



Porto City Centre

This walking tour winds its way through the city centre, skirting the edge of the Ribeira before running along the river to Porto's main river bridge. The route takes in some of the city's architectural highlights and two of the best waterfront dining areas.

Start Torre dos Clérigos

Distance 2km

Duration Two to three hours

1 Begin at the baroque **Torre dos Clérigos**, which offers unrivalled views over Porto from its 76m-high tower.

2 Admire the beaux arts splendour of **Avenida dos Aliados**; most of the grand buildings are hotels and banks; the palatial town hall stands at one end.



3 One of Porto's architectural highlights, the French-inspired **São Bento Train Station** boasts some astounding *azulejos* in its main hall.

4 Near the end of Rua das Flores stands Nicolau Nasoni's baroque masterpiece, the **Igreja da Misericórdia**, part of the Museu da Misericórdia do Porto.

5 At the neoclassical **Palácio da Bolsa** check out the main courtyard (once Porto's stock exchange) for free, or stay on for a tour.



6 Just next door to the Palácio da Bolsa is the **Igreja de São Francisco**, a severe Gothic facade hiding a jaw-dropping golden interior.

7 In Rua da Alfândega you'll find the medieval **Casa do Infante**, the birthplace of Henry the Navigator and the site of some remarkable Roman ruins.

Take a Break... Just off the route, Jimão is a great place for tapas and wine, or afternoon coffee and snacks.

Classic Photo
Porto's waterfront



8 The **Waterfront Esplanade** is a great place to grab an outdoor table at one of its cafes and enjoy the splendid city views across the Douro.

