medieval quarters closer to the riverside. This charming area is filled with centuries-old buildings and narrow cobblestone streets. Explore its well preserved churches and traditional markets, including the famous port wine cellars to taste some of the region's finest wines. Take a stroll through the winding streets and soak in the rich history and culture that make Gaia a must-visit destination in Portugal.

### 2. Dom Luiz I Bridge (lower deck)



Across the Douro River spans the majestic Dom Luiz I bridge, standing as an iconic symbol of Porto and Gaia. Designed by Gustave Eiffel, this double-decker marvel seamlessly connects the cities of Porto and Gaia. As you walk through its elaborate lattice of ironwork, you will be treated by views of the meandering “golden” river below while the upper deck offers some breathtaking panoramic views of the cityscape and the distant horizon beyond. Whether it is night or day, the Dom Luiz I bridge never fails to captivate visitors with its timeless elegance and historical significance.

### 3. Riverside of Porto - Ribeira do Porto



Porto's riverside, where the Douro River flows through living history and culture. Along the narrow cobblestone streets, you'll find the Ribeira district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with traditional azulejos. The riverside of Porto used to be the city's main port and acted as a bustling hub of trade for port wine. The rich past and vibrant present of Porto can be felt in this area with many waterfront and charming restaurants and cafés ready with traditional cuisine.

#### 4. Stock Exchange Palace - Palácio da Bolsa



The “Palácio da Bolsa” is a magnificent neoclassical building housing the city's former Stock Exchange. Admission prices vary depending on the type of visit. For a standard guided tour, adult tickets typically range from 10 to 15 euros. Specialized tours or access to additional areas may incur extra charges. However, the awe-inspiring architecture, lavish interiors and rich history make the Palácio da Bolsa a worthwhile investment for visitors seeking to immerse themselves in Porto's cultural heritage.

#### 5. Flowers Street - Rua das Flores



Rua das Flores, one of Porto's most emblematic streets, serves as a practical route connecting Porto's riverside area to the city's urban center. Starting at the historical district of Ribeira, it gradually ascends towards the city center, providing convenient access to landmarks such as São Bento Railway Station and Porto Cathedral. Along the street, visitors encounter a mix of shops, cafes, and residential buildings, reflecting the area's transition from a waterfront neighborhood to a bustling urban hub. This route provides a glimpse into the city's daily life and commerce.

#### 6. Vitória ViewPoint - Miradouro da Vitória



This viewpoint offers an unexpected and captivating perspective of Porto's cityscape. Situated atop the hilly streets of the Vitória neighborhood, it provides stunning panoramic views of the city's iconic red rooftops, medieval structures and the Douro River. Unlike official viewpoints, this hidden gem offers a more intimate and unobstructed vista, allowing visitors to soak in the charm of Porto without the crowds.

## 7. Virtudes ViewPoint - Miradouro das Virtudes



This viewpoint is very popular as it is perched atop a hill in the vibrant Miragaia neighborhood, offering a scenic spot over the western part of the city centre. Unlike other places, Miradouro das Virtudes offers a more serene atmosphere, making it an ideal place to relax and enjoy the beauty of Porto in peace. There are some typical restaurants in the area, fantastic for a sunset illuminated meal.

## 8. Doomed Love Square - Largo Amor de Perdição



Largo Amor de Perdição is named after the novel "Amor de Perdição" (Doomed Love) by Portuguese author Camilo Castelo Branco. He was imprisoned in the adjacent old jail, once a symbol of authoritarian rule, now transformed into a museum. On the other side of the central garden (Jardim da Cordoaria) is the majestic focal building of the University of Porto with the intellectual legacy of the institution. Amidst this historical backdrop, a vibrant nightlife scene can also be found, making it a captivating destination where the echoes of the past harmonise with the rhythms of modern life in Porto.

## 9. Clérigos Church



The Clérigos Church and Tower are architectural treasures of Porto and epitomize the city's historical significance. The church, an 18th-century masterpiece adorned with intricate carvings, sits prominently in the heart of Porto's city centre. The Clérigos Tower, designed by Nicolau Nasoni, offers panoramic views of the cityscape. Visitors can climb the tower's narrow staircase to enjoy breathtaking vistas of Porto. Admission prices vary, with adult tickets typically ranging from 5 to 10 euros. These landmarks are now iconic symbols of the city of Porto.

### 10. Galeria de Paris Street



Rua da Galeria de Paris is a bustling street renowned for its art galleries, markets and thrift stores during the day and a vibrant nightlife. Lined with an array of bars, restaurants and clubs, it offers a lively atmosphere where locals and tourists gather to enjoy the city's social scene. Rua da Galeria de Paris is a dynamic destination that captivates visitors day and night.

### 11. Liberty Square



Avenida dos Aliados (Avenue of the Allies) encompasses the Praça da Liberdade (Liberty Square), commemorating Portugal's aid in World War I and the regained freedom after authoritarian fascist rule. Praça da Liberdade serves as a central gathering place adorned with statues and fountains, while Avenida dos Aliados is a majestic boulevard lined with impressive buildings, including Porto's City Hall. The avenue serves as a central axis from which the city's historic quarter spreads out in a grid-like pattern of charming traditional streets characterized by their cobblestone pavements and colourful azulejos.

### 12. São Bento Railway Station



The São Bento Railway Station is a central transportation hub in Porto for municipal and interregional services. It acts as a gateway to cities like Aveiro, Braga, Guimarães, as well as the picturesque Douro Valley. The station is adorned with exquisite azulejos, offering a captivating journey through Portuguese history and depicting events, such as the Conquest of Ceuta which marked the beginning of Portugal's overseas expansion and maritime supremacy.

## 13. Porto Cathedral



Sé do Porto or Porto Cathedral, dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, is a beacon of faith and of architectural magnificence, but also acts as a gateway to the city's inner core. Situated atop a hill overlooking Porto's historic centre and the Douro river, the cathedral is accessed via winding streets and staircases. Adjacent to the cathedral lies the Episcopal Palace, and both buildings can be accessed with admission prices varying from 5 to 10 euros. This Cathedral is also the starting place for many pilgrims for the spiritual pilgrimages to Santiago or Fátima.

## 14. Dom Luiz I Bridge (upper deck)



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## 15. Morro Garden - Cable Car Ride



Jardim do Morro is a park overlooking the Douro River in Gaia. It was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as part of urban beautification efforts. Adjacent to it stands the historic Mosteiro da Serra do Pilar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, dating back to the 16th century. The garden, with its privileged views over the Douro, hosts routine concerts and is widely renowned as a popular spot to witness breathtaking sunsets. There is also a cable car that provides panoramic views of the city and easy access to the riverside of Gaia.

In the case of a rainy day, the Walking tour will be replaced by:

Visit to a Museum of the World of Wine (WOW)

Meeting point: Main Square of the World of Wine (see WOW map)

Website: [www.wow.pt/en](http://www.wow.pt/en)

Meeting time: 14 h / Visit duration: 2 h / Cost: 16-20€, depending on the number of participants

## 1. The Wine Experience



Dedicated to both amateur drinkers and experienced winemakers, Wine Experience Museum aims to demystify wine for all. Visitors can learn more about what influences the world of wine — exploring the soil, the climate, the grapes varieties, but also about all the processes that take place until it reaches the glass. The experience will educate guests on the different wine varietals, what differentiates them from other regions, understanding their aroma profiles and how they should be tasted.

## 2. Planet Cork



Planet Cork is a first of its kind museum. A museum experience that immerses visitors into the unique, relatively unknown and often underappreciated world of Cork. An interactive museum that invites the exploration of the cork oak forests of Portugal, their positive and sustainable impact on the world to shining a light on some of the most varied and avant-garde applications, from space discover, sports to design and includes a catwalk showcasing different fashion styles using this increasable material.

## 3. Porto Region Across the Ages



The first museum in the city of Porto that shines a light on the cradle of a nation, boasting a territory with over a thousand years of history! This is a museum that is fundamental to all the inhabitants and those who visit the city — The museum highlights the city's charm and is an excellent starting point to understanding the historical and cultural heritage of the undefeated city.

### 4. The Bridge Collection



This invaluable collection of more than 2,000 archeological artifacts, that take us back in time over 9000 years. The Bridge Collection is a journey across civilizations, where centuries old pieces tell the stories of history, cultures and customs through drink. Visitors are transported through and cultures to explore in-depth, pagan and religious festivals and rituals - Stores told of humanity, the lives lived and rituals performed – from earliest civilizations to the present day.

### 5. The Chocolate Story



It all starts as a fragile flower on the trunk of a tree some of the most remote parts of the world. The Chocolate Story museum is a journey that follows a method created 5,000 years ago, crossed different civilizations and continents. A museum that explores the different varieties of cacao found across the cacao belt and celebrates the importance of origin. That explains what chocolate is (much more than a candy!), where it comes from, and how it is made. From cacao plantations, harvesting and fermentation, to the chocolate manufacturing processes, each of key stages from bean to bar are illustrated step by step.



## SOCIAL EVENT 2, TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### Visit to Ferreira Wine Cellars

Meeting Point: ROOM NASONI (see WOW map)

Website: <https://portoferreira.com/port-cellar>

Cost: 21€

Time of departure: 17:45 h

Registration: please make your reservation in the reservation form (the payment must be done in the first day of the conference)

Description: Ferreira's wine cellars are located on the banks of the River Douro, in the historic centre of Vila Nova de Gaia, in a vast and historic building that dates back to the start of the 18th century. Within its walls, it tells the story of Porto Ferreira all the way back to 1751, tracing back to the Douro region and the life and contribution of Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira to the sector and to the wines of Porto Ferreira, as well as the processes relating to the production and ageing of these wines. At Ferreira Cellars, we can have incredible experiences connecting with the historical heritage and nature which Sogrape has always sustained with great care, so that each visitor can be part of our story as well. The visit includes a wine tasting of 2 Porto Wines.



## SOCIAL EVENT 3, TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Dinner at Sancho Panza, Cais de Gaia & Drink at Galerias de Paris (Porto)

Meeting Point: ROOM NASONI (see WOW map) or Ferreira Wine Cellars

Website: <https://restaurantesanchopanza.pt/#>

Cost: 30€ for the dinner

Time: 20 h

Registration: please make your reservation in the reservation form (the payment must be done in the first day of the conference)

Menu: Starter: Just stuffed crab | Shrimps | Small pieces of fried pork Minho region style | Gizzards with tomato sauce | Mini Francesinha (Porto Traditional Sandwich) | Traditional Portuguese bread stuffed with cheese / chouriço | Fries, Iberian chorizo and eggs; Main Course: Red bean rice or Tomatoes rice | Codfish fritters | Small bits of pork breaded | Chicken with Fruit; Dessert: Tropical Dessert; Drinks: Sparkling Sangria | Red / White Sangria | Red / White House Wine | Water | Coffee | Draft Beer | Mocktails.



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