



The weather has been amazing! This is our fourth winter here and we have not experienced it being this warm for this long. I'm sure I just jinxed it! For those of you who saw the tree lighting in Porto last weekend, wasn't it truly spectacular? This is our fourth time and all the others pale in comparison. Porto outdid itself. We surely gave Lisbon a run for its money!! And the city lights and markets also seem more robust. Go Porto!

As we enter winter we are focusing on more indoor activities. Below you will find our events in January and February and a brief recap of our last few events. At our November event we had our first charity fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated, **afpop** Members of Porto donated €110 to the *Associação para o Planeamento de Família - AFP* (Association for Family Planning).

December: We are able to accommodate a larger group at our December Synagogue and Museum Tour. Details are at the bottom. Please RSVP by Friday, December 6th if you are interested.

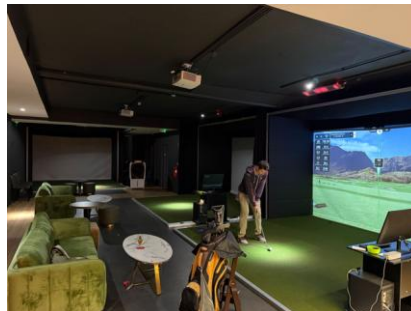
Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

All the best from the **afpop** Porto team,

Jamie, Penelope and Steve



JANUARY 21 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.
Taco Tuesday Social and Games
Fino Golf Club





We are excited to invite you to our first social gathering of 2025 at the Fino Golf Club in Matosinhos! It's going to be a relaxed evening filled with delicious cocktails, great company, and something extra special—Rigel, from Monterrey, Mexico will be sharing his love for authentic Mexican cooking with a pop-up taco night.

Whether you're here for the drinks, the tacos, or just to connect with others in a warm and cozy atmosphere, it's a great way to kick off the year. For those feeling adventurous, you can even try out Fino's indoor golf simulators for a bit of fun.

Tacos: Carnitas, Chicken Tinga, and Potato & Vegan Chorizo with homemade tortillas and salsas.

Entry is free, and you can purchase your food and drinks at the bar. If you're planning to come, please RSVP so we can ensure there's plenty of food for everyone to enjoy.

The owners are providing free games and clubs for the night - Golf, Putt, Darts...Give it a try!

When: Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Where: Fino Golf Club, Rua de Tomás Ribeiro 237, 4450-297, Matosinhos

Cost: Free - just pay for drinks and tacos (cash or MBWay for the food / cash or cards for drinks).

Details: Please RSVP so we can plan staff and food.

*If you are Vegan, please specify as well.

FEBRUARY 5 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Tours and Tasting

Port and Douro Wine Institute

Join us for a look behind the scenes at how Port and Douro wines are regulated and graded. The Port and Douro Wine Institute (*Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e do Porto*, or IVDP) controls the quality and quantity of Port and Douro wines, regulating production as well as protecting and defending the Douro and Port designations of origin and the Douro geographic indication worldwide.

After being closed for over a year due to water damage the new and improved Institute's Interpretive Center is now open. The Centre, an interactive and multimedia communication space that serves as a starting point for a 'journey' to the Douro through its Denominations of Origin, from the stages of the vineyard cycle to the gastronomic associations with the different categories of Port and Douro wine, providing an insight into the history of the region and its wine.

The institute also offers a visit to the laboratory where the sensory tests necessary for the certification of Port and Douro wines are carried out. The tour takes place with an audio guide, and takes an average of 30 minutes. The audio guide can be in Portuguese, English, or French.

The price includes a tasting of white Port or Reserva, and the price paid at the entrance will be discounted in full when you buy bottles, books, or glasses in the store.

Yes, this is the official Port Wine Institute! Come find out how Port wine is graded and classified as 5, 10, 20 years etc. The answers may surprise you!

When: Wednesday, February 5 at 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Where: Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro, Ferreira Borges, 27, 4050-253 Porto
(Up the hill from the Palácio da Bolsa)

Cost: €4 per person, which can be credited toward a purchase from the store. They accept cash or credit cards.

Details: RSVP is required. Simply reply to this email. There is limited space. If you prefer a specific time, please specify when you RSVP, we will try to accommodate your preference. If we get a lot of responses we will be able to add an additional tour at 11:30 a.m.

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October Factory House Tour

We had a large turnout for the rare opportunity to tour of the Factory House. This is the first time we have repeated an activity and once again it turned out to be extremely popular. There were so many people we had to break into three tour groups to accommodate everyone.



November Pre-Thanksgiving Social

Always a great time to gather. This year we tried something a little different. We had a large outdoor and indoor space with finger foods and a standing social versus a sit-down feast. We had fun holding our first raffle where we raised funds for a family planning charity.



**DECEMBER 11 – 10 a.m.
Synagogue and Museum Tours**



Please join us for a guided tour of the Kadoorie Mekor Haim Synagogue - home of the Jewish Community of Oporto – and its affiliated museums: the Holocaust Museum of Porto and the Jewish Museum of Oporto. The synagogue, built in the 1920s and '30s, is not usually open to the public, and the museums are usually open by appointment only. So this is a rare chance to learn more about the Jewish history of Porto and Europe with a personal guide. At one point, between the starts of the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal, a quarter of Portugal's population was

estimated to be Jewish. During the Holocaust, the Porto Jewish community took in hundreds of refugees, mostly from Poland. Today, the community includes about 1,000 members from more than 30 countries. Click on these links to learn more about the [synagogue](#), [Holocaust Museum](#) and [Jewish Museum](#).

When: December 11th (Wednesday), 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The tour will last about 3 hours.

Where: Rua do Campo Alegre 790, 4150-171 Porto. This is the entrance to the Holocaust Museum, where we will meet and start the tour.

Cost: No charge. Donations are accepted (cash on site, or via [PayPal, credit cards, or debit cards](#)).

Details: RSVP required **by Friday, December 6th**. The tour can accommodate 100+ people, but if we go above 50 we will need to split into two groups.

Optional post-event lunch: After the tour we will walk to Bom Sucesso market and have lunch at the food court for anyone who wants to join.

We hope to see you soon!

Kind regards,

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