

# DOURO 2021 – Travel information

## Getting there

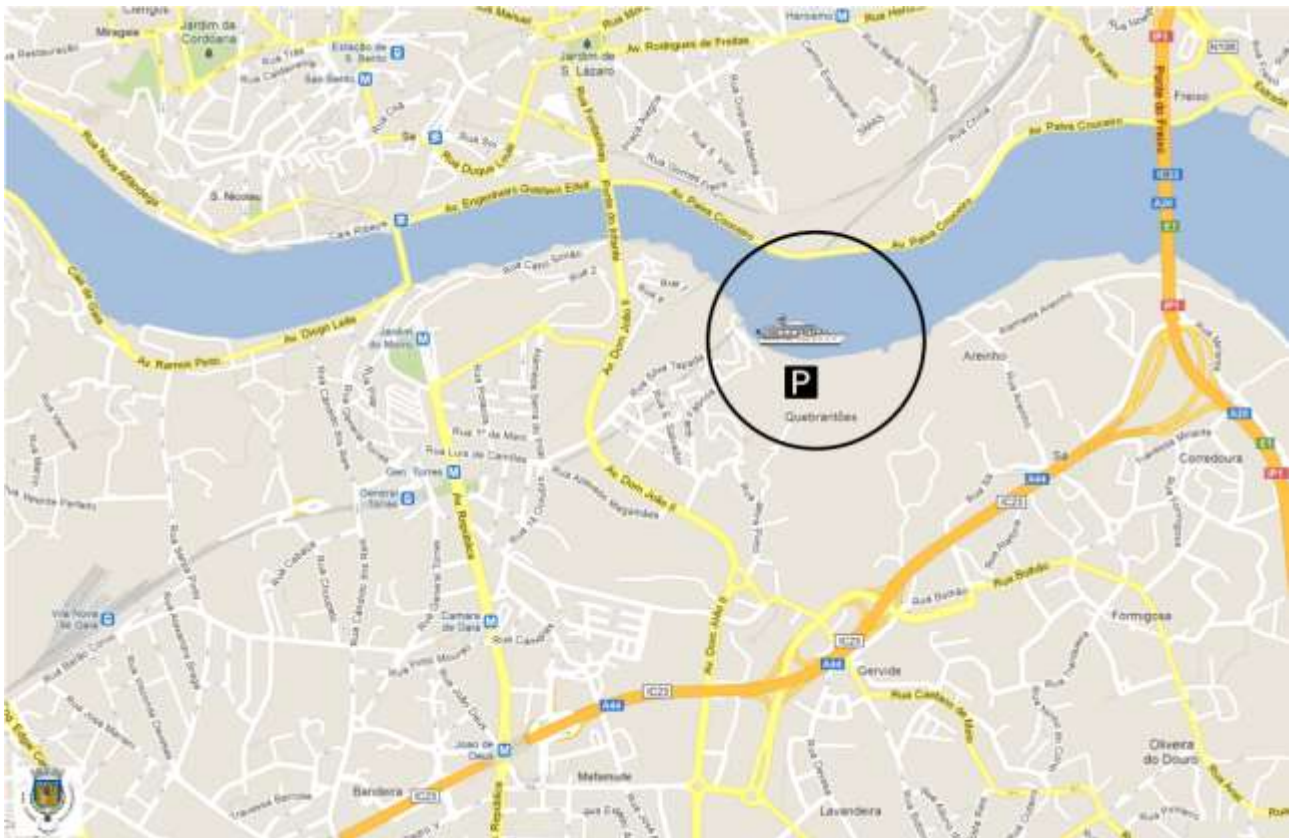
Porto is easy to get to. It has direct connections with most European cities. Taxis or Uber are available to take you from the airport to the boat. **Boarding time is 17:00 to 18:00.**

## Formalities

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

## Dock

The boat dock is located Quebrantões Dock - Vila Nova de Gaia. To get there, take the direction of Vila Nova de Gaia (the "twin" city of Porto, located on the other side of the Douro river). At the Vila Nova de Gaia, take the Avenida da Republica (the main street) in direction of the river. Just before the river, take the street "Rua de Camos" on the right. At the traffic circle, follow "Quebrantões Dock" to access the boat directly. The dock is under the Sao Joao railway bridge.



## Parking

Cais de Quebrantões – nearby the dock. Oliveira do Douro, 4430-750 Vila nova de Gaia (paid parking, no reservation needed).

## **Weather**

During September, the weather is pleasant, overall sunny and dry, some weeks before the rainy season begins. Temperatures ranging from 15°C (59°F) at night to 24°C (75°F) during the day. Weather on the Douro can be hotter or cooler depending on humidity.

## **Clothing**

With mostly blue sky and sunshine during the day, you will need to protect yourself. So, don't forget your hats, sunglasses and sun block! And as we will walk outdoors during the tours, bring comfortable clothes, shorts, summer dresses and good shoes or sneakers. In the evening, you will need a warm jacket to hang around the top deck. Also bring a light parka in case of rain.

## **Medical assistance**

Although the repatriation insurance is included in the cruise package, it does not cover for medical or hospital costs involved. Please make sure you are covered for illness or injury during this trip.

There is no nurse or doctor on board the boat. In the event of an emergency, the purser will contact the nearest hospital or medical service, the boat will make a stop-over so that medical care can be provided as quickly as possible.

A defibrillator is available on board, and at least two people hold the Lifeguard Rescuer at Work certificate and have been trained to use this device.

If you are worried about a health problem, please consult your doctor before going on your cruise or undergo a complete check-up.

Do not forget to bring your own medication (packaged in their labeled boxes) and the corresponding prescriptions. Have them renewed before your departure if necessary.

The boat has one cabin for reduced mobility people.

## **Money matters**

The legal currency of Portugal and Spain is the €. For cash withdrawals, ATMs accept most credit cards.

## **Other**

Electricity voltage is 220 V at 50 Hz, and the type of plugs in use throughout the country is the European standard. If coming from abroad, bring one or more two-pin plug European adaptor

There are three major mobile phone service providers in Portugal, Vodafone, Optimus, and TMN. Each provider offers a variety of prepaid (pré-Pagos) and contract (pós-pagos) SIM cards, both of which are available to foreigners.

## **Navigation**

For the safety of passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary, e.g. in case of bad weather.

The number of moorings on the Douro is limited. The boat may be moored alongside another cruise boat.

Arrival times at ports of call and the order of the excursions may change.