

An aerial photograph of a vineyard in a valley. In the foreground, rows of green grapevines are planted on terraced slopes. In the middle ground, a large winery building with a red roof and several white storage tanks are visible. A yellow house is also seen near the winery. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Grape Expectations

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SAGRES VACATIONS

Sept 6-Sept 18, 2024

WINE IS THE PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

AZORES AIRLINES
FLIGHT INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 6-S4 224

BOS	-	PDL
21:15		06:20

SEPTEMBER 7-S4 172

PDL	-	OPO
08:20		11:40

Luggage	50 lbs/person
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DOURO VALLEY

ACCOMMODATION

Quinta Do Vallado

Address 5050-364 Vilarinho
dos Freires, Portugal

Meals Breakfast Included

Quinta do Vallado, an exquisite blend of history and luxury, invites you to indulge in an unforgettable retreat amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Nestled in the heart of Portugal's wine country, our hotel seamlessly combines modern comforts with the charm of a 18th-century wine estate.



DOURO VALLEY

DAY 1

We will transfer to the wonderful Quinta do Vallado and then enjoy a welcome dinner at the Quinta. This will give you a chance to get to know your fellow wine travelers.

Savor the finest flavors of the Douro Valley at our signature restaurant, where our chefs artfully craft a culinary journey that showcases the region's rich gastronomic heritage. Complemented by a carefully curated selection of wines from our estate, each meal is a celebration of the senses.



DOURO VALLEY

DAY 2

Embark on a captivating journey into the heart of Portugal's wine culture with a tour and tasting experience at Quinta da Pacheca. Nestled in the stunning Douro Valley, this renowned estate invites you to discover the artistry of winemaking while surrounded by breathtaking landscapes.

Guided Tour: Explore the vineyards and historic winery with knowledgeable guides, learning about the estate's rich winemaking traditions.

Winery Visit: Step inside the modern winery, witnessing the winemaking process from grape to barrel.

Tasting Experience: Indulge in a curated wine tasting paired with local cheeses, savoring the nuanced flavors of Quinta da Pacheca's exceptional wines.

Lunch: Enjoy a perfectly paired lunch at the winery



DOURO VALLEY

DAY 3

Today will be an immersive wine journey at Quinta do Vallado, where tradition and innovation harmonize in the picturesque Douro Valley.

Guided Winery Tour: Learn about the historic winery and sprawling vineyards. The guide share the estate's winemaking legacy, taking you through the meticulous process from grape cultivation to barrel aging. Marvel at the centuries-old cellars and modern facilities that contribute to the production of Quinta do Vallado's exceptional wines.

Tasting Session: Indulge in a curated wine tasting that showcases the diverse and nuanced flavors of Quinta do Vallado's portfolio.

Blending Exercise: Elevate your experience with a hands-on blending exercise, where you become a winemaker for a day.



PORTO

ACCOMMODATION

Portobay Flores

Address

R. das Flores 27, 4050-416 Porto, Portugal

Meals

Breakfast Included

Discover the enchanting Portobay Flores Hotel in the heart of Porto, a beautifully restored 16th-century palace seamlessly blending historic charm with modern luxury. Graced with classic Portuguese architecture, the boutique hotel offers opulent rooms, a rooftop terrace with panoramic views, and a spa. Enjoy a prime location for exploring Porto's cultural treasures. Experience a perfect blend of history and sophistication at the Portobay Flores Hotel.



PORTO

DAY 4

Today you will be transfers from the Douro Valley to Porto, Portugal.

Porto, Portugal's second largest city, is a gorgeous place filled with cathedrals and stunning sights. Taking in the best that city life has to offer is what Porto is all about! Your half day experience starts off with a walking tour of the gorgeous city, with stops and visits along the way

End the tour in a Porto Cave with a tasting of some delicious Port Wine, and learn about the process of creating this special wine.



VINHO VERDE

DAY 5

This tour is dedicated to learning all about Vinho Verde, "green wine". The Vinho Verde region is located in northern Portugal. It is defined by the Minho river, which runs along the north of the region and forms Portugal's border with Galicia in Spain. Tart acidity, low alcohol, and a hint of fizz make Vinho Verde the perfect summertime refresher. Today you will visit 2 wine producers where you will have a tour and tastings of the unique varieties of this wine as well as enjoy a traditional lunch at the winery.



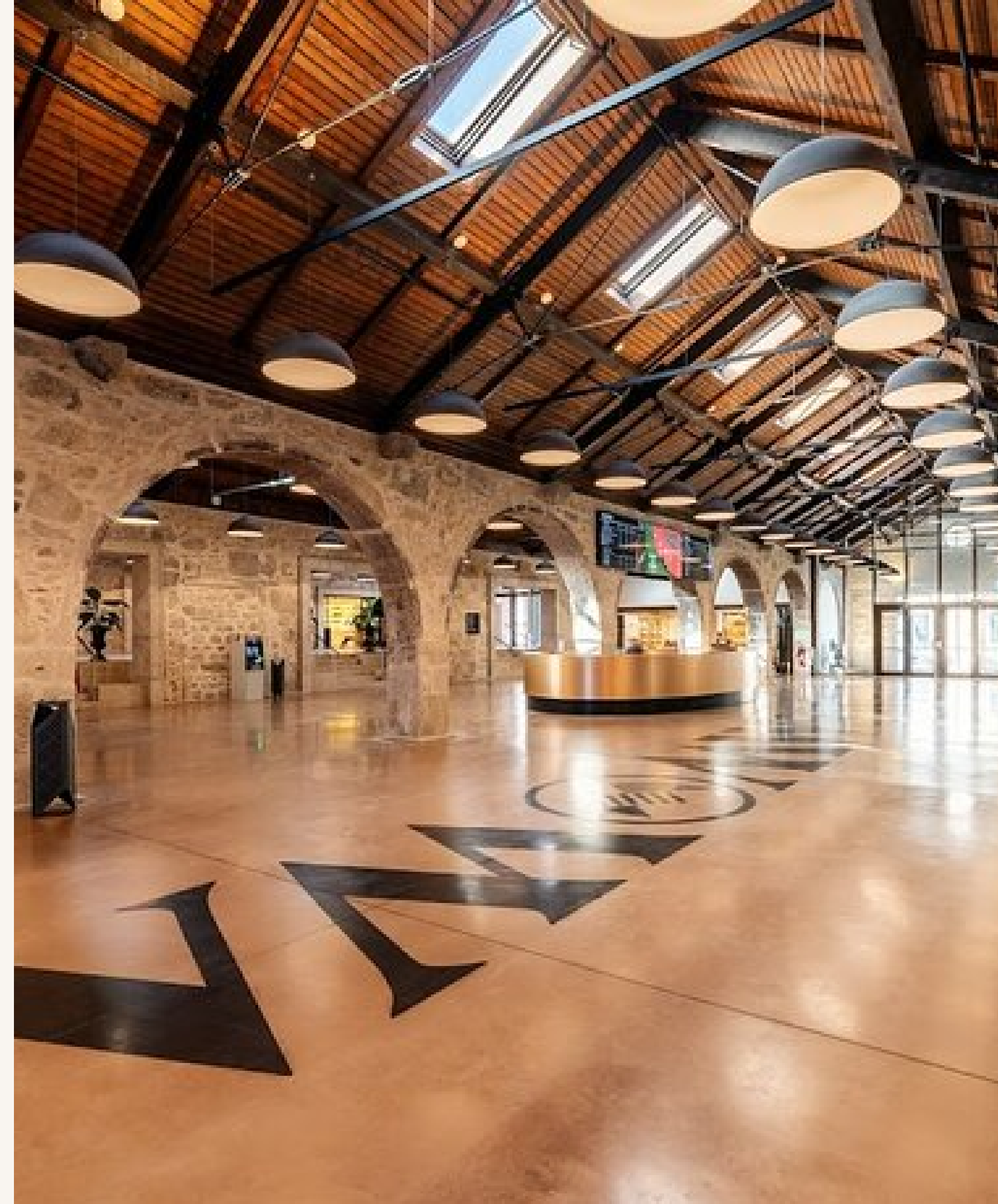
PORTO

DAY 6

Enjoy the leisure day we have set up for you today!

A great suggestion for the day is the WOW museum now open in Porto.

The WOW (World of Wine) museum in Porto is a captivating cultural destination that immerses visitors in a journey through the world of wine, fashion, and design. This innovative complex features a diverse range of interactive exhibitions, highlighting the history, craftsmanship, and global impact of these industries. From wine cellars and tastings to fashion and design galleries, the WOW museum offers a dynamic and engaging experience, allowing visitors to explore the evolution and cultural significance of these art forms. With its modern architecture and a commitment to education and entertainment, the WOW museum is a must-visit destination for those seeking a multisensory and enriching experience in the heart of Porto.



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FLIGHT INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 13-TP 1709

OPO

05:50

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FNC

07:50

Luggage

50 lbs/person



MADEIRA

ACCOMMODATION

The Vine Hotel

Address

R. dos Aranhas 27, 9000-044 Funchal, Portugal

Meals

Breakfast Included

The Vine Hotel is a luxurious and contemporary 5-star hotel located in Funchal, Madeira. Known for its modern design, The Vine Hotel offers a unique and sophisticated experience for travelers. The architecture and interior design are characterized by sleek lines and a blend of modern aesthetics, providing a stylish ambiance throughout the property. The hotel features well-appointed rooms and suites, many of which offer panoramic views of Funchal and the ocean.



MADEIRA

DAY 7

Take your transfer to the hotel and then start your day in the beautiful island of Madeira

Hop onto this world of adventure, and start it all off with a visit to the local market where fresh displays of freshly picked tropical fruits, vegetables, flowers and fish await you. Your next destination on this tour will be to the Embroidery Factory, where you can get a sense of the handmade craft that is popular in this region. Venture off to Monte, which was once known to be the resort area for the noble, and discover the widest selection of flora. After reaching the superb viewpoint at Funchal, you can enjoy an optional Toboggan ride (a unique experience only to be lived here). In Funchal, you'll make your way back to your last destination: a Wine Lodge to end this beautiful tour on a more beautiful note.



MADEIRA

DAY 8

On Saturday morning all attention is focused on the Estreito de Câmara de Lobos, where the Wine Harvest Festival takes place. The harvest takes place on a Madeiran farm, followed by an ethnographic parade with the participation of a large number of folklore and ethnography groups. After the parade, the treading of the grapes is re-enacted – participation is free – using a traditional press in a festive atmosphere with lots of musical entertainment and regional cuisine. This is your chance to get into the press and get your hands, or rather feet, dirty!



MADEIRA

DAY 9

Explore in a private tour, Camara de Lobos, a stunning fishing town that is located on the south-eastern side of Madeira. The tour continues up to the world's second highest sea cliff and Europe's highest (1775 ft). Here you can enjoy the beautiful views of Camara de Lobos and Funchal. Due to sea erosion, caves and terraces were formed along the coastline. The locals made little plots, for crops, forming an incredible watercolor landscape. On the way to Porto Moniz, you will explore landscapes intercepted by lyricism and suspense.



MADEIRA

DAY 10

The full Madeira cultural experience awaits you on this tour, which starts off departing from Funchal. Start off by seeing artisan works in Camacha, and the renowned cottages that breathtakingly rest atop Santana mountain village. While visiting the east part of Madeira, you'll be able to capture stunning views from Pico do Arieiro, Ribeiro Frio and Portela. To top all this off, you'll make your way to a traditional Portuguese restaurant to enjoy an exquisite traditional meal that awaits you there.



MADEIRA

DAY 11

As your trip comes to an end, enjoy a leisurely day in Funchal before heading to your farewell dinner.

Restaurante Do Forte is nestled in the charming town of Funchal, Madeira, surrounded by lush greenery and overlooking the scenic coastline. The restaurant is strategically located, perhaps near the historic fort, offering guests a unique dining experience with a captivating view of the Atlantic Ocean.

This is the perfect backdrop to say goodbye to new friends!



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FLIGHT INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 18-S4 261

FNC	-	BOS
07:40		10:05

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