PT01W Hiking in Northeast of Portugal

A wonderful 8-day hiking tour

Tour Code: PT01W



This amazing hiking tour allows you to explore the **most remote mountainous region of Portugal** and the **wildest trails along the Douro River**. You will walk through one of Europe's **most important wildlife reserves**, enjoying **monumental cliffs, natural sanctuaries, and charming traditional villages**. The Douro River winds its way through spectacular canyons, reaching heights of **up to 350 metres**, while the park's forests of **juniper, cork oak, beech, and holm oak** shelter a rich variety of wildlife. Along the way, you may spot **majestic birds of prey**, including **Egyptian vultures, golden eagles, Bonelli eagles, griffons, and black storks**, as well as smaller species like **blackbirds and woodcocks**. The park also hosts **cultivated landscapes**, including vineyards, olive and almond groves, producing the famous **Port wine**, olive oil, and local delicacies. Your tour starts in **Miranda do Douro**, a **historic, monumental, and cultural town**, and continues along trails to **Picote** and **Sendim**, typical villages full of local charm and traditions. You will witness **agricultural activities** like olive, almond, and fig cultivation, as well as **Mirandesa cattle and Miranda donkeys**, and the **largest juniper plantation in Europe**. On the way, visit the peaceful village of **Felgar** and **Torre de Moncorvo**, the capital of flowering almond trees, famous for its **sugar-covered almonds, one of Portugal's Sweet Wonders**.
At the end of your walking tour, enjoy a **breathtaking view of the Douro River** and the **majestic metal bridge at Pocinho**. A **scenic train ride** will take you downriver to **Porto**, a **UNESCO World Heritage City** and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, where you can explore its historic centre and taste the world-famous **Port Wine**.

Highlights:

- **Douro International Natural Park**, one of Europe's principal wildlife reserves
- **More than 170 species of birds**, including several threatened with extinction
- **Monumental cliffs over 350 metres high**
- **Scenic hiking trails** through vineyards, olive groves, and almond orchards
- **Optional canoe ride on the Douro River**
- **Optional birdwatching with a professional guide**
- **Charming traditional villages**: Miranda do Douro, Picote, Sendim, Felgar, Torre de Moncorvo
- **Local cuisine experiences**: wine, almonds, liqueurs, and regional delicacies
- **Train ride along the beautiful Douro railway line** to Porto
- **Accommodation in small, charming local hotels**
- **Two difficulty levels available**



Period: Every Saturday from 01 March to 30 November 2027. Upon request and with supplement (minimum 2-3 people) it is possible to start on another day.

Participants: minimum two people, solo traveller upon request

Level: 2 to 2,5
Your level is from easy to medium. On some days, you have an average walking time of 3 to 4 hours per day: you have a leisurely, relaxed time, learn about the local culture and meet people, enjoy the landscape, the seaside, take photographs, taste wines etc. On some days the level is medium and walking time is mostly average between 4 to 5 hours per day, still depending of your pace. Most days you can choose between a longer and shorter walk.

Daily distance: min. 8,9 km/5,5 mi – max. 21,7 km/13,4 mi
Total km: short route 68,3 km/42,4 miles; long route 93,2 km/57,9 miles

Program in short
Day 1: Transfer from Porto to Miranda do Douro
Day 2: Miranda do Douro round tour (11,7 km / 7,2 mi or 18,2 km / 11,3 mi)
Day 3: Miranda do Douro - Sendim (10,8 km / 6,7 mi or 21,7 km / 13,4 mi)
Day 4: Sendim – Round tour (11,8 km / 7,3 mi)
Day 5: Felgar round tour (8,9 km / 5,5 mi or 13 km / 8 mi)
Day 6: Felgar - Torre de Moncorvo (11,6 km / 7,2 mi or 15 km / 9,3 mi)
Day 7: Torre de Moncorvo – Pochino and train to Porto (13,5 km / 8,3 mi)
Day 8: End of tour

Program day by day

Day 1| Miranda do Douro
On day 1, you will be transferred from Porto airport to **Miranda do Douro**, a **fortified frontier town** perched on a plateau above the **Douro River** and the **Spanish border**. This charming town is surrounded by the **International Douro Natural Park** and its **majestic cliffs**, offering a spectacular introduction to the landscapes you will explore over the coming days.
Miranda do Douro is a town rich in **traditions**, with its own regional language, **Mirandês**, developed over centuries of relative isolation. It is also famous for the **colourful Pauliteiros de Miranda dance**, a lively display of local culture.

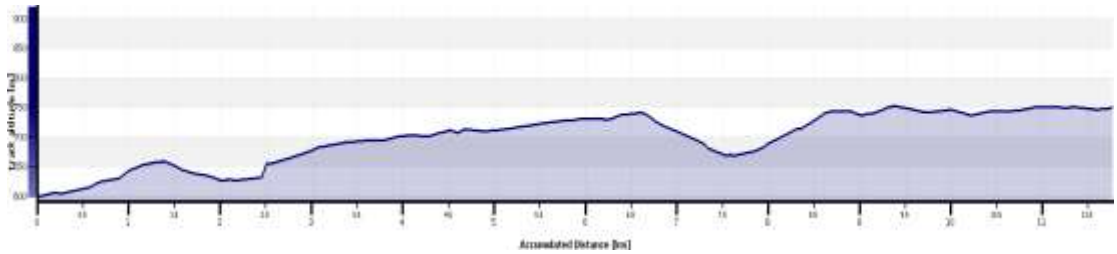
Overnight with breakfast in Miranda do Douro

Day 2| Miranda do Douro – land of birds and impressive cliffs
Today, start with a walk around **Miranda do Douro** and its **imposing cathedral**, surrounded by **historic city walls** and **spectacular views of crags and precipices**. You can also visit the **ethnographic museum**, showcasing the culture of this border region. Throughout the day, follow trails and tracks inside the **International Douro Natural Park**, passing **small villages** and the **surrounding natural environment**. Along the way, you may encounter a gentle **wild Mirandés donkey** and spot some of the park's wild birds, including **golden eagles, griffons, Egyptian vultures**, or **black storks**. A **birdwatching experience with a professional guide** is also available.

The **highest point** of the day is the **São João das Arribas viewpoint**, offering one of the most **exceptional views over the Douro River** as it winds between the high cliffs. From **July to October**, you may also enjoy a **canoe ride along the Douro River**.

The shorter route includes a transfer.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Miranda do Douro
Short route
Distance: 11,7 km / 7,2 mi
Altitude: min. 636/ max. 742 m.
Ascent/ descent: +268m – 115m
Paved: 51%



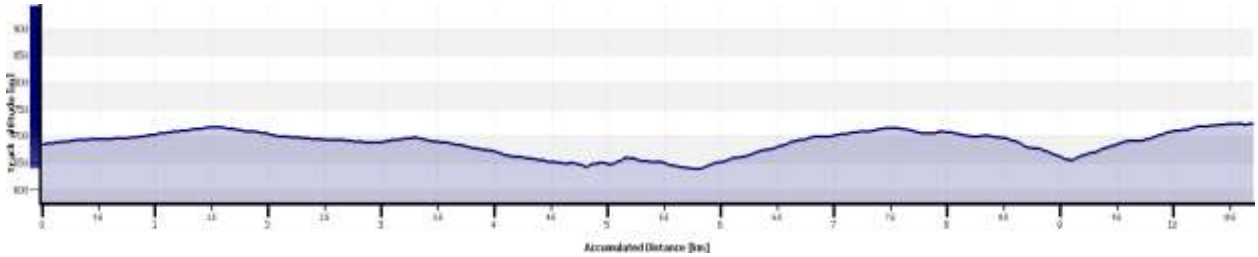
Long route
Distance: 18,2 km / 11,3 mi
Altitude: min. 636/ max. 758 m.
Ascent/ descent: +320m – 237m
Paved: 46%



Day 3| Sendim - walking through the Natural Park
Today you will **say goodbye to Miranda do Douro** and start travelling **south**. Walk along **trails and paths through the International Douro Natural Park** and arrive at **Picote**, a **picturesque village** with **typical stone houses** and a **spectacular view over the Douro River**. A lush vegetation of **cedars, oaks, cork oaks, gorse**, and **rosemary** surrounds the area. Your destination is **Sendim**, a **friendly village** whose population mostly lives from **farming and handcrafts**. Take the opportunity to visit the **handcraft shop next to the church** and discover **local costumes**. Your accommodation is in a **small, typical local hotel**.
The shorter route includes a transfer.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Sendim
Short route
Distance: 10,8 km / 6,7 mi
Altitude: min. 616/ max. 719 m.
Ascent/descent: +181m – 140m

Paved: 29%



Long route
Distance: 21,7 km / 13,4 mi
Altitude: min. 616/ max. 735 m.
Ascent/ descent: +365m – 305m
Paved: 40%



Day 4| Sendim, between local handicrafts and excellent wine and olive oil
Today, enjoy a **spectacular circular hike** through a **natural landscape of rare beauty**. Walk past **vineyards, olive groves, and almond orchards** and take time to **stop and interact with local inhabitants**, who are always happy to share their **traditions**. Observe **extensive plantations of junipers**, **flowering almond trees in February and March**, **budding vines from April**, **grape harvests in August or September**, **almond harvests in September**, and **olive harvests in October or November**. Once back in **Sendim**, you can **visit a small local winery** and **taste its wines**, accompanied by **local food specialties**.

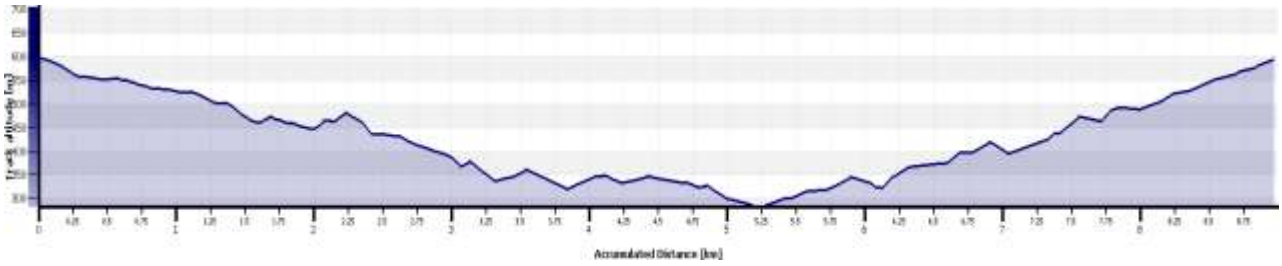
Overnight stay with breakfast in Sendim
Distance: 11,8 km / 7,3 mi
Altitude: min. 418/ max. 718 m.
Ascent/descent: + 359m – 352m
Paved: 9%



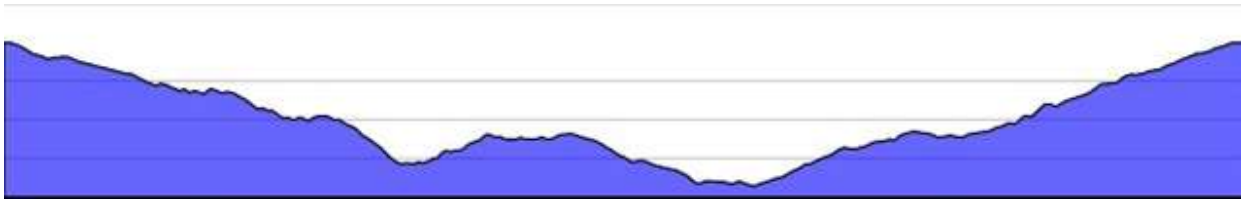
Day 5| Felgar, a nature paradise
Today you have a **transfer to Felgar**, a **beautiful charming village** on the **northern face of the Roboredo Mountain** and the **Sabor River valley**. Start your walk from the **centre of the village** and follow a **circular trail** through **small fields, olive groves, and stances of broom**. Enjoy the **intense blue waters of the Sabor River**. Today's walk is **particularly peaceful and quiet**, surrounded by nature, with occasional **birdsong** creating a heavenly atmosphere.

Your accommodation is in the **centre of Felgar** in an **elegant 17th century manor house, recently restored**.
If you wish, you can **relax by the swimming pool**. Alternatively, you can join a **professional guide on a 4x4 vehicle** to explore the **best birdwatching spots** or walk along the **spectacular Apajares Way**, one of the finest trails in Portugal.

Overnight with breakfast in Felgar
Short route
Distance: 8,9 km / 5,5 mi
Altitude: min. 284/ max. 598 m
Ascent/descent: + 482m – 485m
Paved: 42%



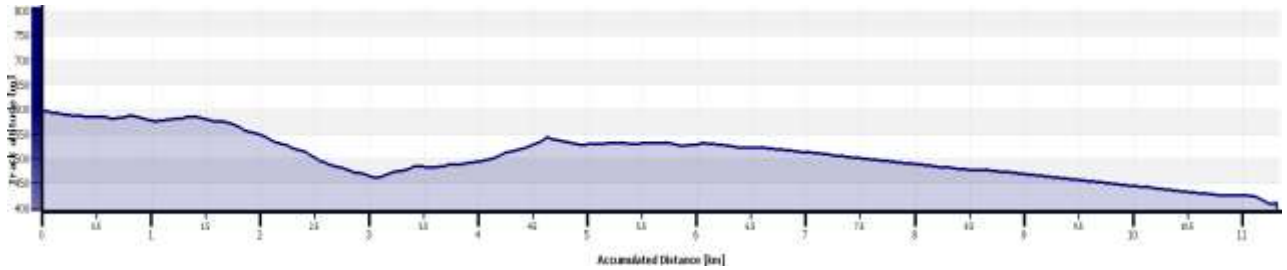
Long route
Distance: 13 km / 8 mi
Altitude: min. 228/ max. 598 m.
Ascent/descent: + 729m – 712m
Paved: 31%



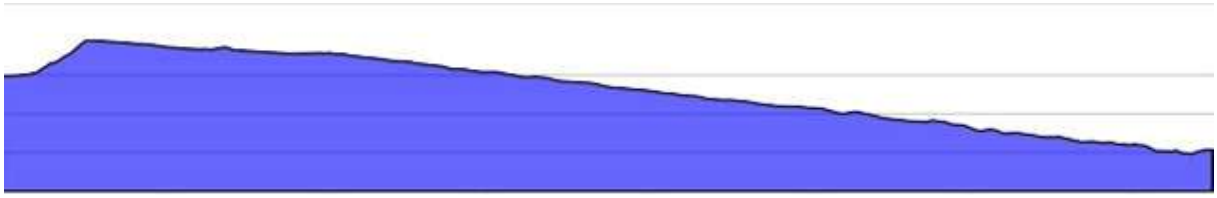
Day 6| Torre de Moncorvo – capital of almond trees and gate to the Douro Wine Region
Another day of **stunning views**: leave **Felgar** on **small roads and tracks** and walk along the **scenic greenway built on a former railway line**. You will be accompanied by **lush olive and almond groves**. In **February or March**, enjoy the **blooming almond trees**, an enchanting natural spectacle. Today's destination is **Torre de Moncorvo**, the **gate to the Douro Wine Region** where the **world-famous Port and Douro wines** are produced. The town centre is rich in **manor houses, the Railway Museum**, and numerous **small shops selling local specialties**. In one of these shops, see how **sugar-covered almonds**, a **local sweet and Portuguese Sweet Wonder**, are made. You will stay in an **elegant house** and have the chance to **taste local liqueurs**, perfectly paired with the famous Moncorvo almonds.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Torre de Moncorvo
Short route
Distance: 11,6 km / 7,2 mi
Altitude: min. 396/ max. 598 m.
Ascent/descent: +77m – 289m

Paved: 47%

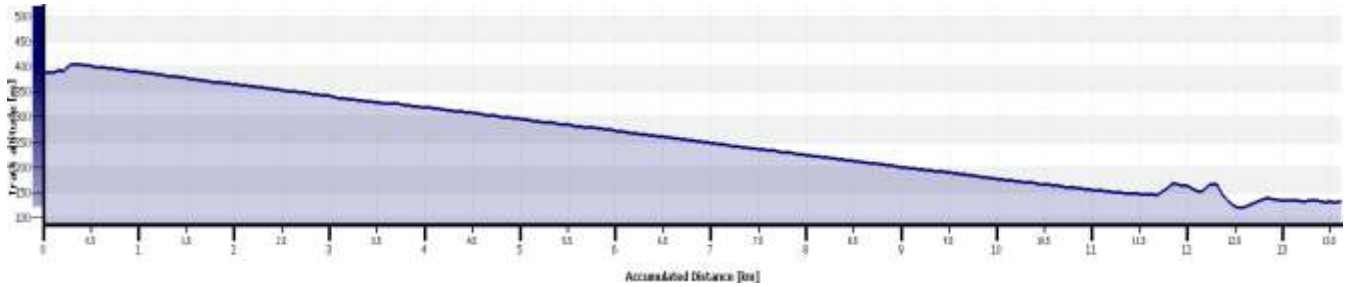


Long route
Distance: 15 km / 9,3 mi
Altitude: min. 396/ max. 690 m.
Ascent/descent: + 107m – 292m
Paved: 11%



Day 7| Porto, UNESCO World Heritage City
This is the **last day of your itinerary** and also an **exciting day**. You will leave **Torre de Moncorvo**, continuing along the **greenway towards Pocinho**, a **scenic trail on a disused railway line**. Enjoy **breathtaking views over the Douro River**, **terraced vineyards**, and the **beautiful Sabor River valley**. Near the end of your walk, you will spot the **majestic railway bridge and Pocinho dam**. **Here, take the train to Porto** ***(ticket not included)*** and enjoy the **views of the iconic Douro vineyards**, part of the **UNESCO World Heritage-listed Douro Wine Region**. Your journey concludes at **São Bento station**, in the centre of **Porto**.
Your hotel is **close to the station**, within walking distance or reachable by taxi. Explore **Porto**, famous for **Port Wine**, considered **one of the most beautiful cities in Europe** and a **UNESCO World Heritage City**. Admire the **Avenida dos Aliados**, the **gardens of Palacio de Cristal**, the **Romanesque churches**, and the **myriad of azulejos** adorning **São Bento station** and the **Santo Ildefonso church**.

Overnight with breakfast in Porto
Distance: 13,5 km / 8,3 mi
Altitude: min. 120/ max. 421 m.
Ascent/descent: + 42m – 332m
Paved: 19%



Day 8 Departure
Transfer to Porto airport. Your trip to Portugal is over!
End of the Tour and of our services.

Hotels*:

4 star hotels in Miranda do Douro and Porto. The other accommodations are elegant historic inns and manor houses (the one in Felgar even boasts an outdoor swimming-pool).

*In case of unavailability, the hotel will be replaced with one of the same category.

Prices per person 2027

From 2 to 5 persons	From 6 and more persons
In double room € 1095,00 In single room € 1.495,00	In double room € 995,00 In single room € 1.395,00
Departure not on Saturday: € 290,00 p.p.	Departure not on Saturday: € 290,00 p.p.

Cancellation policy
A declaration of withdrawal must be made in writing within the deadline of one working day prior to the booked departure date:

- Withdrawal until 31 days preceding the departure date: administrative fee of 50 euros per person in charged
- Withdrawal from 30 to 8 days preceding the departure date: 25% of total amount
- Withdrawal from 7 days or less or no-show days preceding the departure date: 100% of total amount

Booking changes
For booking changes 31 days or less preceding the departure date, an administrative fee of 50 Euros is charged if:

- Accommodation changes
- Anything that involve our logistics changes

Included in the price	Not included in the price
• Organization of the program • Accommodation, 7 nights BB, in double standard room • Luggage transfer daily (1 luggage per person ≤ 23kg) * • Porto airport transfers to the start and from the ending points of the programs in a car, van, or minibus	• Guide and support vehicle (price on request) • Train ticket Pocinho – Porto • Insurance • Other items not mentioned • Personal expenses • City taxes

- Shared mid-tour transfers on day 2, 3 and 5
- Customer support telephone available daily from 8:00 to 20:00, plus emergency contact, in case of need, 24h availability
- Login access to the app where the route is published in digital support, including map, points of interest and route details; Clients must download the app to their own smartphones before beginning the tour and use it online/offline to guide themselves during their journey. We only provide one access code per person. In case the client requires more, an extra cost of 5 Euros per new code applies.

- Meals, wine experiences and all the optional experiences stated in the chapter with the same name "Optional"
- **The cost of transportation from the customer's accommodation to the briefing location (taxi or public transportation), if necessary, is not included.**

Shared transfers

A transfer service from the airport until the starting point and from the ending point until the airport is available. All tours that respect the designated departure day have shared transfers. They can be at the beginning, middle or end of the tour. The schedules are the following:

Day 1 at 14:00: from Porto´s Airport to Miranda do Douro
Day 2 at 09.00: from Miranda do Douro to Pena Branca
Day 3 at 09.00: from Miranda do Douro to Vila Chã de Braciosa
Day 5 at 09.00: from Sendim to Felgar
Day 8: according to the client's flights from accommodation in Porto to Porto's Airport

Start /End: Porto

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