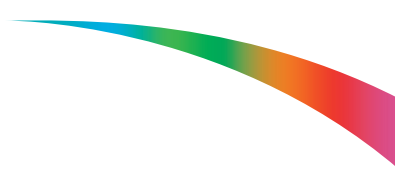




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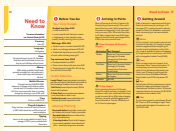


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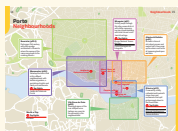
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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



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Tips for a smooth trip



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What's where

## Explore Porto

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**  
Make the most of your visit



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The insider's city

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The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



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Including where to stay

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 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Internet Access       |  Metro           |
|  Wi-Fi Access          |  Subway          |
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|  English-Language Menu |  Train           |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Porto. The bar's showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open daily, 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [barhemingway.com](http://barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritzy, 6.30pm-2am.

## Lonely Planet's Porto

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Porto.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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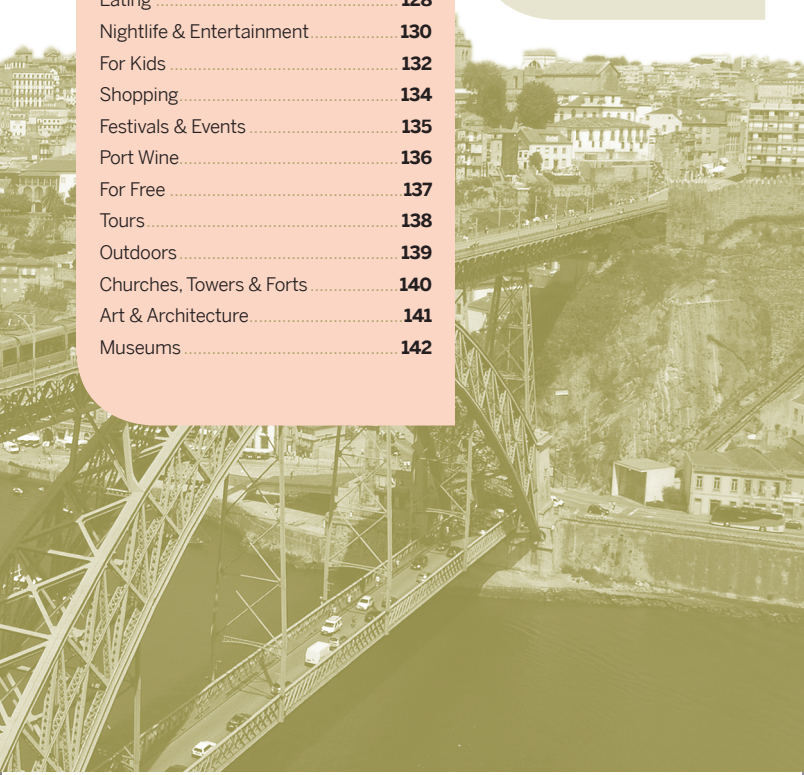
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## Welcome to Porto

You can't always see the river in Porto, but you can feel it – running as smoothly as aged tawny being decanted in the port lodges marching grandly up its south bank. Hammered to the west by Atlantic waves, Porto entices with a pristine medieval centre, edgy architecture, high-spirited nightlife and a whole lot of soul. Trust us, you'll soon be smitten.

*Barcos rabelos* (traditional wooden boats used to transport wine)  
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# Porto

## Top Sights

### Sé (p24)

Gazing proudly over Porto from its hilltop perch, the fortress-like Sé evokes the city's past in its architecture and wields historical clout as the cathedral where Prince Henry the Navigator was baptised and King John I married.







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## Igreja de São Francisco (p26)

Dripping with gold leaf, this church's indulgent feast of baroque will bowl you over. Note the masterful Tree of Jesse in the nave and wander the eerie catacombs in contemplative silence.

## 10 Top Sights

### Palácio da Bolsa (p28)

Evoking the riches of the past, no expense was spared on the Stock Exchange Palace's mosaic- and mural-lined halls, gorgeous swoop of a staircase and kaleidoscopic Arabian Hall.



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### Museu Nacional Soares dos Reis (p64)

A palatial repository for Porto's standout fine and decorative arts collection, this museum heaves with everything from the sensual sculpture of António Soares dos Reis to Dutch painting and Chinese porcelain.



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### Centro Português de Fotografia (p66)

This former jailhouse now rocks with exhibitions zooming in on contemporary photography and takes you back to a sepia-hued age with its collection of early-days cameras.



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## Jardim do Palácio de Cristal (p96)

Peacocks parade around these botanical gardens spread lushly across the heights of Massarelos. The more you wander, the more you're drawn to hidden pockets of greenery where fountains burble and *miradouros* (lookouts) command dress-circle city views.



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## Casa da Música (p106)

Praise by critics exalts the acoustic wonders and architectural marvels of Porto's space-age concert hall, designed by Dutch daredevil Rem Koolhaas and home to the Porto National Orchestra.



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## Serralves (p120)

Out of the way but well worth the detour, Serralves brings together avant-garde architecture, cutting-edge art, a sculpture-strewn park and a bijou art-deco mansion in one harmonious whole.



# Porto Local Life

*Insider tips to help you find the real city*

Click into the city's unique groove by taking the lead of locals: dipping into quaint fishing villages and boho-cool neighbourhoods, peeling back the layers of Jewish heritage in cobbled backstreets and partying in retro-cool bars.

## Galerias Bar Crawl (p44)

- ▶ Bar-hopping
- ▶ Late-night parties

Every inch the hipster party pen, Galerias has bumper-to-bumper bars made for crawling – from artsy-dowdy to vintage-chic, Parisian bordello to urbane sophisticate. Let the music and good vibes take you to nocturnal nirvana.

## Jewish Porto (p68)

- ▶ Jewish heritage
- ▶ Old-world charm

Flick back to one of the most fascinating epochs in Porto's history with a mosey around this medieval warren of backstreets. You'll get an

eye-opening sense of how Jewish life once thrived here, as well as snapshot city views from high-perched *miradouros* (lookouts).

## Afurada (p92)

- ▶ Fish lunch (or supper)
- ▶ Riverfront walks

The lure of the sea is tangible in this speck of a village, reached by a little boat that splutters across the river. In a trend-obsessed world, Afurada is a restorative blast of go-slow nostalgia, with men hauling in the day's catch and women dishing the dirt at the public laundry.

## Exploring Rua Miguel Bombarda (p98)

- ▶ Gallery-hopping
- ▶ Hipster hang-outs

Splashed with street art, Rua Miguel Bombarda is a new wave of galleries, boutiques, vintage shops and concept stores bringing fledgling designers and fresh-faced Porto creatives to the fore.

## Foz do Douro (p116)

- ▶ Beach walks
- ▶ Fine dining

Out west, Foz do Douro lures locals and travellers with beach bars and excellent restaurants. Walk the seafront esplanade, thrashed by Atlantic waves, or just kick back on the beach.



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Ar de Rio (p86)

Mercado do Bolhão (p61)

Other great places to experience the city like a local:

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