

PORTO AND VILA NOVA DE GAIA

Project work :

A glimpse into cities and towns in Europe

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PORTO

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- ✘ Porto, also known as Oporto in English, is the second-largest city in Portugal after Lisbon and one of the major urban areas of the Iberian Peninsula. The urban area of Porto, which extends beyond the administrative limits of the city, has a population of 2.4 million (2011) in an area of 389 km² making it the second-largest urban area in Portugal. It is recognized as a gamma+ level global city by the Globalization and World Cities (GaWC) Study Group, the only Portuguese city besides Lisbon to be recognized as a global city.



LOCATION



- ✘ Porto located along the Douro river estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centres. The western part of its urban area extends to the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean.

BUT WHY DO WE CALL IT PORTO?

- ✘ Its combined Celtic-Latin name, Portus Cale, has been referred to as the origin of the name "Portugal", based on transliteration and oral evolution from Latin. Consequently, its English name evolved from a misinterpretation of the oral pronunciation and referred to as Oporto in modern literature and by many speakers.

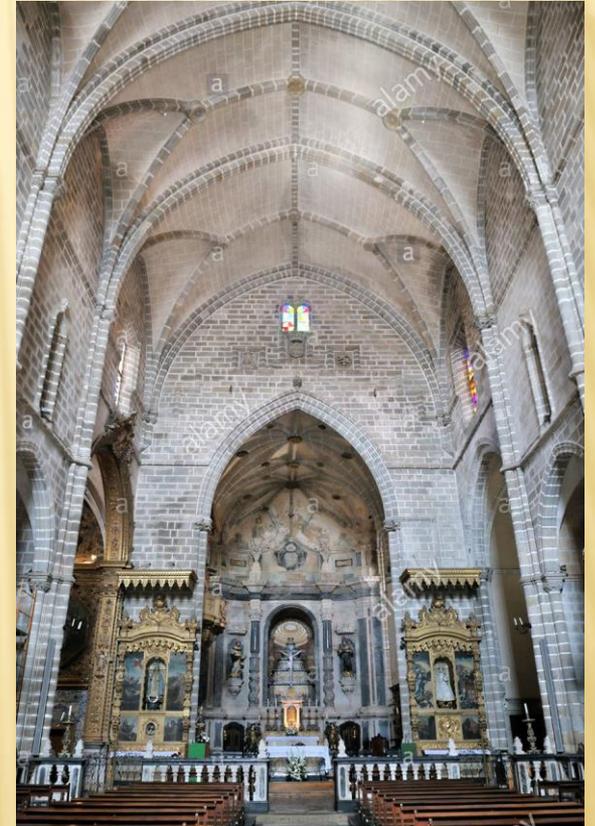
LANDMARKS MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS

- ✘ In 1996, UNESCO recognized its historic centre as a World Heritage Site. Among the architectural highlights of the city, Porto Cathedral is the oldest surviving structure, together with the small Romanesque Church of Cedofeita, the gothic Igreja de São Francisco (Church of Saint Francis), the remnants of the city walls and a few 15th-century houses.

THE PORTO CATHEDRAL AND THE SMALL ROMANESQUE CHURCH OF CADEFEITA



THE GOTHIC IGREJA DE SAO FRANCISCO



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- ✘ The baroque style is well represented in the city in the elaborate gilt work interior decoration of the churches of St. Francis and St. Claire (Santa Clara), the churches of Mercy (Misericórdia) and of the Clerics (Igreja dos Clérigos), the Episcopal Palace of Porto, and others. The neoclassicism and romanticism of the 19th and 20th centuries also added interesting monuments to the landscape of the city, like the magnificent Stock Exchange Palace (Palácio da Bolsa), the Hospital of Saint Anthony, the Municipality, the buildings in the Liberdade Square and the Avenida dos Aliados, the tile-adorned São Bento Train Station and the gardens of the Crystal Palace (Palácio de Cristal).

THE CLÉRIGOS CHURCH AND THE AVENIDA DOS ALIADOS



THE STOCK EXCHANGE PALACE (PALÁCIO DA BOLSA) AND THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT ANTHONY



CULTURE

- ✘ In 2001, Porto shared the designation European Culture Capital. In the scope of these events, the construction of the major concert hall space Casa da Música.
- ✘ The first Portuguese moving pictures were taken in Porto ,a Portuguese film director and the oldest director in the world to be active until his death in 2015, is from Porto. Fantasporto is an international film festival organized in Porto every year.

- ✘ The city has concert halls of a rare beauty and elegance such as the Coliseu do Porto by the Portuguese architect Cassiano Branco. Other notable venues include the historical São João National Theatre and other theatres. The city has the Lello Bookshop, which is frequently rated among the top bookstores in the world.



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- ✘ Porto has several museums, concert halls, theaters, cinemas, art galleries, libraries and book shops. The best-known museums of Porto are the National Museum Soares dos Reis which is dedicated especially to the Portuguese artistic movements from the 16th to the 20th century, and the Museum of Contemporary Art of the Serralves Foundation.

GASTRONOMY

- ✘ Porto is home to a number of dishes from traditional Portuguese cuisine. A typical dish from this city is Tripas à Moda do Porto. Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá is another typical codfish dish born in Porto and popular in Portugal.
- ✘ The Francesinha or more accurately little French (female) – is the most famous popular native snack food in Porto. It is a kind of sandwich with several meats covered with cheese and a special sauce made with beer and other ingredients.



- ✘ Port wine, an internationally renowned wine, is widely accepted as the city's dessert wine, especially as the wine is made along the Douro River which runs through the city.

ENTERTAINMENT

- ✘ Porto's most popular event is St. John. During the dinner of the great day people usually eat sardines and boiled potatoes together with red wine.
- ✘ Another major event is Queima das Fitas, that starts in the first Sunday of May and ends in the second Sunday of the month. Basically, before the beginning of the study period preceding the school year's last exams, academia tries to have as much fun as possible. The week has 12 major events, starting with the Monumental Serenata on Sunday, and reaching its peak with the Cortejo Académico on Tuesday, when about 50,000 students of the city's higher education institutions march through the downtown streets till they reach the city hall. During every night of the week a series of concerts takes place on the Queimódromo, next to the city's park, an average of 50,000 students attend these shows.

PORTO WAS CONSIDERED THE FOURTH BEST DESTINATION FOR 2012, BY “LONELY PLANET”

- ✘ The Douro river



VILA NOVA DE GAIA

LOCATION

- ✘ Vila Nova de Gaia, or simply Gaia is a city and a municipality in Porto District in Norte Region, Portugal. It is located south of the city of Porto on the other side of the Douro River.



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- ✘ The city proper had a population of 178,255 in 2001. The municipality has an area of 168.46 km² and a total population of 302,295 inhabitants (2011), making it the most populous municipality in Norte Region. Gaia together with Porto and 12 other municipalities makes up the commonly designated Porto Metropolitan Area.
 - ✘ It is also well known for its cellars (locally known as "caves") where the world-famous port wine is stored and aged. These cellars have become a major tourist attraction.

VILA NOVA DE GAIA SEEN FROM PORTO



LEISURE

- ✘ Vila Nova de Gaia is the Portuguese municipality with the biggest number of Blue Flag beaches in 2009 and in 2010: 17 beaches along 17 km of seaside. Some popular beaches are: Miramar, Granja, Aguda, Valadares, Francelos, Madalena and Canidelo. The city attracts a great number of tourists and the wine cellars are considered to be a must-see in any trip to area of Porto.



THE END!!!
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