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.

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.