Porto  Spend two days exploring this fascinating city, visiting historical Ribeira, azulejo-covered churches and the Museu da Misericórdia do Porto. 

Vila Nova de Gaia  This hillside across the river from the city centre is where you’ll find Porto’s oldest wine lodges.

Braga  Portugal’s third-largest city is a place of narrow lanes, baroque churches, religious festivals and one remarkable cathedral.

Amarante  Visit an art-filled monastery, stroll beside pretty riverbanks and sample local delicacies.

Lamego  Explore the picturesque old centre, then make the ascent up the country’s most famous tile-covered stairway.

Pinhão  A fine base for vineyard tours, nature walks and indulging in great food and wine.

Parque Arqueológico do Vale do Côa  Explore the most impressive Palaeolithic site in Iberia on a guided tour.