

A wide-angle photograph of a large, multi-decked cruise ship, the 'Scenic Azure', navigating a river. The ship is white with blue accents and has a glass-enclosed upper deck. It is moving towards the right side of the frame. The river is a deep blue, and the background shows a hazy, distant shoreline under a clear sky. The ship's name 'SCENIC AZURE' is visible on its side.

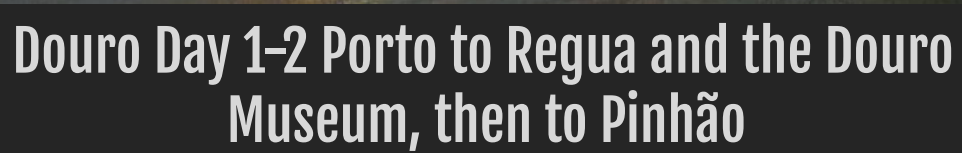
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The second part of our European holiday was spent in Portugal enjoying the many delights of the Douro River as we took a cruise on the Scenic Azure up the river to the Spanish border - plus a quick bus trip to the old Spanish town of Salamanca. The Douro is navigable since the completion of the 5 dams which require skilfull negotiation through the locks with only centimetres of clearance. The Douro valley is justly proud of its scenery, culture and of course great wines. We especially liked exploring the old city of Porto with its steep narrow streets and wonderful architecture. We could have done without Dave's fall and subsequent trip to emergency to fix a damaged little finger.

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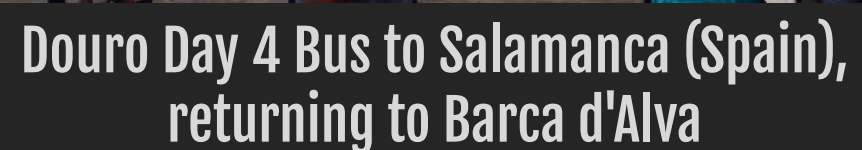


On the next day we started...

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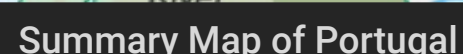


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A 5x6 grid of 30 small images showing various scenes from the city of Sarajevo. The images include historical buildings, bridges, and landscapes. Some images are in color, while others are in black and white. The grid is arranged in 5 rows and 6 columns. The first row shows a mix of architectural details and street scenes. The second row features more architectural shots and a view of the city from a distance. The third row includes a bridge, a river, and a view of the city. The fourth row shows a bridge, a river, and a view of the city. The fifth row features a bridge, a river, and a view of the city.

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Porto before Douro Cruise

On our first day in Portugal we explored the older parts of Porto - a delightful old city with narrow steep streets and masses of tourists. Lots of old architecture and statues plus the wonderful blue and white tiles in the São Bento Railway Station. Porto is the largest city in nortern Portugal and is situated near to the mouth of the River Douro.



Map of Porto Central Area

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Ponte de Dom Luis I and Mosteiro Serra do Pilar, Porto



Narrow Porto steep cobbled lane (R. Mercadores)



Road junction in Porto with the pharmacy we frequented



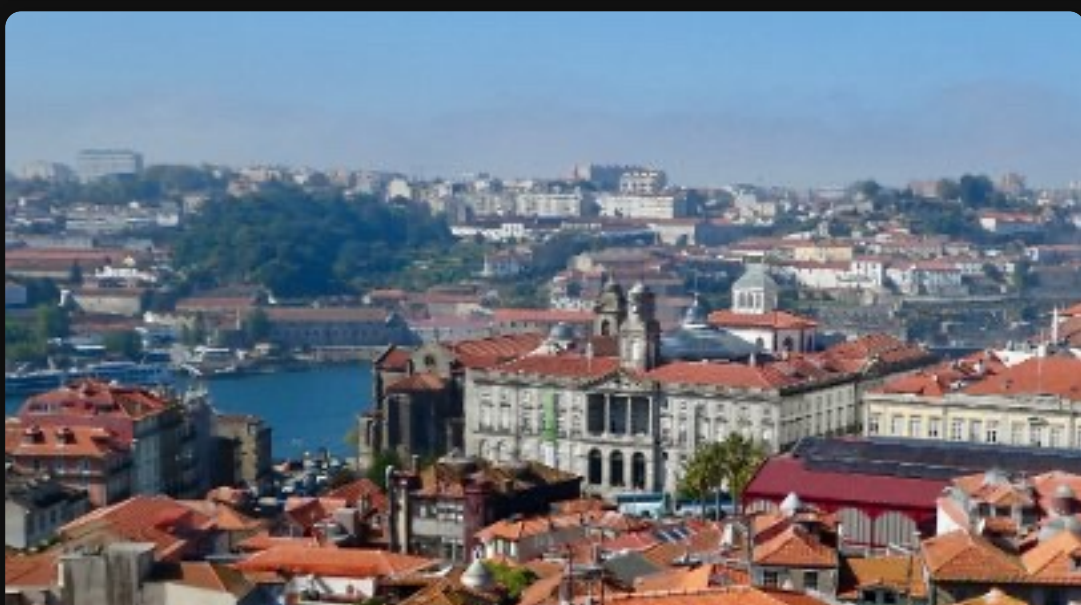
Another steep lane with religious niche, Porto



Museum de Artes Sacra e Arqueologie, Porto



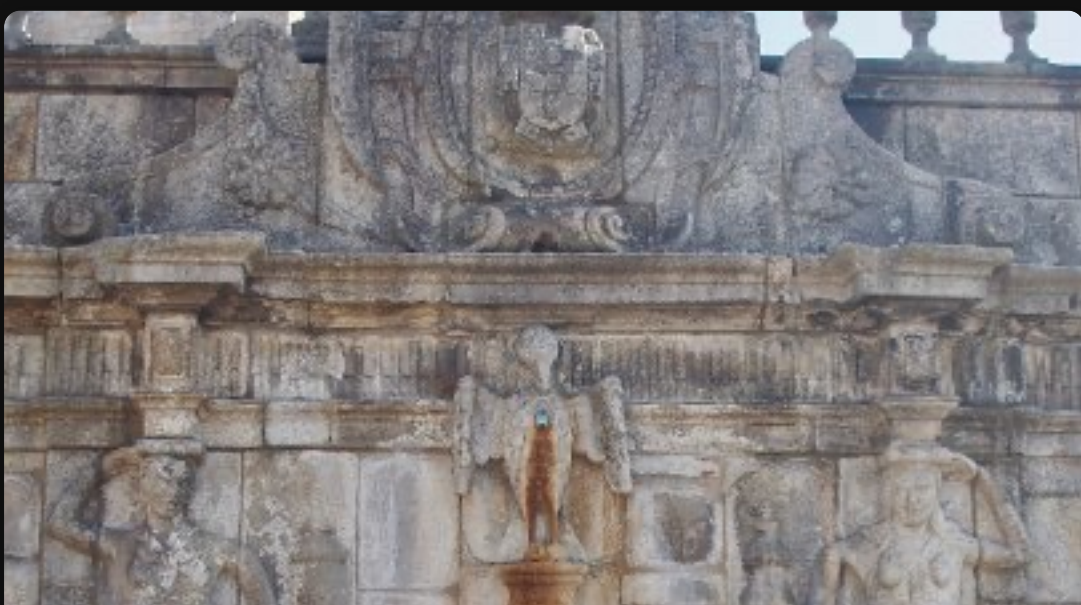
Our Porto hotel from above with blue-tiled hostel behind



Old part of Porto with River Douro and port wineries on south bank



Rooftop view of older part Porto with sea fog on the River Douro



Fountain Chafariz da Rua Escura (with two ladies on each side and Portugese coat-of-arms above), Porto



Monument outside Porto Cathedral and old tower behind



Porto Cathedral exterior



Porto Cathedral interior



Gated chapel in Porto Cathedral



Equestrian statue of Vimara Peres (820-873) outside Porto Cathedral



Tiles at Porto's São Bento Railway Station



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Igreja de Santo Antonio dos Congregados, near Porto's São Bento Railway Station



Tiled buildings along Rua das Flores, Porto



Igreja da Misericórdia on Rua das Flores, Porto



Decorated balconies with plants and flowers, Porto



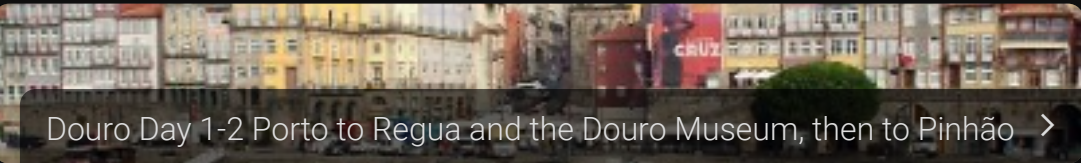
Flowers along Rua das Flores, Porto



Statue of Prince Henry the Navigator in front of Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace), Porto



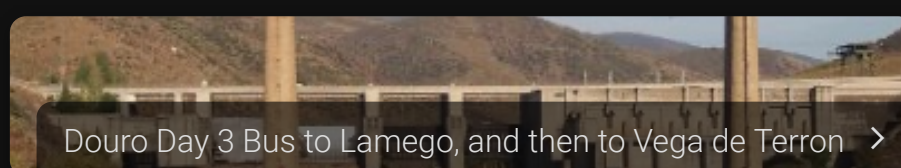
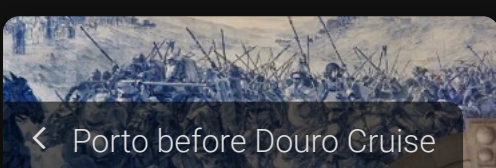
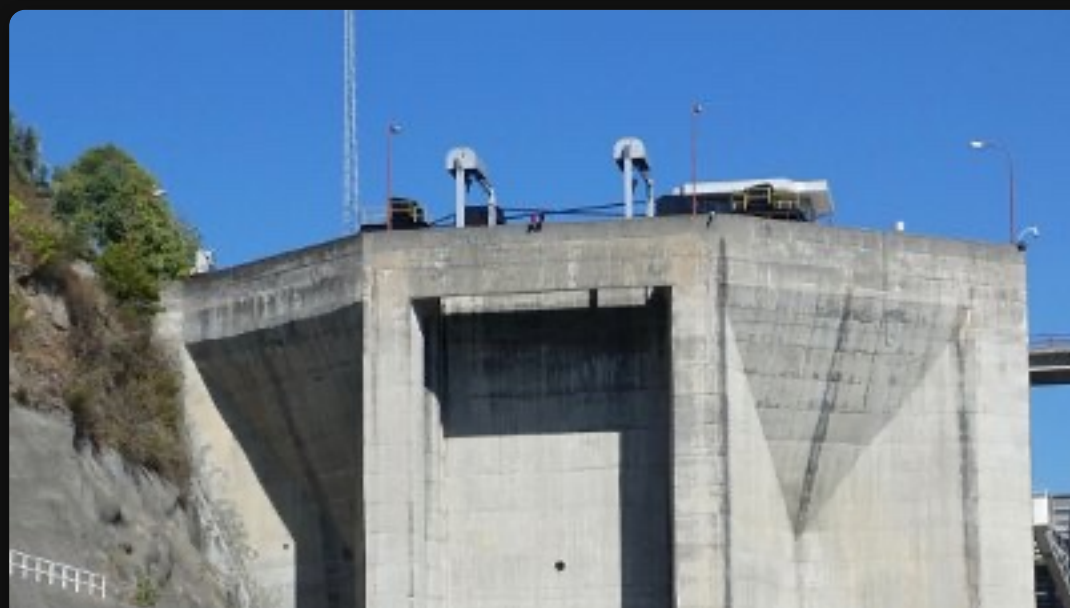
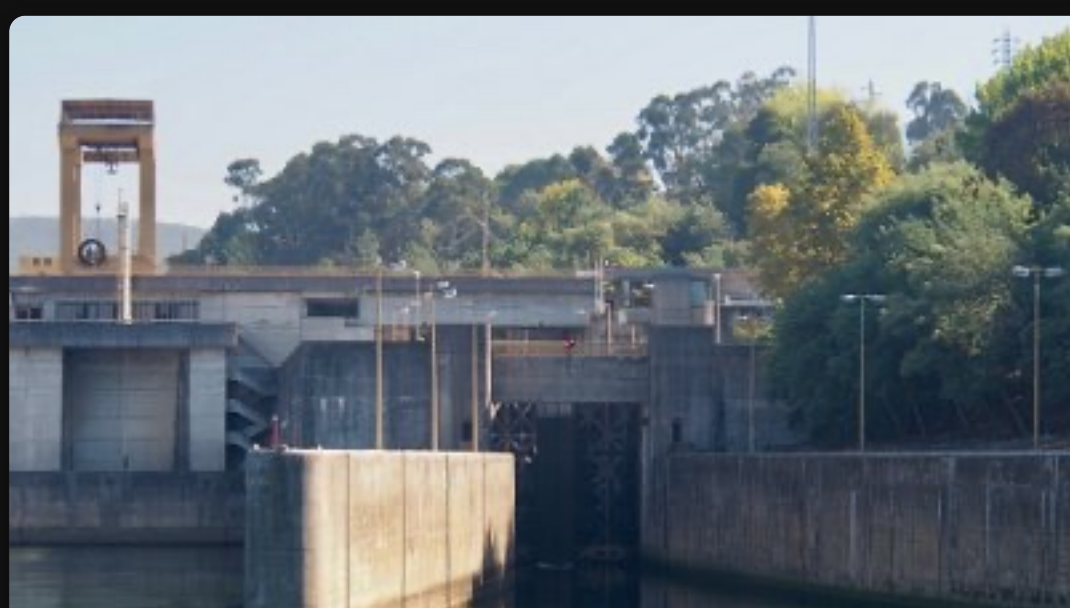
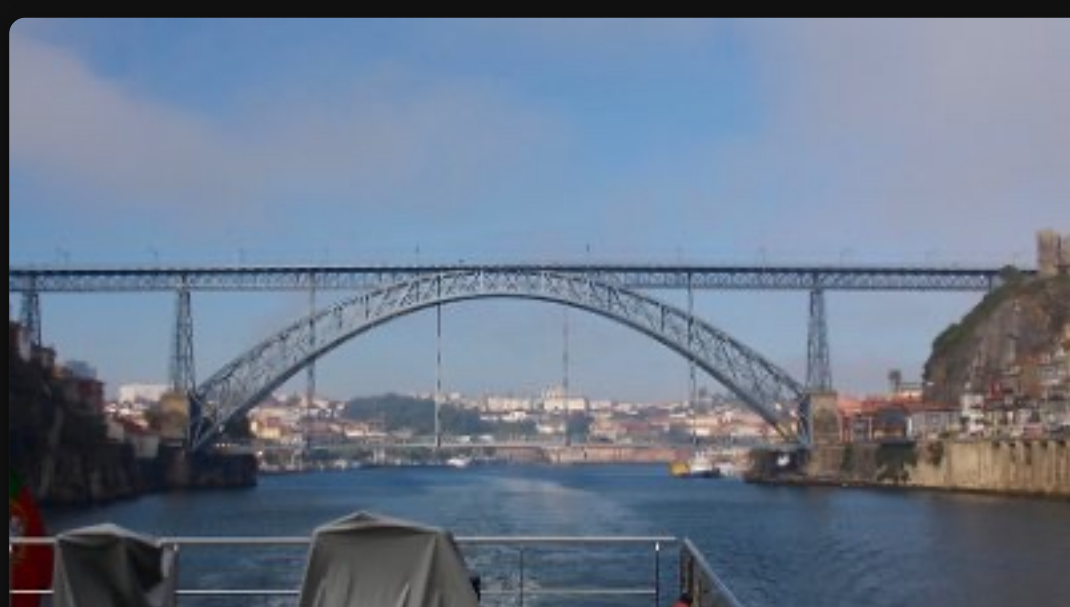
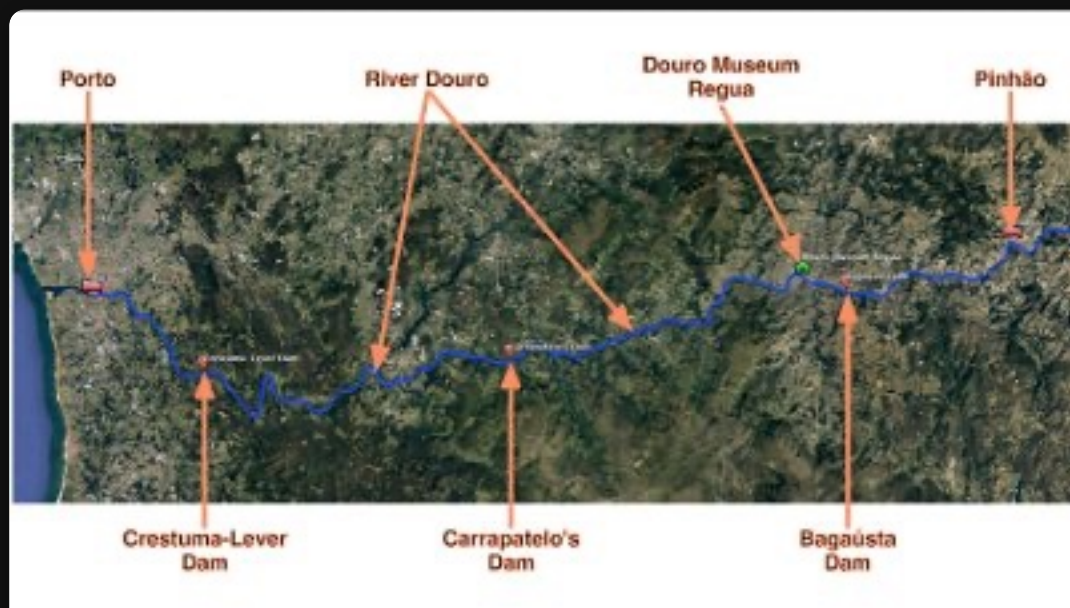
Bluesock Hostel in Porto near where Dave fell and damaged his little finger

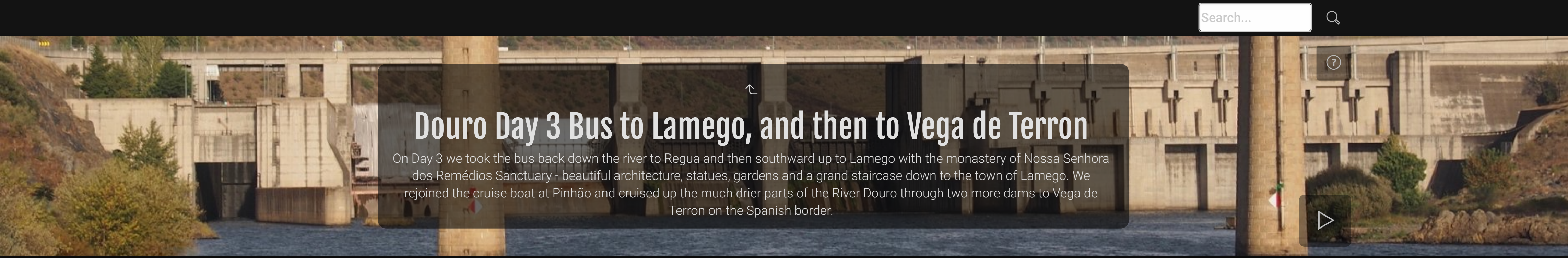


Douro Day 1-2 Porto to Régua and the Douro Museum, then to Pinhão ➤

Douro Day 1-2 Porto to Regua and the Douro Museum, then to Pinhão

After an exciting evening visiting the Emergency Department at Porto's main hospital we joined the Scenic Azure near to our hotel. On the next day we started up the river negotiating two of the Douro dams and stopped at Regua to visit the Douro Museum. We then went on to Pinhão by bus and rejoined the cruise boat which arrived before us.





Map of Douro - Pinhão to Vega de Terron

[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Along the Douro on bus to Lamego



Along the Douro on bus to Lamego



New A24 motorway bridge near Regua



Railway bridge near Regua



Twin towers of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Front of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Statues in gardens of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Detail on front of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Statue in gardens of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Interior ceiling of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Interior of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Painted tile mural in the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Museum at Lamego



Staircase down from the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Lamego



Tapestry in Lamego Museum



Golden chapel in Lamego Museum



Much drier up here



Cruising much drier terrain



Upstream side of Valeira Dam



Steep rocky walls to Douro valley with a small space for a railway line



Not much space for vineyards here



Vineyards and olives all the way up the hillside



Tributary to Douro with yet more vineyards



New vineyards with olives above



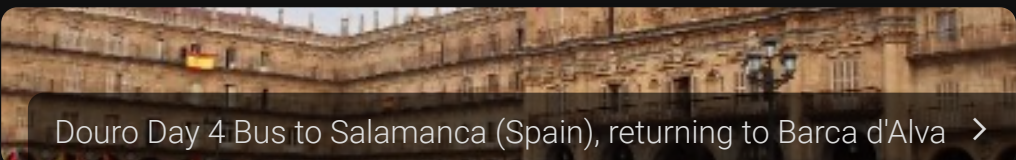
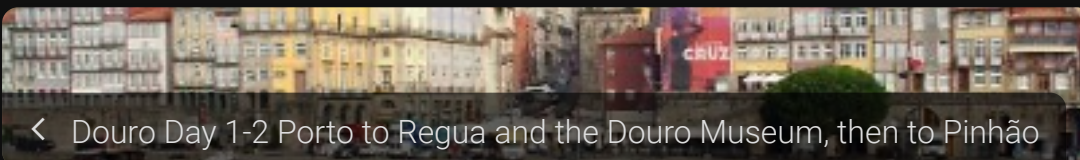
Approaching Pocinho Dam and railway bridge

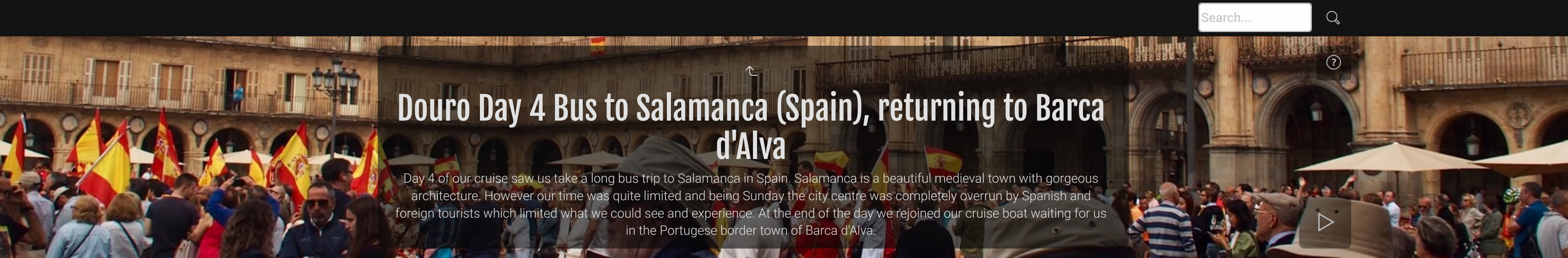


Entering the lock at Pocinho Dam



Inside the lock at Pocinho Dam





Map of Vega de Terron to Barca d'Alva and Salamanca (Spain)

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Salamanca Architecture



La Plaza Mayor with end of Unity demonstration



La Plaza Mayor, Salamanca



Romanesque archway, Salamanca



Elephant sculpture by Miguel Barceló



Statue to Maestro Salinas, Salamanca



Statue to Fr Luis de Leon, Salamanca



The Shell House, Salamanca



University, Salamanca



Side door to new Cathedral, Salamanca



Main entrance to new Cathedral, Salamanca



Interior of new Cathedral, Salamanca



Interior of old Cathedral, Salamanca



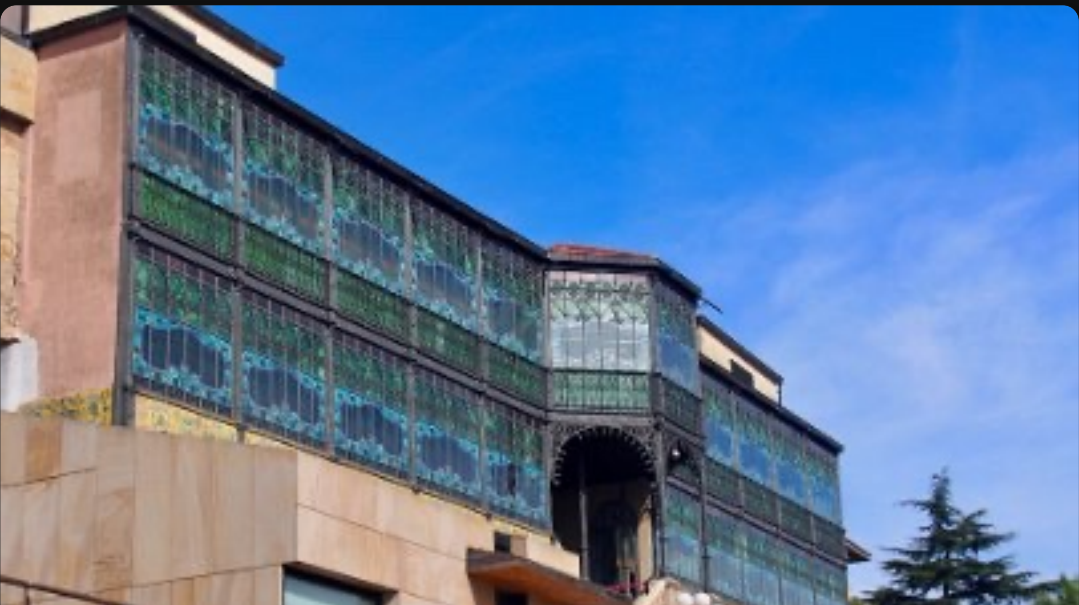
Cathedrals of Salamanca - new (behind) and old (infront)



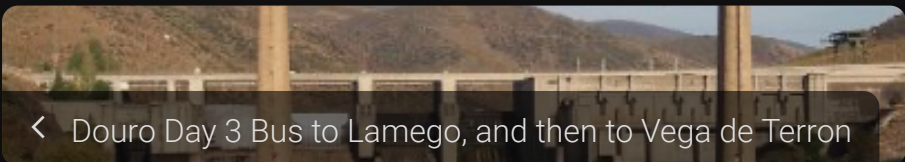
University, Salamanca

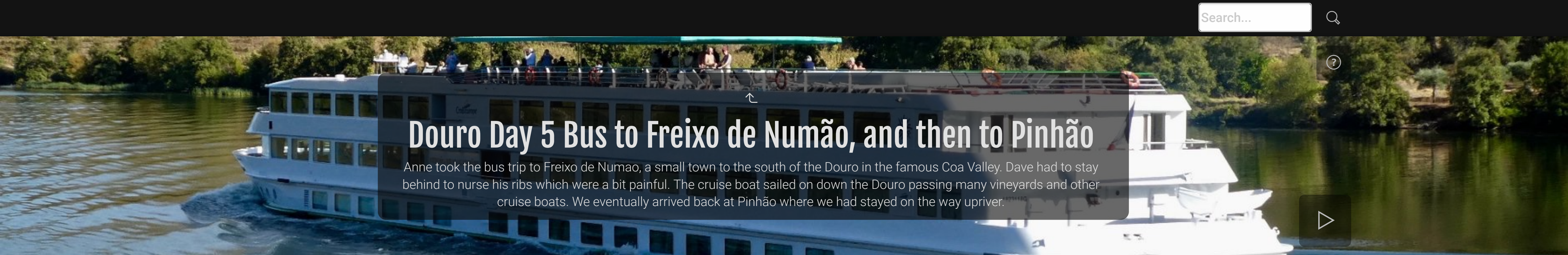


University and hotel, Salamanca



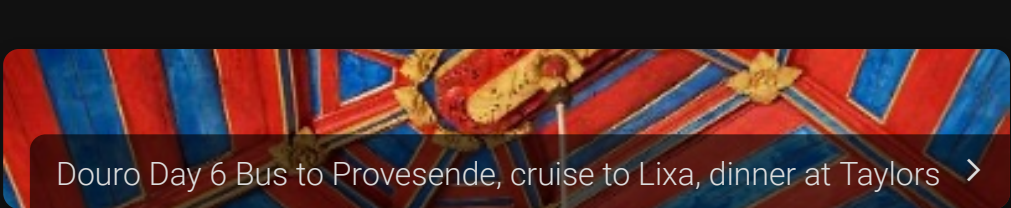
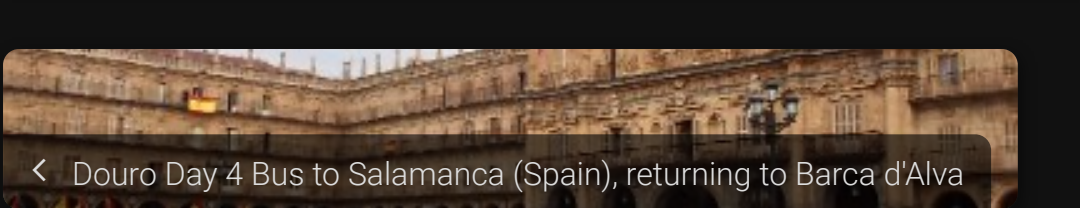
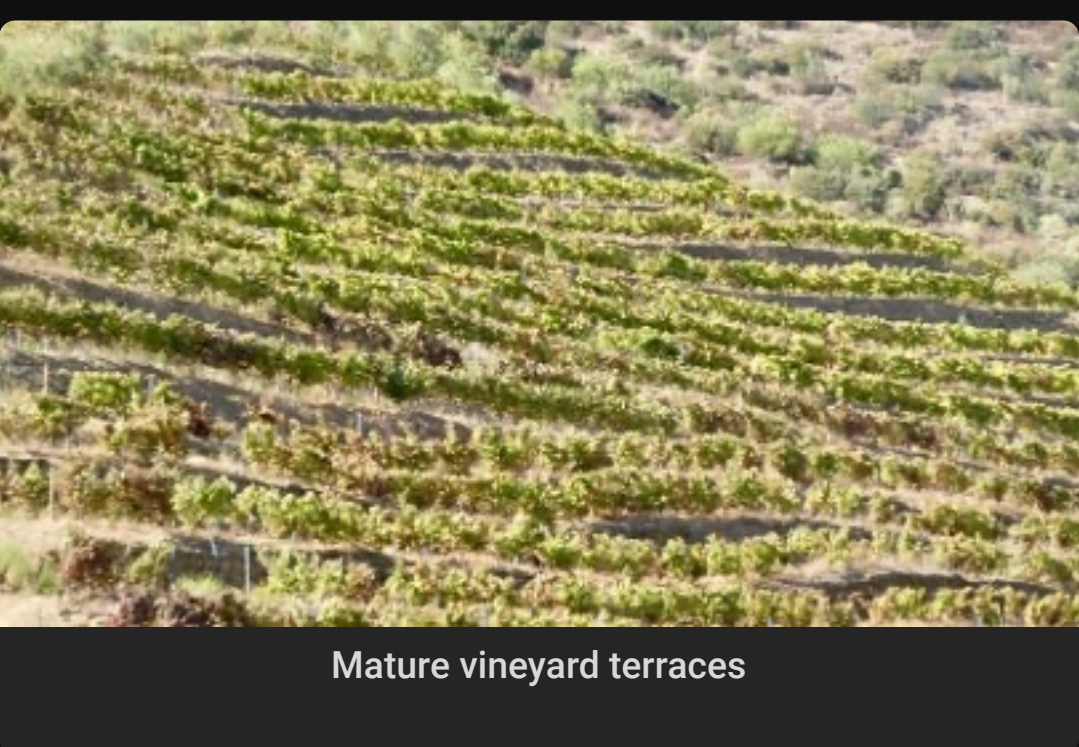
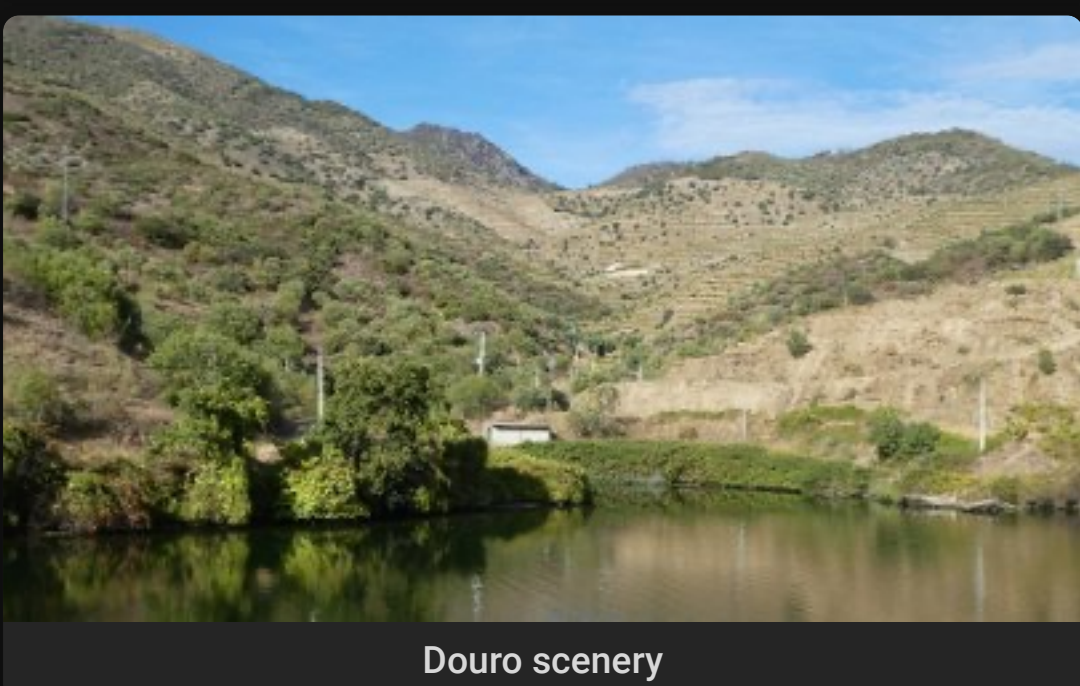
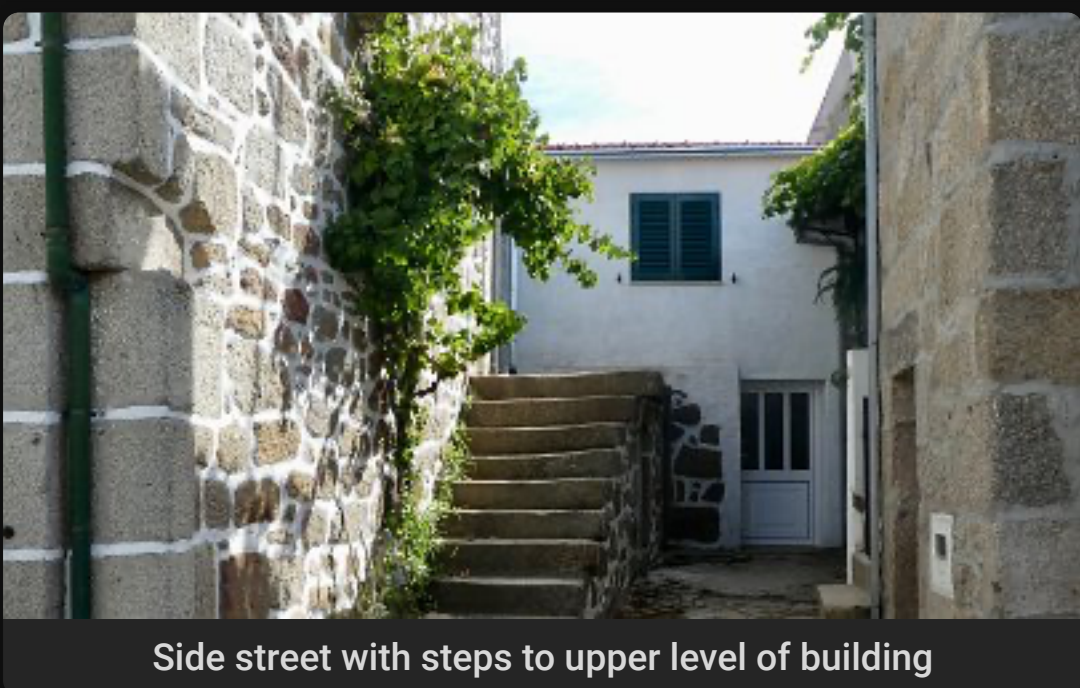
Casa Lis Museo Art Nouveau, Salamanca





Douro Day 5 Bus to Freixo de Numão, and then to Pinhão

Anne took the bus trip to Freixo de Numao, a small town to the south of the Douro in the famous Coa Valley. Dave had to stay behind to nurse his ribs which were a bit painful. The cruise boat sailed on down the Douro passing many vineyards and other cruise boats. We eventually arrived back at Pinhão where we had stayed on the way upriver.

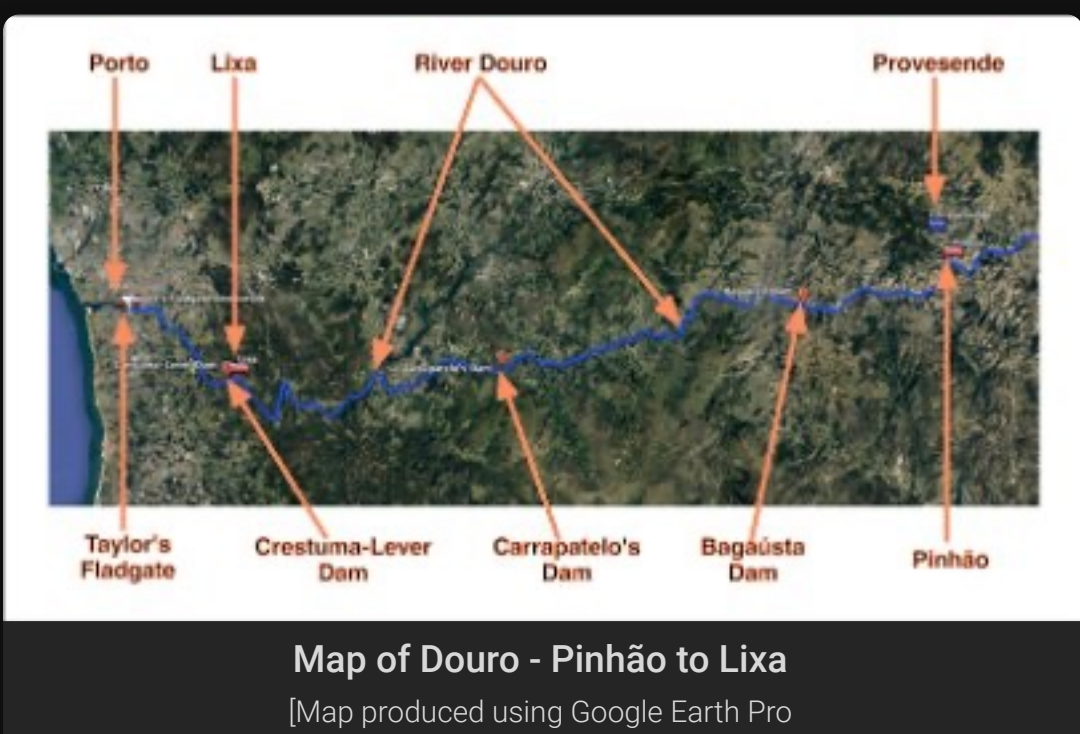


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Douro Day 6 Bus to Provesende, cruise to Lixa, dinner at Taylors

On Day 6 we took another bus trip to Provesende a delightful small town on the plateau just to the north of Pinhão. The town is full of beautifully restored old buildings with marvellous decorations inside and out. The Café Bar Arado was a great hit to all with their wonderful collection of brica-brac sculptures. While the cruise boat waited at Lixa, we took a bus to our special dinner at the restaurant at Taylors Fladgate a port winery on the south side of the Douro opposite Porto - with a Fado trio providing accompanying music.

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Map of Douro - Pinhão to Lixa

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View of small town on way to Provesende



Cross in town square of Provesende



Water trough in Provesende



Stone coat-of-arms on renovated building in Provesende



House decoration in Provesende



Wall decoration in Provesende



Building corner decoration in Provesende



Narrow street leading to town square of Provesende



Renovated building on town square in Provesende



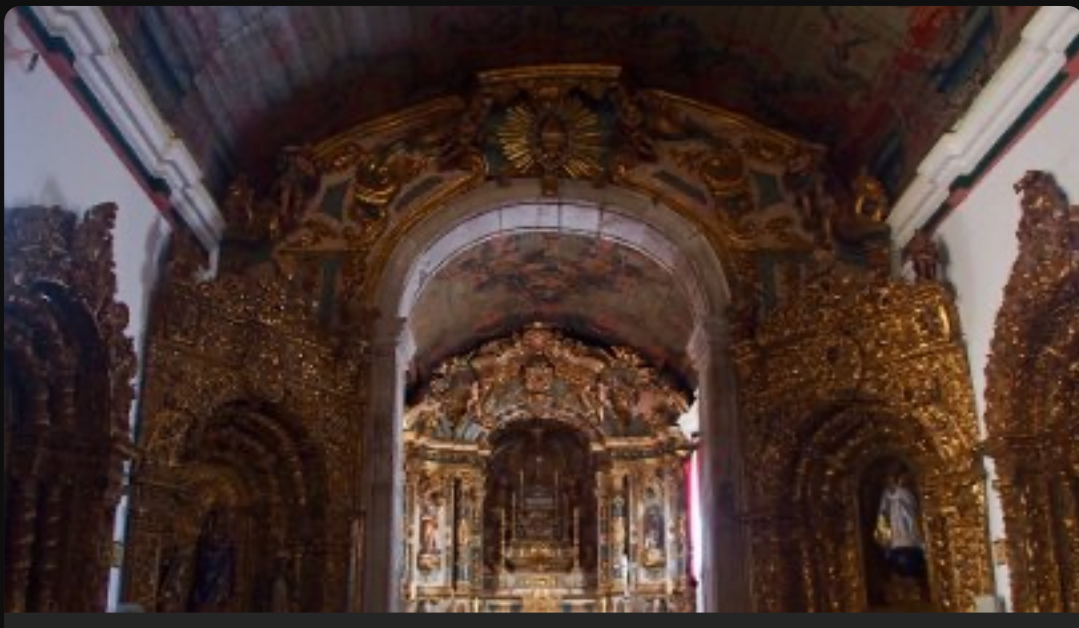
Decorative vines on building in Provesende



Igreja Matriz tower in Provesende



Front of Igreja Matriz in Provesende



Interior of Igreja Matriz in Provesende



Painting on ceiling of Igreja Matriz in Provesende



Organ loft and painted ceiling of Igreja Matriz in Provesende



Carob tree with drying pods in Provesende



Town bakery oven in Provesende



Rear of Fonte Velha in Provesende



Basket maker in Provesende



Building showing old wall in Provesende



House with decorated old wall in Provesende



Front of Morgadio de Calçadas in Provesende



Detail from front of Morgadio de Calçadas in Provesende



Painted wooden roof in Morgadio de Calçadas in Provesende



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Shelf with coat-of-arms in Morgadio de Calçadas in Provesende



Old pendulum clock in Morgadio de Calçadas in Provesende



Old chapel altar in Provesende



Patterned cobbles in Provesende



Gent with pot carrying traditional grape harvest basket in Café Bar Arado in Provesende



Well developed lady pushing her barrow of pots and pans in Café Bar Arado in Provesende



Handy transportation device in Café Bar Arado in Provesende



Town views from Provesende



Renovated old house with views in Provesende



Rooms with view in Provesende



Interior of church in Provesende



Interior of church in Provesende



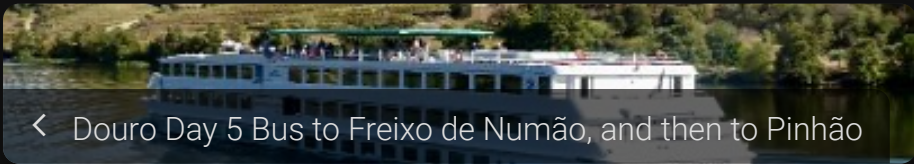
Vines galore on way back from Provesende



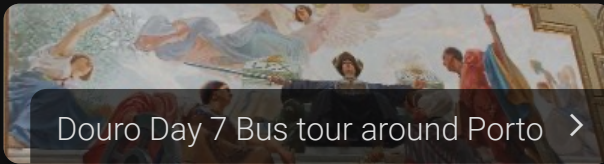
Dinner at Taylor's Fladgate Restaurant, Villa Nova de Gaia



Anne and Dave on balcony of Taylor's Fladgate Restaurant, Villa Nova de Gaia
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Douro Day 5 Bus to Freixo de Numão, and then to Pinhão



Douro Day 7 Bus tour around Porto

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Our last day of the cruise began with an early cruise through the lock of the Crestuma-Lever dam and then on to where we had joined the cruise in Porto. We then did a bus tour of Porto seeing many of the sites that we had missed on our first day in Porto. The highlight was the Palácio da Bolsa or Stock Exchange Palace with fabulous murals and ceilings throughout.



Map of Porto Central Area
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Interesting trees in Jardim da Cordoaria



Estátua de Camilo Castelo Branco and Catholic Church behind - near Torre dos Clérigos



Torre dos Clérigos Church



Torre dos Clérigos Church



Soares dos Reis National Museum



Casa da Música



Statue of Henry the Navigator (1418-1433) in park infront of Stock Exchange Palace



Mercado Ferreira Borges - old market now a night club and restaurant



View into Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



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Ceiling in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



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Centenary plaque for the Stock Exchange of Porto



Mural in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Ceiling in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Mural in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Glass roof in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Ceiling in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Room in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Detail of Ceiling in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Exquisite flooring in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



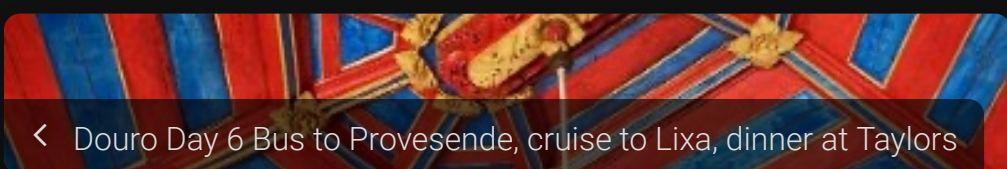
1889 commemorative panel of the Stock Exchange of Porto



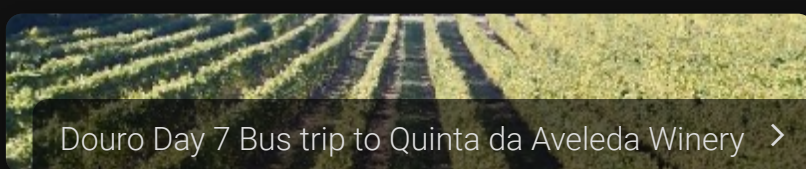
Ceiling in Arabian Room in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



Ceiling in Arabian Room in Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



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Douro Day 7 Bus trip to Quinta da Avelada Winery >



Douro Day 7 Bus trip to Quinta da Aveleda Winery

In the afternoon we took another bus trip to the Quinta da Aveleda Winery near Penafiel to the north-east of Porto. The winery gardens include an impressive collection of trees and plants of all descriptions (nice and cool in the afternoon heat). Within the gardens are several quaint buildings with lakes and swans. The main buildings are very fine being carefully guarded by two impressive peacocks.



Map of Douro - Porto and Quinta da Aveleda

[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Flowering plants cover winery buildings at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Plants cover winery buildings at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Peacocks standing guard at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Winery buildings at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Trees in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Trees in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Goat house in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery - note circular ramp for goats



Goat in enclosure in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Fountain and Swan in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Swan in lake in gardens of Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Dave near fountain in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Cosmic House in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



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Cosmic House in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Fountain at Cosmic House in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Old gate in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Main building at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Main building at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Sculpture in front of main building at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Maria and some of our group in front of barrel room at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Red flower in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Flowers in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Flowers in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Walkway in gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Vines at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Vines at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Our favourite wine at Quinta da Aveleda Winery

Douro Day 7 End of cruise in Porto

The Douro Cruise on the Scenic Azure starts and ends at the Cais de Miragaia wharf close to the old part of Porto. When we arrived the seafog was still rolling in from the sea to the west. The next day started very early for our Scenic extension in Madrid, Spain.



Map of Porto Central Area

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Scenic Azure at the Cais de Miragaia, Porto, with sea fog behind



Buildings near the Cais de Miragaia, Porto



Buildings near the Cais de Miragaia, Porto



Scenic Azure at the Cais de Miragaia, Porto, with sea fog behind



Scenic Azure at the Cais de Miragaia, Porto, with sea fog behind



Converted Rabelo in light sea fog on the Douro at Porto



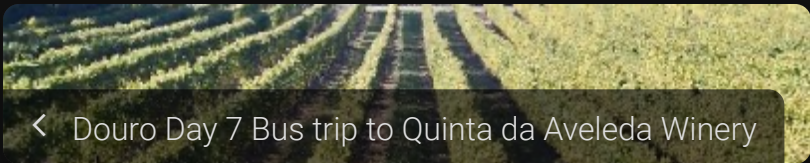
Part of old city wall near the Cais de Miragaia, Porto



Anne before returning on board the Scenic Azure at the Cais de Miragaia, Porto



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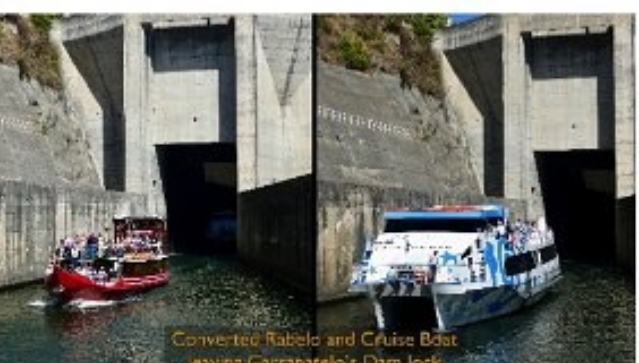
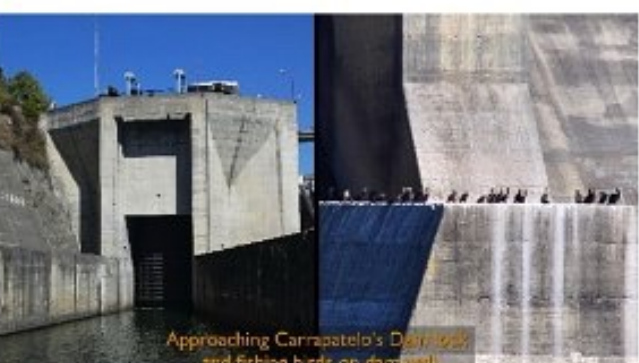
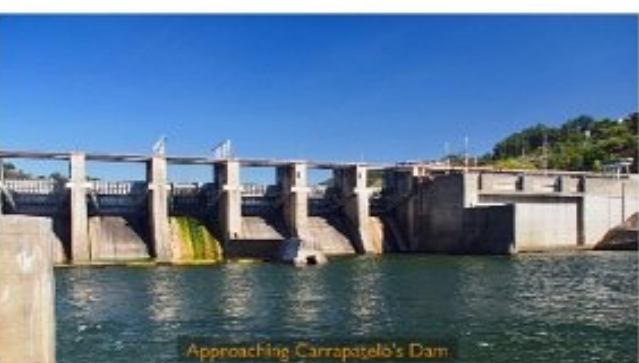
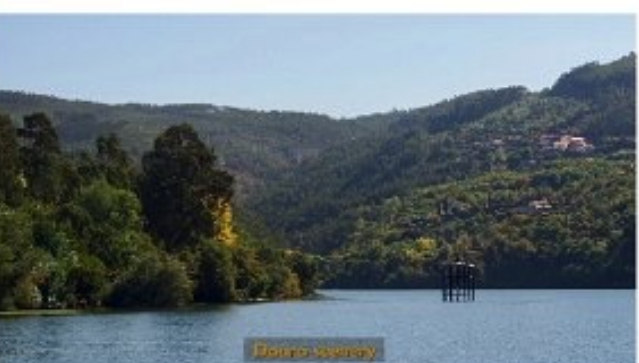
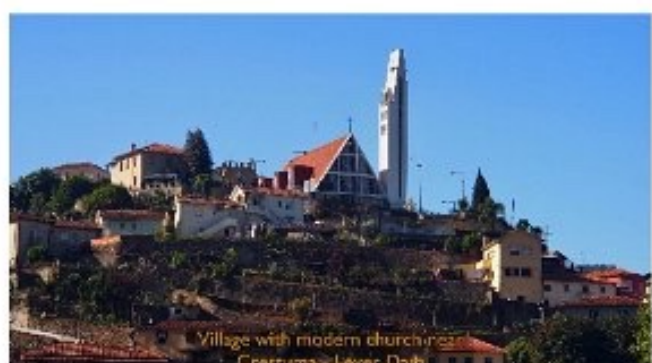
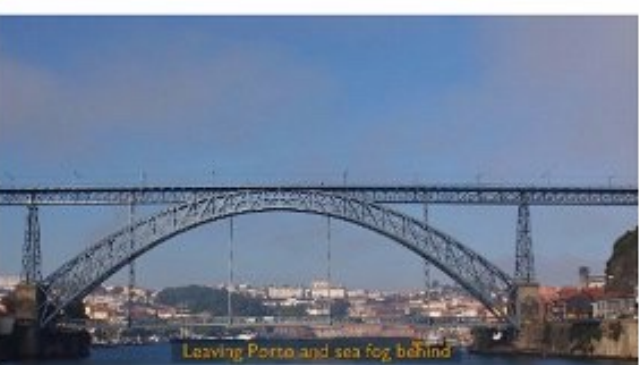
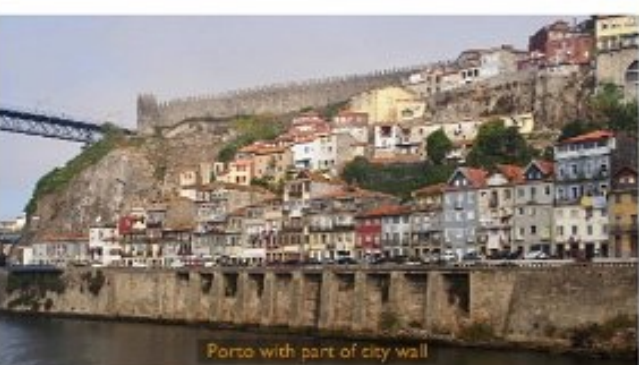
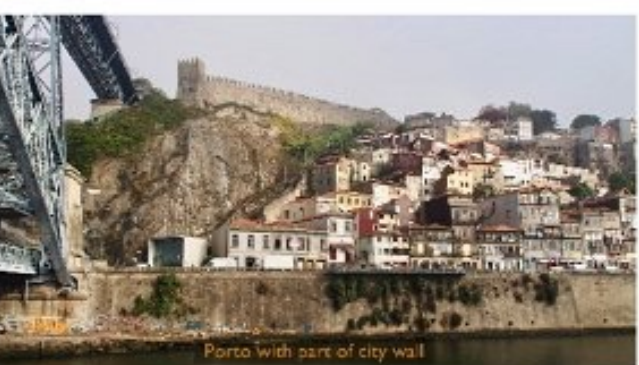
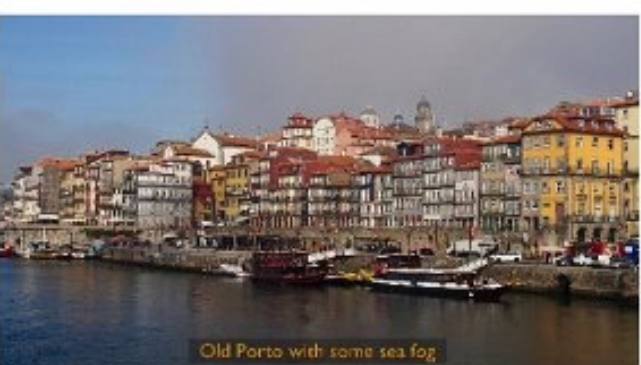
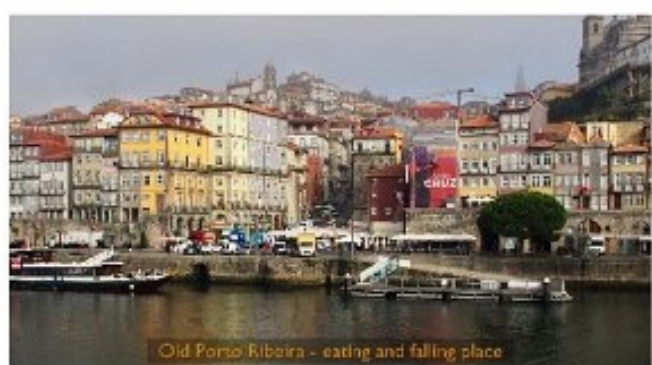
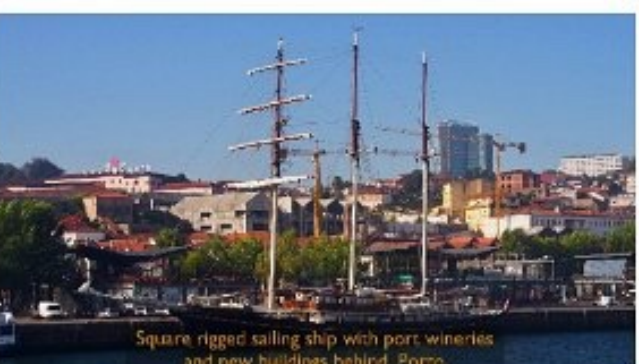
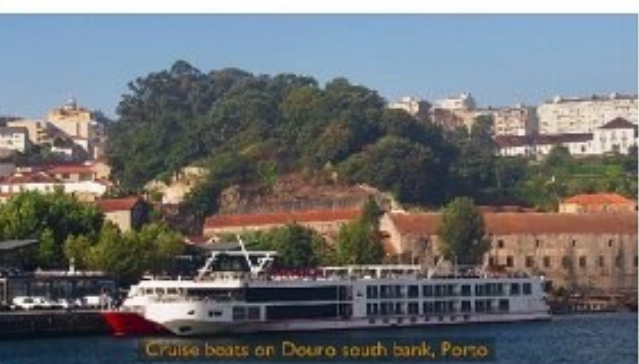
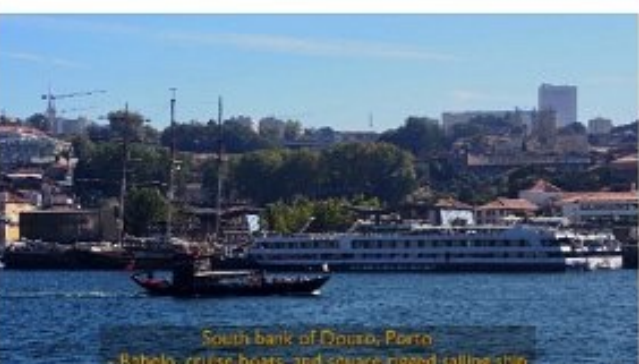
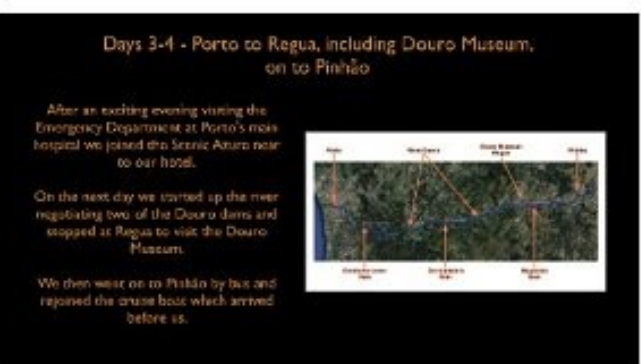
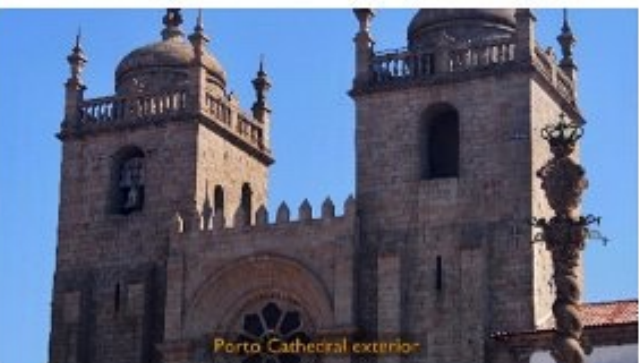
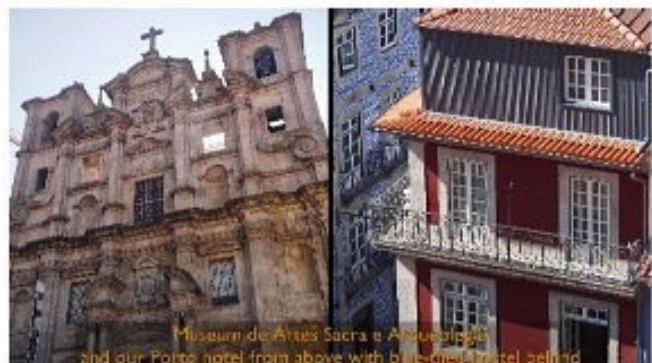
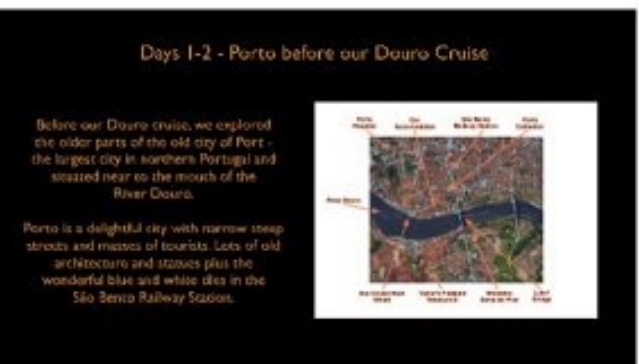


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Upstream and downstream views of Carrapateiro's Dam



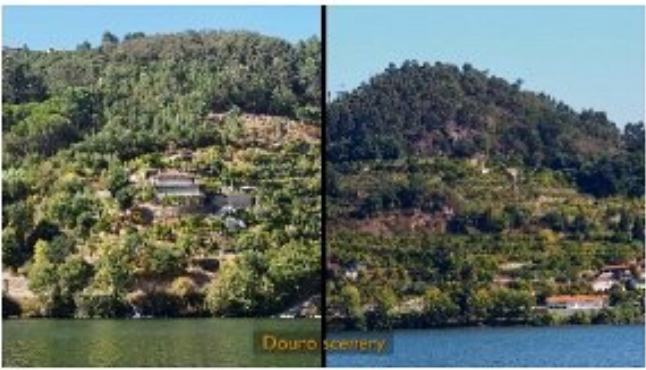
Leaving Carrapateiro's Dam, a small boat waiting to enter



Leaving Carrapateiro's Dam



Douro scenery



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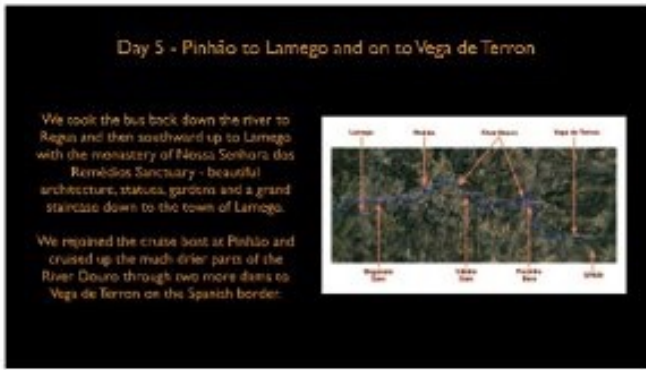
Old bridge over the Douro river



Coastal and inland views of the Douro



Pinhão, Douro



Day 5 - Pinhão to Lamego and on to Vega de Terron

We took the bus back down the river to Régua and then travelled up to Lamego with the monastery of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary - beautiful architecture, statues, gardens and a grand staircase down to the town of Lamego.

We required the cruise boat at Régua and cruised up the much steeper parts of the Douro through more vineyards to Vega de Terron on the Spanish border.



Along the Douro on bus to Lamego



Monastery and railway bridge over the Douro near Régua



Twins tower - Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary, Régua



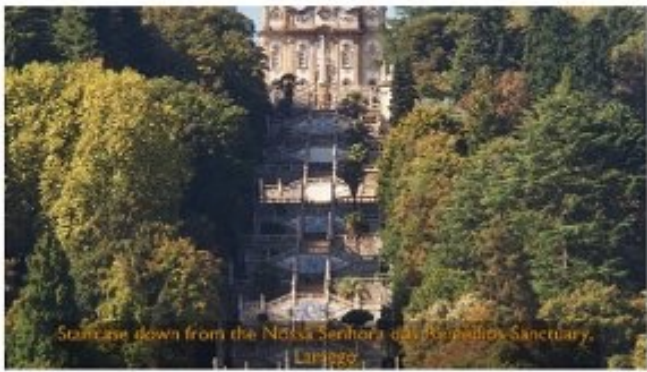
From the Douro river valley to the Douro river valley



Pinhão detail and statue in Lamego



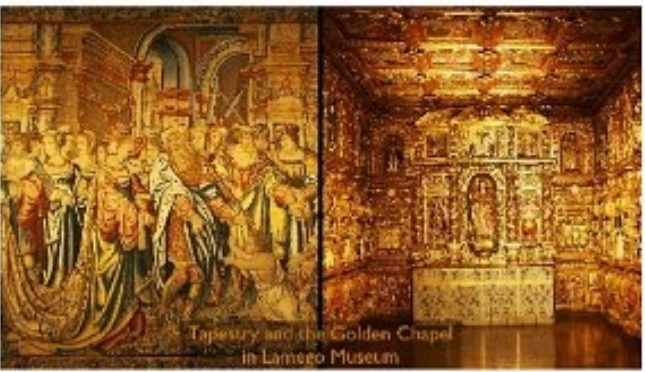
Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, Lamego, Douro



Staircase down from the Most Holy Trinity, Lamego, Douro



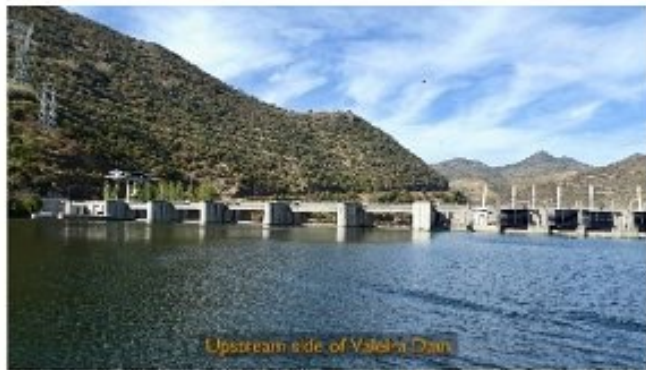
Museum in Lamego



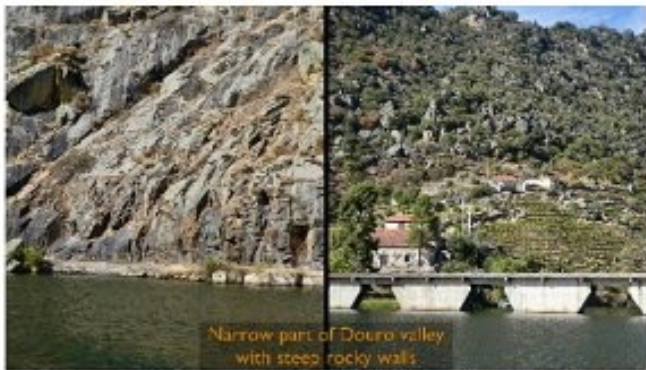
Lamego and the Golden Chapel in Lamego Museum



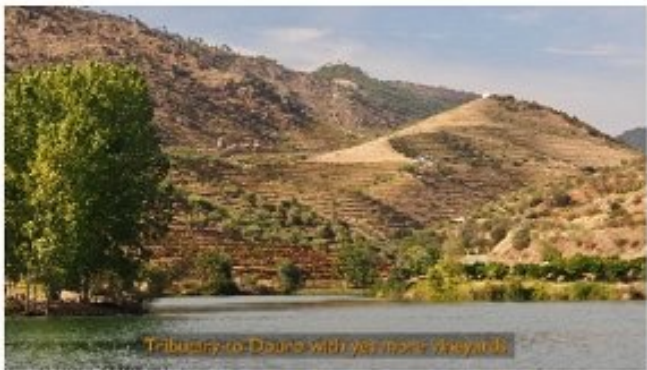
Pinhão, Douro, Douro



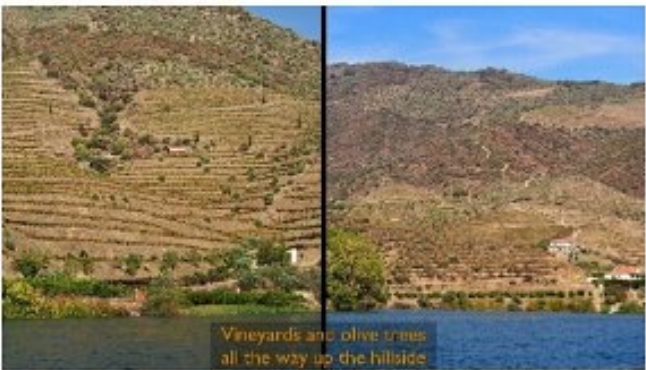
Upstream side of Vale do Douro



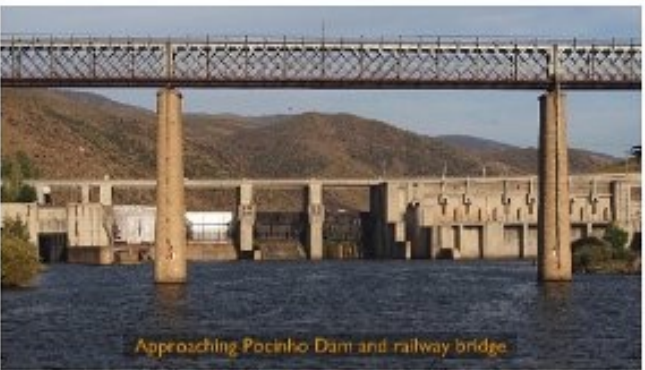
Narrow part of Douro valley with steep rocky walls



Trabancos Douro with vineyard, Douro



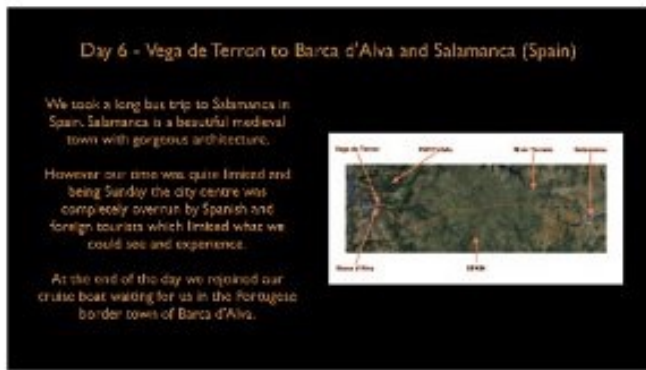
Vineyards and olive trees at the way to the Douro



Approaching Póvoa Dam and railway bridge



Pinhão, Douro, Douro



Day 6 - Vega de Terron to Barca d'Alva and Salamanca (Spain)

We took a long bus trip to Salamanca in Spain. Salamanca is a beautiful medieval town with gorgeous architecture.

However our time was quite limited and being Sunday the city centre was crowded with tourists by Spanish and foreign tourists which limited what we could see and experience.

At the end of the day we required our cruise boat waiting for us in the Douro border town of Barca d'Alva.



La Plaza Mayor, Salamanca



La Plaza Mayor with end of bullfight demonstration



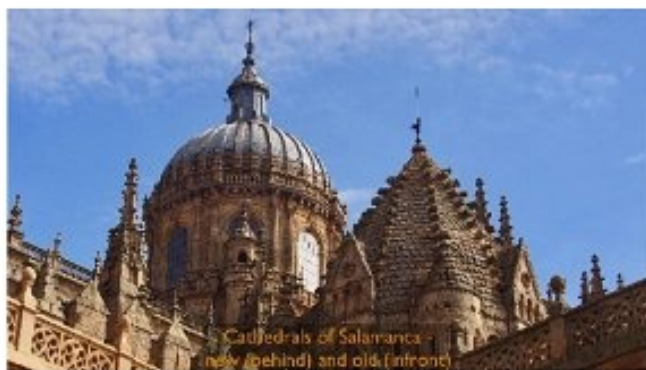
Salamanca and the Douro river valley



Contrasting styles of Salamanca Architecture



The Shell House, Salamanca



Cathedral of Salamanca - new (behind) and old (in front)



University building, Salamanca



Entrances to the New Cathedral, Salamanca



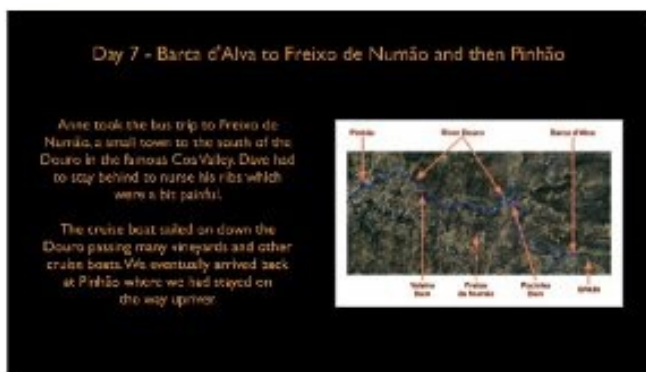
Interior of New and Old Cathedral, Salamanca



University building, Salamanca



Salamanca, Douro, Douro



Day 7 - Barca d'Alva to Freixo de Numão and then Pinhão

We took the bus trip to Freixo de Numão a small town in the south of the Douro in the Douro region. Douro had to stay behind to nurse the Douro which were a big problem.

The cruise boat sailed on down the Douro passing many vineyards and other towns. We eventually arrived back at Pinhão where we had stayed on the way down.



House of Dr. José Sáiz de Campos, Freixo de Numão, Douro



Pinhão, Douro, Douro



Pinhão, Douro, Douro



Igreja Matriz de Freixo de Numão - Church of Our Lady of Concepcion - and Chapel of Our Lady of Concepcion



Narrow cobble streets



Inside Casa Pinova



Side street with steps to upper level of building



Passing another cruise boat



Passing another cruise boat



Douro scenery



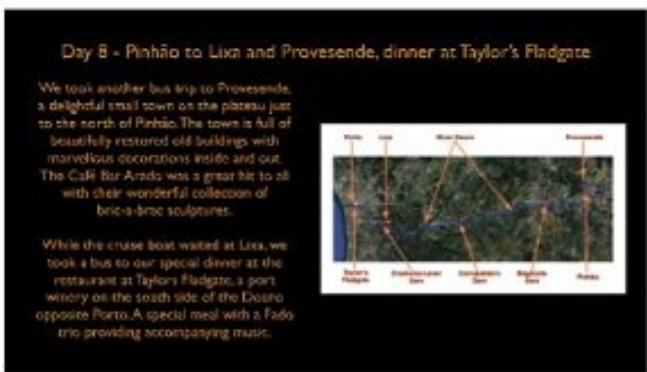
Terraced vineyards on a hillside



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Day 8 - Pinhao to Lixa and Provesende, dinner at Taylor's Pledge. Includes a map of the Douro region.



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Close-up of a stone wall with a small window



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Town views from Provesende



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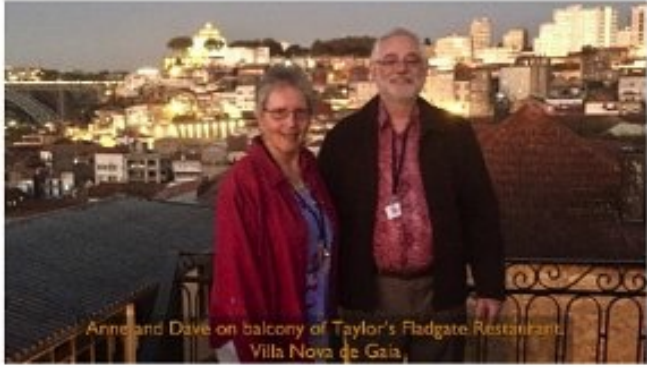
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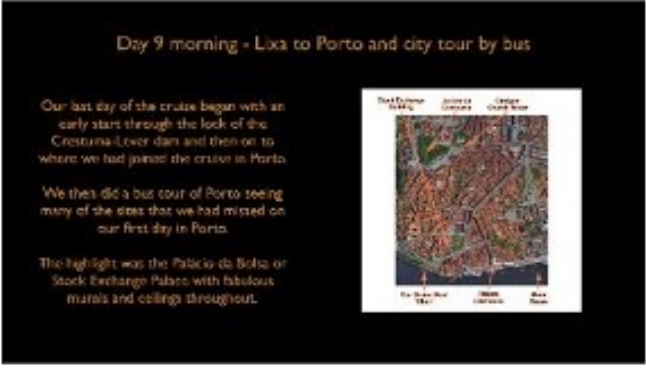
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Torre dos Clerigos Church



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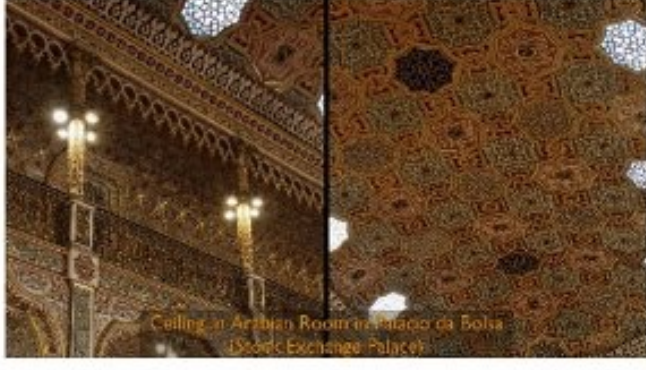
Torre dos Clerigos Church



Murals in Palacio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)



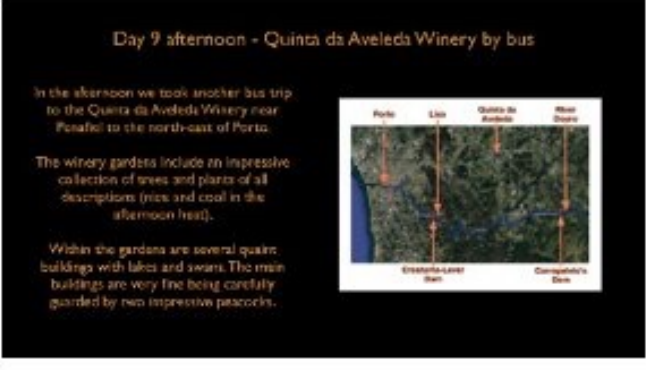
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Winery building at Quinta da Aveleda and 2 peacocks



Flowering plants and vine-covered wall at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A small stone tower and a black and white dog at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



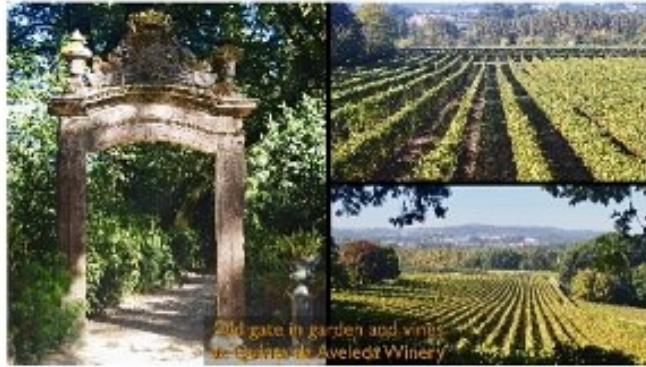
A small stone house at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A fountain and a swan at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A small stone house at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A stone archway and a vine-covered wall at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



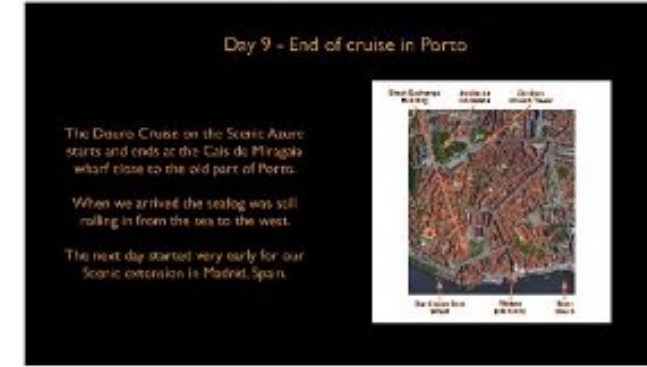
Flowers in the gardens at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A small stone tower and a black and white dog at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



A small stone house at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



Day 9 - End of cruise in Porto



A small stone house at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



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A small stone house at Quinta da Aveleda Winery



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That's all folks!



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