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Our Fourth of July party at Torreão restaurant and bar was amazing! The heat didn't keep many people away — we had about 240 guests, making it the largest afpop event in Porto. Our hosts went all out, serving great burgers and cocktails and decorating the walls and patio railings in red, white and blue. Proceeds benefitted SOAM, a private organization that provides services for the elderly, disabled and young adults. Medal Insurance and Identity Abroad sponsored welcome drinks for the first 100 guests; Henrique Pinheiro and Miguel Salvador from Medal attended, as did afpop CEO Daisy Sampson. I hope you had a chance to meet them!

Before that, we enjoyed tours of Escola Artística de Soares dos Reis and the Monastery of Leca Do Balio.

We're taking a break in August and are back in September with another repeat tour, back by popular demand: Recycling! Hope to see you there.

All the best,

Jamie, Penelope, and Steve

2026 NEW EVENTS

SEPTEMBER - Event #51
Recycling and Composting Tour
Friday, September 4 at 10am



Have you ever wondered what happens to the paper, plastic, glass and metal you sort out and dump in the color-coded bins near your home? Or, if you've signed up for the city's composting program, where all the food scraps you've saved from the landfill end up? Now's your chance to take a deep dive into the world of waste with a two-hour tour of the recycling and composting plant that serves Porto.

LIPOR — the Municipalities Association for Sustainable Waste Management of Greater Porto — is giving us a look inside their Ermesinde facility.

When: Friday, September 4 at 10am

Where: Rua da Morena, 805, 4435-746 Baguim do Monte. We will gather at the main entrance, where the technician who will give us the tour will meet us. You'll probably want to drive or Uber. If you use public transportation, a combination of 701/702 and 107 buses will put you a 10 minute walk away. The nearest rail station is Palmeira/Águas Santas.

Cost: The cost of entry is 1 kg of recyclables - about three empty wine bottles per person.

Details: RSVP required. This tour can only accommodate 28 people

More information you can find [HERE](#).

**July - Event #50
Fourth of July Party**



We had such a good time marking the Fourth! The restaurant opened their entire space to us, so we had the whole patio overlooking the Douro, plus space inside with AC to take a break from the heat. It was so cool to see so many people there, both old friends and new.

**June - Event #49
Escola Artística de Soares dos Reis**



In June, we went back to school to tour Escola Artística de Soares dos Reis (EASR) in Porto, the public arts high school for northern Portugal, where a thousand students engage in drawing, painting, photography, textiles, metal smithing, pottery, woodworking, jewellery making and other arts.

May - Event #48
Monastery of Leça Do Balio



In May we stepped back in time as our group enjoyed a lovely guided tour of the historic Mosteiro de Leça do Balio, an historic 14th century monastery famous for its association with the Knights Hospitaller and the royal wedding of King Fernando I and Lenor Teles, and its newly restored grounds managed by the Livraria Lello Foundation. Alongside its medieval Gothic architecture and lovely gardens, we also were able to experience Sculpture, the striking open-air installation designed by renowned architect Álvaro Siza.

Kind regards,

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