

Wine, Architecture & Gastronomy

October 1-9, 2020

WINE EXPERIENCE OF PORTUGAL

Wine Architecture + Gastronomy, a Douro Valley wine experience like no other.

An exquisite and unique landscape of historical significance and deep wine culture embraces the very best of contemporary Portuguese architecture and cuisine.

The Douro Valley known for 150+ years as the source of the worlds' finest Port Wine is now so much more. Join Culture Viewfinder on a new type of wine travel experience, driven as much by presenting compelling contemporary 'wine architecture' as by the spectrum of fine wines, and top-notch cuisine.

Culture Viewfinder's 'wine architecture' series begins in 2020 with a focus on the Douro Valley, the most famous and acclaimed of Portugal's wine regions. Each destination has been selected for its superior wine, cuisine, and architecture in equal measure, as well as for breathtaking physical beauty and deep respect for the traditions of the region. Let yourself be transported as you enjoy personal tours by architects, an artisanal UNESCO World Heritage site and take in the Douro's exceptional charm and bounty.

Culture Viewfinder restricts the size of its tours to small groups to ensure a premium travel experience.

ESTIMATED TOUR COST:

\$5040.00 Double (per person)

\$1350.00 Single Supplement

UPGRADE:

3 nights in Douro Valley - limited

\$110.00 per person double

\$220.00 single

Pricing is based on a minimum of 16 passengers and a maximum of 22 passengers.



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INCLUDED

- Private transportation on air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
- 8 nights boutique accommodations
- Breakfast daily, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- Wine with lunches and dinners
- Wine tastings at award-winning Quintas
- Port tasting at Graham's Cellar
- Visits and admissions: intimate tours, tastings and/or meals at six outstanding wineries; dinner at the premiere Douro restaurant DOC, by Chef Rui Paula; private visits and tours provided by architects of their work; private tours of the Fundação Serralves, the Museu do Vinho, and Casa da Arquitectura: visits to a working ceramics studio and the regional pottery kilns designated a UNESCO Heritage Site; Rabelo Boat Ride on the Douro River; Introduction to Porto walking tour, PLUS the unbeatable beauty of the Douro Valley.
- Gratuities
- Services of a Culture Viewfinder Tour Manager – Esther Shipman
- Includes all applicable taxes and service charges as of October 2019
- 24-hour Ellison Travel & Tours Ltd. Emergency Contact Number while on tour

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Passport photos, government processing fees
- Luggage handling
- Incidentals
- Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or service charges levied by the governments or our suppliers

OPTIONAL

- Upgrade to superior accommodations for 3 nights in the Douro Valley
- Manulife Travel Insurance (coverage available for Canadian residents who have a valid provincial health card – includes emergency medical coverage, cancellation and interruption, limited baggage insurance – see policy for terms and conditions). Ask our agents for details.

PAYMENTS

- Terms of Payment are Visa, MasterCard, cheque or Carlson Wagonlit Travel Gift Certificates (available to purchase with your RBC points)
- Deposit \$700.00 at time of booking
- Balance due June 30, 2020

CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- All payments received by Ellison Travel & Tours are 100% non-refundable
- \$40.00 service fee for NSF transactions

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