

## Porto, Ribera del Duero & Toro - FIT - 7n

Porto · Zamora · León · Portomarín · Santiago



### Day 1: Porto

Arrival and transfer from the airport to the hotel in the morning.

Half day culinary Porto sightseeing tour on regular basis in the afternoon.

Porto is the second largest city in Portugal. The history of Porto dates back to the 4th century, to the Roman occupation of the Iberian peninsula, although Celtic and Proto-Celtic ruins have been discovered in several areas.

The charm and character of its old quarters filled with cafes and shopping centres is matched by the cathedral area, perfect for exploring. The civic centre of the city is the central Baixa quarter with broad avenues lined with banks and outdoor cafes, not forgetting the two-tiered, covered daily market.

This culinary tour of Porto includes the panoramic visit to some of the most interesting tourist sites and emblematic monuments and the visit to some of the most traditional spots to eat in Porto with some samplings of traditional food.

**Overnight at the hotel in Porto.**

### Day 2: Porto - Douro - Porto

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day excursion to wine region and winery visit.

The tour starts with a panoramic visit to the historic centre and riverside. It will take you towards Régua to visit the town centre and learn more about vineyards and wines while enjoying a wine tasting at a Port Wine Estate.

During the tour you will discover the small town of Pinhão and visit the Vila Real's historic centre for a panoramic view.

Port wine (Vinho do Porto in Portuguese) is a Portuguese fortified wine produced exclusively in the Douro Valley in the northern provinces of Portugal. It is typically a sweet, red wine, often served as a dessert wine, though it also comes in dry, semi-dry, and white varieties. **Overnight at the hotel in Porto.**



### **Day 3: Porto - Zamora**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Private transfer to Zamora and check-in at our hotel. Afterwards we visit the city and the cathedral in a half day walking tour. Zamora is a city in Castile and León the capital of the province of Zamora. It is situated on a rocky hill near the frontier with Portugal and is crossed by the Duero river. With its 24 Romanesque churches of the 12th and 13th centuries it is the city with the most Romanesque churches in Europe and has unique Romanesque monuments with its peculiar characteristics very difficult to find in other places. Therefore it has been called a "museum of Romanesque art".

During the 12th century, the city was extraordinarily important for its strategic position in the wars between the kingdom of León and the Arabs to conquer the Iberian peninsula. As a result, the city preserves many churches and buildings from that time. In the next centuries, the city lost its political and economic relevance and suffered from emigration especially to South America. Those emigrants founded many other cities called Zamora.

**Overnight at the hotel in Zamora.**

### **Day 4: Zamora – León**

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, take the train to Leon. Check in at hotel and half day Leon walking tour. First, visit León's splendid Gothic cathedral with its stained-glass windows. Afterwards we visit the following sights: San Isidoro Basilica, Plaza Mayor, Plaza de Santa María del Camino and the old quarters with its typical taverns.

Castile and León, known formally as the Community of Castile and León is the largest of the 17 autonomous communities of Spain. Castile and Leon was founded in 1983, when the regions of Castilla la Vieja and Leon were united. Both have been central areas of Spanish medieval history and the importance during that epoch is still evident in many cathedrals, monasteries, castles and fortresses, many of them are preserved in perfect state. Besides its great monumental patrimony, Castile and Leon also offers natural parks and kilometres of practically virginal nature with woods of oaks and cork-oaks.

**Overnight at the hotel in León.**

### **Day 5: León - Puertomarín**

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer to Portomarín.

On our journey we pass some villages and places of interest that are especially important for pilgrims: Balboa, O Cebreiro, Triacastela, Samos Monastery, Sarria and Ferreiros. O Cebreiro is a beautiful little village full of history and also the starting point for many pilgrims from around the world.

Samos Monastery was originally built in the 6th century when "Saint Martin of Dumie" started the promotion of the monastic life style in Galicia..

Check in and afternoon at leisure and **overnight at the hotel in Portomarín.**

### **Day 6: Portomarín - Santiago**

Breakfast at the hotel.

On our way to Santiago we pass the following places: Palas de Rei, Leboeiro, Furelos, Arzúa and Melide. Arrival at Santiago de Compostela. Afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight at the hotel in Santiago.**

### Day 7: Santiago

Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided walking tour to visit the cathedral, the Monastery of San Martín Pinario, Obradoiro and Guintana square and Vilar and Franco street.

Afternoon at leisure. With a surface area of 20.000 square meters the Monastery of San Martín Pinario is the second largest religious monument in Santiago after the cathedral. The main façade which is held in Baroque style, like most of the rest of the work, is 100m long. The old church was founded in the 12th century and the current one dates back to the 17th century. The church has an impressive Plateresque façade from the late 16th century. Peña y Toro, Melchor de Velasco and Domingo de Andrade, three of the best artists of the time, were involved in the decoration.

From Plaza del Obradoiro the cathedral's enormity and sheer grandeur can be admired at its best. Sharing the name of the great baroque facade that is one of its centrepieces, the paved cathedral square comprises a whole ensemble of architectural gems.

In the evening, free time for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight at the hotel in Santiago.**

### Day 8: Santiago - departure day

Breakfast at the hotel.

Long distance transfer to Porto and departure from Porto airport.

**End of services**

### PRICES

PRICE PER PERSON & PACKAGE	APR - OCT	JUL - AUG
<b>Standard class</b>	<b>2,741 €</b>	<b>2,804 €</b>
Single supplement	<b>637 €</b>	<b>631 €</b>
<b>First class</b>	<b>2,833 €</b>	<b>2,965 €</b>
Single supplement	<b>654 €</b>	<b>775 €</b>

\* Prices per person based on double room & bb basis. Taxes included. Valid for minimum 2 traveling pax.

\* Prices subject to availability and possible fluctuations in any of the requested services at the time of final booking.

**Validity: until October 2025**

## INCLUSION

CITY & NIGHTS	TRANSFERS	SIGHTSEEING	MEALS
<b>2n Porto</b>	Private car as per itinerary (except Zamora -Leon by train)	Half day Porto city tour on regular basis, including some samplings of traditional food	Breakfasts Wine tasting at winery
<b>1n Zamora</b>		Full day excursion to Douro wine region, including winery visit	
<b>1n León</b>		Half day Zamora walking tour Half day León walking tour	
<b>1n Puertomarín</b>			
<b>2n Santiago de Compostela</b>		Half day Santiago walking tour	

### Price does not include:

- Tips or guests' extras.
- Any other service not mentioned in the programme/ itinerary described.
- Train tickets, please find supplement below:
  - Train Zamora – Leon:  
per person on tourist class: from 69,00 € (+ 4% handling fee)