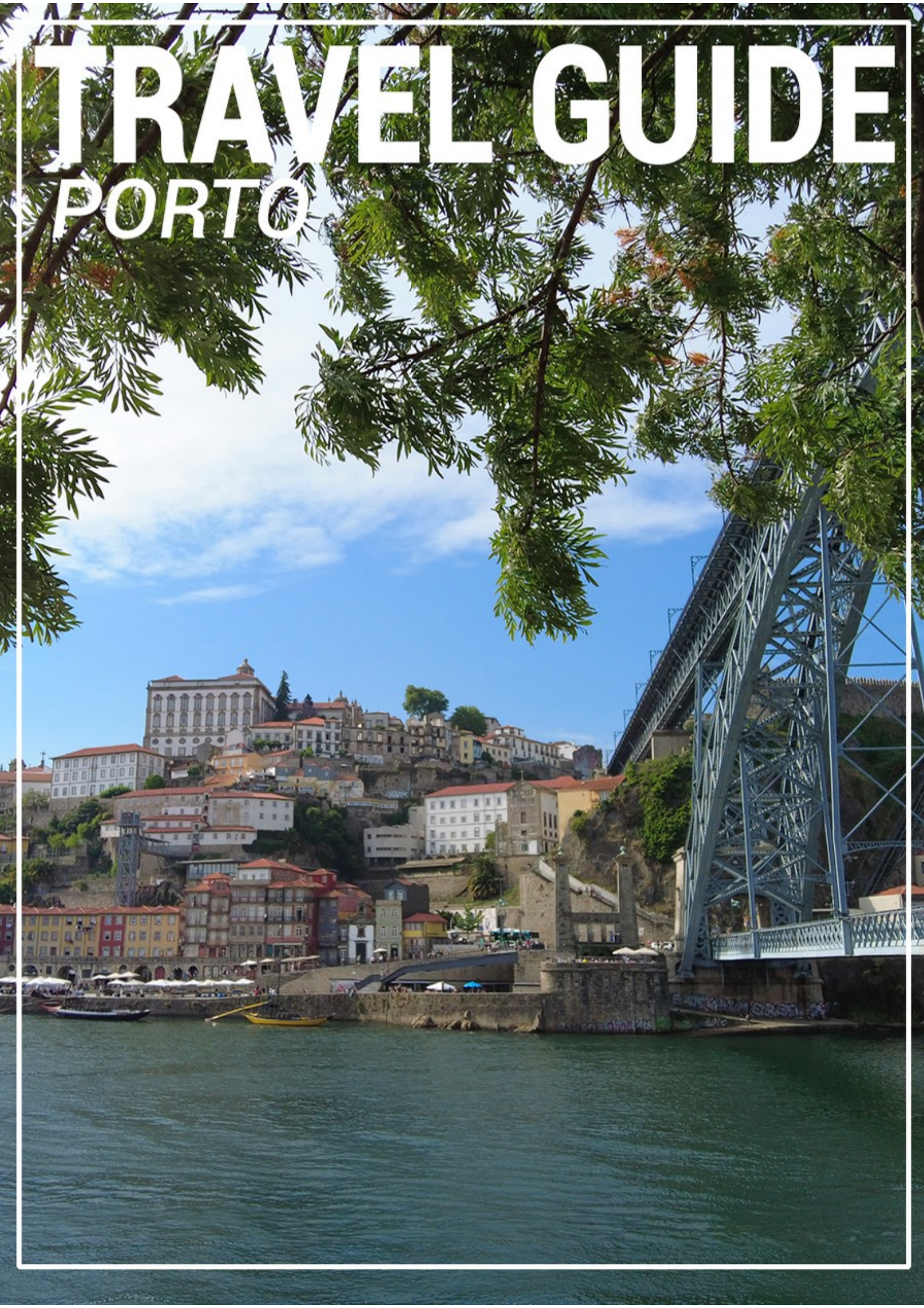


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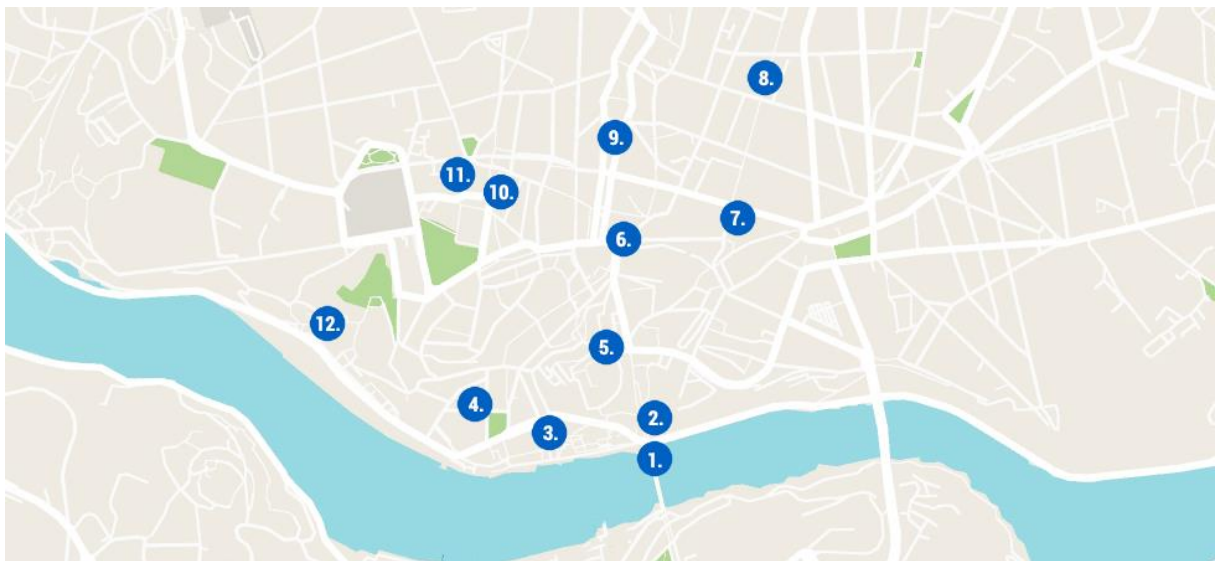
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Ribeira - Porto's historical heart



1. Dom Luís I Bridge

The two level Dom Luís I Bridge is a signature landmark in Porto. And it has a really cool story. Originally Gustave Eiffel presented a project to construct a new bridge over the Douro.

Yes, that Eiffel who created the Eiffel Tower in Paris, but there are several other buildings around the world marked with his name like the Statue of Liberty in New York.



2. The Guindais Funicular / Funicular dos Guindais

The funicular runs along a steep hill connecting the Ribeira neighborhood, located on the riverbank, and Batalha, at the top of the city.



3. Ribeira

Located on the riverbank of the Douro, Ribeira is the historic center of Porto and became a UNESCO World Heritage site. The promenade is packed with Portuguese taverns and while you are enjoying the local cuisine you can admire the other side of the river, called Gaia which houses the famous cellars of Porto.



4. Bolsa Palace

The Palácio da Bolsa, also known as the Stock Exchange Palace was constructed in a neoclassical style on the ruins of St Francis Convent after it was burnt down during the Liberal Wars.



5. Porto Cathedral

Built in the highest point in the city, the Porto Cathedral (Sé do Porto in Portuguese) is a landmark in Porto. The square in front of the church offers impressive view over the city and to the other side of the Douro River.



6. São Bento Station

This train station is a must-visit attraction in the city and famous for its main hall which is covered with over 20,000 tiles that reflect the history of Portugal.



7. Church Santo Ildefonso

Another example of amazing tilework is this church, which was built in the first half of the 18th century, on the site of a former place of worship.



8. Chapel of Souls (Capilla de las Almas)

Right in the middle of the main shopping street of Porto, named Rua de Santa Catarina you will find this lovely little church.



9. Avenida dos Aliados

Avenida dos Aliados is generally regarded as Porto's city center, where you will find the Porto Town Hall (Camara Municipal).



10. Livraria Lello

Rumor says this bookstore inspired J.K. Rowling creating Hogwarts in the Harry Potter books. Now it so crowded that you have to buy a ticket before visiting. I could not see the inside but here are some images I found about the so called most beautiful bookshops in the world.

Website: www.livrarialello.pt



11. Igreja do Carmo and Igreja dos Carmelitas

Wandering in the city center you will find these churches. Between the two is a so-called Hidden House, which is Portugal's narrowest one, only 1 meter wide. According to legend, it was built so that the two churches would not share a common wall. It separated the male monastery and the women's convent.



12. World of Discoveries

This interactive museum and theme park guides you through the country's extraordinary history. Get onboard of a caravel and prepare to discover new worlds!

Website: www.worldofdiscoveries.com

Other Sights



Parque de Serralves

The 18-hectare park is a unique example of landscaping in Portugal, beautiful gardens a Romantic lake, to provide the ideal refuge for anyone who want to escape the city. The park is also a home of a Modern Art Museum and a bright pink Art Deco Villa.

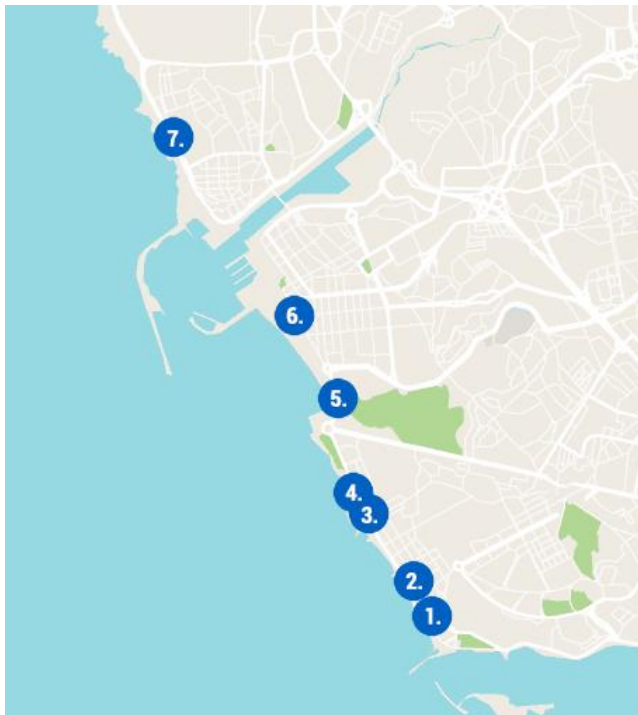
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Casa da Música

This Music Hall made of white concrete, unusual shapes is not just provides a huge contrast against the classic cityspace, but also a re-invention of traditional concert hall architecture.

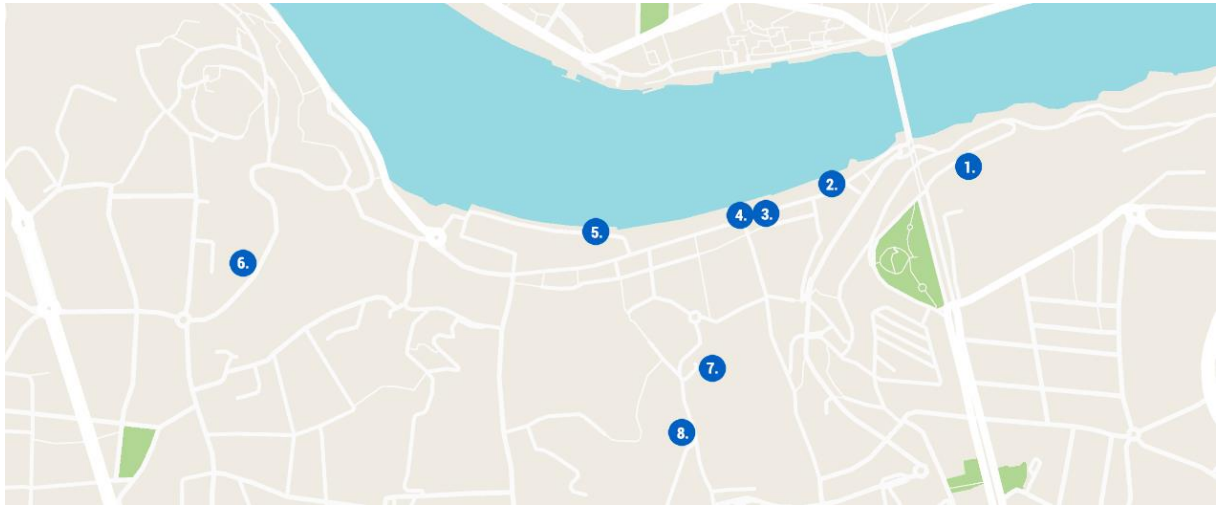
Beaches and pools



Porto is on the side of the Atlantic ocean and have many beaches easily accessible from the city with the public transport network where you can get some tan, learn how to surf or swim. But be prepared the water is really cold.

1. Praia do Carneiro
2. Praia dos Ingleses
3. Praia do Molhe
4. Praia do Homem do Leme
5. SEA Life Porto
6. Matosinhos Beach
7. Piscina das Marés

Vila Nova de Gaia – The home of the Port Wine



1. Monastery of Serra do Pilar (Mosteiro da Serra do Pilar)

Located on the top of the hill this convent built in the 16th century and became a World Heritage in 1996. It offers panoramic views of Porto's historic center and the Dom Luis I Bridge.



2. Gaia Cable Car (Teleférico de Gaia)

The cable car connects Gaia's riverside promenade to the upper deck of D. Luis I bridge and makes it easier to reach the nearby Jardim do Morro and the Serra do Pilar church.



Port wines

Even though the port wine itself is produced in the Douro Valley, the major brands age its Ports in their cellars in **Gaia**. Portugal has 14 main wine producing regions, and because Portugal's wine culture developed in relative isolation, many grape varieties do not grow anywhere else in the world. The largest region, the **Alentejo** wine region covers more than 30% of Portugal, but **Douro valley** is one of the oldest wine regions in the world.

You can learn more about the Portuguese wines in the cellars of Porto and if you are a wine lover the highlight of your trip will be a tasting session with food pairing.

3. Caves Calem



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4. Sandeman



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5. Espaço Porto Cruz



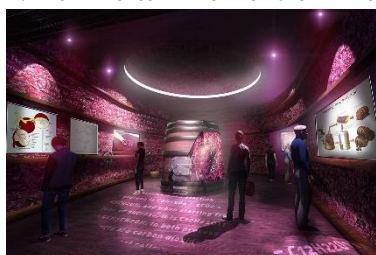
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6. Graham's Port Lodge



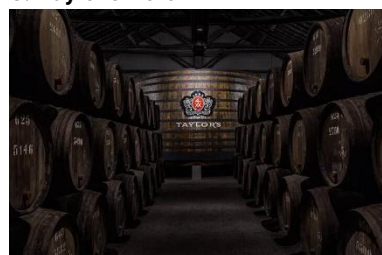
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7. WOW Porto - The World of Wine



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8. Taylor's Port



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FOOD GUIDE

After a long day dine at amazing restaurants and try the original flavors and dishes of Portugal. I am sure you won't be hungry in Porto, especially if you know what to eat. And taste the Portugal wines, from which many are made of grape varieties that do not grow anywhere else in the world.

Sardines



Pastel de Nata



Bifanas (pork sandwiches)



Francesinha (smoked meats and cheese sandwich)



Bacalhau



Ginjinha



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