***Medieval Porto and Douro River***

Price:  **25 €** (travel and tickets included)

Guide: Dr. Nuno Resende (Art Historian, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto).

The purpose of the visit is to understand the evolution of Porto, following the town planning and the union of two nucleous (the religious acropolis and the civic and commercial bank of the river), observing the outline of the missing Gothic wall and following some arteries of elite and of specific trades. On the other hand, we will take the opportunity to understand the impact of the establishment in medieval town of the main ecclesiastical orders: the Franciscans and the Dominicans. The boat trip will allow us to grasp the city's different phases of expansion.

**8h45m**: Meeting point at Faculdade de Letras
**9h00:** Departure by bus

**9h30-12h30**
Gothic City Wall
Santa Clara Church

Cathedral
Arch of Santa Ana
São Domingos Square / Rua das Flores axis
São Francisco Church

**13h30-15h00**
Free time to lunch (at one's expense) at Ribeira, close to the river

**15h00-18h00**
Douro River Cruiser *Porto World heritage / The 5 bridges*
Visit to the Burmester Cellars and port wine tasting

**18h30:** Return to Faculdade de Letras by bus.

*Medieval Braga and Guimarães*

Price:  20 € (travel and tickets included)

Guide: Dr. Maria Leonor Botelho (Art Historian, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto)

The visit to the historical centres of the cities of Guimarães and Braga aims essentially to understand the historical and artistic organization of the main structures of these cities and its crucial role in the military and religious history of the Portuguese Middle Ages. During this period, Braga was the most important religious center. Regarding Guimarães, in the course of the pedestrian circuit between the Castle and the Collegiate, explanation will be provided on the urban relevance of the street of Santa Maria as a structural element of the city development.

**8h45m:** Meeting point at Faculdade de Letras
**9h00:** Departure by bus

**Braga**
**10h00m**
São Frutuoso de Montélios (7th Century Church and Baroque Church)
Braga Cathedral (11th to 18th Century)

13h00-14h00
Free time to lunch (at one's expense) at the Centre of Braga (Meeting point at 14h00: Largo / Square do Paço – Reitoria / Rectorship of the Universidade do Minho)

**Guimarães**
**15h00-18h00**
São Mamede Castle (Foundation: 12th C.)
Nossa Senhora da Oliveira Collegiate (Foundation: 10th C.)
Centre of Guimarães (World Heritage)

**18h30:** Return to Porto (Faculdade de Letras) by bus.

*Medieval and Baroque Coimbra*

Price: 30 € (travel and tickets included)

Guide: Dr. Maria Amélia Campos (Medieval Historian, CHSC/Universidade de Coimbra)

In this visit two approaches are at work to present Coimbra. The first make know the city through a visit to historical places as the University, the Old Cathedral and the Monastery of Santa Cruz. The second aims to give knowledge of the most modern diffusion and patrimonial conservation strategies and infrastructures, through the visits to the National Museum Machado de Castro and the Monastery of Santa Clara-a-Velha (Museum). In a chronological extension of many centuries, we will visit the *Alta* (uptown) and *Baixa* (downtown) areas of the city and the left bank of the river Mondego.

**8h45m:** Meeting point at Faculdade de Letras
**9h00:** Departure by bus

**Coimbra**
**10h30-12h00**
Old Coimbra University and the Joanine Library (Biblioteca Joanina)

**12h00-13h30**
Machado de Castro National Museum and visit to the Criptoportico

13h30-14h45
Free time to lunch (at one's expense) near the Museum and the University facilities.

**15h00**
Old Cathedral (Sé Velha)

**16h00**
Santa Cruz Monastery

* Transfer by bus to the left bank of the river Mondego.

**17h00**
Santa Clara-a-Velha Monastery

**18h30:** Return to Porto (Faculdade de Letras) by bus